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My Day

NEW YORK, Tuesday -- In reading the various tributes to the new Republic of Eire I could not help thinking back over the years of bitterness and bloodshed that are past. How useless it all seems, now that this transition has been made. And as far as one can see, it will make very little difference in Ireland's future situation in the world.

The Irish people have traits that have made them beloved in many places where they have settled. They integrate themselves well in any country to which they go. Nevertheless, they always keep a deep and abiding affection for the Irish countryside and you will find them returning and taking their children back to be introduced to the land their ancestors left at an early age.

The new republic should have a successful, independent government and it will have the good wishes from every corner of the world.

has been sent to a large group of mayors throughout the country by the National Council for American Education?

I am interested in it because it touches on a problem which anyone interested in youth must examine carefully, namely, the question of school textbooks and the type of teaching given in our schools.

The letter is not concerned especially about good or poor teaching, but it suggests to the mayors that they appoint a little un-American affairs committee of their own to look into the books used in schools and the manner of teaching. Also, it claims that "most of the organizations of teachers are completely controlled by radical propagandists."

This quote is from a pamphlet which they apparently enclose with the letter called: "How Red Are the Schools?"

I should like to see the list of people backing the National Council for American Education. I have an idea we would find among them a considerable number of good and glib people, and a considerable number tarred with the brush of some ism.

I cannot help believing that the vast majority of our teachers belongs among the group of our best citizens and are teaching today as they always have -- the best American teachings. If we single out any one group of people and hold them up to scorn and suspicion, that attitude will find that if they advocate any slight deviation in thinking from the tried and accepted pattern of past teaching they will be under suspicion. The distinguishing feature of democracy is its ability to adjust and to meet new circumstances with new and unfettered thinking.

Our teachers are training the minds of our young people. We want them to be taught to think for themselves, but not to be poured into a rigid mold that will prevent the penetration of any new ideas. E. R.

Ont. Department Agriculture Hold

The series of 15 meetings conducted by the Ontario Department of Agriculture from April 4 to 8 inclusive at various points throughout the district of Cochrane South including Ramore, Timmins, Val Gagne, Porquis Junction, Shillington and Matheson were an unqualified success, in that altogether 618 interested farmers attended.

The speakers included: Mr. J. P. S. Ballantyne, Commissioner of Agriculture; Development for Northern Ontario, who explained at each meeting the subsidized area of land which had been cleared and broken in the district during the seasons of 1946, 1947 and 1948, as well as the plans for 1949. In addition to this he dealt with the several miles of necessary ditches which had been dug and paid for entirely by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. A number of wells have been subsidized. Mr. Ballantyne was asked many questions relative to Application forms, Methods of Clearing, etc.

Mr. M. F. Cook, B. S. A., Superintendent of the Ontario Government Demonstration Farm at New Liskard and also Agricultural Representative for Temiskaming District, gave very excellent talks on Soil Conservation, Soil Fertility, Field Crops and Livestock. He pointed out that the soil was the basis of all plant and animal life and thus should receive the greatest of attention from those entrusted with its care.

Mr. F. X. Gosselin, B.S.A., Supervisor of Illustration Stations, Dominion Experimental Station, Kapuskasing, Ontario, explained the purpose of these Illustration Stations which were located at strategic points in Northern Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. R. Portelance, B.S.A., Agricul-



THE MIXING BOWL

Ho!o Homemakers! Spring fever? Eating the right foods helps to overcome that "dull" feeling. One quart of milk for children, one pint for adults--that's the day's quota for good health. But you don't need to drink all the milk. It's just as good or you can eat it with cereals, in soup, creamed main dishes and vegetables, and in desserts. Whether it comes in bottles, cans, or powdered in packages or creamed as cheese, milk is our most important food.

Note: For prevention of certain fevers, all milk consumed at the farm home and rural school should be pasteurized.

DINNER CHOWDER

- 2 cups diced, raw potatoes
- 1/2 cup sliced onion
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 3 tps. salt
- 3 tps. butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 1/2 cups grated processed Cheddar cheese

- 1 tps. minced parsley
- 2 1/2 cups canned or cooked tomatoes
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. mustard

CREAMED CABBAGE AND FRANKFURTERS

- 4 cups shredded cabbage
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 4 frankfurters
- 1/2 cup melted fat
- 3 tps. flour
- 2 tps. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. celery seeds
- 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs

- 1/2 cup rice
- 3/4 cup chopped, pitted raw prunes
- 3 cups milk
- 1/2 cup plus 6 tps. sugar

Combine with prunes and milk in double boiler; cook, covered, until tender--about 1 hour. Add 1/2 cup sugar, salt, nutmeg, nuts, and rind. Beat yolks until nearly stiff. Gradually yolks; stir in rice mixture. Pour into 1 1/2 quart casserole. Cool. Beat whites until nearly stiff. Gradually beat in rest of sugar. Heap on pudding. Bake in moderate electric oven, 325 degs. for 20 mins. Serves 6.

