



OLD FAVORITE DRESSED UP—Potatoes-in-cheese sauce team in a glamorous Ring-of-Gold. It's a good trick for family or guests.

Cheese-Potato Combination Is Elegant No-Meat Dish

The Tillamook cheese people sent us their recipe the other day for Ring-of-Gold, a dressed-up version of an old favorite—potatoes in cheese sauce—long enjoyed as a meat accompaniment. The ring can be the main course itself, or with a garnish of tomato wedges or crumb-topped baked potato halves, and buttered broccoli or string beans, it becomes the principal dish of the meatless meal. For extra elegance, garnish with "Fat Rascals," a gay edible garnish that gives the suggestion of meat.

Here are recipes for a super cheese sauce (you'll need it to make this dish) and for the ring-of-gold and the garnish.

Best Ever Cheese Sauce (Makes 3 cups of sauce)
4 tbs. butter or margarine
4 tbs. flour
1/2 tsp. salt
dash of pepper
1/2 cup prepared mustard
2 cups milk
1/2 pound Tillamook Cheddar cheese, shredded (or 2 cups rounded of shredded cheese)
Dashes of Worcestershire and Tabasco sauces, if desired
Melt the butter or margarine in the top of a double boiler over hot water. Add flour, salt and pepper. Stir until smooth. Add the milk and stir until the sauce is thickened, then add the mustard, sauces, and shredded Tillamook cheese. Stir until the cheese is melted.

Use from the hot sauce for the Ring-of-Gold; pour the remainder into jar with tight-fitting cover, and place in the refrigerator. To use, heat it with a bit of milk, amount depending on the desired thickness, in top of double boiler or over very low heat, stirring until blended.

NOTE: In making half the recipe, if you're in a hurry, you needn't use the double boiler. The sauce may be prepared over low direct heat, if you stay with it.

Tillamook Ring-of-Gold
These proportions are for a 1 1/2 quart mold. It makes 6 to 8 servings.

Construction Activity Down In West Area

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Construction activity in the seven western states during 1954 was lower than last year, despite the fact that it was higher on the national average, the Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco reported today.

The publication said the high level of construction activity has been an important prop to the national economy during 1954. On the nation scene, private construction activity especially was well above last year, while public construction outlays were slightly greater than 1953.

In the 12th Federal Reserve District, however, construction employment was 8 per cent lower and residential building was less active than a year ago.

The Monthly Review also pointed out that there have been marked differences in per capita income stability among the Western states since 1929, with the intermountain states of Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Idaho showing the least stability.

Washington and Oregon were more stable, with California showing the greatest stability in the district.

The differences were thought to be largely reflections of two kinds of structural factors in the economies of the seven states.

The first factor relates to the sources from which income payments are derived. The intermountain states, which depend primarily upon income payments from agriculture, showed the least stability. The Pacific Coast states, which derive the highest proportion of income payments from trade and service industries, were more stable.

The second factor was the different types of income payment. The states with a relatively small proportion of total income in the form of property income and relatively high proportion in the form of wages, salaries, and proprietors' income were less stable than California, which has the largest proportion of income of any of the states in the Twelfth District in the form of property income.

\$200 Trousseau Reported Stolen

CHICAGO (UP)—A handsome young man, wearing a dress suit, Monday night asked Mrs. Celia Spedden to help him select a trousseau for his "gorgeous" fiancée.

At Mrs. Friedman's, carefully wrapped a coat, three dresses and some dainty lingerie the young man told her of his plans for a "beautiful candle-light" marriage. Then he pulled out a gun and escaped with the \$200 trousseau.

Yule Buffet Planned For Small Space

Here are the working plans for a yuletide buffet, especially planned for the hostess with a limited amount of kitchen and dining space. Lacking a table or a conventional buffet away from the food preparation center, some hostesses use deep bookcases or a desktop instead.

The menu features turkey-corn chowder, mile-long sandwich, pickled peaches and watermelon rind preserves, mixed dill pickles, Mer-

To save steps, have the coffee service set up on a separate table in the living room, or at least ready, and waiting on a large tray in the kitchen. An automatic coffee maker will handle the brewing for you. The new electric combination casserole-fryer takes a prize—it makes and keeps a gallon of chowder hot as long as you like.

