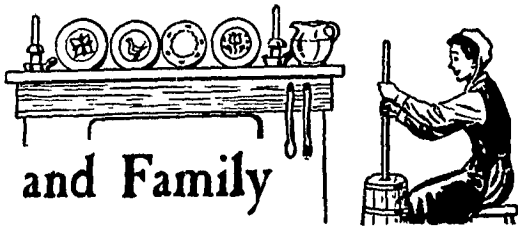
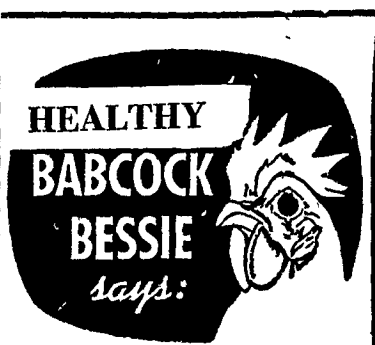


## For the Farm Wife and Family



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- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon soda, scant
- 2 tablespoons butter and lard
- 1 cup thick milk



### Reasons Why Laying Pullets Pick.

No 2 Laying pullets are in a constant state of pregnancy and since they are developing eggs daily they have cravings for various types of foods and also have quite a craving for salt. Your feed has to have just exactly the right amount of salt in it, not too much and not too little. Overfeeding on scratch grain will reduce the amount of salt. Your pullets get to the point where they will pick one another to satisfy this urge. Also feeding too high a proportion of scratch grain cuts down the protein and other vitamins they crave which frequently will get them to picking feathers and even flesh on other pullets.

Therefore, we suggest that you not feed layers more than 10 lbs of scratch grain per hundred birds per day for White Leghorn and at the very most do not feed over 12 lbs. per hundred birds per day in the cold weather to heavily laying birds. Reduce scratch grain in warm weather.

Feed a top quality laying ration that is finely ground so that the birds cannot sort out coarse particles in the mash. Provide plenty of space for birds to eat and at least 3 sq ft of floor space per bird. Pullets that are overcrowded in the laying house get awfully sick of looking at one another and may start picking just on general principles. Scratch grain should be fed in the litter in all parts of the pen to provide exercise and give every bird an even chance at the feed. This allows each pullet to get enough and none to get too much.

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Mix together all dry ingredients. Mix the shortening and milk in the dry ingredients like pie dough. The dough is very stiff.

A little while back we gave you a hint as to how to make a chocolate cake red; here is a recipe to give it a try.

### CHOCOLATE CAKE

Mrs. Norman V. Getz,  
R3 Manheim

- Two cups light brown sugar
- One-half cup lard and butter
- One cup thick milk or butter-milk
- One-half cup cocoa and one-half cup hot water — mix into a paste
- One teaspoon soda
- Two teaspoons baking powder
- Three eggs unbeaten
- One tablespoon vanilla
- Two and one-half cups all purpose flour

We have some pie recipes to finish up with today. This one is for.

### COCONUT BREADCRUMB PIE

- One cup molasses
- One cup brown sugar
- Two round tablespoons flour
- Two eggs
- Five cups sweet or thick milk
- Two cups white bread crumbs
- One scant teaspoon soda
- Coconut to taste

Mix first four ingredients together with egg beater and about one cup of the milk. Then add the other ingredients. Good with or without coconut. Mix and bake brown in pie crusts. Gives three pies.

We've had main dishes and desserts for you today. Add a vegetable or two and you have your meal. Be back next Friday.

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### Garden Hint:

## Soap Operas In Garden Patch Chases Birds

Mrs. Henry Brubaker, R1 Mt. Joy, offers a suggestion and poses a problem in a letter she writes.

Dear Sirs: I have a suggestion and a request for an answer. It is early to be sharing this secret, but as I study our seed catalogs, I think I will send it along.

Does anyone have trouble keeping the birds out of their pea patches? I am sure that we all know what it means to have a nice patch of peas just about ready to harvest and lose them to a flock of "nasty starlings."

Save that old radio that you are just about ready to junk or buy one someone else has junked. Be consistent in keeping it "blaring" away from dawn to dark right out in the patch.

Maybe you will have peas for your freezer. At least I did last year — best crop I had for seven years.

I was wondering if anyone could tell me how to restore old sleigh bells? We have a lovely string, but the leather is hard, old and cracked. The bells are tarnished.

Is there any way to restore the bells and any new ideas as how to use them or have them rebuilt on a new foundation?

We would never use them again on horses and it seems to me there should be a way to enjoy them in our home.

## Farm Women 2 To Cut Cancer Pads

Farm Women 2 will cut cancer pads at the home of Mrs. Clarence Boll Thursday and will sew at Lancaster General Hospital Feb. 28.