TAKE A TIP

1. You may complete the dinner chowder menu with a green salad and a peach upside down cake for dessert.
2. With Creamed Cabbage and Frankfurters as a hearty supper dish, serve chilled tomato juice first. The sweet part of the meal may be a pastry--apple, raisin or date pie.
3. The unusual walnut rice pudding will be the right choice to serve following a light entree such as cheese souffle with scalloped potatoes and buttered peas.
4. Custards may be cooked in the electric oven after the heat has been turned off and the casserole meal has been taken out for the table.
5. Junkets are nutritious milk desserts to have on hand for the children.
6. Milk served on cereal is less expensive and more nutritious than cream.

Anne Allan invites you to write to her c/o (name your paper). Send in suggestions on homemaking problems and watch this column for replies.



EASY DOES IT

by HELEN HALE

If you want to keep your kitchen neat while cooking, revise your working techniques and see how much simpler all your work becomes.

Measure out all ingredients before you start putting a recipe together, then check them with the recipe, and you will rule out forgetting ingredients and thus causing failures.

Having all ingredients as well as utensils assembled before you begin to work, saves time as well as confusion.

Keep the dishpan full of soapy suds and put each utensil in it as you finish using it.

While you wait for butter to melt, onions to saute, milk to scald, and other time-involving procedures, wash the dishes you have soiled and get them out of the way. In this way cleaning doesn't pile up on you!

Finish slicking the kitchen while food bakes so you will have plenty of neat surface to place it on when cooking time is finished.

Save measuring utensils by sifting flour and other dry ingredients on pliable paper plates. These may be used several times.

Flour sifters do not need to be washed after every use if they are brushed off with a stiff-bristled brush.

Place pots and pans to soak as soon as you finish using them. Soaking will mean less elbow work for you as most pans clean easily when food is loosened from them.

If using syrup or honey, measure fat in the cup first, so that the syrup will not stick to it.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Oatmeal Macaroons

(Makes 60)

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg yolks and mix well. Mix rolled oats, salt and baking powder and add to first mixture. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Add vanilla. Drop from teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Allow plenty of space for spreading. Bake in a slow (300 F.) oven 20 to 25 minutes.

WORTH THEIR SALT

Roman soldiers received part of their pay in the form of salt.

The happiness of life depends less upon what befalls us than upon the way in which we take it.--Lovater.



DALE CARNEGIE

Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People"

Here's a courageous story, similar to those that are enacted over and over again every day, for which the heroine receives no credit.

Four years ago, the sister of Mrs. Rose Gislason, Winnipeg, Canada, was sent to the hospital, leaving with Mrs. Gislason her little boy of three months. The little fellow was delicate, didn't want to eat and, when he did take food, it didn't agree with him.

Of course this necessitated the most meticulous care on the part of Mrs. Gislason, since the baby grew dearer and dearer to her. He seemed like her own child, and since it seemed he could hardly pull through, she held him more and more closely to her.

By and by, he began to pick up, and

finally grew, healthy and strong, so miraculous is love. His mother came home from the hospital--but not for long. After six months of caring for both mother and baby, Mrs. Gislason lost her sister forever.

The father was in no position to care for the child, so he became more and more Mrs. Gislason's baby. Bright and affectionate, she says she loved him as much as her own two little boys.

Then it happened. You've probably guessed it. He was four years old, and was calling Mrs. Gislason "mother" when the father wrote he had re-married and was now in position to "relieve" Mrs. Gislason of the care of the little boy. "Relieve her!" But since our understanding is based largely on our experiences, how could he be however, the little fellow belonged to his father!

How did she find comfort? By constantly reminding herself that a little boy needed his father; by recalling the happy hours he had brought into her life for four wonderful years. Many a woman had never had even four months, or four weeks, or four days of a little child's love and dependence.

PREVENTING DECAY

Dental experts agree that tooth decay can, to a very worthwhile extent, be prevented. Certain drugs are showing great promise for the prevention of dental decay but their full effectiveness is not yet known. Dentists say the regular use of the tooth brush avoidance of too many sweets, and twice-a-year visits to the dentist are the best means of preserving healthy teeth.

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Basic Evening Gown



MARCIA VAN DYKE, M.C.-M starlet, wears this basic evening gown recommended by fashion designer, Helen Rose. Miss Van Dyke's first film for the studio will be "In The Good Old Summertime," starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson.

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Family Scrapbook



What About Fairy Stories

From time to time, the good old fairy stories on which many of us were brought up are attacked as harmful. They are said to create a world of unreality, to be full of cruelty and in other ways to be most undesirable for young children.

Those who oppose fairy stories believe that children should have more of the hero-and-now kind of stories--tales about the world around them. They propose that railroad engines, cranes, airplanes, the fireman and the policeman should be the heroes of our children rather than the Snow Queen, Prince Charming or other mythical characters.

And it is surely true that in the past there have not been enough stories of the interesting activities in life all around us. Within the last 25 years that lack has been remedied considerably.

On the other hand, it seems highly improbable that fairy stories are as harmful as some of their enemies believe them to be. Most children have little trouble in differentiating between the real and the fanciful. And they get something out of the imaginative fairy story that realistic tales don't bring. A balanced diet of all kinds of stories is likely to be the most appreciated by the youngster.

This Week's Patterns
by AUDREY LANE

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No. 2305 is cut in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 36, 38 and 40. Size 16 requires 1 1/2 yds. 39-in. fabric.



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