At Shirk's

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years. She filled the office of Pomona in Fulton Grange for two years and served as chairman of the youth committee one year. Sylvia, engaged to Bill May of Annville, expects to be married in the near future and will reside in Palmyra.

All the Shirk children were in 4-H clubs and received many trophies. Herman took them to the meetings and helped with the clubs. Gladys was in the capon. strawberry, sewing and cooking clubs. Glenn was in the dairy and poultry clubs. He also was in charge of the Dairy Exposition at Penn State and received a trophy for that. Dale was in the dairy club. Sylvia was in the dairy, cooking and sewing clubs.

Herman has served as chairman of the Grains and Vegetables Department of the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair for several years. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and has served as membership chairman, was director several years and was on the legislative committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirk have been members of the Friendly Farmers Club for about 15 years. They meet monthly with dinner meetings, mostly in the homes of members. He is a past president and Mrs. Shirk has served as secretary several times.

Mrs. Shirk has been a member

of Farm Women Society 11 for about 15 years. She was on the program book committee last year

One doesn't have to be at the Shirk home long to observe that Verna loves flowers and has a green thumb growing them. Her many house plants include geraniums, fuchsias, impatiens, begonias, coleus, caladium and rubber plants to mention a few.

Her lawn is a profusion of bloom from early spring till late fall with all her crocus, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, lily of the valley, iris, oriental poppies, peonies, forsythia, lilacs, hydrangeas, white dogwood, dahlias, petunias, geraniumms. impatiens, marigolds, sweet allysum and portulacas.

Shirks have quite a few pieces of antique furniture which are family heirlooms from the Stauffer and Shirk families. Some of the highly prized ones are a bird cage tilt top table, a platform rocker and dining chairs which were Mrs. Shirk's great-grandmother's and must be 125 to 150 years old. A child's rocker which belonged to Herman's great-grandmother is over 100 years old.

Mrs. Shirk enjoys traveling but hasn't had time to do much since in the vacation guest business. In 1969 she and her sister went on a WGSA radio tour that went to Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Holland. She especially enjoyed Mt. Pilatus in Switzerland and their visit to the Pfaltz area of south central Germany where her ancestors

came from.

Mrs. Shirk has done quite a bit of fancy work in the past. She embroidered bedspreads and other things and crocheted doilies and covers.

Verna says "Cooking is my hobby." She enjoys sitting down in the evenings and going through the magazines looking for recipes. She has a collection of 50 or more cookbooks, including french cookbooks, and many loose recipe clippings. Here are some of the favorite recipes of her guests.

Strawberry Pie

1 quart berries, hulled Simmer together about 3 minutes:

1 cup strawberries

2-3 cup water Blend and add to above mixture:

1 cup sugar

3 tablespoons cornstarch 1-3 cup water.

Boil one minute, stirring constantly. Cool. If desired, spread a little cream cheese over bottom of baked pie shell. Save out about 1/2 cup choice berries. Put balance of berries in baked pie shell. Cover with cooked mixture, and garnish with 1/2 cup berries.

Graham Cracker Delight

2 cups graham cracker crumbs (Save ½ cup for topping). Melt 1/2 cup butter or margarine, mix with crumbs, and press in bottom of long cake pan.

Mix together: 1 cup sugar

4 cups milk

4 egg yolks

4 tablespoons cornstarch

Bring to boil, stirring constantly till it thickens. Remove from stove, and add 1 large package of lemon jello to hot mixture. Cool. When cold, fold in 4 beaten egg whites, 1 package of

Lucky Whip and 1 can of drained crushed pineapple. Sprinkle remaining crumbs on top, and optional. Store nuts refrigerator.

Rhubarb Sauce

4 cups of rhubarb pieces Add 2 cups hot water and bring to boil

Add:

mix.

