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REAL ESTATE, RATES AND RECIPES

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Service With an Old-Fashioned Touch

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Decoration Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War. It is likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead.

Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays).

To help reeducate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in 2000. Americans everywhere are encouraged to pause for one minute at 3:00 p.m. (local time) on Memorial Day, to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many to provide freedom for all.

(source: www.usmemorialday.org)

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Average Rates:	6.21%	5.92%	5.92%	5.48%
Fees & Points:	.4	.4	.5	.7

Butterscotch Bread

"Brown sugar, butter and buttermilk make two loaves of wonderful, sweet quick bread in this time-honored recipe."

INGREDIENTS

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| 4 cups all-purpose flour | 2 teaspoons baking powder |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 cups packed brown sugar | 4 eggs, beaten |
| 2 cups buttermilk | 4 tablespoons butter, melted |

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease two 9x5 inch loaf pans.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, baking soda, salt and brown sugar. Stir in the eggs, buttermilk and melted butter all at once. Mix just enough to moisten. Pour batter into prepared pans.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 60 minutes, or until golden brown and a tooth pick inserted into center of a loaf comes out clean.

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