

Summer Brides Choose Flowers for Bouquets



FOR THE ALL-OUT CHURCH WEDDING this summer, that calls for absolute tops in the bride's bouquet, the luxurious creation (left) is fashioned of yellow-throated canhamiana orchids, stephanotis and an artful touch of English ivy—ideally suited to the season and to the occasion, too. For the summer bridesmaid, lilac and



candytuft add a note of deceptive simplicity, in No. 2 above. It takes a florist's "green thumb" to duplicate this artful bouquet and matching headpiece, in these or other simple blossoms of the wedding party's choice. Even the bride's bouquet, in No. 3 (left), is more "tailored" and informal for the popular "suit" wedding, however. Here's an example in cymbidium orchids, ivy and wheat, with a matching arrangement for the hair.

AUTOMATIC BLANKETS LAUNDERED AT HOME

Don't be afraid to wash your automatic blanket before you store it for the summer. Soap and water will not hurt the wiring or affect the blanket's operation. Moths can do much more damage to the fabric if it is put away dirty.

According to the General Electric Consumers Institute, automatic blankets can be washed just as safely in an agitator-type wringer washer as by hand. Certainly the job is easier.

Here's the way to do it: Pick a day that is clear, mild, warm and gently breezy. (Indoor drying is not recommended by the Consumers Institute because blankets require air circulation to dry properly.) The blanket should be measured and shaken to remove clinging lint, and the bedside control detached.

Dissolve three or four cups of mild soap flakes in one quart of very hot water and add the solution to a tub of lukewarm (not more than 100°F) water. If the water is hard, use a water softener.

First, gently rub badly soiled areas with a handful of the suds. If the binding is very dirty, wash it too before putting the blanket in the washer.

Handle the blanket gently and don't permit snarling or twisting during the washing period. Never wash more than one blanket, or any other pieces, at the same time. Wash only for 1½ minutes—don't allow the blanket to soak. If washing by hand, squeeze the suds through the blanket—do not rub—. A rubber plunger used carefully will help work in the suds in a hand operation.

To remove excess water, squeeze gently but firmly lengthwise along the blanket. If hand-washed, rinse twice; rinse only once for 1½ minutes in a washing machine.

Hang the blanket in the shade, lengthwise over one clothesline, or two parallel lines about 15 inches apart, and wrap old sheets around the clotheslines to prevent line marks. To retain original dimensions of the blanket and keep the wires straight, stretch the fabric as it dries, and turn it several times for even drying. (Never dry an automatic blanket in a tumbler-type clothes dryer.)

When the blanket is dry, brush it carefully, in one direction, with a clean, soft brush to raise the nap. For a smooth, satiny finish, press the binding with an iron set at low temperature.

Use a pressing cloth for best results.

Store the blanket proper in a tightly-sealed box, packed with about one-half pound of naphthalene moth balls or flakes. Pack the control box and attached cord separately.

The Consumers Institute says that homemakers who for one reason or another cannot wash their automatic blankets at home may send them to a reliable commercial laundry. All such laundries have exact instruction for proper handling of the blankets, and some of them make a summer specialty of the job.

CROCHET PATTERN

The fastest crocheter in Southern California will be crowned in a novel "Lady Nimble Fingers" speed contest at Los Angeles County Fair in September. Men as well as women are eligible. Early announcement of the event is made by Mrs. D. G. Arbuthnot, superintendent of the fair's domestic arts department, to give prospective entrants an opportunity to get in practice.

In addition to the honor, a series of cash prizes will be awarded to winners down to the sixteenth place. It is planned to make the contest a gala event with music, radio, television and movie celebrities as starters, timers, announcers, etc. An arena will be provided on the shaded lawn beside the domestic arts building with ample space for a throng of spectators. All contestants will work on an identical pattern resembling the old-fashioned "mile-a-minute" lace consisting of a series of speedy chain and double crochet stitching producing scallops. All will use the same size needle and thread specified in the rules and will be judged on the number of scallops made in one hour. In case of a tie, a tie-breaker will be the deciding factor. Capable judges will name the winners.

