

FROM THE MAILBAG

Irish Shortbread

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I enclose a recipe for shortbread which was sent to me from a friend in Northern Ireland. It is a favourite with us, and I hope you will like it for your Daisy Chain. By the way, the recipe says margarine, but I use butter. It can be doubled. "Trixie," *Island Bay*.

SHORTBREAD: Four ounces margarine or butter, 2 oz. sugar, 2 oz. semolina, 4 oz. flour. Cream butter and sugar, add semolina and flour; roll out, and bake in a low heat for about 20 minutes.

Over to You

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Would you please reply to my request in *The Listener*? In the kitchen and bathroom I have plastic curtains which have discoloured, and would like to know if you have a method of treating them, to restore their original state.

"J.O.," *Waikouaiti*.

I'm afraid I must say to the Daisy Chain "over to you" for this one! I don't think you can do anything for the curtains, but somebody may have an inspiration.

Cooking Silver Beet

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I come from Suva and over there we used to use the freshly-grated coconut in our greens, but here I use the desiccated coconut, and I add fresh milk and find it quite good. For example, when I cook silver beet leaves I put about 2 tablespoons of desiccated coconut and about 6 or 8 tablespoons milk, and this makes quite a change from water. I use about 10 or 12 leaves (enough for 5 or 6 people). When cooked I chop the leaves and serve the liquid, too. I mention it as it may be a change you may like to try out should you like coconut. Good luck to the Daisy Chain.

"Kathleen," *Mission Bay*.

Family Problems

PROBLEMS sent in by listeners about family affairs, careers and the like will be discussed by a panel of Auckland experts in *Let's Talk It Over*, a programme which is to be heard on the first Wednesday of each month this year in Women's Sessions from YA stations. The first will be broadcast on Wednesday, March 3, at 11.0 a.m., from 1, 2 and 4YA, and at 2.0 p.m. from 3YA. Members of the panel for March and April will be Marie Griffin, chairman of the Auckland Family Guidance Centre, who will be chairman; Winifred McNaughton, Girls' Vocational Guidance Officer, the Rev. Jasper Calder, former Auckland City Missioner; and a woman doctor from the Department of Health. In the first programme they will discuss some problems encountered in the course of their work. Details of programmes which other stations will contribute to Wednesday's Women's Session this year will be given in *The Listener* next week.

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