

Here's a Pleasant Way to Surprise Mother Next Sunday Morning

On Mother's Day morning, surprise Mother with breakfast in bed. Or if she prefers to get up first, she'll enjoy coming down to a pretty table with breakfast all ready to eat.

Miss Ruth Kimble, extension home economist, Lancaster County suggests keeping it simple. Start with a half grapefruit served with a fresh strawberry or large maraschino cherry in the center. If she likes juice, you might combine two of her favorite juices, such as

grapefruit and tangerine or orange and pineapple.

Cereal, eggs, pancakes, or French toast might be the next course. If you decide to serve eggs you might fry bacon, ham, or sausage first, starting in a cold skillet. When meat is done, put it on a paper napkin or paper towel to absorb the excess fat. Then drain the rest of the fat in the skillet into a cup or can. Leave only a little to keep the eggs from sticking.

Eggs are best when cooked slowly over low heat. Too much heat or over-cooking makes them dry and tough.

Scrambled eggs are creamiest when you beat them in a bowl first with one tablespoon of milk per egg and a sprinkle of salt and pepper. A little chopped or dried parsley adds flavor and they'll take five to eight minutes. Turn scrambled eggs with a spoon or spatula as they cook.

Cinnamon toast is easy to make. Toast bread on one side in the broiler. Butter other side, and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Return to broiler to brown for only a few seconds.

Be sure the coffee is piping hot. Medium-strength coffee requires two tablespoons to the cup. In the percolator, cook until coffee has "perked" five to 10 minutes. If you use a drip coffeemaker, coffee is done when all the water has dripped down to the bottom section.

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Farm Fire Loss \$145 Million During 1956

Fire cost the nation's farmers an estimated \$145 million in 1956 — somewhat under the all-time high of the year before, but equalled by only two other years in farm-fire annals, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today.

Last year's fire toll on farms was the same as for 1951 and 1952 making it a three-way tie for the second highest loss year on record. Almost a billion-and-a-half dollars worth of farm property has gone up in flames the past 10 years, according to economists in USDA's Agricultural Research Service who make estimates of farm-fire loss.

But this dollar figure represents only a portion of the total economic loss. It does not include loss of potential income due to deaths and injuries caused by fire nor does it include such losses as medical expenses or production delays. Farm fires each year take the lives of some 3,500 rural residents and injure another 300,000 USDA reports.

Farm-fire loss during the past decade reached its peak in 1955, when it rose to \$148 million. The lowest loss figure during the period was \$125 million in 1947. As late as 1940, annual fire loss was as low as \$64 million.

The figures represent fire and lightning losses on buildings, implements and machinery, live-

New Bulletin to Food Industry Describes Action of Civil Defense

The Department of Agriculture announced today that it is distributing to the food industry practical suggestions for assuring continued operation of commercial food facilities in the event of enemy attack.

The Department's suggestion's set forth in "Defense Guides for Commercial Food Facilities," (Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 169) covers such points as the microfilming and safe storage of special processes and patents, plant dispersal, recruitment of workers, fire protection, maintenance of communications, and protection against sabotage.

In commenting upon the new publication Department officials pointed out that under any conditions this country might face, continued food production is a "must." The commercial food industry realizes this. Many firms already have taken steps to insure continuity of production under attack conditions, and to them the guidebook will be a convenient check list. The publication, however, will be of most value to the

establishments that have not yet undertaken comprehensive defense planning.

The guidebook, intended to complement established State, county, and community civil defense activities, was developed after extensive consultation with the food industry. Nearly 50,000 copies of the new publication are being mailed to national food trade associations, which will make distribution to their members.

