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Hello Homemakers! Rhubarb pudding was my grandmother's favourite dessert. Few words ever pleased her more than her family's praise of Rhubarb Betty. As a good cook her advice was: "If you can cook well, do it in various ways, frequently."

Now here are several recipes you can use frequently during the four or five weeks.

COCOA SHORTCAKE PUDDING
4 cups $\frac{1}{2}$ inch rhubarb
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar
Grease a large casserole and put in rhubarb and sugar. Sprinkle over a few drops of red colouring. Add the following cake mixture:
Blend in 6 tbsps shortening and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar. Beat in 1 egg and then $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk with $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp vanilla.
Mix in another bowl, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sifted cake flour, 2 tbsps baking powder, 4 tbsps cocoa and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp of salt.
Combine shortening mixture into dry ingredients gradually. Drop batter by spoonfuls over rhubarb.
Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees about 50 minutes. Yield 8 servings.

SCALLOPED RHUBARB
2 cups soft crumbs
3 cups diced rhubarb
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar
2 tbsps butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup seedless raisins
2 tbsps water
Mix crumbs with melted butter and place $\frac{1}{2}$ in the bottom of a casserole. Cover with $\frac{1}{4}$ of the rhubarb, sugar, water and raisins. Sprinkle with more crumbs, then the remaining fruit, etc. Top with remaining crumbs. Cover. Bake in an oven at 375 degs for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake until rhubarb is tender and crumbs are brown. Serve with cream or hard sauce. Yield 5 servings.

RHUBARB TAPIOCA
3 cup quick cooking tapioca
3 cups rhubarb
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups boiling water
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
2 tsp salt
Put tapioca in double boiler, add boiling water and salt, cook until tapioca has absorbed water. Peel rhubarb, cut in $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pieces and sprinkle with sugar. Add to tapioca, cook until tapioca is transparent and rhubarb is soft. Serve with sugar and 1 thin cream. Serves 6 to 8.

ORANGE BISCUIT RHUBARB
2 cups bread flour
1 tsp salt
1 or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk
4 tbsps baking powder
2 tbsps shortening
2 cups diced rhubarb
Mix dry ingredients and sift twice. Cut in the fat with pastry blender. Add liquid gradually, mixing with a knife. Put the diced rhubarb in greased casserole and sprinkle with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar. 3 tbsps water and a few drops of red colouring. Then drop the batter by spoonfuls over rhubarb. Bake in oven at 350 degs for 30 minutes.

RHUBARB JUICE
To 3 cups rhubarb add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of sugar and 3 cups water. Cook 10 minutes at boiling point. Let stand until cool. Strain, then chill. Serve in place of orange juice or tomato juice. (May add a dash of red colouring or strawberry extract).

Extra Pigs Bring Extra Profit
A most serious loss to hog producers is caused by the high mortality of baby pigs. Between 25 and 30 per cent of the pigs farrowed on farms are either still-born or die within the first few weeks after farrowing.

Sanitation is the best and cheapest means of disease control. Before the sows farrow, pens should be thoroughly washed, first with boiling water and then with a lye solution of one pound of lye to twenty gallons of lukewarm water. The sow should be scrubbed carefully, especially around the udder, with warm soap suds and a stiff brush to remove any worm eggs which may be adhering.

The sow should have several days to get accustomed to the farrowing pen before her litter is born. A small amount of bedding, preferably cut straw, should be left in the pen. A guard rail placed about 10 inches above the floor of the pen and eight inches away from the side walls, will prevent the sow from crushing the little pigs.

Usually when milk fills the udder the sow will farrow within twenty-four hours. During this time and even earlier, no solid feed should be given. A warm bran slop will avoid fever and constipation both extremely dangerous.

The attendant should be on hand when the sow is farrowing. When the sow is irritable or clumsy, the pigs should be removed from the pen as soon as born, rubbed dry with a piece of sack and placed in a box covered with a blanket to ensure warmth. Warm bricks and blankets will prevent the pigs becoming chilled if the weather is cold. As soon as farrowing is complete the litter should be returned to the sow and the attendant should see that all the pigs receive milk.

Only lukewarm water should be given the sow for the first twenty-four hours after farrowing. The first solid feed should contain a high percentage of such grains as bran and oats. Heavier feeding may be started four or five days after farrowing when most danger from fever has passed. Usually the sow is on full feed at the end of ten days. If the pigs scour it probably is caused by too much feed. To correct this condition reduce the amount of feed to the sow until the scouring stops, then gradually increase her feed.

Unless suckling pigs which are farrowed in winter and early spring are supplied with iron they quickly develop anaemia. Thumping and diarrhea, followed by death. At the Dominion Experimental Station, Melville, Sask., says H. E. Wilson, grassy sods approximately one foot square in size are put in the pens with the sows and pigs each day. This provides the necessary amount of iron.

As an extra precaution the young pigs may each be given on the third, tenth and seventeenth day after birth the amount of reduced iron that can be carried loosely on a ten-cent piece. With each iron treatment, four or five drops of highly concentrated cod-liver oil will help to keep the young pigs in a healthy condition.

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm
Written Specially for The Acton Free Press
GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

We haven't had a "million dollar rain" yet but we have had a shower which might possibly be worth a hundred dollars, more or less. Just enough to show us what a little moisture can do.

