

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Spiced Pastry Makes Delicious Tartlets
(See Recipes Below)

WHETHER YOU MAKE individual tarts or a single pie to serve several people, you know that pastry makes a special kind of dessert, bound to be pleasing to anyone.

The crust should be meltingly tender, of course, and it might be lightly spiced for a added appeal. The filling, whether a custard type, fruit or berries, delicious to taste, smooth as satin on the tongue.

For a heavier dinner, try one of the tart fillings like lemon to give the meal proper contrast. For lighter dinners, the rich custard fillings fill the dessert role perfectly.

At your next luncheon or dinner party, something new in the way of pastry would be spiced pastry for the tart shells and a lemon filling, swirled with peaks of meringue.

Lemon Meringue Tartlets (Makes 4)

Spiced Pastry:
2 cups sifted, all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 cup shortening
1 tablespoon vinegar
3 tablespoons orange or citrus juice

Sift dry ingredients together. Cut in shortening. Mix together vinegar and fruit juice and add to dry ingredients. Mix lightly with a fork. Roll dough 1/4 inch thick into four rounds. Line 5-inch pie pans, making a fluted edge. Prick shells well. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) 10 to 12 minutes.

Lemon Filling and Meringue:

1 package lemon pudding
3 egg whites
Pinch of salt
Pinch of cream of tartar
1/2 cup sugar
Prepare 1 package lemon pudding as directed on box. Cool slightly and pour into baked pastry shells. Beat 3 egg whites until foamy. Add pinch of salt and pinch of cream of tartar. Beat until stiff but not dry. Gradually beat in 1/2 cup sugar. Continue beating until stiff and glassy. Spread over filling. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) 5 to 7 minutes or until lightly browned.

Rich Lemon Tarts (Makes 5)

5 baked tart shells, 2 inches in diameter
1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 whole eggs
2 egg yolks
1/2 cup lemon juice

Melt butter. Stir in sugar. Beat whole eggs and yolks well and add to butter-sugar mixture. Stir in lemon juice. Stirring constantly, cook until thickened. Let cool. Spoon into tart shells. If desired, garnish with whipped cream or lightly browned swirls of meringue.

Peaches and Cream Pie (Serves 6-8)

1 baked 8-inch pie shell
2 packages frozen peaches
1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin

LYNN SAYS:
Add Flavor Contrast To Your Menus Daily

Spanish rice makes an excellent cold weather supper dish, but it can be enhanced with the addition of bulk pork sausage blended with the rice. Serve spinach as a vegetable, apple-raisin salad and fruit and cookies.

What does one serve with chili for a well-balanced meal? Vienna bread, warmed and buttered is tasty. Follow with a fruit salad and ice cream for dessert.

A Record

1040 Sundays Straight

CARTHAGE, Mo.—The people of Carthage are proud of John Wheat, an employee of the Central National Bank for 25 years, who has attended Sunday-school 1040 Sundays without a miss.

At the age of 10, he joined the church. Since that time he has served as a deacon, an elder and as Sunday-school superintendent and department superintendent. And in the past 20 years he has not missed a Sunday.

The people of Carthage, located on the fringe of the Ozarks, believe John Wheat's record is one of the most unusual in the nation.

Startling Mazers Wake Florida Town From a Long Sleep

PALATKA, Fla.—Thanks to the "Amazing Mazers," this little town, which lapsed into somnolence some 40 years ago, is wide awake now and "rarin' to go."

Palatka was a resort town for the extremely wealthy until the Clyde Line steamers quit running up the St. Johns river in 1910. Then it went to sleep.

But when the "Amazing Mazers" hit town in 1946, Palatka awoke running and has been operating at a fast clip ever since.

Some hint of the Mazers' capacities may be gained by the fact that their father, Abraham Mazer, started with virtually nothing in 1896, and now is the head of a large family-owned enterprise that sold more than \$22,000,000 worth of paper products in 1950 and expects to sell about \$45,000,000 worth in 1952.

From Mazer's little paper jobbing business has emerged the Hudson Pulp & Paper Corporation, one of the nation's largest manufacturers of household napkins, roll towels, and tissues and a major factor in the production of gummed sealing tape, wrapping paper, grocery bags and heavy, multi-walled industrial sacks.

