

Dr. Herbert Beecher Hudnut of the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian church, Detroit, will be the guest speaker when the Woman's auxiliary of Christ Church Cranbrook meets Feb. 2. The meeting will open with luncheon in the church rooms at 12:30 p.m.

Family Favorites

Peanuts in Old Dutch Recipe

Many old recipes, handed down through the generations, still are considered "special occasion" dishes. Very often, however, these recipes in their original form are too confusing with their pounds, pinches, dashes, etc., for the modern housewife. So the recipes are changed a little here and there, a new spice added or an old one discarded, thus the family still benefits from great-grandmother's favorites.

If you have a favorite recipe, new or old, that you would like to share with other readers, we urge you to send it to the Society editor of The Eccentric. Or if you have enjoyed a special dish at the home of a friend, send us the cook's name and we will contact her (or him.)

Many women make special cookies and cakes for luncheons and teas. Mrs. C. Frederick Meyer of 959 Oakland avenue does too, and one specialty is this old family recipe which she brought with her when she came to Birmingham 10 years ago.

Mrs. Meyer, who is active in the League of Women Voters, PTA and church groups, has four children, John, age 20; Beth, age 16; Bill, age 12 and Christine, age 6. The recipe, Leb Kuchen (sounds like Labe Kuh-hen), was used by her Pennsylvania Dutch grandmother and is still a favorite with the family.

Mrs. Meyer has had to modernize the ingredients somewhat, as her grandmother's "recipe" read, "Go to the drugist and buy 10 cents worth of anise seed, etc."

LaVerne Meyer had to discover how much was 10 cents worth.

- MRS. C. F. MEYER
- LEB KUCHEN
- 2 cups peanuts, coarsely ground
 - 4 cups molasses
 - 2 cups white sugar
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 cup butter or substitute
 - 2 teaspoons soda
 - 2 teaspoons allspice
 - 2 teaspoons cloves
 - 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 - 1 ounce anise seed
 - 8 ounces citron, sliced thin
 - 10-12 cups of flour
- Combine ingredients as in a cake and mix stiffly enough to roll. Let stand over night. Roll, cut into desired shapes and bake 10 to 15 minutes in moderate oven, 350 degrees.

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NATURE NOW

More About Peanuts; Culture and Growth

By LYDIA KING FREHSE
 Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

In last week's column we told the story of George Washington Carver, who saw the peanut as the life-saver of an impoverished post-war South. Today, the housewife reaches for the peanut-butter jar as a time-saver when the children's lunch hour has somehow crept up on her with unexpected swiftness.

Or boys, big and little, reach into their pockets to pull out a handful of peanuts to munch on during the excitement of a circus or ball game.

The botanist, however, sees the peanut as an interesting and highly useful plant. It is not a nut, but the seed of a tropical legume which grows in a pod, like a pea or a bean.

The peanut (arachis hypogaea) is native to Brazil. In our own country it thrives best in the states south and west of the District of Columbia, for it requires a long growing period with ample rain and sun. It will thrive in both sand and clay soils, but the former produce a brighter and cleaner pod easier to handle and more desirable for marketing.

ONE SUMMER, heartened by a vision of free peanuts, I tried to grow a few hills in the soil of northern Ohio. As I remember, they produced a poor crop. However, I had a lot of fun watching the plants grow, since their habit of fruit development is interesting and unusual.

The stalk is somewhat hairy and spreading in nature and grows to be about 18 inches tall. Foliage is light green and resembles that of its cousins the clovers, both in habit of growth and texture. The yellow pea-like flowers are produced singly at the ends of the flower stalks which branch out from the nodes on the plant stem.

AFTER pollination and fertilization the stamens and corolla wither while the flower stalk elongates, bends downwards and carries the sharp pointed ovary several inches underground. Here it develops into an oblong shell (corresponding to a pod) which usually contains two seeds. This interesting process produces one of the few true fruits which develop underground.

Peanuts are similar in culture to potatoes and are harassed by many of the same insect pests. When frost kills the vines they are pulled from the earth with the peanuts still clinging to their flower stalks. The raw seed has a somewhat bitter taste but develops its characteristic flavor after a simple roasting process.

The peanut crop, whose possibilities and uses were discussed in last week's column, now averages one billion three hundred million pounds annually.

THE LARGE family of legumes of which the peanut is a member is of the same insect pests. For some unexplained reason the roots of the legumes have an affinity for nitrogen-fixing bacteria which have the power to collect free nitrogen from the soil and to store it up in their bodies.

These stimulate the rapid growth of certain root cells which form into swollen gall-like structures called nodules. While these legume bacteria are active in the nodules they are continually throwing off substances which are absorbed directly by the green plant upon which they grow.

When the nodules decompose their protein contents are ammoniated and nitrified leaving these valuable compounds in the soil to

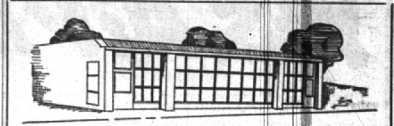
Bigelows Celebrate Anniversary at DAC

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Bigelow of North Adams road will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary Saturday at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Their celebration will be in conjunction with the bowlers party for ladies. Entertainment will consist of dining, dancing and a floor show.

ENGAGEMENT of Eleanor Simpson to Blutan F. Goodman is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Simpson of North Eton road. Blutan is the son of Alfred F. Goodman of Dayton, O., and the late Mrs. Goodman. Eleanor is junior at Western College for Women, Oxford, O. Her fiancé was graduated from Miami University, Oxford, O., where he was a member of Alpha Psi Omega. No date has been set for the wedding.

desert ironwood and such trees as acacia, Palo verde and the smoke tree. Its irregular pea-like structure meet it growing in a compact clump. As is true of every plant family, the flower of the legume is the index of the species.



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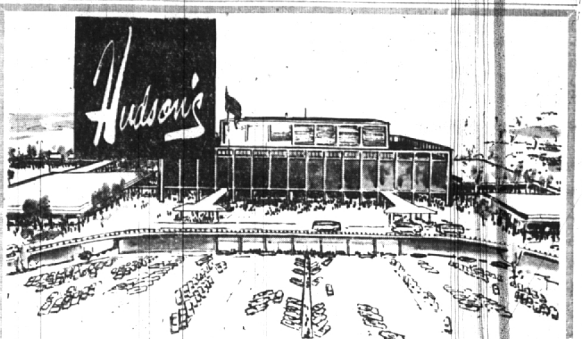
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