

Household News

by Lynn Chambers



Invite the Club—Serve Banana-Apple Rings
(See Recipes Below)

Dessert Parties

"Come over for dessert" has become one of the most popular ways of entertaining at luncheon or afternoon meetings of bridge or sewing clubs. Your guests will take a light snack at home and come over to your home for dessert only.

Easy? Yes, and a very successful way of starting out your afternoon. So, take out your best recipes for dessert and let's go: Whatever you have must be attractive, so bring out your nicest dessert plates and doilies. First idea on our list today are these broiled Banana-Apple Rings which will polka-dot your table in dessert perfection:

*Broiled Banana-Apple Rings.

(Serves 6)
1 cup sugar
½ cup water
2 apples, unpeeled
3 firm bananas
Melted butter
Salt
Cinnamon

Bring sugar and water to a boil and cook until sugar is dissolved. Core apples and cut crosswise into three thick slices. Add to syrup and cook until tender, but firm. Remove from syrup and place on a broiler rack or pan. Cover apple slices with overlapping slices of bananas which have been peeled and sliced thin. Brush with butter and sprinkle with salt and cinnamon. Broil about 10 minutes or until bananas are brown and tender, easily pierced with a fork. Serve hot with sweetened, whipped cream.

To make your dessert party a double success, serve:

Banana Oatmeal Cookies.

(Makes 3½ dozen)

1½ cups sifted flour
½ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¾ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup mashed bananas (2 or 3 bananas)
1½ cup rolled oats
½ cup chopped nuts

Sift together flour, soda, salt and spices. Add sugar gradually to shortening and cream well. Add egg and beat well. Add bananas, rolled oats and nuts and mix thoroughly. Add flour mixture and blend. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet about 1½ inches apart. Bake in a moderately hot oven about 15 minutes. Remove from pans at once.

Simply elegant will be your guests' or family's verdict when you serve

LYNN SAYS:

When planning your luncheon dessert parties, be sure to use this season's rich color schemes on your tables and favors and placecards. White with silver, gold, blue, red are tops right now.

If you like three color combinations, there's green, white and gold, blue, white and gold, or white, red and green.

For an elaborate color scheme use the rich tones of violet, emerald, gold, blue and red. This is especially good in a centerpiece.

Bridge placecards may be made out of paper chrysanthemums in your favorite color with the card tilling out of the flower. The white cards may also be decorated with painted flowers, or candy-shaped flowers pasted in the corner. Evergreen, holly, mistletoe, bright berries, pine cones, used alone or with a silver ornament such as a bell on the place card are sure to bring delighted murmurs from your bridge guests.

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Tomato-Pea Soup
Breaded Veal Cutlets
Riced Potatoes
Broccoli
Molded Gingerale Salad
*Broiled Banana-Apple Rings
Cookies Beverage
*Recipe Given

an ambrosial concoction so easy to make, it's no trick at all. Here's a dessert that proves you don't have to spend hours of cooking and baking to get a first-rate dessert:

Krispie Cream Roll.

(Serves 10)

1½ cups whipping cream
8 marshmallows
¼ cup honey
¼ cup chopped dates
¼ cup chopped nuts
¾ cups oven-popped rice cereal
Whip cream until stiff, reserving ¼ cup. Cut marshmallows into small pieces, adding them to cream. Add honey, dates and nuts. Roll rice cereal into fine crumbs and add 1 cup of crumbs to cream mixture. Blend well. Spread remaining crumbs evenly on a piece of waxed paper and place cream mixture on top. Mold into a roll and chill for several hours. Slice and serve garnished with remaining whipped cream, chopped nuts or fruit slices or berries.

No list of dessert tempters for parties is complete without super-smooth, delectable ice-box cake. Made with orange flavoring the ice-box cake can be truly provocative in both flavor and appearance and still be easy on the waistlines of your diet-conscious friends:

Orange Ice-Box Cake.

(Serves 8)

1 tablespoon gelatine
3 tablespoons cold water
2 cups milk or 1 cup evaporated milk diluted with 1 cup water
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
¼ cup orange juice
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
2 dozen lady fingers

Soak gelatine in cold water. Scald the milk in a double boiler, mix cornstarch and sugar, and add to hot milk. Add the eggs slightly beaten, combined with cold milk. Cook several minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from fire and add gelatine. Add orange rind and juice. Line a mold with lady fingers, then fill with alternate layers of the cooked mixture and lady fingers. Have a layer of lady fingers on top. Chill in refrigerator overnight. Serve with whipped cream, garnished with orange sections.

