



A Stitch in Time

With hemlines varying as they do these days, it's always wise to check twice. Linda Jackson, 26296 Franklin Court, Franklin, offers advice as (from left) Carol Dillman, 3257 Parkland Drive, has her hem checked by Colleen Publ, 3221 Parkland, both of Bir-

mingham. The girls have completed a clothing and personal improvement section in 4-11, and will have a poster on display in a 4-H fair in Pontiac, which will begin Tuesday and run through next Saturday.

Need to Try New Products

Consumers have the final sayouts are offered each year and about new foods, says Marketing those which consumers buy stay on the shelves. The others are removed. Several hundred new food prod-

ucts are really new forms or new methods of packaging the basic food commodities, she said. Only about 10 per cent of the new products offered annually are really new.

How each shopper evaluates a new food product will vary with individual family situations. Money available, time needed for cooking, family preferences or tastes, knowledge of cooking and nutrition influence whether you select a new product in place of one you usually buy. Convenience and time-saving features may outweigh economy.

HOW CAN YOU compare a new food product with one you usually buy? Check the cost per serving, time of preparation, convenience of preparation, quality and flavor, nutritive value, and whether it pleases the family.

Be open-minded, buy and try new food products; give them a fair trial. Otherwise, new food products will be removed from the store and you will never know whether they would have been accepted by your family.

Simply spin your dial to Midwest 1-1100 and a professionally-trained advisor will help you prepare your message.

Plump Purple Plums Make Tasty Tea Ring

The fresh purple plums which come into our markets at this time of year are so good eaten out of hand for pleasant snacking, out of dish with cream and sugar or a drizzle of honey, out of oven in such marvelous pies and other desserts.

But the season is so short that it is a good idea to stow away some on your canning shelves and in your freezer to enjoy later in ways such as the fruit cooked in heavy syrup or as

Purple Plum Tea Ring (use fresh or home-frozen plums)

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| Dough: | 2 cups sifted enriched flour | 2 tablespoons granulated sugar |
| 4 teaspoons baking powder | 4 tablespoons shortening | 1 egg, well-beaten |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1/2 cup milk, about | |
| Filling: | 2 to 3 tablespoons butter | 2 teaspoons cinnamon |
| 1/2 cup granulated sugar | 1 and 1/4 cups cut Idaho purple plums | sprinkling of chopped walnuts |

Cut shortening into sifted dry ingredients to size of rice grains. Carefully stir in combined beaten egg and milk. This should make a dough easily handled. Add a bit more milk if necessary.

Turn out on floured cloth. Knead slightly until smooth. Roll dough into oblong shape, about 1/2-inch thick. Spread with softened butter, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon, dusting of chopped walnuts. Over all sprinkle purple plums cut in pieces size of large peas.

Carefully roll up for jelly roll, sealing the outer edge with a little milk. Then place sealed-edge-down in ring on lightly-greased cookie sheet. Pinch moistened ends together.

With scissors dipped in flour and held on the bias, make cuts two-thirds of the way through the ring at two-inch spacings. Turn each section on its side by pulling points out and down against the cookie sheet.

Bake in a 400 degree F. (moderately hot) oven about 30 minutes. Careful slip hot ring onto a warm chop plate. Brush with melted butter or spread with quick white icing made by sifting a little powdered sugar into a bowl, moistened with cream or milk to spreading consistency; add a bit of vanilla. Best served hot for breakfast or dessert.

Are You Short of Room In Small Linen Closet?

"I don't have enough room in my linen closet" is a cry heard in many modern homes across the country.

Compact homes have compact linen closets and considerable ingenuity is called for in making the most of this and other linen closet space.

You can solve this storage problem by making a chart that shows on which shelves your linen closet items are to go and post it on the closet door. It will help you organize your closet better and show your children how to help keep it organized.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS for getting maximum convenience from your linen closet:

- **Bottom shelf**—A good place for disposable paper products like facial tissues, paper towels and bathroom tissue. You can save storage space by taking advantage of new compact package designs.
- **Second shelf**—Fresh bath towels and washcloths are frequently used and should be placed on this shelf. Stack with the folded edges out so even the youngest member of the family can select one at a time without upsetting the whole arrangement.
- **Third shelf**—Here is the best spot for sheets, pillow cases and mattress covers. As they are folded, the hems should be exposed so a hasty glance shows their size.
- **Top shelf**—Good for bath mats, blankets and small rugs. You may want to keep a sickroom kit here also with a hot water bottle, first aid kit and an ice bag.

