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medium onion. Freeze dried chives are another choice in the onion family. They add color as well as flavor and they're a lot easier to store than the flower pot of chives on the window sill!

ONIONS IN MUSHROOM SAUCE

- 1 1/2 pounds small yellow onions
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup

Parsley

Peel and quarter onions; leave very small onions whole. Simmer onions in salted water 15 to 20 minutes, or until just tender. Drain. Add undiluted soup and simmer 10 to 15 minutes longer. Garnish with parsley before serving. 6 servings.

GLAZED ONIONS

- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 3 cups peeled whole white onions

In a skillet, combine water, brown sugar and margarine. Heat until sugar and margarine have melted. Add drained

COLLECT WEEDS AND FLOWERS FOR DRY ARRANGEMENTS

Now is the time to collect flowers and weeds for dry winter arrangements, says a University of Maryland horticulturist.

Since most of the plant parts have not dried thoroughly, explains Francis R. Gouin, it will be necessary to finish drying them before you put them in arrangements.

Tie the base of a loose bundle of plants together with a soft string and hang upside down in a cool, dry room away from direct sunlight. Make each bundle as small as possible so that air can circulate freely and dry the plants uniformly.

By hanging the plants upside down you keep the flowers from getting mashed together and drying unevenly.

High temperatures will cause discoloration of flowers and leaves, and direct sunlight will cause bleaching. Room temperatures should not go above 65 degrees F. while the plants are drying. High humidity will slow drying and encourage bacterial and fungus growth.

onions and simmer, stirring occasionally, until golden brown 4 servings.

EVERGREEN PRUNING FOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Trees and shrubs growing in your own backyard can be used for festive holiday decorations.

To keep the branches soft and fresh for use in decorating, Francis R. Gouin, University of Maryland horticulturist advises that you cut branches only when you are ready to use them. After cutting, the branches should be sprinkled with water and covered with moistened burlap.

Avoid damaging the appearance of the plant; do not make heavy cuts. When pruning, cuts should also be made above a good strong branch — slanting the pruning shears away from you on the plant stem to hide the cut.

HOME CARE OF POINSETTIA

Enjoy your poinsettia this Christmas — it won't be around for you to enjoy next year.

To keep your poinsettia as long as possible, Francis R. Gouin, University of Maryland horticulturist offers helpful hints.

Since the poinsettia requires large amounts of water, he suggests that you check the soil daily. Water the plant until water drips from the bottom of the container.

When not in use for decoration, your poinsettia should be placed in a well-lighted window facing south or southwest where the temperature is 70 to 75 degrees.

I find it difficult, even impossible, to sit and deliberately think.

Ladies, Have You Heard? . . .

By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist



Choose Cheese For Economy Meals

Cheese is economical, nutritious, tasty, and makes an excellent main dish

Cheeses are available in varied flavors, textures, and consistencies which makes them suitable for use in desserts, appetizers, main dishes, or snacks.

Cut off only as much cheese as you need and store the rest in tightly wrapped paper or a clean cloth.

Use cheese promptly before it dries out. You can grate dried out cheese and use in many different ways.

If cheese molds, cut off the moldy portions and the rest is usable.

Fresh or soft cheeses, such as cottage or cream, are best if eaten within a few days.

Cook cheese slowly. Keep the heat low to allow cheese to melt completely and spread through the whole dish. Fast cooking makes cheese tough and stringy.

Speed up melting and blending by slicing the cheese into small pieces or grating it before heating. If possible, mix the cheese into a sauce before you add it to other ingredients.

Serve cheese at room temperature for the best flavor.

Tips On Freezing Wild Game Kill

Good wrapping material and proper preparation of game helps it retain its natural flavor.

Packaging material should be moisture-vapor-proof.

Heavy-duty aluminum foil is a good choice of wrapping for game.

Mold the foil closely around the product after you have dressed and cleaned the game.

Protect the foil from being punctured by slipping the wrapped meat into a plastic bag.

Well-wrapped game birds and venison will keep satisfactorily for six to nine months if stored at Zero degrees or lower.

Pennsylvania laws state that game may be kept frozen until July 1 of the year immediately following the past hunting season.

For You To Know

Let your clothes air whenever possible to help revive their shape. Check for pieces of fluff between seams, in pockets, and cuffs of winter clothes that



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You haven't worn for a while. Give these areas a thorough brushing to prevent possible breeding areas for moths

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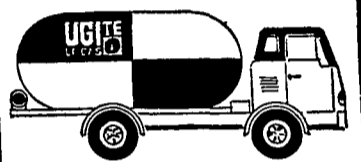
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