

THE BLUE JAY IS A SPLASH OF COLOR IN WINTER

The blue jay might be called the gangster of bird-dom, but his flashy blue is so lovely through the dark winter months that it's worth putting up with his bad habits to have him around. His color, and his ability to destroy countless caterpillars and other insect pests, are just about the jay's only good points. He's unsociable and belligerent, destroys the eggs and young of other birds as well as robbing them of their food and nesting material, and altogether is regarded by the feathered world

as an undesirable neighbor.

He's very active at gathering food, as you know if you have a feeding station, often taking away acorns and other nuts that he doesn't want. These he buries for future meals, and many a tree or shrub marks the place of one of the jay's forgotten stores.

Although a member of the crow family, he's picked up mocking bird characteristics from somewhere, for in addition to his familiar harsh cry the jay has an endless variety of songs mimicking other birds. He is a permanent resident in this part of the country, though most frequently seen in the winter when food is scarce.

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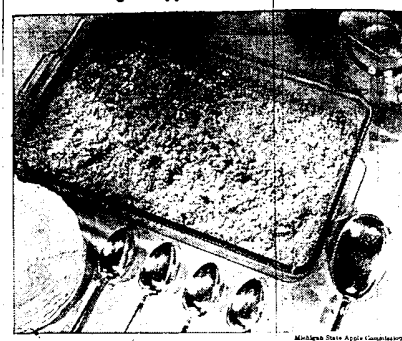
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Items of Interest to WOMEN

Michigan Apple-Peanut Crumble



MICHIGAN APPLE-PEANUT CRUMBLE

Those sly Michigan apples are coming in for a good share of attention these days . . . and no wonder! This delicious dessert is only one of a number of ways of using them. And notice how easy and inexpensive it is. 16 make. You'll need—

6 Michigan cooking apples, pared
½ cup sugar
½ cup flour
¼ teaspoon salt

3 tablespoons peanut butter
3 tablespoons butter

Slice apples into a shallow, buttered baking dish. Mix sugar, flour and salt. Cut in peanut butter and butter with pastry blender or two knives until thoroughly mixed. Pour evenly over apples. Bake 350 for 50 minutes or until apples are done. Serve warm with cream or foamy sauce.

Tested by Dorothy W. Lewis, home economist, Michigan State Apple Commission.

WOMAN'S CLUB HEARS PROGRAM ON THOMAS EDISON

The Life of Thomas Edison was the program subject at the last meeting of the Woman's Club, held at the home of Mrs. Mabel Checketts. Mrs. Elsie McCullough was program chairman for the afternoon. Papers on the different phases of Edison's life were read by Mrs. Karl Ritter and Mrs. Elmer Dohany, interspersed with selections of patriotic music.

Mrs. Gerald Fisher, daughter of Mrs. Dohany, later entertained the club members with colored photographs taken during a four year stay in the west, including pictures of the southwestern states and the west coast.

The next meeting of the Woman's Club, on February 25 will be a trip to the Children's Hospital on Grand River. It will begin at 2:30 instead of 2:00 o'clock. Members are asked to call Mrs. Ralph Aronson for transportation arrangements.

W.S.C.S. Board Meets With Mrs. Burnett

The executive board of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will meet on Thursday, February 26, at 2:00 p. m., at the home of Mrs. William Burnett.

Maccabees Will Hold Business Meeting

Members of Farmington Tent Hive 1027 of the Maccabees will hold a business meeting at 8 o'clock on Thursday night, in their temporary club room, the building formerly occupied by Jane's Lunch, on Grand River.

DOROTHY'S DIARY

MONDAY: Adopt suggestion found in magazine, which will tidy up my desk considerably, and actually make it possible for me to find papers I want without emptying every drawer and pigeon hole. The solution is one of those small metal desk files for letters answered and unanswered, bills paid and unpaid, addresses, etc. The original olive green of the metal isn't very attractive, so I enamelled mine pale blue, and put one of those dime store stencils at top—a flower design in rose and dark blue.

TUESDAY: So pleased with appearance and convenience of desk file that I got another one for the kitchen, in which to put recipes and menus. Painted this one bright red, to match canister set, and put fruit stencil on top. Keep it on the pantry shelf, where it not only looks gay, but will save me much time and trouble in looking up little used dishes.

WEDNESDAY: While arranging recipes in file yesterday came across forgotten one given me some time ago by Aunt Catherine. Since it is both economical and nourishing, must remember to use it more often.

Bread & Butter Pudding
4 whole slices buttered bread (with crusts)
1 pint milk
2 eggs, well beaten
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup seedless raisins
¼ tsp nutmeg

Arrange bread in layers in greased baking dish, sprinkling each layer with sugar, nutmeg, well raisins. Pour eggs and milk, well blended, over all. Bake in slow oven (30° degrees) until custard sets (about 30 minutes).

THURSDAY: George finally starts to make book case for the living room, something I have wanted for a long time, to put in some of my plants on top shelf which will be level with the window sill. Even George, far from the expert carpenter, says the book case is easy to make; he is economically using old packing boxes for the lumber.

FRIDAY: Remove bulbs, now well past their prime, from center of dining room table. Cut some branches of the Westfield barberry bushes and arrange them in blue glass bowl for new centerpiece. We must certainly plant barberry next year, as the red berries are so pretty in the winter, and last a long time in the house.

