

Rural Teen Talk

THIS SUMMER HAS been a good movie summer for teen agers, hasn't it? If you haven't seen them already, I think you'll really enjoy such films as "The Red Pony"

BEDTIME STORY



Petite Jane Powell picks cotton for her favorite slumbertime style. The popular teen-aged star of MGM's "A Date With Judy" wears a matching robe and pajama set that is a junior's dream. The full skirt of the robe, checked gingham on the outside, is lined with quilted cotton on the inside. Daisies trim the matching one-piece pajamas which button high at the neck.

Queen Elizabeth Sparks Ostrich Plume Fashions

When Queen Elizabeth of England appeared in ostrich-plumed hats four years ago, she helped revive a fashion and an important South African industry, according to the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Today ostriches are a million dollar business in the Union of South Africa. Breeders and merchants there believe that the business may double if markets for feathers and skin are developed in the United States. At present 80 percent of the feathers and most of the skins are sold here where once the big buyers of these feathers were England and France.

Fashion has determined the ups and downs of the industry in the past. In the early 1900's world fashions favored ostrich feathers for hats, boas, fans and other costume decorations. Sales of the feathers averaged more than \$7,000,000 a year from 1903 to 1913. Well over a million pounds of feathers were exported in 1913. The number of domesticated birds in privately owned herds was estimated at about 700,000.

After the first world war, ostrich plumes went out of style and the industry suffered accordingly. Many of the birds were killed off for meat. A feather cooperative attempting to revive the business in 1924 succeeded only in marketing to manufacturers of feather dusters for a few years.

By 1945 only about 14,000 of the big birds were left in South Africa. Then the Queen's plumed hats and studies on uses for ostrich skin started the revival. Ostrich skins are tough and do not stretch, so may be used for women's shoes, fancy handbags and luggage. Last year the number of birds had increased to 40,000, and production of feathers and skins was estimated at well over a million dollars.

with Peter Miles, Myrna Loy and Robert Mitchum... "Little Women" with June Allyson, Peter Lawford, Margaret O'Brien, Elizabeth Taylor and Janet Leigh... "Mr. Belvedere Goes to College" with Clifton Webb and Shirley Temple... "The Barkeleys of Broadway" with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers... and, of course, those terrific interpretations of "Hamlet" and "Joan of Arc" with Lawrence Olivier and Ingrid Bergman!

PEN PAL LETTER: "I'm a Christian boy, 15, and a member of the Huckabay Baptist Church. I'm behind in school because I missed one year without even being able to walk. I had rheumatic fever... and the Doctor said that if I would take care of myself I might overcome it and be as good as ever.

"We run a grade A dairy... and have about 200 acres of feed and cotton. My hobby is mounting birds and animals and I'm very interested in taxidermy... I like your paper very much and I like to read the letters that are printed in it." Leslie Franklin McInssol, Route 1, Huckabay, Texas.

RURAL TEEN TALK'S editor has been wondering what all you fellows and girls want to do with yourselves when you get out of high school. How about dropping us a note about what you plan to become—farmers, teachers, engineers, nurses, whatever—and we'll print the best letters received by August 15 in this column next month. Tell us what you intend to do with your life-work and why!

FASHIONS FOR SCHOOL: when the junior miss goes back to high school this fall, she'll be wearing... "madcap" hats for dress-up... dark cottons well into autumn... neat fitted sweaters, maybe a cashmere or two... grey flannel skirts... wool jersey blouses with little peter pan collars and cuffs of velveteen... to be worn with flaring velveteen skirts... white socks... neat shoes, probably loafers again... strapless formals with bouffant skirts and matching stoles.

DATE DOPE: The biggest "dope" on any date is the fellow who doesn't realize that as a gentleman he walks up to her front door to meet his date instead of honking... opens and shuts the car door for her... and takes her home at the hour she sets.

QUICK HISTORY LESSONS: Amaze your history teacher by becoming a regular listener to the American Broadcasting Company's "Mr. President" program every Sunday afternoon. You'll learn so many fascinating stories about past American presidents that your grades are sure to go on the upgrade!

The first month of the year is a good time to begin keeping a farm record account of all expenses. Such an account speeds up the process of figuring out the income tax.

Chicken Can Taste Better If Varied

Did you ever stop to wonder whether that old Sunday standby—roast chicken—is boring your family to death? Well, stick to chicken by all means. But vary the routine.

