

MAID OF COTTON BEVERLY PACK PACKS FOR HER 65,000 MILE TOUR

Pretty Beverly Pack, the El Paso, Texas, beauty recently named 1954 Maid of Cotton, packed 22 pieces of luggage for her 65,000 mile tour which opened in Miami early in February.

As King Cotton's international fashion and goodwill ambassador, the blue-eyed Cotton Maid will visit more than 40 cities in the United States, England, France, Germany, and Canada. She will be packing constantly for the next six months, as her whirlwind schedule moves her across the continent and across the Atlantic to carry the 1954 cotton fashion story.

The Maid flew to Miami from New York, where she spent three weeks in training for her role of cotton emissary. There, too, she was fitted with a glamorous wardrobe of cotton fashions by 44 of the nation's best-known designers.

Fashion Herald for Cotton

Maid Beverly will wear her smart cottons throughout her journey to illustrate how cotton has become a year-round, all-occasion fabric. Her collection includes styles for every season in every type of cotton material, and her wardrobe represents the newest, most outstanding cottons of this season.

In each city she visits the cotton fashion herald will appear as featured model in all-cotton fashion shows. She will be featured on radio and television shows, in newspaper and magazine articles, and will make numerous special appearances wherever she goes to present her cotton message.

Represents 13 Million

As King Cotton's official goodwill ambassador, Maid Beverly will carry greetings from the 13 million mem-

bers of the cotton industry to governors, mayors, civic and industry leaders.

A 20-year-old junior at Texas Western College, Beverly is 5 feet 7½ inches tall. She has blue eyes and dark hair.

Let's Go Abroad

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In foreign countries the most pleasant time of the day and the most social is the dinner hour. We Americans should adopt the practice of slow dining with a pleasant atmosphere, and while we are adopting let's adopt some of their very wonderful dishes that are not too difficult to make.

From Mexico we have a one dish meal—

- 1 lb. bulk sausage
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 cup diced pepper
- 2 cups tomatoes
- 2 cups shell macaroni
- 1 cup sour cream or buttermilk
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. salt

Brown sausage, onion and pepper. Pour off fat. Add tomatoes, macaroni, buttermilk, sugar and remaining ingredients. Simmer for 30 minutes.

This is mighty fine served up with French bread and a tossed vegetable salad.

Then from Bolivia comes a baked corn dish that could be used with any meal—

- 2 cups yellow kernel corn
- 2 eggs
- ¼ tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. flour
- ¼ lb. cheese

Beat eggs and combine with corn. Heat fat and chili powder and flour. Combine with corn and egg mixture. Pour half in well greased casserole. Cover with slices of cheese. Pour in remainder and top with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

And now a dessert from Merry Old England which is simply wonderful topped with cream or ice cream.

Blueberry Crisp Pudding

- 4 cups canned, fresh or frozen blue berries
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 4 tsp. butter
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup flour (sifted)
- 3/4 cup rolled oats

Place blueberries in 1½ quart baking dish. Sprinkle with sugar and lemon juice. Cream butter or margarine, gradually add brown sugar. Blend in flour and rolled oats. Spread topping over blueberries. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

ANNUAL HAM AND EGG SHOW IS PLANNED IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

Johnston County's seventh annual Ham and Egg Show and Sale will be held March 14-16. From present indications it should be the biggest event of its kind ever held—at least in North Carolina.

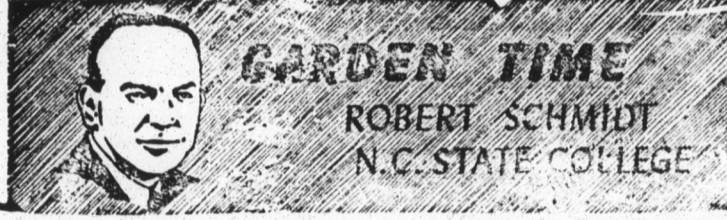
L. R. Johnson, Negro county agent for the Agricultural Extension Service, says Negro farmers and farm wives have been busy for almost a year making plans for this year's event. The farm agent expects between 400 and 500 top quality hams and around 150 dozen eggs to be entered in the seventh annual event.

