Deluxe Chocolate Marshmallow Bars

Ingredients:

| 3⁄4 | cup | butter or margarine |
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| 1 ½ | cups | sugar |
| 3 | | eggs |
| 1 | tsp | vanilla extract |
| 1 1/3 | cups | flour |
| 1⁄2 | tsp | baking powder |
| 1⁄2 | tsp | salt |
| 3 | Tbs | baking cocoa |
| 4 | cups | miniature marshmallows |

Topping:

| 1 1/3 | cups | chocolate chips (8 ounces) |
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| 3 | Tbs | butter or margarine |
| 1 | cup | peanut butter |
| 2 | cups | crisp rice cereal |

Directions:

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar.

Add eggs and vanilla; beat until fluffy.

Combine flour, baking powder, salt and cocoa; add to creamed mixture.

Spread in a greased jellyroll pan.

Bake at 350 for 15 to 18 minutes.

Sprinkle marshmallows evenly over cake; return to oven for 2 to 3 minutes.

Using a knife dipped in water, spread the melted marshmallows evenly over cake. Cool.

For Topping:

Combine chocolate chips, butter and peanut butter in a small saucepan.

Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until melted and well blended.

Remove from heat; stir in cereal. Spread over bars. Chill. Makes 3 dozen.