Piquant peppermint adds a never-to-be-forgotten flavor to chocolate, and served in quaint tarts, here's a dessert that will mark you as a leader in your crowd:

Chocolate Mint Tart.

(Serves 6)

2 squares unsweetened chocolate
1 cup evaporated milk diluted with 1 cup water
¾ cup sugar
5 tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon salt
2 egg yolks
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup chopped nuts
6 baked tart shells
Sweetened whipped cream
½ cup crushed peppermint candy

Add chocolate to diluted milk in double boiler and heat until chocolate melts. Beat with rotary beater until chocolate is blended with milk. Combine sugar, flour and salt and add gradually to chocolate mixture. Cook until thick and smooth, about 15 minutes. Beat yolks and add to cooked mixture gradually. Cook two minutes longer. Remove from fire, add butter, vanilla and nuts. When cool, pour into tart shells. Top with whipped cream, mixed lightly with the crushed candy.

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Learn to Sew if Your Budget Is Limited—It's Fun, Too!

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



basque top of black cotton lace with a shirred wide-spreading rayon moire skirt which repeats the black lace in a hip border inset after the manner of the gown which the figure seated in the foreground is wearing.

THIS year the fashion picture is literally packed with drama. What with a whirl of midwinter festivities and gala occasions in full swing one is almost sure to yearn for more than the usual amount of clothes glamour. The good news is that, by making sewing your hobby, you can easily manage to have an enchanting array without suffering a single budget twinge.

Simply pick the pattern that measures up to your idea of a dream dress, get your material in hand and then dash off to your nearest local sewing center where expert help is cheerfully given in sewing short cuts and fashion tricks, at little or no expense.

Fabric counters are literally bubbling over with an endless display of smart, inexpensive rayon jerseys, tweedy weaves that tailor beautifully, gorgeous taffetas and moires that look twice as expensive as they really are; velveteens in alluring pastel and brilliant jewel-toned colors; handsome laces of every type from sheer to the new linen effects, which, for the most part, can be had for under a dollar a yard. This year a merry war is going on between traditional black-and-white and lush, ravishing colors like fuchsia, turquoise, black plum, alarm red, topaz, gold and beige, Kelly green and seafoam tones and tints.

For the twilight hour and its flattering candlelight, there's romantic elegance needed, and you will be equal to the occasion if you make a dinner dress which combines a long-sleeved, front-buttoned, long-torso

White Fur



In keeping with the vogue for "winter white," this season, comes the prediction from furriers that snow white lamb will prove one of the most popular furs of the season. The young set is "rushing" the idea. It's a treat to the eye to see young girls wearing coats like the one pictured. These coats are strikingly new, and they top the now-so-modish white jersey "date" dresses to perfection.

Rain Now Calls for Gay Fashion Parade

Away from somber attire on a rainy day! No longer are leaden-cast skies, downpours of rain and muddy streets a sign that one must match the somberness of the scene with clothes equally depressing. According to the new theory, a rainy day is just the time to come out in bright array. In fact, rainy days are turning into cheerful events.

There are gay new capes, fitted coats and trench model coats, some in white, some in blue and, most exciting of all, those in bright red rainproof transparencies or processed cloth, if you prefer. You can get red or white boots to match.

There's style and charm, too, in the new processed black satin rain-coats that are fashioned with smart details and given a glamour touch in that the newest out are fashioned with jeweled buttons.

Magazine Tells What the College Girl Is Wearing

According to a new women's magazine: College co-eds are braiding their hair in "country cousin" style. Earrings are being worn with the braids. Sixty inch pearls worn on "Sloppy Joe" cardigans are "tops" everywhere. Cowboy boots, plaid sweaters, lime yellow shirts, corduroy jackets, the "V" neck sweater and knee length argyle plaid socks also storm the American campus scene.

For the Young

Take yards and yards of bright red net. Fashion this into a full skirt. Top this with a snug-fitting bodice made of jersey in matching red. Outline the décolletage, sleeve edges and finish off the waistline with a single-row beading of sparkling red sequins.

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Household Hints

Grapefruit and oranges will peel more easily if you soak them three minutes in boiling water to cover. That will make the membrane come off along with the skin. Then chill the fruit for use in salads, cocktails, or desserts.

If doors and drawers swell so much that they won't close, sandpaper or plane the edges, and then varnish the surface to prevent further swelling or shrinking.

If your vacuum cleaner has several attachments, make the best use of them. They come in handy for cleaning behind radiators, book cases and the refrigerator.

Try dipping the knife in boiling water before cutting cake or pie.

The white part of orange and lemon rinds is usually bitter. So when grating use only the outside yellow part.

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Let's go to town —at home!

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