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(See other pointers elsewhere in this issue).

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State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

By Verna Stanton
N. C. State College

Good enriched flour that goes into this year's holiday baking is as white and light as a fluttering snowflake. If sugar and shortening are a bit scarce, there are other sweeteners, and there is many a cookery trick to make the most of what is available.

Candied Fruit Muffins, for example, get much of their sweet goodness from the candied fruit that not only sweetens them but gives them their holiday flavor as well.

Christmas would hardly be Christmas without a special holiday bread. Coffee Cake or Fruited Holiday Ring will make Christmas Eve supper, or Christmas breakfast seem appropriately festive. Toasted slices of this start the day right. So good is it to look as that it will seem almost another one of the handsome gifts Santa has left for the family. An extra ring wrapped in gay paper and tied with tinsel is a most delightful way to convey Christmas wishes to those new neighbors or to those old friends a few doors away.

Fashionable Christmas pies are featuring a paper-thin lower crust and a mere suggestion for a top crust, with the accent on design. Griscross Cranberry Pie not only cuts down on the shortening usually required, but uses honey for part of the sweetening. A hint of allspice and grated lemon rind add flavor-interest while cheery cranberries peep through the latticed crust with the gay lure of mistletoe.

A holiday season without cookies is unthinkable, even if sugar has to be skimped elsewhere to make them. Chocolate Almond Squares are attractive, quick and easy to make. A garnish consisting of a dab of melted candy bar or chocolate fudge frosting, topped with a blanched almond, gives them a special "Merry Christmas" look.

Test Tobacco Soils To Assure Results

Rockingham County farmers are becoming increasingly aware of the value of testing tobacco soils to determine fertilizer and lime requirements for particular fields, according to W. J. Reams, assistant farm agent for the State College Extension Service, Raleigh.

A farmer living near Madison was having difficulty growing quality tobacco on one field, Mr. Reams reports. It seems that the leaf would not ripen properly at maturity.

At his wife's and after much experimentation and worry, the farmer decided to send a sample of the troublesome soil to the Soil Testing Laboratory in Raleigh for analysis. He also asked for recommendations on future treatment of the field.

The analysis disclosed that the soil the farmer had been trying to raise tobacco in was very acid, having a PH of 4.6, which is too sour for the crop. The farmer was advised to apply 1,000 pounds of ground limestone to each acre.

This information proved a real service to the farmer, Agent Reams said.

The More Hens Lay The More They Pay

Stressing the importance of maintaining a laying flock of highly productive hens, C. F. Parrish, in charge of Poultry for the State College Extension Service, announced that a recent summary of state farm demonstration flocks indicates that hens laying less than 140 eggs a year netted the owner \$1.45, while birds producing 200 or more eggs averaged \$4.76 labor profit.

"The difference between these two averages," Parrish said, "is the difference between good management and bad management—between good feeding and poor feeding."

Pointing to the old, widely-quoted axiom of the poultry industry, "The more they lay—the more they pay!", Mr. Parrish said that good flock management, proper feeding and frequent culling must be observed or the farmer will find himself providing his hens with free board and room.

Taking another look at the summaries, hens laying from 140 to 160 eggs a year averaged \$1.52 labor profit over all costs; from 160 to 180, \$2.88; and from 180 to 200, \$4.23.

These averages represent the records of 43 farm demonstration flock owners for one year, Mr. Parrish said.

BIRD NOTES

At Saturday's meeting of the Bird Club, Cliff Simpson read an article on the Magpie whose length is about 19 1/2 inches. The black and white plumage is found on the shoulders and abdomen; the crown is glossed with bronze and the back is shaded bluish-green.

Graduated for one-half or more of its length, the tail is longer than the wings. Its feet are stout.

Unusual is the bowl of mud and grass surrounded and arched by an immense number of large and small sticks which the Magpie uses for a nest. An entrance hole is located on one side of this home which is built in bushes 5 to 60 feet above the ground. A natural choice for the nest is the thorn tree because of the protectiveness it offers. A bristling array of sticks points in many directions to also keep away intruders.

