

# Tempting Dish A Raisin Cake Spanish-Style

A combination of ingredients to tempt anyone's taste buds, moist Raisin Cake, rich with butter, brown sugar and nutmeats, is a delicious addition to any meal.

Of Spanish origin, "Torta de Pasa" will be a featured dessert at The Community House (Rates and Townsend in Birmingham) prefilm dinner, Friday and Saturday. The Travel Film Series will present "The French, Spanish and Italian Rivers" with Birmingham's Frank McGinnis narrating this color film.

**TORTA DE PASA**  
1 tbsp. cornstarch  
1/2 cup water  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 1/2 cups seedless raisins  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
1 pound butter  
1/2 cup dark brown sugar  
2 eggs, well beaten  
2 cups sifted flour  
1 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar  
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 cup milk  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Mix the cornstarch and water in a saucepan until smooth. Add 1/2 cup of the sugar and cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thick, about five minutes. Add the raisins and nuts. Mix lightly and set aside while preparing the batter.

Cream the butter, add the brown sugar and the remaining white sugar, creaming until light and fluffy. Add the eggs beating well.

Sift the flour, cream of tartar and baking soda together and add alternately with the milk. Add vanilla. Mix well.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Pour half the batter into a buttered eight-inch square pan. Spread the raisin mixture over it and cover with the remaining batter.

Bake in a 375-degree oven for 25 minutes or until a cake tester comes out clean. Cool, then turn out of the pan. Cut in squares and top with whipped cream.



## HOMEMAKING



### RECIPES FROM HOSTESSES

# Special-Occasion Menus Offered in Series' Latest

THOUGHTS FOR FESTIVE FOODS  
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Reviewed by  
**MARGORIE RASMUSSEN**

The hostess who likes to entertain guests for meals in her home will find "Thoughts for Festive Foods" a delightful source of new menu ideas.

Abundantly filled with tested menus and recipes, it is a cookbook for the hostess who takes pride in the tradition of fine dining.

This recently published cookbook may seem like an old friend to fans of its companions, "Thoughts for Food" and "Thoughts for Buffets," planned by the same group of Chicago hostesses.

**SEVEN CHAPTERS** are devoted to 150 different menus, many interchangeable. There are menus for Christmas, Easter, Passover, Thanksgiving and the other holidays associated with traditional foods.

To suit dozens of other occasions there are others like Skating on Sunday Branch, Formal Wedding Breakfast, Cheers for Fifty Years Dinner, Garden Walk Tea, One-Man Show Cocktail Party, Curling We Must Go Stag Supper, Summer Stuck Buffet Party and Family Fare Sunday Dinner.

It is a well-organized book. Directions are clear, and menus are



easy to locate in two different lists. In the first list, following the table of contents, menus are grouped to suit events of similar nature.

**HOLIDAY MENUS** are listed first, followed by a section called Through the Years which covers festive family occasions from a christening luncheon through a silver anniversary dinner. Menus for serving weekend guests are grouped together in a Special Events section, and so on.

In a second list menus are classified as to type: that is, breakfasts, brunches, buffets, luncheons, teas, cocktail parties, dinners and suppers.

Noteworthy dishes comprise the menus. Herbs, spices, wines and liqueurs play an important role in these special recipes, created to

tempt the eye and please the palate of those who enjoy sampling the cuisine of many ethnic groups.

**BEEF WELLINGTON**, Chateaubriand Foie Gras, Cannelloni, Noodles Warsaw, Viennese Kaiserschmarrn, Cinghino, Fisherman's Wharf, Teahouse Kipfel, Axcheleno Soup and Karidopita are a few examples from this cosmopolitan collection which also includes many recipes for all-American dishes.

For each festive event, a complete menu is listed first along with a suggested wine. Next come an advance preparation schedule which lists dishes in the menu that may be prepared and frozen, those that may be made the previous day, and those that should be prepared the day of the party.

Then the recipes for the menu are given in an easy to follow style.

**HINTS TO Help-Less Housewives**, the book's last chapter, is a treasury of varied information basic to the successful hostess-cook. It contains food hints, a list for the planned party, instructions for making garnishes, a glossary of terms used in the recipes, serving ideas, table decor ideas, measurements and weights, suggestions for pots, pans and gadgets and recipes adaptable for leftovers.