Turkey-Corn Chowder
1/4 cup butter or margarine
4 sliced medium onions
5 sliced, pared medium potatoes
2 stalks celery, sliced
4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 cups water
1 chicken-bouillon cube
5 cups milk
2 cans whole-kernel corn
1/4 tsp. dried thyme
1 cup light cream
1 No. 303 can cream-style corn
1 1/2 tsp. paprika
3 cups cut-up, roast turkey
2 tbs. butter or margarine
Parsley

In 1/4 cup butter in large kettle or electric combination casserole-fryer, saute onions till golden, stirring often. Add potatoes, celery, salt, pepper, water and bouillon cube. Cook, covered, 15 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Add milk and all remaining ingredients except 2 tbs. butter and parsley. Heat; dot with butter; snip parsley over top. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Mile-of-Sandwich
Split long loaf of French bread lengthwise; spread with butter or margarine, mayonnaise, and mustard. Fill with lettuce, sliced tomatoes sprinkled with monosodium glutamate, packaged cheese slices, and water cress. Cut into serving-size chunks.

Merry-Christmas Cake
Day ahead: Make white or yellow cake layers, using packaged mix.

The Day: Split each layer, making 4 layers; fill alternate layers with raspberry jam, middle layer with mint jelly. Frost with whipped cream, or Snow-Peak or seven-minute frosting. Sprinkle coconut. Slice green and red gum drops; place, with cut sides up, on cake.

Snow Peak Frosting
3/4 cup white corn syrup
2 egg whites
Pinch salt
1 tsp. almond extract
1/2 tsp. almond extract

In small saucepan, heat syrup to boiling point. With electric mixer or egg beater, beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Add salt; slowly pour corn syrup over beaten whites, continuing to beat until frosting is fluffy and hangs in peaks from beater. Fold in extracts. Frosts 2 8" or 9" layers or 1 angel cake.

Russians Send Record Number of Notes Protesting German Arming

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Russia is setting a record in sending out notes of protest in connection with the arming of West Germany and the Allied defense set-up in Europe in general. Within the last five days, Russia has dispatched something like 18 notes, some threatening, some complaining, to 16 different countries.

Two of the notes, to France and Great Britain, threatened to denounce friendship treaties concluded during World War II if the treaties to arm Western Germany are ratified.

Two more, to the United States and Britain, protested bitterly against a statement by an American Air Force general who implied strongly, if he did not actually say, that his Britain-based planes could carry an atomic bombing attack to the Soviet Union.

Fourteen countries in all, it is indicated, got notes complaining because they turned down the Kremlin's recent invitation to attend an "all-European security" conference in Moscow. This conference was intended to sabotage German armament plans.

Zhukov Adds Blast
In addition to all this Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, Russia's foremost soldier, loosed a blast accusing Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of wartime treachery.

This stemmed from Churchill's statement that at the end of World War II he ordered Montgomery to stack captured German arms in case German aid was needed in stopping the westward sweep of the Red army through Europe. Churchill later said he wasn't sure he issued the order, but Montgomery insisted he did.

What the notes add up to is that the Soviet government is almost desperately alarmed at the prospect that West Germany will be armed — and that the Western Allies will be able to launch an atomic-bomb attack from European bases if Russia's rulers start a new world war.

Lead Off With French Note
The Kremlin led, off last Thursday with a note threatening to cancel the 1944 French-Russian treaty of friendship and mutual aid if France ratified the German arms treaties.

Then came the notes to the United States and Britain on the atomic bomb statement by Brig. Gen. John D. Stevenson, commanding the U.S. 49th Air Division based in Britain.

Friday night Moscow started sending out its notes complaining

bitterly because none but Soviet satellite countries accepted the invitation to the Moscow conference.

Nine of these notes, a survey of capitals indicated, went to NATO members — Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Italy, Greece and Turkey.

Five more went to non-NATO members — Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Austria and Yugoslavia.

