

**Head Start**

**Berliner Kranz, Peppernuts First On List of Christmas Cookie Making**

By MAXINE BUREN  
Statesman Woman's Editor

Last night we started on our Christmas cookie-making routine and thought ourselves pretty foresighted.

Most people have their favorites and each year like to add a new kind to the list, and take off one that's proved less popular than others. Our list usually includes Springerle, those anise-flavored cookies that children love and grownups go for with enthusiasm; Berliner Kranz, a buttery Norwegian creation made to form a wreath and decorated with tiny colored candies; Peppernuts, our favorite, being a tooth-cracking hard ball with fascinating flavor, and Scotch shortbread which we make in very small fancy shapes.

Peppernuts have already been made, and because they're so popular, are depleted even before the first of December. They're the least expensive of the lot, and often I think the most intriguing.

Last night's activities centered around Berliner Kranz and even extended into this morning, for they have to stand overnight.

Here's the way the delicate little cookies are made. They'll take several hours, so count on plenty of time to make them.

**BERLINER KRANZ**

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| 4 raw egg yolks             | 1 pound butter |
| 2 cups confectioner's sugar | 7 cups flour   |
| 3 hard cooked egg yolks     | Vanilla        |

Whip raw yolks as well as possible with sugar, add mashed yolks with some of the butter. Add the remaining ingredients, roll out in long rolls about the size of the little finger. Cut in 3 or 4 inch lengths, cross ends like a wreath, bake in a 350 degree oven after wiping the top with egg white and dipping in colored sugar or decorative candies. Let stand overnight before baking if convenient. These are very delicate but not especially breakable cookies.

My recipe for peppernuts is different from others, yet I've never found one so good.

I don't know where the recipe came from, though I've had it for well over 20 years and have scarcely missed a year in making them at holiday-time. Today, when looking over some cookbooks, I ran across an identical recipe in a very good book devoted entirely to cookies. Though I've not tried all the cookie recipes, all that I have tried and given to others have proved very good. My faith in the book is even greater now that the author recommends this peppernut.

There is one slight difference in the recipe, and I believe we used to do it years ago. She suggests that the cookies be allowed to stand overnight before making, then each be turned over, a drop of water be put on the top before baking, so they'll be puffy on top.

**PEPPERNUITS**

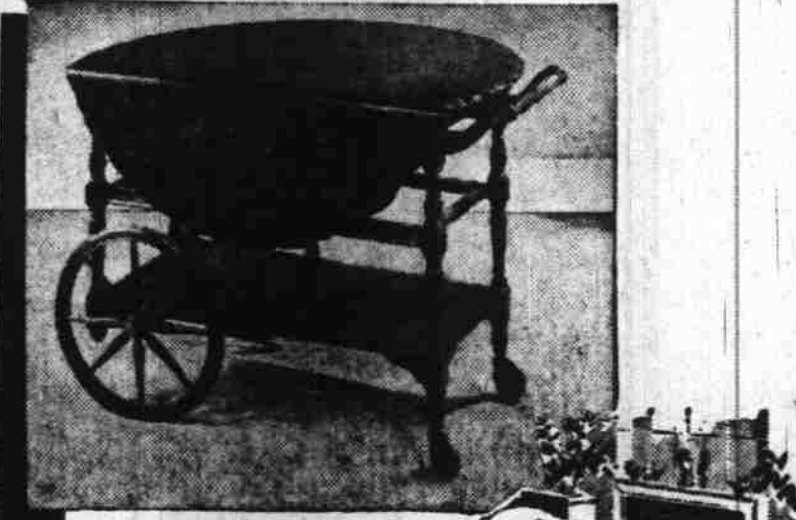
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| 4 cups flour      | 4 tablespoons candied lemon peel |
| 2 cups sugar      | 1 teaspoon nutmeg                |
| 4 eggs            | 1 tablespoon cinnamon            |
| 1 teaspoon cloves | 1 teaspoon baking powder         |

Beat eggs, sugar and spices thoroughly together. Add flour and baking powder sifted together, then add peel and mix well. Knead on a board, make dough in small balls and bake on greased tins at 300 to 350 for a few minutes until a pale brown. These cookies are very hard but have good flavor. They soften somewhat upon being stored in a tight tin.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark H. Brooten (Ruth Elma Gibbons) who were married Nov. '6 at the Jason Lee Memorial Methodist Church. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. George H. Baumgartner and the bridegroom is the son of Palmer H. Brooten of Brackenridge, Minn. The couple will live in Salem. (Art Studio).