So, when he and his three sons decided to build a new \$10,000,000 paper plant in Palatka, things were bound to happen. They did.

Four years later Palatka has been virtually revamped. Its population has gone up an estimated 25 per cent. Its Main Street has been almost entirely done over. Its merchants have become more prosperous than ever in the town's history. And, thanks to the influx of a new \$2,500,000 payroll, new houses, new restaurants, new business enterprises of every kind have brought the city to a new high ranking among the state's communities.

Now, Hudson and the Mazers are about to open another \$10,000,000 addition to the present mill, which will double production, double payrolls and, Palatkans hope, double prosperity.

As they say in Palatka, "It's 'mazerin'."

Waste Turns Village Into a Ghost Town

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — Graysonia, recently in the news out of Washington as one of five former towns in the U.S. with population zero, is a ghost town on the west side of Clark county, some 25 miles west of this community.

In its hey-day, Graysonia boasted one of the largest lumber mills in the south, at least 200 buildings, and several hundred population. Now there is not a building there and pine trees are growing over the site of the former settlement.

When the Graysonia Lumber Company was established there in 1907, virgin forest stretched for miles in all directions. The mill ate up the woods at the rate of 150,000 board feet a day. The larger mills in those days did not bother with second growth but pulled up "lock, stock and barrel" and left for other virgin tracts of timber. When this happens, a bustling settlement suddenly becomes dormant. The bulk of the population follows the mill or goes to some other mill. A few families always remain behind. If there is good soil and a chance at agriculture a small village remains. In this case, the soil was too thin. One by one the few families left for other towns. Finally the last family gets lonesome and also departs. This is what happened at Graysonia after the mill quit in 1933.

The editor of the Arkadelphia Southern Standard visited Graysonia in April of 1909 and some of his remarks about the place are as follows:

"Here is one of the largest and most up-to-date mills in South Arkansas. It has a capacity of 150,000 feet of lumber per day. The company has electric cars running to move the lumber from the mill to the railroad cars for shipment."

"The company has one of the largest and best arranged commissaries we ever saw. The building is 150 by 200 feet and they carry a complete stock of all kinds of merchandise. The commissary is presided over by C. C. Jackson. They carry \$30,000 stock and their sales for March were \$10,500."

"The mill employs and has on its payroll over 500 men. The town has three hotels, the Riverside owned by A. S. Goodall, the East Side owned by Dave Sturdevant, and the Mountainview conducted by Mr. Brookerson."

Spareribs give a hearty dinner and are properly contrasted with mashed potatoes, lima beans, crisp relishes and a tart lemon pie.

Family like meat balls? Team them with mashed or boiled potatoes, serve stewed tomatoes, apple-celery salad and cherry pie.

Nothing's easier to prepare than macaroni in which you've folded some chunks of frankfurter. Add to this main dish buttered beets, apple-banana-nut salad and some vanilla pudding and the meal's complete.

GOOD LUCK

Lake Superior Herring Brings New Prosperity

BAYFIELD, Wis.—Bayfield's long period of general bad luck has come to an end bringing smiles and ready cash to the community's 1,200 population.

A silvery horde of Lake Superior herring invaded the waters among and around the Apostle Islands to spawn and Bayfield residents harvested one of the biggest herring runs in history.

Last year's herring run was far below normal and the trout and whitefish harvest was relatively small. Extremely wet weather damaged the berry, apple and bean crops. Even the pulpwood business suffered because the rains made the woods too wet for work. And finally, the business district was hit by one of the flash floods that have done considerable damage in recent years.

600 Employed

So this year's herring run was a cheering event for the whole community. Between 50 and 60 boats were engaged in the harvest. Each boat had a crew of from three to eight. To pick the herring out of the gill nets, each boat required a crew of "chokers" on shore. Each crew was about the same size as that on the boat.

In addition, there were about 300 workers dressing, salting and freezing the fish and doing other work on the docks. This made a total of more than 600 employed directly in the fishing at Bayfield.

Although machines have been used in dressing herring, many hand dressers are still employed in Bayfield. Women and high-school girls and boys also were employed to pick herring from the nets and in the salting and freezing operations.

