

# Of Interest to Women



Hello Homemakers! What a transformation there is throughout the country at this time of year with the houses boasting fresh coats of paint and trees bursting into buds and blossoms. Where can one find greater solace after the arduous winter than in the garden pulling rhubarb in May.

To those who can garner these first edible garden products we say thank you lucky stars. To those who realize that this food is worth more cooked properly, we give you a tip, cook rhubarb slowly, only until tender.

### BUTTERSCOTCH RHUBARB PIE

3 cups diced rhubarb, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup water, 1 cup milk, 1 (4 oz.) package butterscotch pudding mix, 1 1/2 tps. lemon juice, 1/2 tsp. lemon rind.

Wash rhubarb; do not peel. Place in saucepan with sugar and water; cover and simmer 8 minutes. Gradually blend milk with butterscotch pudding. Slowly add pudding to rhubarb, stirring constantly. Add lemon juice and rind. Cool.

Pour into Graham Cracker Crust: Combine 18 crushed graham crackers, 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 cup melted butter. Press mixture firmly into bottom and along the sides of 9 inch pie plate. Bake in oven of 325 degs. for 8 minutes. Cool before serving.

### BLUSHING BETTY

2 lbs. rhubarb, 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup raisins, 2 tps. shortening, 1 egg, 1 1/2 tps. baking powder, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 tsp. vanilla, 1 cup flour.

Wash rhubarb, do not peel. Cut in 1 inch pieces; mix with 1 cup sugar. Place in greased casserole, add raisins. Cream shortening, vanilla and 1/2 cup sugar. Add

beaten egg. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt, and add alternately with milk to creamed mixture. Spread over fruit. Bake in oven at 350 degs. for 50 mins. Serves 5.

### TAKE A TIP

1. To bake vegetables: It is not always necessary to leave them whole in the skin. For instance, scrub potatoes, cut in half and place cut side down in an open baking dish.  
2. To steam vegetables in the oven: Place peeled firm vegetables in a pan. Salt to taste. Add not more than 4 or 5 tps. of water. Cover. If your oven dish has no cover to fit, tie cookery parchment on with a string. This will keep the steam in.  
3. To bake desserts with an oven meal: These should be placed on the upper rack and only covered if they contain a small amount of liquid.  
4. To obtain even browning of baked foods: The pans must never touch each other or the sides of the oven. Arrange them on the racks so that they do not sit directly over one another.

### THE QUESTION BOX

Mrs. J. R. asks: How can I substitute maple syrup for sugar in a butter cake?

Answer: 1 cup maple syrup plus 1/4 teaspoon baking soda less 1/4 cup of milk for 1 cup sugar.

Mrs. D. M. says: I have tried to make tea biscuits with chicken fat but I taste grease in them. How do you add the fat?

Answer: You only use 2/3 cup chicken fat in place of 1 cup shortening or lard and cut in the chilled fat with a pastry blender.

Mrs. C. T. asks: At what temperature should I bake a soufflé so it will not fall?

Answer: Bake at 325 degrees for

about 40 minutes—then serve at once in the custard cups.

Mrs. M. J. asks: Should apples be peeled for a salad?

Answer: Not unless the skin is wrinkled and tough.

### OPTIMISTIC NOTE

It has been a popular attitude to see in every mechanical advance a threat to individual human effort. All these gloomy forebodings have been wrong. Technical developments haven't cost jobs. When dial phones were first introduced, sentimental oldsters began lamenting that the cheerful voice of the telephone operator would soon be a thing of the past. But the facts were somewhat different. Take Toronto as a case in point. It is many a long day since one could discover an old-style telephone. Three new exchanges are being opened to add another 12,000 service phones. And the telephone girl? She has refused to disappear with the dove and the passenger pigeon. Toronto has still 1,524 where in the good old chummy days of 1939 there were just 404.—J.L.R.

### AREA FARM LANDS

Farm lands in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec extend over about 41,600,000 acres, though the combined total area of the two provinces is nearly 700 million acres. Substantial portions of the total area are unsuitable for agriculture due to soil, climatic or topographical reasons. The agricultural sections of the two provinces are found in the lowlands of the River St. Lawrence, which extend from Gaspé Peninsula in narrow belts steadily increasing in width for about 650 miles along the St. Lawrence. Around the Great Lakes—Superior, Huron, Michigan, Ontario and Erie—the area continues for about 300 miles to the Ontario peninsula between Lakes Ontario and Huron and occupies most of the southern region south of the Ottawa River. Some farming is done in part of Ontario in what is called the Ontario Clay Belt.

### GERMAN TEACHERS ARE STUDYING LIFE IN BRITAIN

A party of one hundred German men and women from the British Zone of Germany are now attending courses designed to give them a general picture of life in Britain today. Lectures on various aspects of Britain's educational technique and social services are included. There will also be visits to places of historic interest and scenic beauty in the vicinity. The visitors are representative of teachers at primary schools in Germany and junior university lecturers.

### FARMERS' INCOME

Preliminary estimates show that the net income of Canadian farmers in 1947 totalled \$1,259,711,000. This is the highest since comparable statistics were started in 1938 and compares with the revised estimate for 1946 of \$1,160,755,000 and the revised figure for 1944 of \$1,240,035,000, the previous record high. Not only did the net farm income rise to an unprecedented level in 1947, but there was an all-time record for farm cash income and further increases in the value of home-consumed farm produce. Though the change in the value of year-end stock and grain inventories held on farms was lower in 1947 than 1946 it did not offset gains in cash income and income in kind, with the result that gross income for 1947 also set a record of \$2,213,973,000.

### WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

There has been a fairly steady flow of wheat and wheat products from the four chief-wheat-exporting countries to deficit countries during the last part of 1947 and the early months of 1948. Record 1947 wheat crops in the United States and Australia, together with an excellent corn crop in Argentina have made this possible.

Although Canada's 1947 wheat crop was below average and carry-over stocks at the beginning of the crop year—August 1, 1947—were low, exports of wheat and flour will be close to 200 million bushels for the current crop year. It is estimated that by the end of May, exports of grain and grain products from the United States will have amounted to 521.9 million bushels in grain equivalent, and by the end of the crop year may reach 570 million bushels, of which wheat and flour will make up considerably more than 450 million bushels. Exports of grains from Russia, too, have been considerable.

In view of this more favourable situation, some international food authorities have forecast an end before long to the international allocation of cereal grains. Any such decision, however, will likely hinge on the size of the United States 1948 winter wheat and corn crops in addition to satisfactory 1948 harvests in the world's deficit areas.

Production of television sets is accelerating.

### CLEARING AUCTION SALE IN ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS

The undersigned have received instructions from

JOHN S. JESTIN to sell by auction at the farm, Lot 10, Con. 7, Eramosa Township, situated on the Erin and Eramosa Town Line, about 1 mile south of No. 24 Highway, on

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1948 Commencing at One o'clock P. M.

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