

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Serve Simple Refreshments Graciously
(See Recipes Below)

Entertaining Lightly

ANY WOMAN WHO belongs even to one club will have to take her turn at entertaining the members every once in a while. Perhaps it's a sewing circle, a bridge group or a committee.

These occasions which come in the afternoon or evening need something of the light refreshment variety. You'll want something your friends will rave about, but at the same time, keep it simple and easy to serve.

Light desserts are welcome often, and so are tasty but dainty sandwiches or cookies. If these can be made in advance, you're free to devote the last few minutes before they arrive toward looking your prettiest or giving the house a once over lightly to have everything at its best.

If the refreshments are to be served buffet style, with all the ladies going to the dining table or sideboard to help themselves, this can be set in advance. Your prettiest tea set with attractive platters of cakes, sandwiches or cookies will make for a decorative occasion.

A few blossoms or leaves attractively arranged can add festivity even to simple tables. If you have a lovely glass bowl, try floating a few flowers in clear water, or place some vines in a well designed container.

Refrigerator cookies can be mixed and chilled several days ahead of time, to be baked on the morning of the day you entertain. This type is especially colorful:

***Fruity Ice Box Cookies**
(Makes 6 dozen)

1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup minced candied cherries
1/2 cup minced candied green pineapple

Blend together shortening, sugar, egg and vanilla. Stir in remaining ingredients and blend until smooth.

Divide dough into four equal parts and shape each portion into a 1-inch roll. Chill rolls thoroughly. (They may be wrapped in foil or waxed paper). Slice off cookies about 1/4-inch thick and place on ungreased cookie sheets 2 to 3 inches apart. Bake in a moderate (350°F.) oven for 15 minutes.

These date cookies are really sandwiches and give you nice variety with any other kinds of cookies served:

Oatmeal Date Sandwiches
(Makes 48 cookies)

Cookie Dough:
1 1/2 cups butter or substitute
1 cup brown sugar
2 1/2 cups flour
2 1/2 cups rolled oats, uncooked
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 cup warm water

Filling:
1 pound dates, minced
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup cold water

To make cookie dough, cream

LYNN SAYS:
Enhance Your Vegetables To Add Menu Interest

Preserve fresh green colors in vegetables by cooking without the cover. Some vitamin loss will occur, but short cooking can prevent much of this, and vegetable will be eaten if it's more attractive.

Cabbage and cauliflower should be washed carefully to prevent any worms from lodging in the vegetable. If placed in cold, salted water for a short time before cooking, worms can be drawn out.

Gas Blasts

Damage Illinois Town

MATTOON, Ill.—The town of Mattoon was seriously damaged recently by a series of gas explosions. Damage was estimated at \$1,000,000.

Fortunately, only one person was injured in the succession of blasts that wrecked a block of business houses and started half a dozen fires.

The first explosion occurred in the heating plant of the City Drug Store. In quick succession at least five more blasts ripped through the downtown business section. Fifty guests fled the Byers Hotel which was damaged.

In 1936, an explosion at the site of the City Drug Store killed three and injured six. Ten years ago, three died in a fire in the Byers Hotel.

Tunnel Holds Key To Future for Small Town in Colorado

LEADVILLE, Colo.—The little town of Leadville, which made history back in the eighties with a silver boom that rocked the nation, is holding its breath over a new tunnel that is being bored into its fabulous mountains.

The tunnel, if successful, will let water, now standing in the interlocked shafts, flow out of the mines that once produced fortunes. If that should happen, then the community would boom again and make new fortunes. There is still fabulous veins of ore in the mountain, but the mines have been unworkable because of the water.

The whole thing is a \$2.5 million gamble to get lead, zinc, and manganese needed for defense. The work is being done by the Utah Construction company under the supervision of the Denver office of the federal Bureau of Mines.

The tunnel was first started during World War II, but funds were exhausted and peace came before it could be driven into the mountain an effective distance.

When work ceased, hopes of Leadville's new boom died with it. Then along came Korea and work was started again.

It is an unusual tunnel. Its mouth is a mile and seven-eighths above sea level. It taps first one mine shaft and then another through which sponsors hope to drain a multitude of old workings.

The tunnel stops now just short of the long-unworked Emmet mine. Work is in progress on side tunnels. Water from deep inside the mountain, 3250 gallons a minute, flows into a concrete ditch that carries it to the Arkansas river.

Leadville's old timers say the tunnel is a gamble, but if the mountain drained the community will be as prosperous as the days when the mines were turning out fortunes in silver and other metals.

Kentucky Community's Growth Is Phenomenal

CAMPBELLVILLE, Ky.—The growth of Campbellville, Ky., has been phenomenal in the last 20 years, a recent industrial survey by the state government reveals.

Twenty years ago the community had a population of 1,200 people. Today, in the same area, there are 6,000 residents.

For many years, lumber, logs, staves, crossies and other lumber products had been the greatest asset. And to a large extent the payrolls from these timber industries supported the community.

At the end of 1951, the survey showed the community had more than 20 industries employing 800 or more people with a payroll of \$2,000,000 a year with plans to expand by additional payrolls of about \$2,000,000 within the next twelve months.

Since the arrival of the new industries the community has prospered. New business houses have been erected on Main Street, side streets and in the suburbs. Better looking store fronts and well-lighted show windows have appeared—and more important—there are many more employees behind the counters and desks.

To keep pace with this growth the community has a new water system under construction. There is a new hospital, new buildings for the local college campus, and a new 40-acre sportsmen's lake for fishing and boating.

The community has a new hotel and several motels.

Students Give Town A Dozen New Words

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Dozens of new words are beginning to take hold in the vocabulary of Lexington residents.

A group of pre-journalism students at the University of Kentucky have unearthed the "words" which they argue should be in Mr. Webster's famous book.

