

# HOUSE AND HOME

To freshen iced cake, place in a warm oven for a few minutes and the cake will freshen and soften while the icing takes on a pleasing glaze.

Angel Food Cake is easily cut with a length of silk sewing thread. Stretch the thread tight, and with a gentle, sawing motion, cut the cake.

Mix cream or cottage cheese with a bit of mint jelly or a drop of mint flavoring and stuff the mixture into

prunes. These may be used as a salad or a meat platter garnish.

Rhubarb is easily cooked in the oven. Place the cut pieces in a baking dish, cover generously with sugar and bake in a moderately hot (400 degrees F.) oven for 25 to 30 minutes.

To make perfect tart shells, place the pastry in small tins, then place another tin on top of the pastry. Bake the pastry between these tart tins for the first few minutes, then remove the top pan and allow the shells to brown.

Mix one tablespoon of crushed pineapple with one cup of apricot whole fruit nectar. Sweeten to taste and thicken with cornstarch, then

serve hot or cold on cakes or puddings.

Grind leftover ham and form into patties, top with a slice of pineapple, then a sweet potato patty. Cover with a strip of two of bacon, then broil until bacon is crisp. This makes a nice easy entree.

Lima beans are delicious if they are flavored with sausage drippings as well as salt and pepper.

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

#### Date Bread

(Makes 1 loaf)

- 1 cup pitted, chopped dates
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 3/4 cup boiling water
- 1 tablespoon shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 3/4 cup sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Mix pitted, chopped dates with soda and boiling water; let stand 20 minutes. Beat shortening, sugar and egg together. Sift dry ingredients together and add alternately to dates with the sugar mixture. Pour into a greased bread pan (8 3/4 x 4 3/4 inches) and bake in a moderate (350 degrees F.) oven for 50 minutes.

### School Transportation In County Past Year Totalled \$121,000

Special to The Chronicle.

Columbia, April 12.—School transportation statistics for South Carolina for the 1947-48 school year were printed in the Senate Journal last week on the motion of Senator George McKown of Cherokee county. The statistics show that the daily average attendance in Laurens county last year was 8,074 pupils, of which 1,940 were transported to and from school. Miles traveled per day in transporting pupils in the county are given as 1,981. Expenditures for Laurens county school transportation came to \$59,826 last year, with the state paying \$62,956 for transportation in the county, according to the figures.

The cost of transportation for the state as a whole is given as \$2,644,029 during the 1947-48 school year, with the state paying \$2,387,229. The average daily attendance on a state-wide basis was 375,250 pupils, and 102,425 of these pupils were given transportation. Miles traveled per day are estimated as 75,845 miles.

The senate finance committee version of the state appropriations bill for 1949-50 lists \$2,400,000 for transportation, the same figure that was recommended by the budget commission and approved by the house of representatives. The state department of education requested \$3,000,000 for transportation, as well as \$4,180 for a transportation supervisor and \$2,000 for a stenographer.

### Good Easter Business Seen for Merchants

New York, April 6.—Department stores expect Easter business this year will equal last year's, judging from sales to date, Business Week reports.

March's sales were in line with expectations, and dollar volume for the month will probably be about six per cent lower than that of last March. This is explained by the fact that Easter came early last year (March 24) while this year it comes on April 17. Much of the Easter business, therefore, will be recorded in April.

The magazine says stores expect buying will hit its peak a lot nearer the Easter deadline this year than last. This last-minute buying should be reflected in the sales picture for April.

The article warns against misinterpretation of spectacular sales figures that might be published in the next few weeks. If the gains over a year ago aren't big, it will mean that department store sales are really in a slump this season.

"Stores' dollar volume should automatically rack up sharp percentage gains over 1948 levels in the last week of April," Business Week explains. "For one thing, 1949 sales will be rising to their Easter crest, whereas sales in the same period of 1948 were receding from it. Moreover, the very fact that buyers are leisurely in their Easter buying now, probably means the last week will show an abnormally large gain."

### County Spelling Contest April 16

Special to The Chronicle.

Columbia, April 12.—The county-wide spelling contest for Laurens county school children will be held April 16 it was announced this week by T. I. Dowling, director of the division of instruction of the state department of education. The student winning the spelling contest in each participating Laurens county school will enter the county-wide contest, and the winner of the county contest will receive a prize awarded by the Anderson Independent and will take part in the statewide spelling bee.