Eggs, numbering six to nine, are pale grayish or greenish and are heavily spotted with shades of brown and purple.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Mrs. Sue May Sheppard, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Farmville, North Carolina, on or before the 25th day of November, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment.

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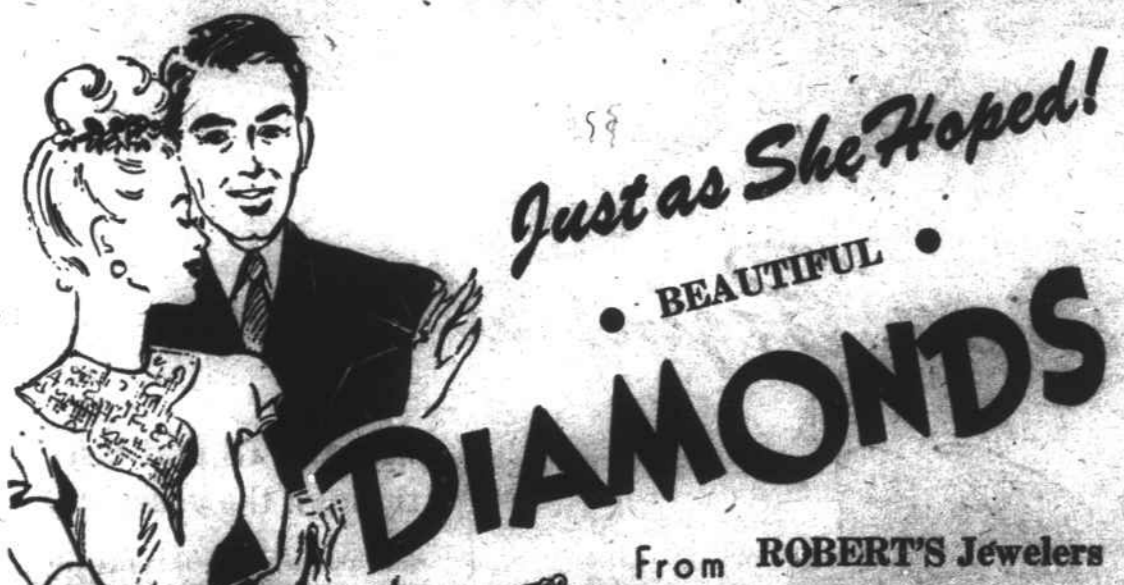
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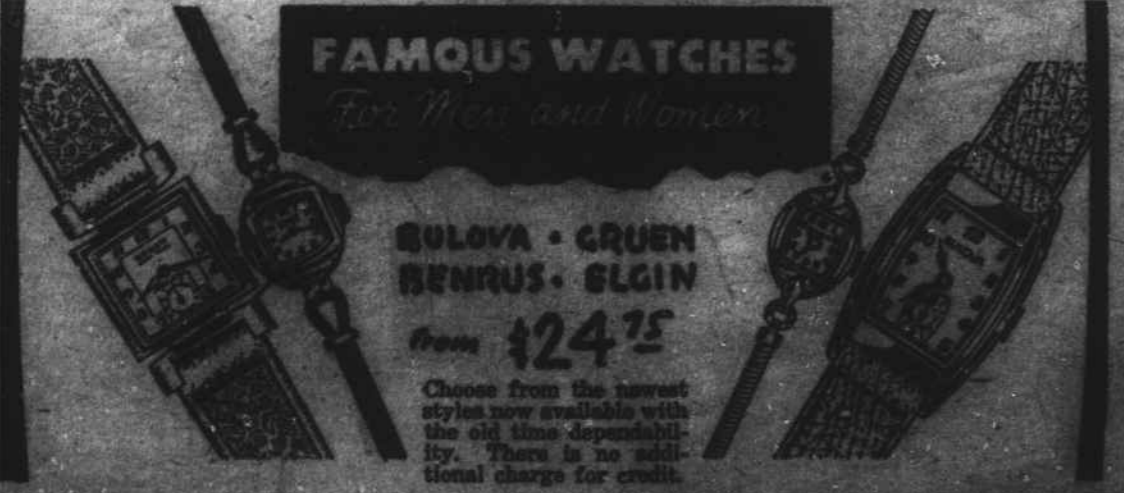
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