

Put off your oven mitts for festive baking

While you take a drink to the ground. Shoppers and bakers can still make the most of the time as the winter season is almost here and it's time to get off on a good note.

When planning menus for special meals, appetizers, or as this Apple Almond Cake for a flavorful and delicious ending to the festive season.

APPLE ALMOND CAKE

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TOPPING

- 1/2 cup (125ml) margarine, melted
- 2/3 cup (175ml) loosely packed brown sugar
- 2 cups (500ml) peeled, thinly sliced apples
- 2 tbsp (25ml) sliced almonds, toasted
- 1/2 tsp (2ml) ground cinnamon

BATTER

- 1 3/4 cups (425ml) all-purpose white flour
 - 3/4 cup (175ml) granulated sugar
 - 2 tsp (10ml) baking powder
 - 1 tbsp (15ml) finely grated lemon peel
 - 2 eggs
 - 2/3 cup (150ml) milk
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (180 degrees C). Grease a 9 inch spring form pan, wrap outside of pan with foil.

Topping: Brush 2 tbsp margarine over bottom of pan. Sprinkle with 1/3 cup brown sugar. Arrange apples and almonds in a circular pattern over brown sugar. Sprinkle with cinnamon and remaining brown sugar. Set aside 1/4 cup margarine for batter. Drizzle remaining margarine over mixture in pan.

Batter: In a bowl combine flour with sugar, baking powder and lemon peel. In another bowl beat two eggs, reserved 1/4 cup melted margarine, and milk. Beat in mixture. Spoon batter onto apple mixture, spreading right to edges. Cool 10 minutes in oven on plate.

Make 8 servings.
Note: Hard margarine is often wrapped in plastic, so use 1/4 (1/2 cup) for ease to use amounts and is pliable in minutes after removing from the refrigerator.

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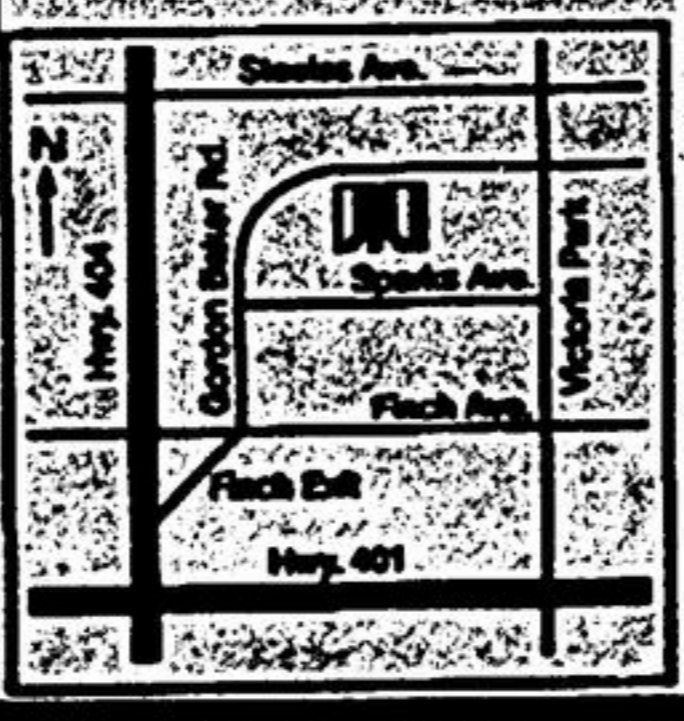
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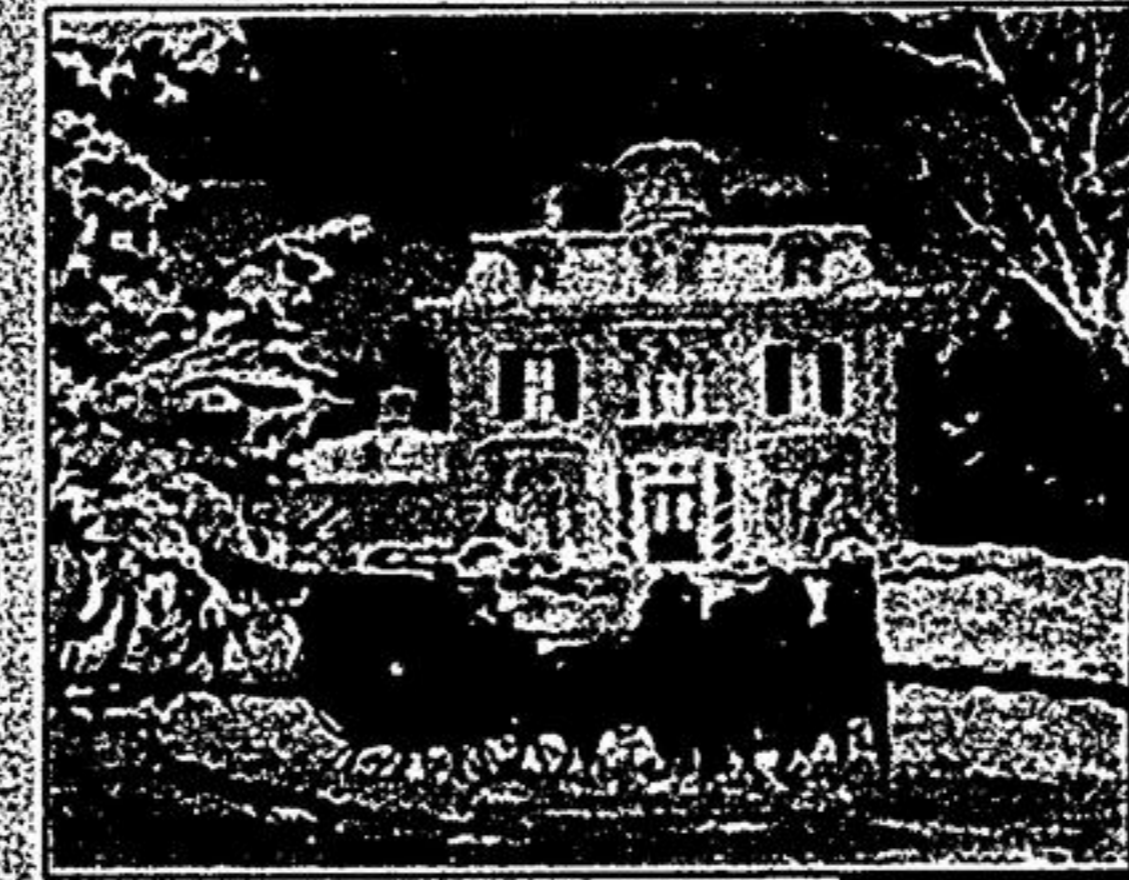


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