1 cup sugar

½ teaspoon salt 4 tablespoons tapioca

Simmer about 15 minutes. Add juice and rind of 1/2 orange, or 2 tablespoons nectar beverage

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Pumpkin Bread

3 cups sugar

1 cup cooking oil 4 eggs

Beat together hard about 2 minutes. Sift together the following dry ingredients:

1 teaspoon nutmeg

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1½ teaspoons salt

3 cups flour

2 teaspoons soda Add alternately with:

1 cup pumpkin

2-3 cup water

Mix and beat together about 2 minutes. Can add finely chopped nuts if desired. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

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Cracker Pudding 4 cups milk, heated

2 eggs separated. Mix yolks with 2-3 cup sugar. Pour a little hot milk into egg mixture. Return to boiler.

Add:

2 cups coarse cracker crumbs

1 cup coconut

Stir until crumbs are soft and pudding thickens. Stir in: 1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat the 2 egg whites till stiff

with a pinch of cream of tartar and ½ cup sugar. Fold the hot mixture into the egg whites. Cool

Escalloped Tomatoes

Saute 1/2 cup celery and 1/4 cup onion in 3 tablespoons butter or margarine. In large bowl mix 2 tablespoons flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, pepper, 3 slices bread broken into cubes, and 1 quart of stewed tomatoes (including juice). Add the sauteed celery and onions. Bake about 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove from oven and add 1/4 cup grated cheese and crumbs. Bake a little longer, or until syrupy.

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Sausage and Squash

1½ or 2 pounds sausage (bulk) Fry in electric skillet. Remove most of the fat. Add: ½ cup chopped oinon 11/2 cups chopped celery

Cook covered till soft. Add: 6 cups cubed frozen squash

Simmer about 30 minutes with vent open. Season to taste.

Prior to serving, add 1/2 to 3/4 cup grated cheese.

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Asparagus Casserole 2 packs asparagus, cooked and

drained 1 can mushroom soup

3 hard boiled eggs, cut up Salt and pepper Grated cheese and dried bread

crumbs on top Dot with butter. Place in

casserole in order given. Bake 1/2 hr. at 350 degrees.

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Strawberry Nut Salad 2 3-oz. packs strawberry jello

14 cups boiling water

2 packs frozen strawberries

1 1-lb. 4-oz. can crushed pineapple 3 medium bananas, cut fine

1 cup chopped nuts

1 package Lucky Whip

Make jello, then fold in all at once with juices. Add Lucky Whip prior to serving.

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Apple Cake

½ cup cooked raisins cooked soft in just enough water that all evaporates in cooking.

4 cups thinly sliced apples

2 cups granulated sugar

½ cup vegetable oil

2 eggs beaten

2 teaspoons vanilla

2 cups flour 1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon soda

2 teaspoons cinnamon

½ cup coconut cup cooked raisins (above

raisins, cooling as you mix other ingredients)

½ cup nuts, optional Put apples in bowl first, add rest of ingredients and beat with

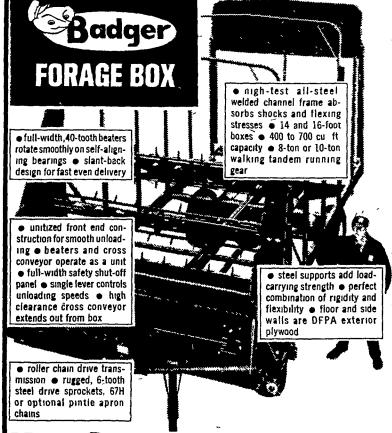
spoon. Bake at 350 degrees 40-45 minutes. Bake in long pan. No

Fix-It Tip

A house perfectly safe for adults is suddenly filled with hazards for children. While all paints are washable, some are more washable than others, so pick paints that are reasonably impervious to fingerprints. crayons and watercolors.

Where there are small children crawling around and chewing on any handy object, make certain the paints you use are nontoxic Avoid paints that contain lead or lead chromate

Keep lamp cords out of the way as much as possible Replace immediately any that might be frayed or broken. Check plug ends for cracks or for exposed wires



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