The society met Feb 9 at the home of Mrs. Henry Hess, R3 Manheim. The women donated funds to Children's Heart Haven and canned goods to the Crispus Attucks Center.

## Farm Women 16 Change Meeting Date

The meeting scheduled for Feb 12 by Farm Women Society 16 has been changed to Feb. 19.

## Ready to Cook Poultry Gaining In Popularity

Of the 43 billion pounds of poultry slaughtered in 1955 in commercial plants, about 88 per cent was turned out in ready-to-cook form, a study by the U. S. Department of Agriculture shows. Trends indicate that this proportion will grow until practically all commercially slaughtered poultry will be ready to cook, the researchers concluded.

Slightly more than a third of the poultry was slaughtered under Department of Agriculture inspection, USDA reported. A little less than a third of poultry slaughtered was sold in frozen form. During the last 10 years, there has been a rapid increase in the proportion of ready-to-cook poultry that is frozen, but a continuation of this trend is doubtful, the Department said. The quantity frozen seems to have leveled off in the last four years.

Reasons why freezing of poultry may not increase as rapidly as in the past were cited as follows:

First: Development of the fryer-type turkey has reduced the need for freezing;

Second: antibiotics have been developed that lengthen the shelf life of poultry;

Third: highly integrated chain-store systems speed the distribution of the fresh, iced product and reduce the need for freezing;

Fourth: improvements in processing and transportation have speeded up the marketing process.

## Farm Women's Society News

### Farm Women 17 To Hold Quilting

The sunshine committee of Farm Women 17 reported one card, one basket of fruit, and cookies sent to Valley Forge Veterans Hospital at a meeting of the Society, Feb. 7 at the home of Mrs. Charles Myers, Buck.

Other business included a vote to donate \$5 to Crispus Attucks and to Heart Haven.

Mrs. Carl Johnson and Mrs. Sam Wenger reported on the Farm-Women State Convention held during the Farm Show in Harrisburg.

Devotions were in charge of the hostess who read the 46th Psalm. Roll call was answered with original 4-line valentines composed by the members.

Music for the program was provided by Mrs. Everett Kreider and Mrs. Wenger. Mrs. William

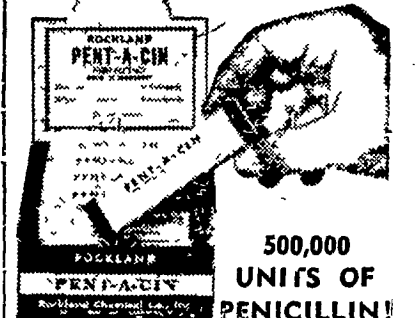
Bucher gave a book review. Refreshments were served to the group by the co-hostesses Mrs. Wenger and Mrs. Ernest Shaub.

The next meeting will be an all-day quilting at the home of Mrs. Wilbur P. Pollack. A covered-dish dinner will be served at noon.

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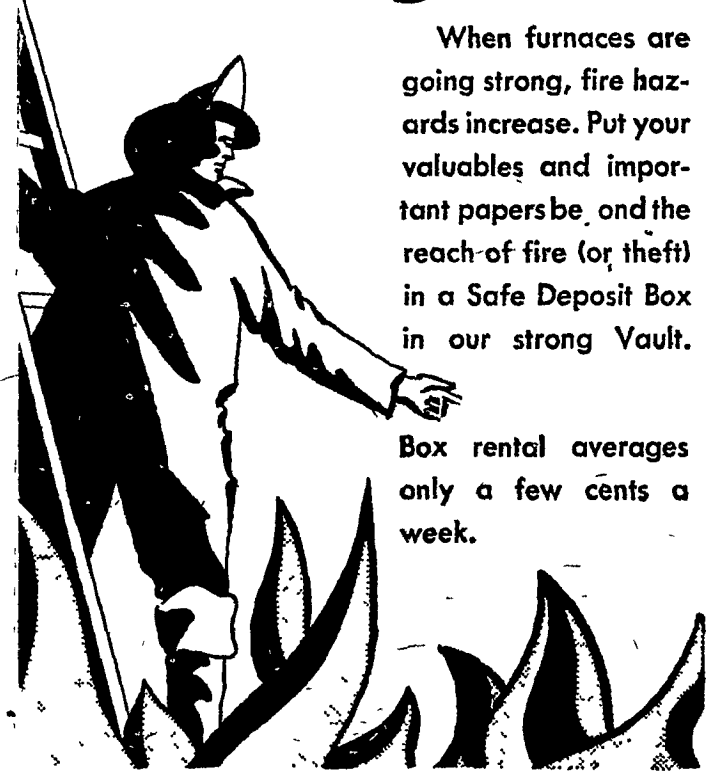
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