Monday, Russia threatened to denounce its 1942 friendship treaty with Britain.

So far the Kremlin hasn't said anything about the American atomic cannon and "Honest John" artillery rocket now based in Europe. But it must be thinking hard.

Marksmen Get Two Pheasants

HILLSDALE, Mich. (UP)—Charles Rosetti tip-toed back into his kitchen and grabbed his shotgun after he walked out on his back porch and spotted a plump pheasant perched atop a trash pile. He stepped quietly back onto the porch and fired a blast at the bird.

The pheasant, hit by the charge, fell off the trash pile and lay dead, and pheasant that had been hit by the pellets tried to fly away but fell to the ground.

While walking back to the porch with the two birds, Rosetti saw a third pheasant, also wounded, scamper through the brush and disappear.

"I hated to leave a wounded bird," Rosetti said. "But I had my two anyhow."

Ex-Con 'Home' At Penitentiary

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—The homesick convict is going home: back to Oregon State Penitentiary.

Robert W. McCann, 58, set fire to the Oregon Pulp and Paper Co. warehouse here in hopes the action would get him another prison term.

He pleaded guilty to arson and was given his wish—10 more years at the prison. He had been released only last August after serving 17 years of a 20-year-term for arson, committed in Klamath county. He said:

"I can't adjust to the world outside. And besides, all my friends are in the pen. I want to go back sending out its notes complaining



SEES LABOR UNITY—David J. McDonald, head of the CIO United Steelworkers, predicts that in 1955 the 16 million members of the CIO and AFL will merge into a "new united labor union." He is on the committee which is trying to iron out all the problems.

CHIEF UNHAPPY
KELLER, Tex. (UP)—Fire Chief M. B. Stevenson was unusually unhappy about a fire today that swept a cleaning establishment and destroyed clothing belonging to 40 persons — including the chief. San Juan harbor.

One of Puerto Rico's sportiest golf courses has been developed from the moats and parade grounds of a 400-year old Spanish fort that guards the entrance to

College Garden-Druggist Delight

BROOKINGS, S.D. (UP)—South Dakota State College has a garden that is a druggist's delight. Every one of the more than 100 forms of drug used in modern medication. Its pharmaceutical garden where State College students in pharmacy get first-hand information about drugs.

Plants from many parts of the world as well as native varieties are grown here. Cotton and sugar cane from warmer climates, the acacia from Africa, horehound from Asia and castor beans from the tropics all thrive in the garden.

The students help with the garden work, selecting plants and caring for them during the school year.

LOSER'S LICENSE
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UP)—Ivan Kernolde, who conducts drivers' tests for the Indiana Motor Vehicle Bureau, lost his driver's license for a year Monday for reckless and drunken driving.

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Covered Bridges Traffic Victims

COLUMBUS, O.—(UP)—The so-called "kissin' bridges" are beginning to disappear in Ohio.

But there is no official conspiracy to do away with the old covered bridges, they're the victims of modern traffic.

An unidentified couple recently wrote to Gov. Frank J. Lausche saying they were worried about rumors that a move was under way to tear down the 140 covered bridges in Ohio.

The governor said there was no program to tear down the bridges, and that there still were 327 1/2 bridges, not 140. The one-half of that total is the result of one bridge being in the Ohio-Indiana boundary, with each state owning half.

The bridges are gradually disappearing because some of them are too old and too small for modern traffic. There are only 16 such bridges on the state highway system. The others are scattered here and there on county roads.

Some of the bridges were so skillfully put together by early settlers that they could not be torn apart and had to be burned.

Will Collins, a local librarian and authority on covered bridges, explained that the bridges were not covered to encourage romance or to provide shelter. The covers were to protect the joints and trusses from the sun and the rain.

SMALLEST P. O.
DOWAGIAC, Mich. (UP)—The 25 residents of Copper Harbor not only have the smallest post office in Michigan, but, in all probability, the most honest population. A small wooden box in front of a store is the post office. Mail too large to go in the box can be placed on top of it. Residents claim it is perfectly safe there and will be mailed.