This cookbook, which emphasizes the importance of fine food to good living, will please the hostess of discriminating taste.

### DOWN TO EARTH

# Let's Have Birmingham Birds The Country's Best-Fed!

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME  
Special Writer

Many residents of our area went to Columbus to watch the special train from Plymouth to watch the University of Michigan team gain the invitation to play in the Rose Bowl for the New Year's football game.

It was amusing to see the artificial roses pop up in the Michigan routers area in the fourth quarter as success seemed assured for the football team from Ann Arbor. Those artificial roses looked good.

Your "Down to Earth" columnist will be going to Los Angeles a few days early to see the floats constructed for the famous Rose Bowl Parade. This experience was enjoyed many years ago and provided as much of a thrill as the actual parade itself.

The troops of Boy Scouts would be brought in to work on their float around the clock for the last 48 hours before parade time. They were only allowed to stay three hours because if they stayed longer they began to wrestle.

Thousands and thousands of mums are grown in the fields to be just right in fall flower that day. Black cloths are supported on wires to control the degree of maturation by the use of daylight. Planes are on a fast schedule bringing in exotic blooms from Hawaii. The total picture is a real thrill for flower lovers.

Getting back to Birmingham, don't forget to keep feeding those birds. If you want some fun—secure a large pine cone and smear it with peanut butter which has had some bird seed stirred in it (to prevent the gooey peanut butter from choking the tiny birds) and hang this frozen cone outside a window.

A STRING of old apples hanging from a branch will provide good food, too.

You can save your bird feed bills by including crushed egg shells which the birds like to pick on a soap bone and especially enjoy a lamb lock. They like large pieces of fat, too, so when you go to a restaurant all of you can ask the waitress, "May I have pieces of fat for my birds?" You will provide competition for the dig owners. Let's have the Birmingham birds the best-fed in the country.

YOU CAN SEE that I am looking forward to good gardening in 1965 because well-fed birds during this winter will come back to eat our insects in the spring. The birds which like meat scraps are in the

same category as the ones who eat insects and grubs.

Feeding birds keeps you as busy as caring for a greenhouse. Yellow marigolds, geraniums, petunias and begonias always provide a rewarding view from the typewriter to the greenhouse.

Many stores have been selling tulip bulbs at a giveaway price, and you can still enjoy them to the fullest in the spring if you plant them, using a shovel, digging a hole around 10 inches deep and placing the bulbs at least eight feet apart.

Remember, clumps are more attractive than strings of bulbs planted in a garden.

This is a good time to have a bushel basket of sand in your garage to sprinkle on the sidewalks to prevent slipping. Salt will spoil the walking area will affect the grass or shrubs.

CONDUCTED BY George V. Cripps and Felix Resnik, the Christmas portion of the oratorios will be performed in its entirety including the chorals "And the Glory of The Lord Shall Be Revealed" and "For Unto Us A Child Is Born" as well as the famous aria "Comfort Ye My People," "Thus Saith The Lord of Hosts," "Rejoice Greatly" and "He Shall Feed His Flock."

Cripps is associate professor of music and director of the Oakland Chorus, and Resnik is conductor of the Pontiac Symphony.

A feature of the performance will be the use of a harpsichord in the accompaniment. Cleo Henry, assistant instructor in music at Oakland, will be the harpsichordist. Her wife, Diana Henry, will be soprano soloist while the other solo parts will be sung by Alice Engram, contralto, and J. Duncan Sells, bass, both of the Oakland faculty; and John Wilkinson, tenor, of Pontiac. Robertal accompanist is Delmar Hetherington.

The concert is under the joint sponsorship of the Oakland University Community Arts Council and the on-campus concert lecture series. Tickets will be available at the door.

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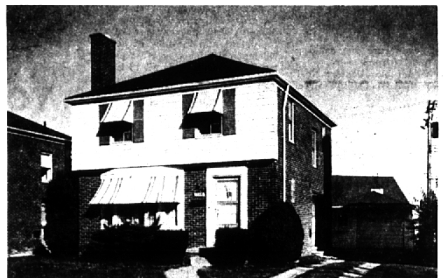
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