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**Want an Apartment? Don't Go to Moscow**

By CHARLES KLENSCH  
MOSCOW (INS) — Moscow's housing situation is still so tight that even foreign diplomats and correspondents must wait at least six months for an apartment.

Foreigners cannot go apartment-hunting on their own as they would in other capitals. Almost all housing is owned either by the city government or by factories, ministries and other state organizations.

Foreigners may live only in buildings run or owned by Burobin, the bureau for services to the diplomatic corps.

But Burobin suffers from a chronic shortage of apartments and applying to them for an apartment means having your name added to the waiting list.

While sweating out the rare vacancy, diplomats and correspond-

ents camp out in one of the three state tourist agency hotels . . . the Savoy, National or Metropole.

Standards in these three tourist hotels are generally below those of first class hotels in the west.

Foreign residents who settle down for the long wait to get an apartment make themselves as comfortable as possible by cooking all or part of their meals on a hot plate in the bathroom.

An exception to the problem a new mission to Moscow has in finding quarters was the case of the Indonesians. Less than two weeks after the new Indonesian ambassador presented his credentials in April, the USSR broke off diplomatic relations with Australia.

So Burobin was able to turn over the Australian chancery and

apartments to the newcomers almost immediately.

Burobin has two large apartment houses and several smaller buildings which it leases by individual apartments. The tenants lists have a distinctly United Nations flavor, except that even more countries are represented.

The agency also leases whole buildings to foreign missions. Only the Austrian government owns its own embassy.

The U. S. Embassy solved most of its housing problems a year ago by moving its offices and living quarters into one large building on the Sadovaya ring a mile from the Kremlin.

The new building has room for all of the American staff except a dozen or so bachelors who live in an old house on the river embankment a mile or so away.

Previously the embassy had been located on Mokavaya square and the staff quarters were scattered around town in Burobin houses and apartments.

**EMPLOYEES WEEP**

ROANOKE, Va. (AP)—Employees began weeping when they entered the Rutrogh Motors building, Tear gas released by safecrackers in opening the company's safe didn't stop the thieves, who got \$150 in cash and carefully closed up the building.

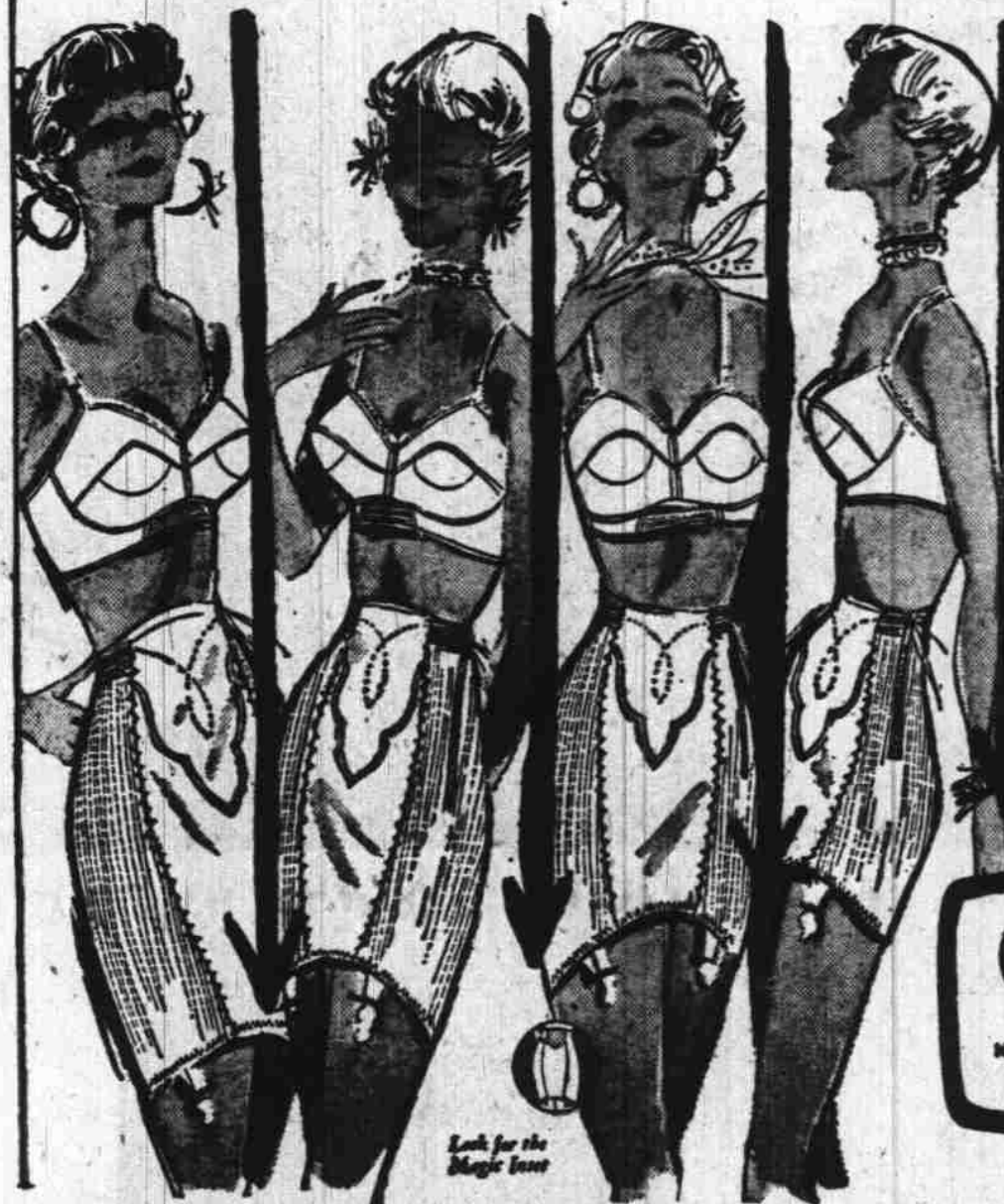
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**Vacationing Capitalists Given Big Welcome in Yugoslavia**

