

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



Last week I took a day off from the bustle that surrounds this farm. Sometimes the big tank truck will be here to pick up our milk, the gas man will come to fill the underground tank and at the same time a large truck will arrive with sawdust for the cow stalls. Or another time, there are hunters on the front porch asking permission to hunt while I'm trying to make apple pies.

Fall always brings its own jobs. We've been gleaning corn from 35 acres and hauling manure from the storage pit in preparation for planting rye. There are several vegetables still in the ground and lots of lilies and dahlias to dig and store in the cellar. But I left it all behind and took an all day bus trip to New York City with a group from our church.

We visited beautiful Riverside church with a membership of 3000. It is not an old church as the first service was held in 1930. I especially enjoyed taking the

elevator to the 20th floor and then climbing the stairs to the tower to see their 74 bell carillon. The largest weighs 20 tons and the smallest 10 pounds. The view of the city from that height was magnificent.

Next we traveled to the Museum of the City of New York. Here we saw an audio-visual show called the "Big Apple" which traced the history of New York City from 1524 to the present. The Museum also contained a toy gallery, costumes, works of early silversmiths and period rooms.

Our last stop was at the former home of Henry Clay Frick where we saw the Frick Collection of famous works of art. The rooms were immense and housed Rembrandt's, Gainsborough's and Jan Van Eyck's paintings among many others. The furniture was exquisite and the large enclosed garden court was a peaceful place to rest, with its fountains, statues and flowers, after all that walking.

Thanksgiving Feast

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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup all-purpose biscuit mix
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1/4 cup milk

Combine apples, cranberries, sugar, tapioca, salt and water in large saucepan. Let stand for five minutes. Bring to a boil over

medium heat, stirring constantly. Pour into shallow two-quart baking dish; dot with butter. Combine biscuit mix, two tablespoons sugar, orange rind and milk. Drop from teaspoon onto hot fruit mixture. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm with whipped topping, if desired.

Add milk slowly and cook and stir over low heat until mixture thickens. Add cheese and stir until melted. Stir in pimiento, onion, and ripe olives, cut from pits in large pieces. Pour over drained beans in buttered 1 1/2-quart casserole. Bake in 350 degree oven until browned and bubbly or for about 30 to 35 minutes.

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CRANBERRY-ORANGE PEAR RELISH

- 2 small oranges
- 1 firm pear
- 1 pound fresh cranberries
- 1 1/4 cups sugar

Quarter oranges and discard center pith and seeds. Quarter pear and discard core and seeds. Pick over cranberries and rinse. Put oranges, pear and cranberries through a food chopper. Add sugar and mix well. Chill at least one hour.

CHEESE-LIMA BAKE

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup grated American cheese
- 1/4 cup diced pimiento
- 1 teaspoon grated onion
- 1/4 cup ripe olives
- 3 cups cooked dry lima beans

Make cream sauce by melting butter, blending in flour and salt.

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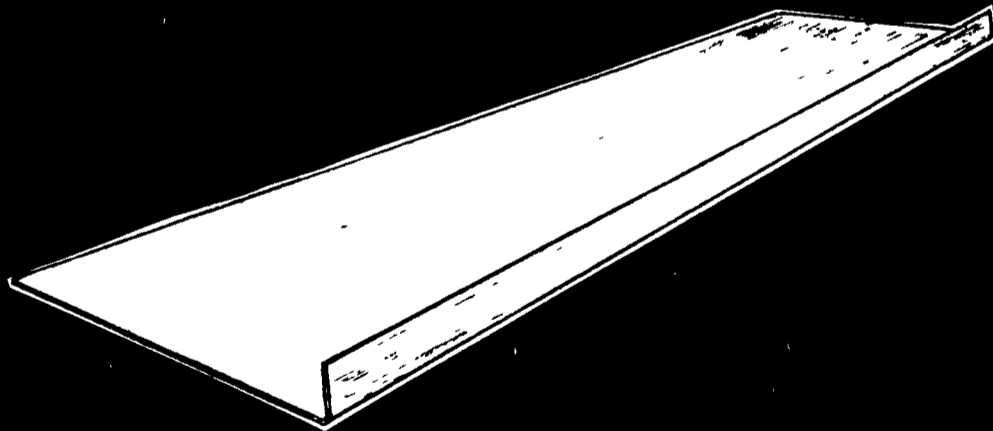
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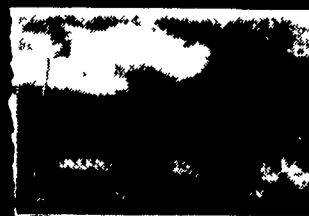
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