

Easter Customs Show Remarkable Lack of Originality

EASTER AS OF 1939
A study of the Easter customs and traditions of many countries shows a remarkable lack of originality. Whether the event is regarded as a religious feast or merely as a spring festival, eggs and rabbits are in high favor as symbols of the abundant life, while the lamb is much used as a universal emblem of sacrifice.

I for one have no wish to depart from these age-old customs and symbols, but here at least are some 1939 interpretations of them.

Easter-ize Your Ham. The custom of serving a whole ham on Easter is as old as the hills. Whether you select tender made ham or a certified smoked ham is a matter of your own preference.

The new type of tender made ham needs only to be heated, allowing 7 minutes to the pound, while the smoked ham which needs no fussy soaking nor parboiling, can be cooked in only 16 minutes to the pound.

In either case, have the oven moderately hot (350° F.) When the ham is done, remove skin—if any—score fat with sharp knife and pat with brown sugar.

Return the ham to the oven, at 400° F., and baste with pineapple juice until a rich golden brown. Serve with Raisin Sauce. And that is an Easter-ized ham.

Garnishing Is Important. Decorate this Easter ham with a flavor made by using a slice of canned pineapple for the stem, a strip of angelica for the stem, and a few bits of citron for leaves, plus a candied cherry. Stud with cloves.

A most attractive garnish for the ham platter is best salad made as follows: Chop cooked beets very fine, to make 2 cups. Add 1 tablespoon chopped onion and salt and pepper to taste.

Make a dressing of 1 teaspoon flour blended with 1 teaspoon butter, melted 2 tablespoons water, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 tablespoon sugar and ¼ teaspoon dry mustard. Cook until thickened, pour hot over beets and mix well. Chill.

To mold, pack into chilled custard cups and turn out on circle of leaf lettuce. Garnish with mayonnaise and top off with a tiny sprig of parsley.

Paschal Lamb Cake. Cake in the form of the Paschal lamb is most appropriate for dessert on Easter. Incidentally, it makes a splendid center piece for the table.

To make one requires of course a lamb mold. These are not costly and last a lifetime. You will find one useful for making cakes for children's parties the year 'round, so it's a good thing to have. Here's the recipe:

- ½ cup butter
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2 ½ cups cake flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon almond extract
- 4 egg whites
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Cream butter, gradually sift in sugar and cream together. Sift flour before measuring, then again with baking powder. Add alternately with milk. Add flavorings. Fold in lightly egg whites beaten with salt till stiff but not dry.

The lamb mold, if new, should be treated according to directions that come with it. Then grease both parts well, using pastry brush. Pour batter into lower half. Lay 2 toothpicks lengthwise through neck, as a support. Put top in place and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) for 1 hour. Let mold cool somewhat before removing cake.

Now for the decorating. Cover lamb with plain white boiled icing. Sprinkle all but the head with grated coconut. Use currants for eyes and dab of pink vegetable coloring for nose. Hang a blue ribbon with

a tiny bell on it, around the neck. Set on a bed of grated coconut tinted a light green.

All this may sound a bit lengthy, but it's worth it when you remember that Easter, like Christmas, comes but once a year.

And, so, to eat. I have not given you a complete menu, as you see. But having the tender made or certified smoked ham with raisin sauce, the Easter garnish, best salad and Paschal Lamb Cake, I am sure you will be able to complete a royal Easter Feast that even the great George Rector would approve. So here's to a grand Easter with a bright sunny day, a happy heart, plenty of new clothes to adorn you and this grand Ham Dinner to make everything perfect.

Deerfield School Serves Town as Community Center

Leading educators throughout the nation have been asking in the last few years that public schools become Community Centers. A survey of the use of the Deerfield Grammar school shows that this is the case in Deerfield.

A study made during the past week shows that the building is used by an average of 975 people during an average week. Further study shows that during the school year twenty-one different community groups, clubs, and service organizations have used the Grammar school building. The Grammar school building has been open on an average of twelve hours a day for the use of the community.

The largest users of the building are of course the school grades and staff. Next, in number of people served, is the Recreation Project of the Works Progress Administration. During a given week the Recreation Project takes care of 285 grade school children, thirty high school children, and twenty-five adults. The library draws many to its doors. It is estimated that during a given week 150 people use the West Deerfield Township Public Library. Such activities as Scouts, Women's club, P.T.A., and Adult groups use the building in the afternoons and evenings.

It has been the purpose of this wide use of the school to keep the children of Deerfield off the streets and place them in situations where they may carry on worthwhile recreational activities under competent supervision. It also has been the feeling of the school that community groups, to better the general community life, should be allowed the use of the Deerfield Grammar school equipment. For these reasons the authorities of the Deerfield Grammar school are well pleased with the amount of use that has been given the school plant during the year. A national survey has shown that there is a marked correlation between juvenile delinquency and the lack of educational and recreational centers.

This wide program of educational and recreational activity has been carried on at small expense to the community. The main attempt has been, by careful planning, to use all facilities of the school at any one time to maximum capacity. In this way the entire program has been carried on without the addition of equipment.

It is the hope of the Grammar school during the next year to organize the school for this wide use on a more permanent basis and to create means whereby the needs of an even greater number of the citizens might be met.

Hospital Auxiliary Meets Next Wednesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Hospital Auxiliary will be held Wednesday, April 12th at 10:30 a. m., at the Episcopal Church Parish House. Luncheon will be served.

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N. S. Area Council Executive Board Meets

Last night (Wednesday) the Executive Board of the North Shore Area Council held their regular meeting at the Shawnee Country Club. Representatives were present from fifteen different towns of the North Shore Area Council. Special emphasis was placed upon the Camping Program. Presiding at this Board Meeting was the President of the Council.

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So Jim up's and leaves town for a tour of the west to "let things cool down" and what happens? Why a woman enters the scene, and trou-

ble really starts. Mrs. McMillan, stung by the taunts of Antioch neighbors who suggest the local hero is showing the white feather, forgets the babies and cooking for a day to take up the role of manager, and in Jim's absence signs contracts for a Waukegan match with Annotte April 11.

And while it took a woman to start the trouble, it looks like it will take a referee, several squads of police, and a couple thousand spectators to end it next Tuesday night.

City Club officials, sponsors of the big bout, were quick to line up an outstanding supporting card to attract a record crowd and gain cash for the benefit fund. Ruffy Silverstein, Illinois state titleholder, is pitted against one of the real tough present-day wrestlers, 280 pound Pete Schuh, famous expan-

ent of the flying head-lock, in the semi-windup. International arrangements may develop when a Chinese and a Japanese champion grapple for the honor of their respective countries. Maty Matsura, the tricky Jap, will match Oriental cunning with Mr. Chin Lee, shifty Chinese sensation.

The evening's opening bout may steal the show when Jack Clay-bourn, the Oregon jumping-jack and hailed as the Joe Louis of wrestling, tries to out-figure the mysterious Great Balbo, latest flutterer of feminine hearts.

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