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I heard that an American fam ily nearly starved to death recently when the wife lost her can opener

Now I doubt that this is entirely the truth, but from my observations I wonder that it doesn't come to pass.

American women are undoubtedly the worst cooks in the world, but what can you expect from a country whose women are known around the world for having contributed only hamburgers and hot dogs to its national diet?

I don't blame you entirely. I put the blame on those waste-oftime sessions laughingly called home economics classes in your high schools. There the girls learn how to put more mustard on a hot dog or boil water rapid-ly in which to immerse them. Home economics courses, as I see them, are as valueless as a marriage without a husband.

I have looked over those socalled textbooks, which are as appetizing as a Yorkshire pudding or a kidney pie during a stomach-churning hangover.

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Earn Your Diploma At Chopping Boards

to tell the girls what proteins, carbohydrates and calories are, in the hope such knowledge will keep a marriage alive for at least a few months.

Either the kitchen equipment is antiquated or there is not enough to go around, and Mon Dieu, I attended one class in which they played "store" and handled unreal vegetables, but lots and lots of cans.

Instead of teaching girls such marriage-breaking courses as civics, ancient history, dead Latin and how to spell poorly, more emphasis should be placed on the true art of cooking.

Let's get your girls back to practical education. PTAs have not done any good that I know of up to now, so why not prove your worth by insisting that the schools get up to date in home economics?

Insist they assign your daughters not to hours but days of working side by side with the butcher, selling and chopping while learning first-hand the proper cuts of meat to serve a hungry beast.

Give them afternoons in restaurant kitchens cutting vegetables, using fresh herbs, preparing soups, sauces and desserts.

Forget about your boys: concentrate on the girls. The boys will take care of themselves, but who is to take care of your daughters when they come home dragging their howling little mistakes behind them? You, that's

Now out with those books and in with the stoves. When your daughter can cook cover to cover through five cookbooks of various nations, thanks to practice, practice, practice, you can then rest assured not only has she earned her high school diploma, but can hang on to a marriage certificate as well when it's handed to her.

To the chopping boards, girls.

By Fred Harman BODY BUT INTELLIGEN BREATH EXPLAIN HOLD IT, YOU TWO! NA BIG ONE LAST THERE 100-600 By PETE HOFFMAN

West High Christmas **Concert Set** "The Symbols of Christmas,

the annual Christmas concert by the West High School music department, will be presented Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9 o'clock in the school cafetor-

The brass ensemble, girls' glee club, and the Warrior Choir will participate. Soloists

Choir will participate. Soloists for the evening include Angela Ford, Colleen Forbes, and Mollye Sturm. Selections from the girls' trios and the boys' quartet also will be featured. Members of the two girls' groups are: Cathy Nelson, Terri Hunt, and Linda Allen; and Colleen For-bes, Mary Lou Smith, and Nancy O'Dell. The boys' group is composed of Dennis Calkin, Jim Marshall, Ronayne Lunde, and Paul Mar-tin.

Accompanists for the con-cert are Carol Maa and Thomas omerset.

Warehouse Completion Slated '64

Donald F. Shaw and the Ma-jestic Realty Co., joint owners and developers of a 200.000 square foot warehouse at 1331 Torrance Blvd., have an nounced completion date as of Jan. 1, 1964.

Valued at approximately \$1,500,000, architectural fea-tures of the plant include: dock high, concrete, tilt-up walls; glu-laminated roof beams with wood paneled roof; fire sprinkwoog paneled roof; fire sprink-lers throughout the structure; and exposed aggregate panels at office entrance with alumi-num doors and sashes. The in-terior will also contain air con-ditioned offices with accousti-cat tile collings

ditioned offices with accousti-cal tile ceilings. Virco Manufacturing Co. of 15134 S. Vermont Ave., Gar-dena, will occupy the ware-house-office building, which was financed through Pruden-tial Insurance Co. Virco manu-factures high quality metal of-fice furniture fice furniture. Project architect was J. R Anderson of Pasadena.

Altar Date Awaits City's Legal Eagle

City Attorney Stanley Rem-elmeyer won't have to show up at next Tuesday's City Council

at next Tuesday's City Council meeting. Remelmeyer was excused from the meeting by vote of the council after a little good-natured kidding. The reason's a good one, too: Remelmeyer will be married Monday and plans to forget about the city's legal problems for a couple of days.

Group Engages Assistance of

Youth Director

The youth group of Ner Tamid of South Bay, composed of youth aged 13 through 16, has engaged the services of youth director, Lou Wiener, as

advisor. S h a r o n Tarr, president of the group which offers partici-pation in cultural, educational, fund-raising and social events, has announced meetings will be held on the first and third Sundays of every month at 7 p.m. Further information is available at FR 7-3220.

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