NOW THAT you have a master plan, you can begin to reorganize your closet. Begin by emptying all the shelves and lining them. It will

make cleaning the shelves easier, and shelf papers come in many designs and colors to complement any bathroom decor.

You can see that the easiest way to make the most of your linen closet is to think about what you want to put in first, then fit everything in with the organization and the care you give to packing a suitcase.

Make Your Own Frozen Dinners

Want to experiment in making your own frozen dinners?

According to dietitians at the University of Michigan medical center, it is easy, a great time-saver, and remarkably economical on the family budget.

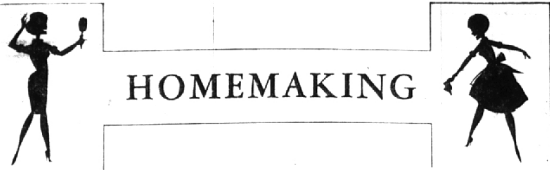
When you are cooking one of the family's favorite meals, says the food specialists, add extra potatoes, vegetables and meat so you'll be sure to have several more servings than you need.

Arrange these extra servings in divided aluminum pans, seal tightly with foil and freeze quickly for future use.

Simply reheat, add a salad and beverage, and you're set to surprise your family some summer evening with one of their favorite "hot meals."

Economists report that living costs will rise a bit more as pressure on prices continue to build up during the last half of this year.

Best food buys this weekend should be summer vegetables, tomatoes (still in over-supply) and milk and dairy products.



HOMEMAKING

Furs Underscore Individuality

Emphasis on the "soft" in furs is the keynote of the 1962 collections. More elegant than ever, Fall's furs stress the individuality of the wearer and her personality as no furs have in recent years. Diminished in importance is the mink stole uniform, the "regulation" coat and cape.

"In" is the new sports-wear luxury look as projected in mink car-cots and trenchcoats, in rays and infinitely chic Zouai leopard and jaguar, in opium and fisher for sport and evening wear, in new

directions in mink and other precious furs.

LOOK ADVOCATES of the individual approach to fashion (and opponents of the school that makes every woman conform to a pattern) view this affirmation of their credo with delight.

"We," one of them explained, "have always believed that there is enough ingenuity around to give every woman her fur."

"Size, coloring, outlook, personality and activity all dictate which fur will suit a woman best. The recognition of this fact is the best thing that could have happened to both the fur couturier and his customer."

COATS ARE shaped rather than closely fitted and herald the a surge of elegance while providing a wider choice for individual

many ways.

Here's what to look for in 1962 Silhouettes:

- Skirted, not fitted, just skimming the body, gently flaring as it goes.
- Contrast of color and texture, one fur framing and outlining the other.
- A "hottle-neck" look with wider sleeve and a wider base.
- The fur suit in broadfall, nutria, mink, spotted cat and Lakota in a marvelous range of silhouettes to give the widest range to a woman's personal expression.
- The wrap is very chic and popular. It's done in many furs, recalling the 1910-1918 era.
- Capes in all lengths from the short, boater, hip, thumb, to the long.
- Exotic influence, as shown in a deep-sleeved kimono look.
- Muffled necklines for a covered-tact and personality than in many up look.



Hardwood Makes Best Charcoal

The season for cooking outdoors can be carbonized. Wood is carbonized in airtight retort ovens to reduce the oxygen content so the wood will not burn rapidly and to draw off the chemical by-products.

There are different types of charcoal, but that made from hardwood is the best quality according to Mrs. Josephine Lawyer, county extension service marketing agent.

Michigan produces about three-fourths of the nation's hardwood charcoal supply. It is produced in seven and the larger lumps are the Upper Peninsula, Maple, birch, lugged. The smaller lumps are beech, oak and elm are used, and then put through a grinding operation, mixed with a binder and compressed into a dense pillow-shaped pellet called briquets.

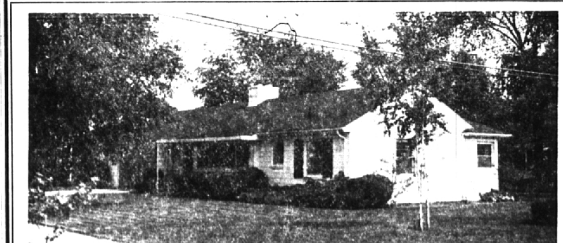
It takes about sixty pounds of wood to produce ten pounds of charcoal. Briquets give a lasting, intense coal. Much of the natural moisture must be removed before the wood for barbecuing.

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