The statewide contest will be held at Wardlaw junior high school in Columbia on April 30, Director Dowling stated.

The winner of the state spelling bee will be sent to Washington, D. C., to take part in the national contest.

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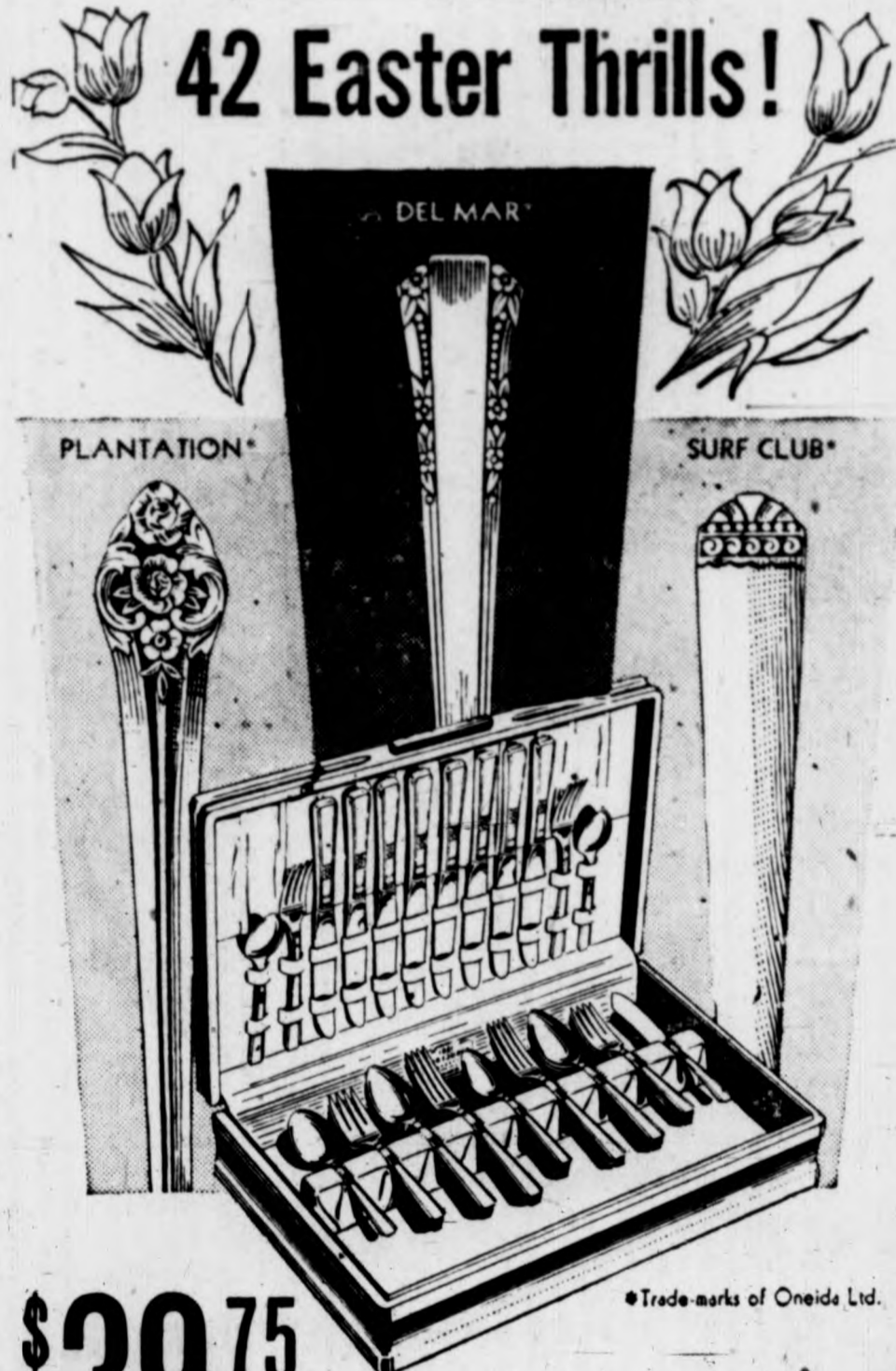
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