Mink Food

Most of the fish were salted or frozen for human consumption, while some was smoked and others shipped fresh to markets during the season. In recent years, a growing percentage of the harvest has been sold "round" or undressed to fur farms for mink food.

About 65 per cent of the harvest was salted and 35 per cent went for animal food this year. The market was termed good, with demand greater than the supply. Prices were about 15 per cent higher than last year and wages about 12 per cent higher, village workers reported.

Most of the salted herring was shipped to the south and southeastern part of the country where they are a favorite food for workers, especially miners.

Over 40,000 Letters Received at Santa Claus

SANTA CLAUS, Ind.—The town of Santa Claus, famous for its name, received more than 40,000 letters this year.

A Tennessee mountain boy wrote and asked Santa to send his father an ax and his mother a buck saw so they could cut wood for their cabin stove.

"Dear Santa," the boy wrote. "We are nearly out of firewood for our stove. Would you please send daddy a sharp ax and please send mom a buck saw."

The letter was passed on to the town's American Legion post by the post office. It was answered, as are all the letters that have a return address.

One of the most touching came from a mother of four youngsters living behind the iron curtain in Budapest, Hungary. She wrote in hopes that somehow Santa might visit her children.

"We are not allowed to have Santa Claus in Budapest," she wrote. "We would like to be remembered in some way but doubt if it can be done."

"Perhaps you will not even get this letter."

Lillian Butler of Hastings, Neb., a bedfast invalid of 80, sent a big box of doll clothes she made. She asked the legion to pass the clothing on to needy children in Santa's name.

Most of the letters were written in childish scrawls from wistful children asking for toys. The legionnaires found that most Texas boys asked for saddles and spurs. California and Florida children wanted swimming and sailing playthings. Kids in northern states wanted sleds, skis and skates.

Farmers Act to Catch 'Tractor Rustlers'

CHICAGO, Ill.—Rustlers are active again in the Midwest, but this time it is "tractor rustlers."

Farm organizations reported recently thefts of farm tractors were on the increase. They reported the thefts were due to equipment shortages and that the stolen tractors were being "bootlegged" in other states.

Twenty-six tractors have been stolen recently in eastern Nebraska. Iowa and Kansas farmers reported similar conditions. Tractors left in fields are loaded on flat-bed trucks in the night and hauled away.

One farmer suggested that perhaps old-time posses would have to deal with the problem. "But what would we do with the critters when we catch 'em?" he asked. "Hang 'em to the nearest grease rack?"

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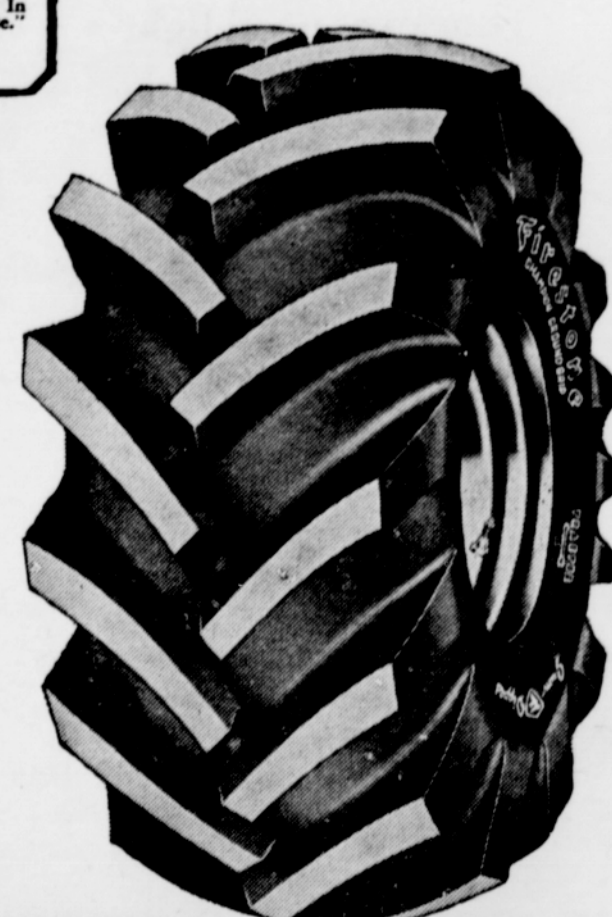
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