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Fruit & Nut Sweets Suggested for Parties

As one means of restoring the old-fashioned family circle, Miss Agnes Kolshorn, Oregon State college extension nutrition specialist, suggests enticing youngsters with a party with sweets from Oregon products.

Tested recipes included peach creams, golden apricot balls, candied fresh mint leaves, nut and date creams, filbert chocolate taffy, cherry divinity and stuffed, spiced prunes, peaches, figs, and apricots.

Extension units in five counties will carry this family fun recreation project this fall. Women are especially interested in packaging Oregon fruits and nuts for gifts.

Hostesses will find that fresh mint leaves glazed in egg whites and sugar will provide a refreshing accompaniment to iced summer punch. Dried fruit candies can be served as company confections or as a dessert after a family meal, Miss Kolshorn reports.

Peach or Apricot Creamy Candy
½ cup diced dried peaches or apricots
1 cup water
2 cups sugar
1 cup milk
dash salt
1 tablespoon butter
½ cup finely chopped filberts or walnuts

In a small kettle, cook diced dried fruit in water until fruit is soft and water is absorbed. In a larger kettle, cook sugar and milk to soft ball stage (236°F) stirring occasionally to prevent burning. Add dried fruit and cook until soft ball stage is again reached. Add butter, salt and nuts. Cool. Beat until it is less sticky and somewhat creamy. Turn onto waxed paper covered with powdered sugar or finely chopped nuts. Shape into balls or into rolls about ¾ inch in diameter. Let rolls set before slicing.

Mrs. Elnore Cowden from Phoenix, Arizona, who was visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hedgepath, received word from Los Angeles that her brother, who resided there, was not expected to live. She left immediately for Los Angeles, arriving there a day before he passed away. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Picnic Fare For Food And Family Fun



Dining rooms, say many families, are stuffy, especially in the summer. Out-of-the house eating is today's trend. Informality is the keynote of modern living. All of which adds up to picnics. Food tastes better on the terrace, in the back yard, or at the picnic grounds.

Food manufacturers of 1950 have made it easy to plan and fill the picnic basket. Think of the foods you can buy ready-to-eat or requiring a minimum of preparation in the home kitchen. Cans of baked beans, dozens of baked buns, loaves of cold meats and summer sausages, pickles, potato chips. The store offers radishes, green onions, potato salad, fruits of all types.

So it's a picnic for the family and almost a vacation for mother on the next hot summer day.

How does this menu sound? It ought to fill a growing boy's hollow legs, satisfy daughter's eye for color and flavor contrast, and give dad food that will tempt him beyond his capacity.

Casserole of baked beans topped with crisp bacon slices
Potato chips Radishes Pickles Mustard
Hot dogs in toasted wiener buns Green onions
Potato salad Sliced cold meats Hard cooked eggs
Slices of red-ripe tomato
Watermelon Assorted small fruits
Coffee Cream Milk

Baked beans are a picnic favorite. They have been included because any picnic meal should include one hot dish. Empty cans of baked beans into a casserole, add catsup, top with bacon and bake in a 325 degree oven for an hour.

Crunchy potato chips, crisp radishes give texture contrast to the soft beans. Use bunches of washed radishes with leaves left on. Place the bunches, leafy part down, in a glass jar. Stick in a few gleaming white onion bulbs and you have a centerpiece as well as a dish of relishes.

The buns are split, buttered, toasted. A hot wiener is inserted. Balance the part of the hot dog that extends beyond one end of the bun by stems of green onions extending at the other end. Herb flavored mustard is even better than plain mustard.

Put the potato salad in a large bowl. Cut rings of green pepper. Insert the rings down the center of the salad. Peel the hard cooked eggs. Cut the fresh tomatoes in thick slices.

Arrange the sliced meat at the last moment lest the edges of the meat curl. Use water cress or parsley for contrast.