American Plan

Visitor — "Those are wonderful strawberries you have there. Do you use fertilizer on them?"
Farmer — "No, just cream and sugar."



SWEEPING UP—Army combat engineers sweep a stream in Korea with a mine detector. After the armistice was signed, clearing mines from old battlegrounds became a major task.



It is easy to grow the popular salad crop such as lettuce and endive if the gardener will keep in mind that they are cool season crops and are at their best quality before the hot weather of early summer arrives.

This means that these crops must be planted early in order to mature early. Many gardeners complain that they cannot grow good head lettuce because the hot weather damages it before it matures. That is an indication that they either did not plant early enough or that they used a poorly adapted variety.

Young lettuce plants will withstand a lot of frosty weather so the frost date is not important. In fact, in the extreme eastern portion of the state it is now getting late for best results, in central and Piedmont areas it is just about the right time to set head

lettuce plants and in the mountains it is still a little early. Good plants may usually be obtained from seed and plant stores or from commercial growers. The Great Lakes variety is the most dependable heading variety for our growing conditions.

Lettuce and other salad crops require heavy fertilization to keep them growing rapidly. Stable manure is an excellent fertilizer but should be supplemented with a good commercial fertilizer to furnish quickly available plant food. Plants should be set about 12 inches apart in the row. Cultivation should be shallow and watering is essential in dry periods, especially when the heads are forming. Lettuce will not thrive on very acid soils.

Some people prefer leaf lettuce to head lettuce because the leaves are green and not so coarse. An excellent

variety is the new "Salad Bowl" which makes a compact growth and will withstand quite a lot of hot weather. Plants are usually not available so seed of leaf lettuce should be sown early.

Endive is a salad crop similar to lettuce but is not commonly grown in home gardens. There are two types—the curled endive with frilled leaves and the smooth leaved type. Endive is grown like head lettuce, but makes a loose head and the inner leaves may be blanched by tying the outer leaves over them. Endive is stronger in fla-

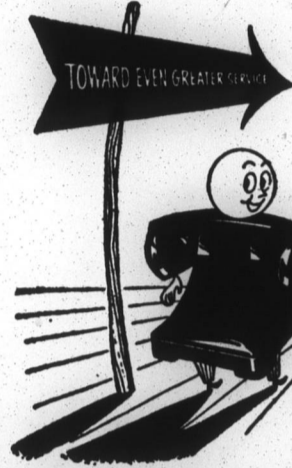
vor than lettuce and is much more popular in Europe than in this country.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander:
Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; young people's meeting at 6 P. M.; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is welcome to all services.