The morning of our first little sprinkle I had been out to the vegetable garden looking longingly, and despairingly, at the long rows where never so much as a single seed had sprouted; and that after two weeks. During the day we had a little shower. About an hour later, for some unknown reason, I wandered off to the garden again and what did I see but little shoots of this and that coming up in every row.

My eyes were fairly popping. I just couldn't believe it. What I saw was almost akin to Jack and the Beanstalk. Things couldn't grow that quick! But they were and I wasn't dreaming. However, such phenomenal growth didn't last long. As you know the weather changed, it became cooler, and although there was rain all around us we did not get any more here, so our little plants got discouraged and quit growing.

Today we got a bit more rain. It all helps and we are thankful for small mercies, but what we want is a real good soaker. Partner says the pasture is terribly dry with scarcely any growth at all. However, we haven't turned the cows out yet so at least what little grass there is isn't getting chewed off.

Ah, these cows — and calves! A few times lately Bob has been working late with his truck so I have been down at the barn helping Partner at chore time. I can't say I do much in the way of work.

But since we still have fine calves running around, my job is to see that those same calves stay with their rightful mothers. They start out all right when let loose each calf goes straight to its own mother and loses no time in finding the source of nourishment. But half-way through a meal our sweet little calves are just as likely as not to think that possibly the milk from some other cow might taste a little better. So if one of them should escape my watchful eye it is down the stable on the run and quite likely to get under the very cow that Partner is milking. A little matter which both Partner and the cow would naturally resent. Partner verbally, and the cow with her heels.

So I have learnt to keep a pretty strict watch on our feeding calves until they are through. Then they are allowed to run around providing they run in the right direction. Watching these calves exercise is really something. They get in the feedway a long passage with hay piled up at the end. They chase each other in, and over, and around the hay. They race back and forth with terrific speed and then stop dead in their tracks. I really think Nature must have provided calves with booster brakes. They stop so suddenly. But when it is time to return to their pen our unpredictable little calves lose all power of locomotion. They become absolutely immobile — or if they do move it is always in reverse. Partner fogs and tugs at their collars, with little or no result. Then he gets slightly annoyed and propels the calves forcibly from the rear. Suddenly without any warning the calves kick up their heels and away they go, with their tails in the air, and Partner in hot pursuit. Not in any way that one.

Since I have been helping Partner a bit at the barn, Honey has taken to visiting the stables. However, we quickly discouraged her sociable intentions. Cows, calves and horses are enough but if Honey should get mixed up with them that would be just too much. Honey likes to play with our house-cat but what would happen if Honey should start chasing our barn cat around while the cattle were in the barn. I wouldn't like to say. Somebody might get killed and it probably wouldn't be Honey.

We intended shipping one of our veal calves out this week but when we phoned the trucker he said — "It will be the middle of the week before I can pick it up — Tuesday is a holiday, you know."

A holiday... so it is — and I suppose people in offices, stores and factories have been looking forward to it. But on a farm we always seem to forget about holidays — until we are reminded by the baker not coming, or the grocery stores being closed. For the life of me I never can remember which holidays the mailman takes off and which not, so I always go down anyway. We are quite happy for the mailman to have his day off but we do wish it were possible to get our mail at the post-office by going in for it. There always seems to be something important we are looking for just when a holiday comes around.

FINE THEORY HUT
Beware state trading, says The Financial Post, which echoes the warning of Finance Minister Abbott in his budget speech. "In theory, it may look like sound business for us to swap our surplus wheat for rubber or our extra lumber for pineapples. In actual practice the results would be far from what we grow the rubber might have little use for a lot of wheat and the pineapple grower might need little lumber."

"It is no mere coincidence that this national swapping has appeared most to those countries where the State and not the individual citizen is the master. Because only with extreme socialism or a dictatorship could people be forced to go without goods they have always wanted and be made to take others they did not like. To make a policy like that stick would require the most complete regimentation, with controls, licenses and permits at every turn. There would be no competition, no choosing. Shipping would be reduced to taking what was offered or going without."

"That sort of life might fit in to the philosophy of governments prevailing in some other countries, but it would be utterly repugnant to the vast majority of Canadians."

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HEIFERS — Crystal Mountain Donna (18215) bred to calve Nov. 15th, Crystal Mountain Bonnie Rose (18216) bred to calve Nov. 15th, Crystal Mountain Jewel (20140) born July 6th, 1948, Crystal Mountain Susan Noble (20142) born March 21, 1948, also 4 Registered Heifers, about 3 months old, pedigrees will be given at sale.

THE HEID SIRE — Lindale Addie (11716) born April 11th, 1943, bred by Maurice Healy, Milton, Ont.

GRADES — Jersey, due May 25, carrying her third calf, Jersey Cow bred Jan. 27, carrying her second calf, Grade, Avonshire Heifer, bred to calve in November, Holstein Cow carrying her second calf, bred Feb. 20th, Red Avonshire, fresh 3 weeks, Jersey Cow, bred Jan. 20th, Jersey Heifer, fresh 2 weeks at sale date, Grade Jersey Heifer, 3 months old, Grade Holstein Heifer, 10 months old.

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