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VANDELEUR

"Do we need a National Marketing Act?" was the subject for discussion at the Farm Forum at the home of the president, Mr. Will Ratcliffe, Monday evening. It was the unanimous opinion that we do, and that farmers had the right, through organization, to control marketing of their own products. This, they felt, was absolutely democratic and would be beneficial to both inter-provincial and export trade. It was interesting discussion. The balance of the evening was spent in cards and checkers. Lunch was served. The thanks of the Forum was tendered to Jim Cargoe, who took his team and sleigh and gathered the people along the line. The next meeting will be held in the hall, when the Forum will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Bowles.

MAXWELL

Mrs. O. W. Holmes underwent an operation in Toronto last week. We hope to soon see her back again.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Buckingham and children of Stayner visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. Buckingham on Sunday.

The W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Buckingham on Tuesday of last week, with a fair attendance. The roll call was answered with a riddle. It was decided to start a recipe book, each member to bring cookie recipe to the next meeting to start the book. Mrs. Bert Porteous had charge of the program, which consisted of a contest of scrambled fruits and a reading on hobbies. The meeting was then closed, after which the hostess served lunch, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Seeley and Mr. Gertrude Seeley.

He Has Our Respect

There's an old saying, "What you won't do when you haven't got a gun." We had no gun, and wouldn't have used it when Jimmy Skunk idled along Queen Street early Saturday night and turned up Sterne Street. We met him right in front of the Enterprice office, and the editor made a hosty step to one side to avoid a collision. Jimmy Skunk is one of our best Canadian animals, found in every province, absolutely independent, armed for defence and not for offence. He minds his own business and expects others to mind theirs. Unafraid, he backs up for nobody and expects courteous treatment. He is a useful citizen, eating destructive grubs and worms. While we are not suggesting that Jimmy supplant our industrious friend, the beaver, as our national animal, we do admit he commands a heap of respect from us all and he merits every bit of it.—Bolton Enterprise.

"Well, Joan, what's the scandal while I've been away??"

"While you've been away there's been no scandal, Freddie."

The British government has combined four railway systems into the British Railways, paying the shareholders with three percent guaranteed stock.

Britain needs over five billions dollars help, according to a U.S. state department estimate. Canada, South America and the world bank are counted on to put over four billion dollars of an estimated total European need of over 20 billion dollars.

The late Lord Tankerville was inclined toward moroseness in his declining years, but was mightily cheered and sustained by sensible, matter-of-fact philosophy of his lady.

"Ah, my dear," remarked the melancholy lord one day, apropos of a friend's death, "how sad it is to see our friends going before us."

"Yes," agreed the cheerful Lady Tankerville, "but it would be much sadder if we were to go before them."

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THE MIXING BOWL

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We cannot tell you much about darning or sewing tricks in our column—not as well as Granny could by showing you. So ask any Grandmother if you are doing the job right.

BUSY DAY OVER MEAL

(1½ hrs.)

Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes
Oven-Steamed Turnip Strips
Baked Apples and Scones

QUICK SUPPER MEAL

(20 mins.)

Liver and onions Stewed tomatoes
Cabbage salad Tapioca pudding

BEEF LOAF

1 onion, 2 tsps. dripping, 1½ lbs. ground beef chuck, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. sage, 2 tsps. Worchestershire sauce, 1 cup bread crumbs, ½ cup milk.

Mince onion and saute in dripping. Combine with beef, salt, sage, sauce, crumbs and milk; mix well. Pack into greased loaf pan. Bake in moderate oven (385 degs.) for 1½ hours. Serves 5.

TUTTI-FRUTTI TAPIOCA

3 tbsps. qiuk-cooking tapioca, ⅓ cup brown sugar, few grains salt, 2 cups milk, 1 egg, ½ cup raisins, ½ tsp. vanilla, currant jelly.

TAKE A TIP

Sewing Machine Problems

1. If lower thread breaks, it may be caused by: bobbin case not threaded correctly; lower tension too tight; or bobbin wound too full.

2. If upper thread breaks, it may be caused by: needle improperly set; machine not threaded correctly; upper tension too tight; or needle eye too small to thread.

3. If machine makes loop stitches, it is probably caused by too loose tension, both upper and lower.

4. If stitches are not even, it may be caused by: too short a stitch; pulling the sewing; using too fine a needle with coarse thread.

5. If machine runs hard, it may be caused by running the machine while threaded without having material under presser foot. Remove bobbin case and turn disc wheel in wrong direction for several revolutions and take out any bits of thread below bobbin.

THE QUESTION BOX

Mrs. M. C. asks: Recipe for Old Fashioned Doughnuts:

Recipe:

Great Grandmother's Doughnuts

3 tbsps. shortening, 1¾ cups sugar, 2 eggs, 4½ cups flour,.... 4 tsps. baking powder, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. nutmeg, 1 cup milk, 2 tbsps. cinnamon.

Cream together the shortening and 1 cup sugar. Beat eggs and add. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg. Add alternately with milk to creamed mixture. Roll out ½ inch thick on lightly floured board.

Cut with doughnut cutter. Fry in deep fat heated to 375 degrees for 3 minutes or until brown. Turn once. Drain on absorbent paper. Mix remaining sugar and cinnamon. Shake warm doughnuts with mixture in bag. Makes 24.

Mr. T. C. asks: Exactly how much milk do you put with eggs to make French Toast?

Answer: Use ⅔ cup milk for each egg. Beat egg, add milk and pinch of salt. Dip bread slices (4) in mixture. Brown in bacon dripping, turning once. They are good with honey.

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An Excavation Of A Huron Indian Ossuary

During the month of January, the Special Exhibition Gallery of the Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology is displaying the results of an excavation conducted by the Museum in the summer of 1947, in Tiny Township, Simcoe County, where an Indian ossuary or bone-pit was partially explored.

It was the custom of the Hurons at the time of the arrival of the first Europeans, to bring together the remains of all those who had died during the preceding eight or ten years and holding an elaborate, week-long ceremony, to re-inter them in a large pit, burying them with many of the articles which the dead had used in this life and were believed to require in the life beyond the grave. Such ceremonies were held, as a rule, about every ten years, at which time, all villages within a radius of ten or twelve miles participated. The Hurons always referred to the event as "The Feast of the Kettle," since the essential function was to bid farewell to the departed in a great, final feast.

The excavation of this particular ossuary has special significance, in that it is believed to be the one associated with the village called Ossossane by the Hurons, New Rochelle by the French and La Conception by the Jesuits. Both the Recollect and the Jesuit missionaries refer to this village in their accounts; and Brebeauf gives a long, detailed, eye-witness account of the "Feast of the Kettle" which occurred in 1636. All evidence so far produced indicates that this is the ossuary referred to by Brebeauf, but positive proof must await completion of the excavation.

This is the first time an undisturbed ossuary has been studied according to modern archaeological procedure. Skeletal material recovered will reveal the physical make-up and pathology of the Hurons; while the specimens buried with the bones reflect the customs of the time, and particularly mirror the effects of trade with the French. As this ossuary is estimated to be about fifteen years later in construction than that excavated by the museum in 1946 at Cahiague, the changes shown in the European trade goods are interesting.

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ASK MORE COMPENSATION FOR TUBERCULAR CATTLE

Increased compensation to correspond with the present values for tubercular cattle, retroactive to the beginning of area tests in 1947, was advocated by the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture in Toronto on January 9.

The resolution, brought forward by the Ontario Hog Prducers Associotino, stated that the dominion depatment plans to extend testing area; that present compensation rates are those set during depression years; that the counties authorized the test when compensation paid corresponded more closely to actual cattle values.

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