Two of them are "Instantooters" and "blabeads".

A "blabead" is a young man who kisses and then talks, while an "Instantooter" is the frequently encountered driver who cannot resist blasting his auto horn the moment the traffic light changes to green.

Who knows, maybe they'll soon be a part of the vocabulary of residents in hundreds of home towns across the nation.

DOING BUSINESS ON MAIN STREET

—A Weekly Newsletter

● Office of Price Stabilization is "cracking down" in hundreds of towns throughout country for violations of regulations under CFR 34.

● Regulation provides such firms as cleaners, garages, laundries, service stations, jewelers, watch repairers, shoe repair and hat cleaners, radio and television service firms and others post statement ceiling prices in conspicuous place and file copy of statement with OPS. They also are required to keep records showing prices, pricing methods and make them available to OPS agents.

● Injunctive actions have been filed by OPS against many firms and some \$60,000 in single, double and treble damages as result of overcharges have been made, with restitution to customers amounting to about \$140,000.

● Small job printing shops or job printing sections of small town newspapers where their annual job printing business is less than \$50,000 annually, are NOT affected and are EXEMPT from provisions of OPS order fixing new ceiling prices on all forms of job printing and printing services.

● Army reports during 1951 fiscal year it awarded 76.8 per cent of all prime contracts, equal to 29.8 per cent of dollar value, to small business firms. In first three months of 1952 fiscal year small business firms were awarded 77.5 per cent of all prime contracts, equal to 32.9 per cent of dollar value.

DISABLE REPORTS ON STABILIZATION

● Mike DiSalle, who resigned as director of price stabilization to run for Democratic nomination for United States senator from Ohio, in final statement asserted that during year following imposition of price controls, cost of living increased only 2.9 per cent as compared to 10 per cent in 1950. Most of this 2.9 per cent increase, DiSalle said, is attributed to food products not under control because they are selling below parity, and such miscellaneous goods and services as medical costs, rents, professional services and barber and beauty parlor costs, all exempt from control.

● Bureau of Labor Statistics report fuel, electricity and refrigeration index advanced 1.5 per cent during 1951. Apparel index declined .4 per cent between November and January 1. Lower prices were reported for heavy wool outer apparel. Also lower prices noted in womens nylon hose, rayon dresses and shoes, mens shoes and cotton yard goods.

● U.S. Department of Labor investigators found 3,465 children under 16 employed illegally on farms in 1951. Over 500 were young workers from five to nine years of age.

● Although locomotives built today are pulling heavier tonnages and longer trains, locomotive builders, in protesting steel cuts for second quarter of 1952 report there are fewer locomotives on nation's railroad tracks today than at time of Pearl Harbor attack in 1941. Then there were 41,438 engines of all types owned by railroads where there are only 34,698 today.

● As of Jan. 14, there were 5,443 applications approved by NFA for rapid tax write-offs involving \$11,514,186,643 of new and expanded plants.

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ARMED SERVICES

QUESTION BOX

(Send your questions about the armed forces or any aspect of military service to: Walter Sheard, Armed Services Question Box, 1057 National Press Building, Washington 4, D.C. Answers will be given in this column.)

High school graduates who enlist for four years in the Air Force will be eligible immediately to apply for pilot or observer training. Formerly, high school graduates were required to serve eighteen months before they could apply for such training. Applicants will be chosen for flying training on a competitive basis.

Q. I am taking a correspondence course under the GI bill, which I hope to finish soon. Would I be permitted to sign up for an advanced phase of the same course, also under the GI bill, even though the 1951 cut-off date has passed? R.B.M., Iona, S. Dak.

A. Yes. But you must submit your application to VA for the advanced course before you complete your present course.

Q. I am a former truck driver, and I lost a leg in the Korean fighting. When I apply for disability compensation, will my payments be higher than they would be if I had been an office

worker, for example, who could go back to his job even though he had a leg missing? F.E.R., Emma, Ga.

A. No. Generally, disabilities are rated on the basis of average impairment of earning capacity resulting from such injuries in civil occupations. The rating schedule does not take individual occupations into consideration.

Q. I am a paralyzed veteran, entitled to \$120 a month pension because I need the constant aid and attendance of another person, in order to get about. Must that other person be a nurse, or could it be someone in my own family? M.J.P., Danville, Va.

A. That person need not be a nurse. It may be any person, including a member of your own family.

Q. I drive 30 miles every day to my work. Twice a week I stop in at a VA clinic for out-patient treatment. Could VA pay for my transportation on those days? F.J.S., Shirley, Mo.

A. No. The only time VA could pay for your transportation would be if the travel were performed primarily for the purpose of getting treatment at VA's request. Travel pay could not be granted in your case since your job takes you to the city every day.

Marine Corps Seeks Officers From Ranks

The Marine Corps recently announced plans to obtain 1,000 officers from its enlisted ranks. All commanding officers have been instructed to recommend applicants, regardless of rank, who measure up to certain standards. Most of those to be promoted are senior non-commissioned officers who have approximately ten years service, and are veterans of World War II. Also eligible are younger Marines with less service, who are college grad-

uates or who have demonstrated by tests the attainment of an education equivalent to college graduates.

The Army has received the first of 97 cargo helicopters ordered for delivery during 1952. Identified as the H-19, it is intended primarily to speed the supply of food, ammunition, and medical items to the front lines and to transport troops to otherwise inaccessible areas. It is a single-rotor helicopter.



A COPING SAW available for fifty cents or so at your nearest hardware store will be needed to saw out the curved portions. A brace and bit, with hand saw and screwdriver will take care of the rest. Everything is complete on the pattern, including the free-hand painting directions. Price of pattern 358 is 25c.

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