By ALEX SINGLETON

BELGRADE (AP)—Communist Yugoslavia's plan for cashing in on the wanderlust of Europe's capitalistic vacationers has paid high dividends this summer.

Official figures set the July tourist trade at 70 per cent higher than that for the corresponding month of last year, and well above the prewar average.

Most of the tourists come here for their holidays from West Germany, Austria, Great Britain and the United States, but there has been a substantial increase in visitors from Britain, Denmark, Norway, The Netherlands, Sweden and Turkey.

A junket to Yugoslavia has both plus and minus points for the average tourist.

On the plus side, there is the comparatively low cost of spending a vacation, probably the lowest of any country in Europe with the possible exception of Spain. Nursing dinars and avoiding the more expensive sea, lake and mountain spots, a tourist could "see" Yugoslavia on less than \$10 a day.

And there is much to see in this country Marshal Tito split from Moscow. A budget-minded tourist could arrange a program ranging from mountain climbing to swimming in the beautiful Adriatic, from fishing in the sparkling mountain streams of Slovenia to inspecting old forts and churches dating back to the time of Christ.

But there are bad marks on the tourist ledger. Except for a few main highways, the roads in Yugoslavia resemble winding cowlanes encrusted with cast-off horseshoe nails. In the so-called "luxury" spots—and there are few of these—hotels are overcrowded and expensive.

In the smaller communities, toilet facilities are inadequate at best with little hot water, and soap is available only if you provide it yourself. Service is bad and meals

are tendered on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.

There are, of course, exceptions. A chance encounter with a peasant may lead to an invitation to dinner where the menu might start with tender, golden sausages, work on into a dish of sucking pig or fowl (in or out of season) and wind up with sweet, frosted cakes and a cup of piping hot Turkey coffee. That is the exception, not the rule.

President Josip Broz Tito, once a peasant himself, is aware of the deficiencies which hamper Yugoslavia's foreign tourist trade. He has ordered new roads built, more hotels erected, increased recreational facilities and better transportation next year so that Yugoslavia can capitalize on the country's beauty.

**Insurance Policy Lasts 158 Years**

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—A school official was perturbed when he could find no fire insurance policy on the home of John Marshall, first chief justice of the United States, which is on the campus of John Marshall High School.

The city attorney said, however, that the property was conveyed in 1911 to the Assn. for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. That cleared things up for the school official, but a reporter went over to ask if it was insured.

He found the application for insurance, signed by John Marshall in 1796, and framed on the wall. The house has been continuously insured by the same company for 158 years.

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