



Ham Gaining Favor for Easter Dinner

Of course it's hard to think of an Easter breakfast without savory slices of ham, the natural companion of eggs which has been for time immemorial celebrated in Easter legends.

But for the Easter dinner, too, wherever good living is given first consideration, ham has long been a favorite meat. Until recently however, the rich succulence of ham was enjoyed only in the homes where help was plentiful or where the homemaker was willing to devote much of the day to the preparation of the feast. For the freshening, the par-boiling of the ordinary ham even before the cooking could be started make a lot of world, preventing the homemaker from taking part in the Easter parade, enjoying the Easter music and taking part in many of the things that have come to mean Easter.

But now thanks to a new development of ham it is one of the easiest as well as one of the most savory of meats to serve on Easter. Today the homemaker can pick out a ham that is so tender it melts in one's mouth. More than that there is a ham actually ready to eat so that serving it as baked ham done to a luscious golden brown with appetizing garnishing means simply heating it through. This of course takes only a fraction of the time it takes to cook ordinary ham.

Place Guards Over G. Popp Residence Near Buffalo Grove

Deputy sheriffs were keeping a sharp lookout for suspicious persons in the vicinity of the George Popp home at Buffalo Grove as a result of a scare received Monday by Wladimir Weidner and family of Buffalo Grove. Weidner, his wife and their children were riding on Dundee road just west of Wheeling when their car was hit from the side of the road by another car driven by a woman with three male companions. Two of the men jumped out and threatened Weidner if he failed to give them proper directions to the Popp home.

The incident was reported to Cook and Lake county authorities. Popp a retired farmer and his two sons and daughter fought off an attempted kidnapping of the elder Popp last fall. Last summer the Popp home was burglarized and \$5000 in money and valuables stolen.

Frozen Lace
Architecture was first called "lace frozen into stone" by travelers who first saw the exquisite Gothic canopies of the choir screen in Chartres cathedral fifty-four miles from Paris.

Mexican Civilization Traced
The first Mexican civilization of which remains have been found ranges from 3,000 to 10,000 years ago.

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Expect Four Per Cent Decrease in Illinois Acreage Planting

The total planted acreage of Illinois spring crops this year is expected to be about 4 per cent smaller than that planted in 1937, according to March 1 intentions report from farmers to the Illinois and federal departments of agriculture. Principal decreases indicated by the reports include corn 3 per cent, spring wheat 20 per cent, potatoes 5 per cent, soybeans 12 per cent, and cow peas 5 per cent. No change is shown for oats and sweet potatoes, but a 10 per cent increase in barley acreage is indicated. An increase of about 14 per cent in tame hay acreage for harvest is expected this year largely because of the materially increased acreage of new seedlings of alfalfa, timothy and clovers that will be available for hay.

There were 2,374,000 acres of winter wheat seeded last fall, or 15 per cent less than the 2,504,000 acres seeded in the fall of 1936. With less than the usual abandonment of winter wheat expected, due to comparatively mild winter conditions, the acreage remaining for harvest should be well above the 1928-32 five year average of 1,737,000 acres. The prospective acreage of corn to be planted in Illinois is 3,147,000 acres, which is 3 per cent below the 1937 planted acreage and 2 per cent below that of 1936. Total soybean acreage outlook is for 1,893,000 acres or 13 per cent less than the 2,151,000 acres planted last year. Prospects point to a larger percentage of the acreage being harvested for beans this year, since the acreage of hay of the usual kinds has been largely restored and there is less need for soybean hay. Farmers contemplate planting 3,671,000 acres of oats this year, or no change from the 1937 planted acreage.

Workers Escape As Horse Barn Topples at Palatine Monday

Warned by a fellow worker, men employed in tearing down an old horse barn on the Dean farm in Palatine escaped from the vicinity a few seconds before the structure was hurled to the ground by the high winds Monday afternoon. The barn, 135 ft. long, is close to Northwest highway and was used for many years by the Dean family for horses. During the heyday of the old Cook county fair days, many trotters and pacers were stabled there.

A Moldenbauer of Palatine was reported as having purchased the building recently and workmen engaged by him, were tearing it down. Built many years ago, it contained many heavy timbers that successfully withstood the force of the fall Monday. Weakened by the removal of internal braces, the barn was easily toppled by the wind.

Knot, or Sea Mile
A knot, or sea mile, is 6,082.66 feet, or little more than one and one-sixteenth land mile. The statute mile is 5,280 feet.

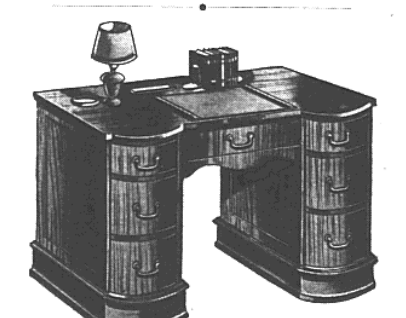
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The recipe for the latter was handed down to subsequent generations by her husband's great mother, Mrs. Lester Castle.

SPANISH RICE
4 cups bottled rice,
2 cups cooked and strained tomatoes,
1/2 lb. American cheese cut in small pieces,
Salt to taste,
Stir ingredients together lightly and pour into buttered uncovered baking dish. Bake in slow oven one hour.

Pineapple slices on beds of lettuce with small balls of cream cheese, rolled in parsley, as centers, make an attractive spring salad. Garnish with fresh strawberries.

Variety may be obtained in baking powder biscuits by cutting them with cookie cutters of assorted shapes. A change in flavor is easily secured by the addition of grated cheese to some and a topping of sugar and orange juice on others.*

*"Last the best of all the game" as the children say. Here's the treasured family recipe for:

SPICE CAKE
1 cup sugar,
1/2 cup butter,
1 cup sour milk,
1 1/2 cups flour,
1 teaspoon soda,
1 teaspoon cinnamon,
1 teaspoon allspice,
1/2 teaspoon cloves,
1/2 cup raisins,
1 egg well beaten.

Mix as butter cake. Bake about 30 minutes in layers or as this loaf in square cake pan. Oven moderate.

Frost with the following:

WHITE MOUNTAIN CREAM
1 1/2 cups sugar,
1/2 cup water,
2 egg whites,
1/2 t. vanilla.
Boil water and sugar until a thin syrup. Add 2 tablespoons of the syrup to the well beaten whites. Boil the remainder of syrup until it forms a thread. Add gradually to egg white mixture. Add vanilla.

Correction
As a footnote today, we wish to correct a typographical error in the recording of Mrs. W. A. Fanning's work last week. One tablespoon of corn starch is to be used for thickening the soup. We hope no one added 1 lb.!

The amount of flour to be used in completing Mrs. John H. C. Blank's delicious date nut cookies is 2 1/2 cups.

Lake Forest College Offers Scholarships

Twenty-four scholarships totaling \$4000 are being offered by Lake Forest college for the school year 1938-39.

The awards will be based on a competitive examination to be given at Lake Forest college, May 7, 1938, the competition to be open to all young men and women recommended by their high school principals. Seventeen of the scholarships, from \$150 to \$275, will be awarded to resident students, and seven, from \$100 to \$150, are for non-resident day students.
Barrington high school graduates already attending Lake Forest college are Vivian and Ruth Read and Frederick Hodgdon. Vivian Read is a senior and Ruth is a junior, and both are members of the Garrick club, campus dramatics organization, and of the French club. Hodgdon, a senior, is business manager of the Stentor, campus newspaper, and was chairman of the annual student trip last fall.

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