LIVING ROOMS SHOULD EXPRESS THE OWNER'S TASTE

What does your living room say about you? Does it tell people visiting it for the first time your favorite colors, what books and pictures you like, what your hobby is? Or does it merely tell them that you read current magazines on home decorating and do exactly what they tell you?

While it's true that most of the magazines devoted to interior decorating do have valuable suggestions for arranging your house, they should be accepted as just that—suggestions, and not commands. Not everything they advise is attractive, nor is everything they deplore in bad taste. After all, a living room is meant to be lived in, and you and your family are the ones to live in it, not the experts. So put in what you want, regardless of their raised eyebrows, and you'll at least have a room a little more distinctive than most.

Character can be introduced into a living room in many ways. One of the best is the presence of books—but books that have been read, not row on row of matching unused sets. If your shelves are large, it is a good idea to break the solid ranks of books with colorful china and glass ornaments.

If you collect something, whether it's pottery figures, glassware, or any of the many things now so popular, you possess a very good way of making your living room express your personality. Get some inexpensive shelves, hanging or otherwise, and display your collection. One of those useless small, high windows can be turned from a liability into an asset by fitting it with glass shelves and using it as a showcase.

Change the small, easily movable pieces of furniture, the pictures and ornaments, around every so often. Otherwise you may get so used to your living room you won't see it as it really is. A mantelpiece arrangement especially should be subject to frequent shifts, since it's usually the focal point of the room. Instead of one large picture on the chimney wall, try a group of smaller ones, or some of your best china plates (good china is a very successful though seldom used, wall decoration). On the mantelpiece itself, rotate your favorite ornaments, most attractive flower arrangements, or a group of smaller ones, or some of your best china plates (good china is a very successful though seldom used, wall decoration).

But whatever you do, make sure the room looks like you, not a picture in a magazine.

Tongs in Kitchen
Metal tongs are a helpful addition to your kitchen equipment. They come in varied sizes and are useful for turning meat, handling hot potatoes, beets and vegetables which need to be lifted separately for serving or paring.

THIS WEEK AT YOUR LIBRARY

HOURS:
Wednesday—11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.—3:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.
Saturday—2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Of All Places, by Richard, John and Patience Abbe, Hollywood and its famous stars, as seen by the candid eyes of the three youthful authors of "Around the World in Eleven Years." The thumbnail descriptions of Ginger Rogers, Cary Grant, Constance Bennett and Shirley Temple, to mention only a few are delightful, while the trio's picture of Hearst's fabulous castle at San Simeon will make many a reader gasp for breath.

Fame Is the Spur, by Howard Spring. Another outstanding novel by the author of the best selling "My Son, My Son." It traces the career of Hamer Shawcross from his birth in a Manchester slum to his death as a prominent member of the House of Lords, and describes how he used even those he loved to further his ambitions. The span of his life covers interesting years in England's history—the fight for Labor recognition, the hero Woman's Suffrage campaign, and the tenaciousness of the 1930's. In Hamer Shawcross' strength and weaknesses are reflected many of his country's.

Road to Folly, by Leslie Ford. Another of Miss Ford's thrilling murder mysteries, this time against the rich, colorful background of Charleston, and the nearby plantation of Strawberry Hill. Spotted, wealthy Phyllis Lattimer uncovers an old scandal in her eagerness to obtain Strawberry Hill, and is mysteriously murdered. All who had known her had reason to hate her—Rusty Lattimer, her husband, to whom she refused a divorce, Jennifer Reid, the girl he wanted to marry, Brad Porter, one of Phyllis' ex-husbands. But two more violent deaths occur before the identity of the murderer is finally discovered.

Imperial Twilight, by Bortia Harding. The story of Karl, last of the Hapsburgs to occupy the throne of Austria and Hungary, and his beautiful Parma wife, Zita. More thrilling than any fiction, the book opens with the birth of Karl, son of the gay and profligate archduke Otto, and soon made heir to Franz Joseph's throne by the death of Crown Prince Rudolf. It describes the wily emperor's maneuvering of Karl's marriage to the lovely Zita, then the World War, his accession to the shaky throne, his eventual (though temporary) abdication, and last of all, the death of the royal Switzer. Left head of the royal Swiss, Karl's death, ambitious Zita continues her struggle to regain the Austrian throne, now for her eldest son Otto, a recent visitor to the United States.

Change Seat of Government
The seat of government in India is moved from the Capital New Delhi to Simla in the summer.

BAPTIST NEWS

Choir practice will be held on Thursday night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Poole on Centralia street. It will begin at 7:30 p. m.

On Tuesday night the Sunday School Workers' Conference met at the church hall.

The twelfth chapter of Daniel was the subject of Wednesday night's prayer meeting, conducted by Mr. A. C. McDonald.

Past Matrons Club Meets For Luncheon

The Farmington Past Matrons Club will meet on Thursday, February 26, at the home of Mrs. Georgia Walters. A potluck luncheon will be served at 12:30 p. m. The program for the afternoon is in charge of Mrs. Ethel Thayer and Mrs. Ina Storms.

Evangelical Women Form Sewing Unit

Last Wednesday members of the Evangelical Women's Guild began work for the local Red Cross sewing unit. The meetings, which are at present devoted to quilt making will be held on Wednesday of each week, from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., and all ladies of the Guild are urged to attend. Those coming in the morning are asked to bring their own lunch; coffee will be provided.



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