The watermelon should be dead ripe and chilled from center to outermost rind. Add small fresh fruits for color accent and appetite appeal. Don't forget to fill the large enamel coffee pot with amber coffee, hot and clear. Everybody ready? Let's go.

Box Car Shortages Discussed at Salem

Meeting last weekend at Salem to discuss their program for improving freight car service in Western, Oregon, Directors of the Shippers Car Supply Committee came to the conclusion that solution of the perennial box car shortage will not be permanent until competitive service is made available to the western part of the state where presently a single railroad dominates the transportation. Factors influencing this conclusion were the tremendous growth of industry and population in the territory during the last twenty years and the fact that the railroad serving this area has not extended its trackage nor its ownership of freight cars to keep pace with this advance. The lumber industry is said to have more than doubled its production during this period which has also seen development of a new industry in the production of seeds shipped to all parts of the country.

The Shippers Committee also agreed that its members should do

everything within their power to stimulate shipments of merchandise into this territory by rail rather than by truck in order that more cars would be made empty in communities where cars are needed for loading lumber.

Reports of the representatives placed in the field by Public Utilities Commissioner Flagg indicate considerable variation in the percentage of car requirements filled in different areas. Although Southern Pacific Co. had stated last month that it was attempting to supply better than 50% of the requirements of all shippers, check of station agency records in some communities showed as few as 35% being delivered.

The Board commend Public Utilities Commission Flagg for initiating the current studies of freight car records and distribution and reiterated their request that he issue a service order requiring the keeping of better records by the carriers.

R. U. Bronson, Chairman from Eugene presided over the meeting which was attended by representatives of sawmills, planing mills, seed and grain warehouses.



Five Years Ago

Don Faber bought the lot east of Tom Marine's. Mr. Vernon Kight bought two lots out by Henry Maury. All three lots were sold by the city.

Mrs. B. F. Glenn returned home Tuesday from a week vacation spent with her husband, Cpl. Glenn at Las Vegas. Cpl. Glenn had a short leave and wrote for his wife to visit him.

Mr. Frank Griffins returned from Nebraska, where he and his sister, Mrs. Dixon had been visiting relatives for several months. Mrs. Dixon remains for a longer visit.

Mr. Joe Krupp left Tuesday morning for Los Angeles called there by the illness of his mother. Word has been received since he left that his mother was improved.

Allie Maple accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Tillie Maple and Mrs. Steve Benson arrived home Tuesday. Allie has a leave of absence for the fruit season. They were delayed at Kelso by someone stealing his car and running it in a ditch. It will cost about \$150.00 to have it repaired. Mrs. Maple was gone two months. She is not very well.

Mrs. Helen McDowell has returned from the hospital and is at her mother's, Mrs. Nora Hansen home. She will be in bed for some time, having recently undergone a major operation.

Ten Years Ago

Mrs. Guy Tex's daughter, Mrs. Bill Askwith and daughter Linda are visiting in Prospect to escape the heat in the valley.

Mrs. Charles Purinton and daughter, accompanied by Mrs. Purinton's father, Mr. J. T. Rolls, left for her home in Los Angeles after a visit of several weeks at the Rolls home.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster from Ashland visited at the Ida Berry home recently. Mr. and Mrs. Waxsome from Grants Pass were also callers at the Berry home.

Mrs. C. A. Dickinson and daughter Mrs. Grace Roberts, former resi-

dents of Table Rock visited at the J. Sanford Richardson home at Table Rock last week. The Dickinsons were former owners of the Red Skin orchards. They had not visited there for 18 years. Mrs. Roberts left for her home in Portland a few days ago. Mrs. Dickinson left Wednesday for her home in Fresno.

Mrs. Jack Cross, of Dunsmuir visited friends at Central Point Monday evening. Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Wm. Kamberg spent the afternoon

and evening with Mrs. Kenneth Powell while the men folks fished. Mr. Weidman has been putting a new roof on the woodshed at the J. C. Wood residence.

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