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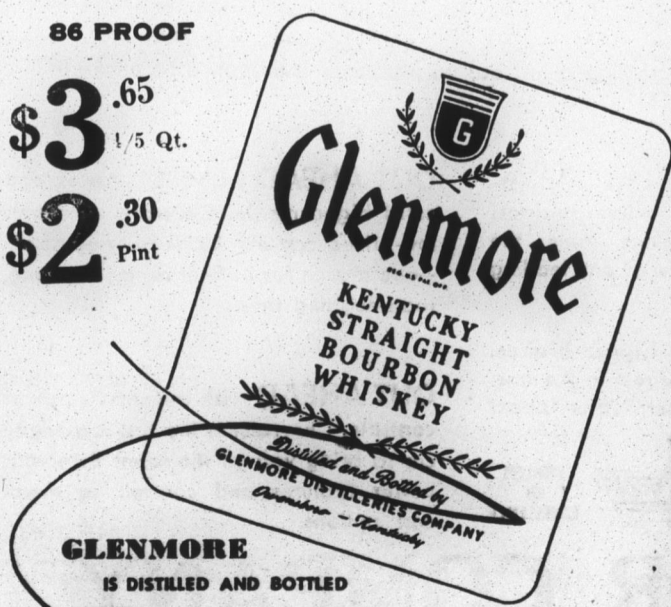
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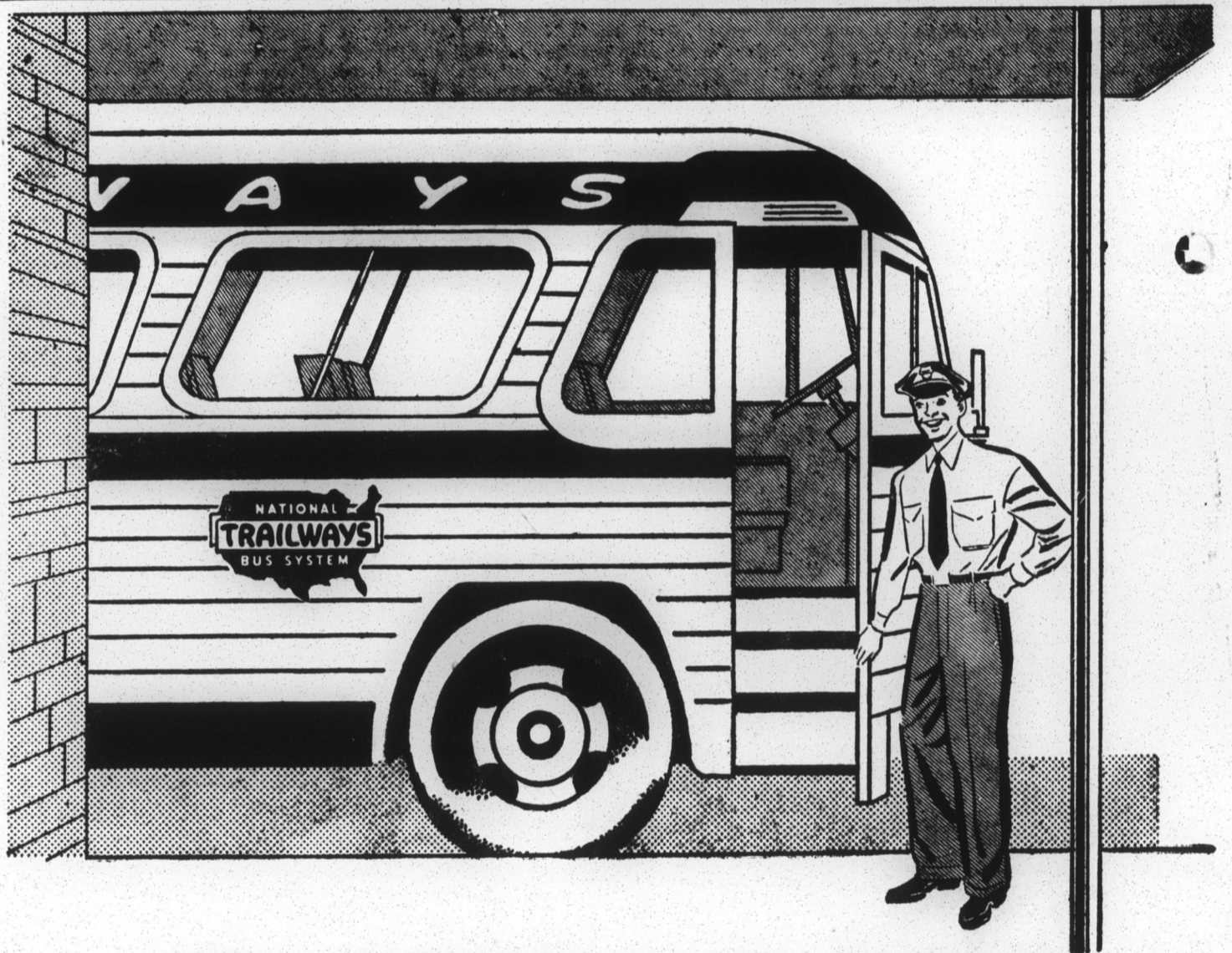
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