There are lots of exciting ways to prepare chicken, and every one is guaranteed to make the family come back for seconds. So try these suggestions from the General Electric Consumers Institute.

If you've ever tasted Chicken Cacciatore, you know why Italians go into such raptures over it. You will, too—especially when you find how easily it's prepared by this recipe.

Chicken Cacciatore

Tested by the G-E Consumers Institute

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 3-pound frying chicken, cut in pieces
- 1 medium onion, thickly sliced
- 1 large green pepper, cut in 1/4-inch strips
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and minced
- 1 3/4 cup drained canned tomatoes
- 1/2 cup canned tomato sauce
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. allspice, ground
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 tsp. thyme, leaf
- Dash Cayenne pepper

Melt shortening in 10-inch skillet. Arrange chicken in skillet. Fry until golden brown on all sides.

Place chicken to one side in skillet. Add onions, green pepper and garlic on other side and brown lightly. Redistribute chicken, green peppers and onions in skillet.

Combine tomatoes, tomato sauce and spices. Add to chicken. Simmer covered for 30-40 minutes or until chicken is tender. Serve chicken with sauce poured over it. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Or, if you are having a buffet supper or luncheon, why serve your guests the staid old chicken salad? Give them a treat with Party Chicken Mousse.

Party Chicken Mousse

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- 2 egg yolks, well beaten
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 1 envelope (1 tbsp.) unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 1/4 cups coarsely chopped cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup cup toasted almonds slivered
- 1 tsp. horseradish
- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/4 cups whipping cream
- Yellow food coloring
- Watercress
- Curly endive
- Cucumber
- flowers
- Ripe olives
- Radishes

Combine egg yolks, broth, salt and paprika. Cook over low heat stirring constantly until smooth and slightly thickened (about 15 minutes).

Soak gelatin in water 5 minutes; dissolve in hot mixture. Cool until slightly thickened. Add chicken, almonds, horseradish and Worcestershire sauce.

Whip cream; fold into chicken mixture with enough food coloring to tint a delicate yellow. Pour into loaf pan, 9x5x3-inches, which has been rinsed with cold water. Place in refrigerator; chill until firm (about 2 1/2 hours).

Loosen loaf from sides of pan by running dull-edged knife around the loaf. Unmold on platter; arnish with watercress, curly endive, cucumber flowers, ripe olives and radishes. Makes 8 servings.

August Afternoon

Long years from now, when I am very old,
And moonlight on the grass recalls to me
The earlier years of love and loneliness,
I bond no longer up the steps by two's
And, croaking by the pool, the frogs in spring
Have no effect on me, and life is still
And orderly and full of days alike
Each to the others, still the leaves will fall.
There will be dusty afternoons in August
And ambering catalpa leaves will drift
Along the sunlight in this very way,
And I shall look at them and know regret.
So will they fall a thousand autumns hence,
When I am drifting with them in the sun.

—Virginia Womack McMillian

HOME DECORATORS BORROW FASHION FABRICS



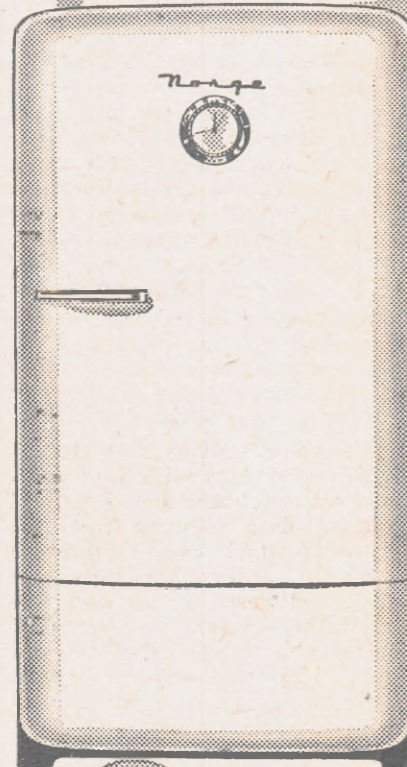
Home decorators are borrowing ideas and fabrics from the women's world of fashion this year, according to House & Garden decorating authorities. They report that cotton fabrics of every description have been adapted from the fashion field for use in the home. The room shown above is designed in metallic gingham by Galey & Lord that is also a favorite for glamorous dresses.

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