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VANDELEUR

Monday evening, Feb. 16th, the Farm Forum met in the Community Hall, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ormsby, and discussed "Are Farmers Business Men?" The Forum was unanimous that it pays to keep financial records. Every successful business does and farming is a business. A successful farmer was described as a man who owns a farm, but is not owned by the farm, who takes pride in his profession and an interest in the welfare of the community. The Forum agreed that good management, good land, hard work, a favorable beginning and especially a good wife, were all contributing factors, but felt that too many farmers work too long and too hard.

Communications were read by the secretary, re co-operative automobile insurance and the Canadian Appeal for Children.

A good Valentine program followed, with readings by Miss Wakefield, Joan Cargoe, Myrtle Fawcett and Mrs. Wilson. The balance of the evening was spent in progressive euchre, with Mrs. Carl Wilson in charge. Prize winners were Ronnie Mills and Muriel McGee, with Mrs. Angus Bowles and Glen Kirkpatrick in second place. Red hearts were used to designate the tables and choosings partners. Crokinole was also played and lunch served.

SECOND YEAR NORMAL SCHOOL SUMMER SESSIONS

The Minister of Education announces that Second Year Normal School Sessions, leading to Interim Second Class certificates, will be held in Normals Schools at Toronto and North Bay from July 5th to August 13th, 1948. The Department is also offering a similar First Year Summer Course for untrained teachers, working on permits.

Ex-teachers make the best wives unless they think that everybody is as simple as their primary kids were.

THE MIXING BOWL

by Anne Allan, Hydro Home Economist

Hello, Career Girls! It is true that men go for good cooking! And since it is Leap Year, you will have to prove you can make a delectable cake. Delicious, feather-light cake along with a cup of really good coffee may be a wonderful memento. Here are reliable recipes and precautions to help you.

TWO-TONED CAKE

⅓ cup butter or shortening, 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs, well-beaten ½ tsp. vanilla, 1¾ cups sifted cake flour, 2 tsps. baking powder ½ tsp. salt, ½ cup milk, 1 tsp. raspberry extract.

Cream the shortening until light and plastic, gradually add sugar, creaming until fluffy. Mix eggs and vanilla into batter. Sift dry ingredients 3 or more time to insure even distribution and lightness, then add to the creamed mixture alternately with milk. Beat until smooth. Put ⅓ of the mixture in another bowl and add red extract to it. Using spoons place light and red mixture alternately in a greased tube pan. Bake 1 hour in an electric oven at 350 degrees.

FOOL-PROOF CHOCOLATE CAKE

1½ cups flour, 1 tsp. soda, ⅓ cup sugar, ¼ cup soda, ¾ cup sour milk, 1 egg, 1 tsp. vanilla, ½ cup corn syrup.

Sift and mix dry ingredients. Add milk, corn syrup, shortening, eggs and vanilla. Beat thoroughly 3 minutes. Bake in 2 greased layer-cake tins for 35 minutes in electric oven at 375 degrees.

BANANA CAKE

2 cups sifted cake flour, 1 tsp. baking soda, ¼ tsp. salt, ½cup shortening, 1½ cups sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 tsp. lemon extract 2 eggs, beaten, 1 cup mashed bananas, ½ cup sour milk or buttermilk.

Mix and sift flour, soda and salt. Cream shortening until soft and smooth. Gradually add sugar, creaming until fluffy. Beat in flavoring and beaten eggs; add bananas. Add flour alternately with sour milk beating until smooth after each addition. Pour into greased square pan. Bake about 35 mins. in electric oven at 350 degrees.

CRUSTY ICING

3 tbsps. melted butter, 5 tbsps. brown sugar, 2 tbsps. cream, ½ cup cornflakes.

Mix ingredients together and when cake is baked spread this mixture over top while cake is still hot, and then put it back in hot electric oven at 400 degrees to brown.

PINK SKY FROSTING

2 eggs whites, red coloring, ¾ cup corn syrup, 2 drops peppermint extract.

Heat corn syrup to boiling and keep boiling 2 minutes. Beat egg whites until frothy—add syrup without cooling in a thin stream, beating constantly until all syrup is added. Stir in coloring and exact amount of extract. Beat until it peaks.

FIRST AID FOR CAKE FAILURES

1. If cake has tunnels? Next time go easier on the beating when adding flour and liquid.
2. If the centre is soggy but the edges well done? Lower temperature and longer baking time are indicated.
3. If the bottom of the cake is burned but top is golden? Check pan you are using. Baking glass aluminum or ovenex are best.
4. If cake has cracks on top? Use a little less flour or a little more liquid. Batter may be too thick, or oven too hat.
5. If cake falls during baking period? Check on freshness of baking powder. Do not peek in the oven during baking.
6. If cake sticks to pan? Grease plain cake tin with shortening or oil free from salt. Do not grease sponge or angel cake tins—dust with flour.
7. If cake is not cooked through? Never remove cake from oven until it has slightly shrunk from sides of pan and until a toothpick comes out clean after insertion in centre of cake. Cool cake on a cake rack.

