



Freedom Their Christmas Present—Mrs. Elicia M. A. Kramck holds her jail-born baby daughter, Joecna, 5-months-old, as she greets her husband, Joseph, after the 25-year-old mother had been freed from the Woman's reformatory at Framingham, Mass. Another woman had confessed in a Worcester, Mass., court to having passed the worthless checks for which Mrs. Kramck had served nine months of an indefinite sentence. The mother had cared for her boy in the reformatory. (AP Wirephoto)

What's Better Than Turkey Neck When Cooked Properly?

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, Dec. 23 (AP)—There is nothing as delicious as a turkey neck—if you know how to prepare it.

The dope on how it's done comes from Anthony Rota, head chef of the Willard hotel. He has been in this country 36 years and he has broiled and stewed turkey necks around the world.

We got to talking about how a turkey stays in the average ice box so long you begin to consider it one of the family.

"How can you get away from gravy on turkey, gobbler livers on toast and plain old hash?" I asked.

"There are more pleasant ways to get rid of the remains," Rota said, fingering his waxed white moustache. "Ever heard of wing-neck a-la-riviera?"

Well, said the chef, it goes like this:

Take some bay leaves, a few slices of onions, a tablespoon of flour, a tablespoon of curry powder.

Kick it up into a batter and simmer for two minutes and then add 1/2 pint of milk. Then take a turkey neck and two wings—already cooked—and steam and serve with steamed rice.

Another way to get the family mind off slightly-used turkey is to dice what's left of the dark and white meat. Add some red or green peppers and mushrooms, add two tablespoons of butter and cook for 10 minutes. Then put in three ounces of sherry wine and 1/2 pint cream, plus two tablespoons of flour and the yolk of an egg. Serve in a patty shell and the folks won't know they're eating turkey at all, Rota says.

But one of Rota's favorites is what he calls "turkey short cake plantation."

You slice up what is left of the turkey and sash in half a glass of white wine and a pint of cream sauce. Then you bake some corn bread and saw it up into three inch squares. Then you put the whole thing in the oven and bake until it is a golden brown. Serve with sweet potatoes, a slice of ham on top, plus any kind of soft cheese.

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Reinforced Concrete Replaces Wood Bridge

Lebanon—The existing timber bridge across the Mountain States Power canal near Lebanon is to be replaced by a structure of reinforced concrete. It will be one of the 20 highway construction jobs in 13 counties of the state on which bids will be received when the state highway commission meets in Portland this week. Aggregate amount of money involved in the various projects is estimated at \$1,800,000.

Christmas Shoppers Liberal at Albany

Albany—Albany Christmas shoppers are spending at a rate equal to, and in some cases better than last year's high-level Yule trade, a survey of Albany firms indicates. Businessmen agreed that the trend was toward more careful selection of purchases.

Spokesmen for Albany's two mail-order houses were optimistic about the 1949 Christmas business. One said it was up slightly this year as compared to last, the other said his business was easily holding its own.

All tradesmen contacted agreed that while shoppers are spending as much, they have become more choosy in what they pick out.

"With practically no shortages, people just aren't throwing their money around for just anything," one merchant said.

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WILL IT BE JAVA OR TEA?

Battle of Beverages Shaping Up as 'Fight of the Century'

By SAM DAWSON

New York, Dec. 23 (AP)—A battle of the beverages is shaping up for next year. A price-supply-demand tangle around the world, mixed in with currency juggling abroad, gives the chance to test the American taste for coffee or tea as its favorite hot and stimulating cup.

Coffee men insist high prices won't change a coffee drinker's habits. They plan to try to get Americans to drink more coffee, in spite of radically higher prices, to do this, they'll have to outbid Europeans for the bean.

Tea men, jubilant that their product has held fairly steady in price since the summer of 1947, after rising 44 per cent above prewar days, are planning a drive next month to induce Americans to switch from coffee to tea. Of course, they've tried this for years, but next month they'll stress coffee prices as their talking point.

What are American hot beverage habits now? Apparently, about five to one for coffee.

Americans consume 2.6 billion pounds of coffee a year—enough for about 100 billion cups. The roasters think that figure should grow to 3.9 billion pounds—more than 150 billion cups—despite recent crop declines in Brazil. European consumption this year is estimated at less than a billion pounds, and is expected to drop next year under the weight of price—Europeans just don't have the money. But Americans do, and roasters insist that the big jump in prices in recent weeks hasn't affected sales.

Americans import less than 100 million pounds of tea a year—that makes about 20 billion cups, the Tea Bureau, Inc., says, if brewed properly. The bureau says that so far this year the sale of tea has advanced eight per cent over last. The big season is in summer, thanks to that almost exclusively American drink, iced tea. Tea men count heavily on soaring coffee prices turning many persons to tea for the hot cup that cheers in the winter time, and give sales a pickup in this, their traditionally slack season.

Tea prices, steady since 1947, might have gone up again this fall, tea men say, except for the British pound devaluation. Britain raised the dollar price of tea to take up most of the drop in pound sterling value, but tea men said the price readjustment staved off a planned hike here at retail level.

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Heights School Gives Program

Salem Heights, Dec. 23—The community hall was packed with standing room only, when the school children presented their annual Christmas program.

The program started with "Christmas Eve at Home" with Donna Zeh as mother, Marvin Thompson as father and the children, Susan Zwicker, Bill Allen, Carol and Claude Beard. The first and second grade sang songs and the carolers were Karen Harris, Sandra Stelzenmuller, Bonnie Jean Kurth, Jeannette Harrison, Richard Lott, Billy Steen, Peggy Hogan, Charles Hammerstad, Pat Margi, David Robbins, Marjorie Randolph and Wayne Olson.

The "Christmas Story" was presented by the upper grades with Mary, Donna Whitacre; Joseph, Duane Smith; shepherds, Gary Zwicker, David Bradshaw, Earl Lane, Mickey Kuescher and Bob Gooch; wise men, Julian Thruston, Thurman Krater and John Hammerstad; angels, Patsy Murray, Loretta Bates Lelia Kapperman, Francelle Shumake, Charleen Griffith, Juanita Saiser, Carol Margi, Julia Rich and Betty Paris.

Children from other nations in their native costume were Nancy Margi, Barry Bevers, Roy McElroy, Leona Caswell, Donald Miller, Joyce Jeffery, Ronald Shearer, Sandra Corde, Dick McKillop, Mary Wilbur.

Funeral services are scheduled here today for Irving E. Vining, 75, an educator and former member of the state game commission.

Vining, an Ashland native, died here Wednesday. He taught at Southern Oregon Normal school when 18, later taught at Columbia university. He formerly was president of the Southern Oregon Pioneer society.

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Judy McClellan, John Lewis, Alice Hampton, Kathlyn Anderson, Larry Merrill, Patty Peterson, Darla McElroy, Mickey Wright, Warren Harvey, Jerry Reiwald, Susan Bartlett, Sandra Kuegeher and Ginger Hildebrande.

The reader for the program was Nancy Steen and the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students provided the musical numbers. A violin duet, "Star of the East" was given by Ella and Kenneth Clark.

All the grades sang. Santa Claus made his appearance and a treat was given to all the children present, Leslie Bates and

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