STORE OWNERS ARRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. John Almond, owners of Almond's Department Store, and daughter Nancy Rose, have moved from Manhattan Beach to their new home on Torrance boulevard.

AID OVERSEAS

In a three-year span between January of 1945 and June of 1948, a total of \$5,442,710 was expended by the American Junior Red Cross through its National Children's Fund for educational and health supplies. The fund was originated in 1919 and is maintained by earned

ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Willett and sons Steven and Bill left recently for Salem, Ore., where they will visit for two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hiltbrand.

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COLORADANS ARRIVE

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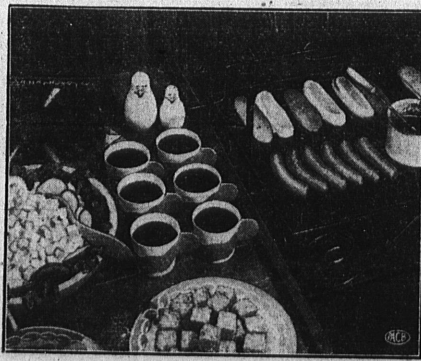
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SCHOOL'S OUT SUPPER



IT'S getting along toward the end of the school year, and high time for some fun! How about inviting the gang over to your house for something extra-special in the way of a backyard barbecue? (Just in case you don't happen to have a backyard, you can serve the same good-to-eats right on the front porch.)

If you're going to have a party, it's not fair letting Mother do the cooking. So here's a menu you can fix all by yourself, and you can count on plenty of oh's and ah's, too.

Back-Yard Bar-B-Q
Barbecued Frankfurters
Toasted Rolls
Potato, Cheese and Cucumber Salad
Coffee Marshmallows
Coffee

Sound good? Just wait 'til you taste the barbecue sauce and those coffee marshmallows! They'll convince your friends that you ought to have a genius rating in the cooking department.

Everybody knows how to make potato salad, of course; but this time, add about half a pound of American cheese, cut in small cubes, and one cucumber, diced, but unpeeled. Heap the salad in a big bowl and garnish it with water cress and cucumber slices.

We'll tell you how to make the sauce and the marshmallows in a moment. But first, do you know how to make really good coffee to go with this super supper? Start with a shining-clean coffee-maker. Then be sure of your measurements— one Standard Coffee Measure of coffee (two level measuring tablespoons) to each three-quarters of a measuring cup of water will give you a brew you can be proud of. Begin with freshly-drawn cold water, bring it to a full rolling boil, and then add the measured coffee.

And don't forget—allow for second cups all the way round!

Barbecued Frankfurters
1 medium onion, sliced
¼ cup butter or margarine
1 8-oz. can tomato sauce
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
Juice, ½ lemon
½ lemon, thinly sliced
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
½ teaspoon thyme
1 clove, minced
2 teaspoons salt
½ cup coffee
16 Frankfurters
16 Rolls

Separate onion slices into rings; cook in butter or margarine until soft. Add remaining ingredients; simmer ½ hour. Use to brush frankfurters as they are grilling. Serve frankfurters in toasted rolls with a little of the sauce. Yield: 8 servings.

Coffee Marshmallows

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
½ cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup coffee
4 cups cornflakes
Soften gelatin in cold coffee in top of double boiler. Set over boiling water; stir until gelatin dissolves. Add sugar; stir until dissolved. Remove from heat. Pour corn syrup into large bowl of electric mixer. Add vanilla and gelatin mixture. Beat on highest speed about 15 minutes or until mixture becomes thick and of soft marshmallow consistency. Grease pan about 7x10x1½ inches. Crush cornflakes fine; use part to line sides and bottom of pan. Pour in marshmallow mixture; smooth top. Sprinkle top with part of remaining cornflake crumbs. Let stand in cool place (not refrigerator) until well-set—about 1 hour. Loosen edges with knife; invert on board. Cut into squares with sharp knife dipped in cold water. Roll squares in remaining cornflake crumbs.

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