Two Department agencies in Washington are focal points for mobilization planning in the field of agriculture. They are the Food and Materials Requirements Division of the Commodity Stabilization Service and the Special Services Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

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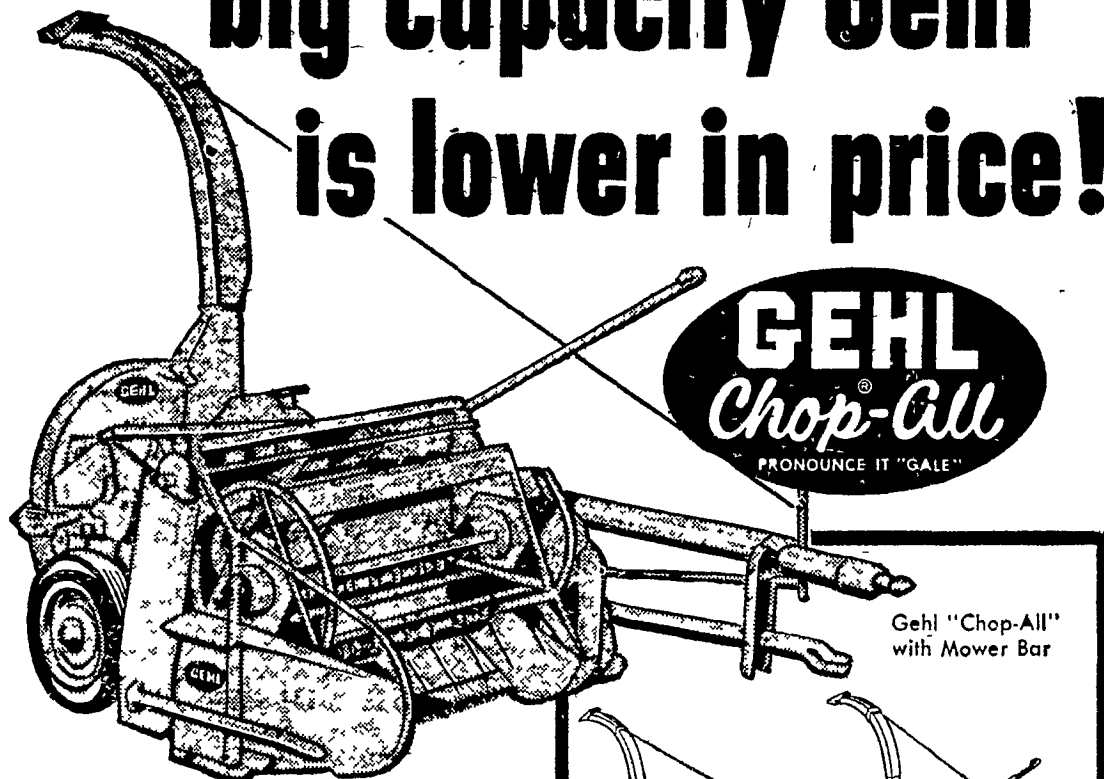
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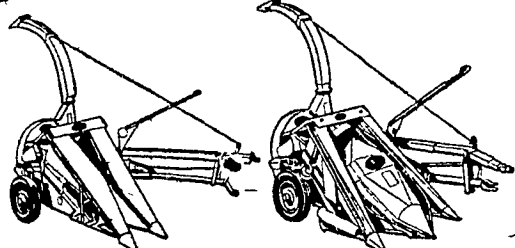
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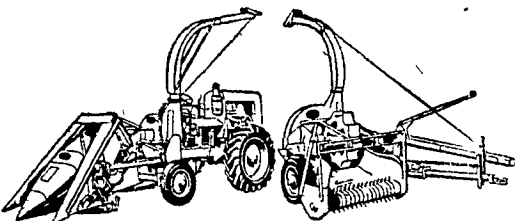
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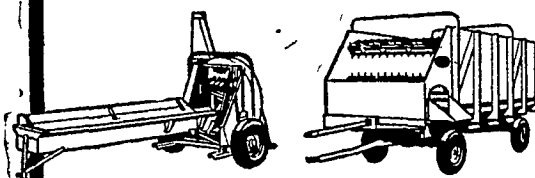
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