BUCKINGHAM

(Intended for Last Week)

Mrs. Lottie Taylor of Markdale spent a few days last week with her her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Brown, and Mr. Brown.

Gilford Mullin and friend, Mr. Wright of Wiarton spent the past two weeks at the former's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hough and Eleanor attended Rob Roy Ladies' Aid meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Bristow.

Eldon Smith of Feversham spent the week end at his home.

The Euchre Club met at the home of Mr. Alex. Mullin on Friday evening last, when prizes for high scores went to Mrs. Arnold Ralph and Mr. Mervin Hawton, with Mrs. A. Hawton and Gilford Mullin drawing the consolation prizes.

Mrs. A. Maxwell of Providence spent a few days last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Eagles.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ralph entertained the Euchre Club in their home with Mr. Hough and Mrs. A. Hawton receiving low scores and high going to Mrs. Alex. Mullin and Mr. Wilfrd Hawton.

Mrs. Livingstone and pupils of Rob Roy school enjoyed a Valentine Party on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Butcher visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Tupling.

Mrs. George E. Miller visited with her mother, Mrs. Tyson, who is ill at the home of her son, Mr. Stanley Tyson.

STATEMENT

OF

Respective Functions of The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Municipal Hydro Commissions, with Particular Reference to the Present Emergency.

In view of the apparent public misunderstanding of the respective functions of The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of the Province and the Municipal Hydro Commissions in the municipalities, this statement is made to clarify the situation.

The function of the Provincial Commission is to generate or buy electric power and to sell electric power to Municipal Commissions and directly to rural consumers and to certain industries.

The function of each Municipal Commission is to sell to its consumers within the municipality the electric power purchased from the Provincial Commission.

In practice, the Provincial Commission and the Municipal Commissions endeavour to co-operate with each other in the public interest.

By reason of lack of rainfall last summer and autumn and by lack of thaws during the present winter, there has been a substantial depletion of the storage of water necessary to maintain a high level of continuous generation. The resulting loss of production of electric power has taken place in Ontario and elsewhere where power has been purchased both under contract and in excess of contract commitments by the Provincial Commission. This loss of production of electric energy has become so serious that certain of those who had contracts to supply the Provincial Commission with electric power have been compelled not only to withdraw the electric power they had been supplying in excess of contract commitments, but as well have been compelled to reduce delivery below contract requirements by a further reduction of 8,000,000 kilowatt-hours per week.

As long ago as December 15th, the Provincial Commission notified the Municipal Commissions and indicated to its direct consumers that, in addition to cuts already being applied to direct consumers, it was evident that, unless additional voluntary savings could be obtained, the Commission would be obliged to order the municipalities to reduce their loads from time to time by as much as 15 per cent or more. This notification was given for the express purpose of obtaining greater conservation of power and to enable each Municipal Commission to plan in advance the most equitable allocation of power within the municipality.

The Provincial Commission received notification that the most recent cut of power purchased under contract would be effective on Monday, February 16th. In order to make an equitable reduction of power delivery to all Municipal Commissions, it was necessary for the Provincial Commission to compute for each Municipal Commission the amount of reduction it would be called upon to absorb, after taking into account the amount of conservation already effected by each Municipal Commission since October, 1947. To enable the Provincial Commission to complete the necessary computations and to notify the majority of Municipal Commissions of the amount of reduction each would have to absorb by Wednesday, February 18th, it was necessary that a substantial reduction be placed in effect as of Monday, February 16th, so that there would be no risk of an actual power stoppage in deliveries by the Provincial Commission. To accomplish this, the Provincial Commission requested the Municipal Commissions of Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Windsor and Peterborough to reduce their takings of electric power by specific amounts during specified times, and also requested these Municipal Commissions to, in the meantime, treat the request confidentially and not to give it to the press prior to the notification to all municipalities on Monday. This was done to avoid statements appearing which might have the effect of creating quite erroneous impressions of the amount of reduction necessary in each particular municipality throughout the Province.

In relation to the reduction of power, each Municipal Commission was faced with entirely different considerations as to how available power would be allocated within each municipality. For this reason, it was not feasible for the Provincial Commission by a general statement to indicate to the consumers in any particular municipality the allocation of available power that would be made by the Municipal Commissions.

The Provincial Commission is delivering to the Municipal Commissions and to its direct consumers all the electric power it is able to generate or buy.

It is the function of each Municipal Commission to determine not only the allocation of power among its consumers, but also what public explanation may be desirable in relation thereto.

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO