

## Christmas Kitchen — A gift of recipes

This week's "Christmas Kitchen, A Gift of Recipes" will feature recipes for beverages, and will conclude this year's holiday feature.

### BEVERAGE RECIPES

From **CHLOE PEARSON**

4-H Leader

#### Super Hot Buttered Rum Mix

- 1 qt. vanilla ice cream, softened
- 1 lb. butter, softened (not margarine)
- 1 lb. brown sugar
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 2 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 tsp. cinnamon

Cream all ingredients together, freeze batter. Store until needed. Batter will remain soft enough to spoon out.

To serve, spoon three teaspoons of batter into mug with 1 jigger rum and six ounces boiling water. Stir with cinnamon sticks if desired.

Serves 30.

#### Almond Liqueur

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups vodka
- 2 cups brandy
- 3 to 4 tsp. almond extract

In medium size saucepan combine sugar and water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir in vodka, brandy and almond extract. Transfer to tightly covered decanters or pint or quart jars.

Yields six cups.

#### Sparkling Apple Juice

- 1 qt. apple juice
- 3 thin slices orange, cut in half
- 3 thin slices lemon, cut in half
- 1 10-ounce bottle ginger ale, chilled

Cut orange and lemon slices, add to apple juice, let stand in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Just before serving, add ginger ale. Serve in glasses with ice and garnish with orange and lemon slices.

Yield: 4 - 6 servings.

## Around About By Justine Weatherford

Now the greatest of our holidays is over and many homes have quieted and are back on a more usual schedule, although where there are school children and school staff members or teachers, the return to regular scheduling won't completely resume until January 3.

How good it is that during Advent season and between Christmas and the re-opening of school we all are brought in closer touch with friends and family through personal visiting and through the exchange of letters and greeting cards. Did an unusual proportion of the cards you received this year stress "Peace on Earth"?

About the most unusual greeting I received came from Tucson, Arizona, from a first cousin, Bruce Johnson, an engineer, and his wife, Ruth, an artist. I know they want their message to reach as many as it can and, therefore, I am copying their "1982 CHRISTMAS FANTASY" for you.

"Could it be that by some magical means the president was being manipulated by the FGB—or was it only a return to simple sanity? At any rate, on Christmas Day of 1982, the administration in Washington ordered the destruction of all nuclear weapons. Polaris and Trident submarines were to be converted to transports for conventional arms.

"Congress gave quick support. After all, they wanted to be re-elected, and the public had symbolized their desire for peace by their support of the Nuclear Freeze. Of course, with many times over enough weapons to destroy the human race, as well as the (lower?) animals, the freeze concept was only a beginning.

"A startled world inundated the U.S. with expressions of relief, admiration and support. Adversary nations turned overnight into approving friends. Of course, there was relief, too, in the Soviet Union, since they were no longer sitting ducks. But they were now saddled with a vast array of nuclear missiles for which there was no real excuse.

"They still needed our corn, our wheat, and our technology. And as for trying to impose their own repressive system on the U.S., they had had enough on their hands with nearby Poland and Afghanistan. Nuclear missiles had been useless before, since any use simply invited mutual suicide. Now, with no so-called 'defense' needed, nuclear missiles were more useless than ever.

"Russia had no alternative but to initiate a program of nuclear arms reduction. Thus was accomplished on December 25, 1982, what years of disarmament talks could not achieve. No one could know what lay ahead. But now there was hope. Because of a change in one person's thinking, mankind seemed to be moving in the right direction."

The concluding paragraph on the single-spaced, typewritten page says, "Justine, Christmas is a time to search and hope for peace in a world that seemingly has gone bananas over nuclear arms. So we share our concern with you this year by means of a departure from the usual. We agree with Jonathan Scheel, author of 'The Fate of the Earth' who writes '... because the peril is immediate and unremitting, every person is the right person to act and every moment is the right moment to begin, starting with the present moment.'"

The other greetings I received were more conventional. Because I had attended three 50-year school reunions during the year, I sent out and received more letters and cards than I have for some years. It has been so good to hear from so many old and dear friends.

Another special greeting I wish to share came from Leta Humphreys Thomas who thanked me for writing the article about the scrapbook she gave to the Morrow County

Museum. She said "It would have been more complete had I gotten the idea before I destroyed a great deal. I think it would be something that Jim Thomson, also one of the Gilliam and Bisbee descendants could do. Their stores were about the same ages as father's."

Personally, I could almost relinquish the more ancient custom of the giving of gifts before I would consider foregoing the pleasure of the exchanging of annual messages. This year, among the most surprising and delightful gifts I unwrapped were an apron decorated with original artwork by a six-year-old granddaughter; a jar of popcorn, grown and harvested for me by an eight-year-old grandson; and a jar of bath salts made by a grandson who tells me he will become a research scientist.

Gifts which delight me from adult family members are a sofa pillow with petite, cross-stitched likenesses of every member of this grandmother's family and a bumper sticker which I must affix to the back bumper of the station wagon warning everyone "I brake for garage sales." Tremendously enjoyed by the weight-gaining me and my guests were some super edible gifts.

At our county schools both girls and boys basketball games are providing much excitement. Be sure you mark your new calendar on January 11 and 13 (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) to remind yourself that Jane Rawlins' drama students will present three one-act plays. Mrs. Rawlins feels that the stories the plays will tell will be generally appealing. Hopefully, play-night attendance will improve next year.

I think 1983 portends good things for Morrow County. Along the river maybe the port area will see continued expansion and improvement — and how great if some of the cost can be paid for by gold dredged out of the mighty Columbia.

The new Heppner Development Corporation seems off to a busy beginning. We hope that it will be able to stimulate growth in the business community. We all realize that tourism is such a growing, big business. We all need to help the corporation promote visiting, stopping and shopping in south Morrow Co.

Each day now our nights get a little shorter and our daytimes increase. Friday is the last day of this old year. It has brought many sad and glad changes to our area. One of the happiest changes came in Ione where the Jim Swanson family suddenly, very recently, changed from three to four with the Christmas Eve arrival of a daughter, Adrienne Elaine.

We surely hope everyone will see the beginning of a really good year this Saturday. Happy New Year!

## Willows Grange to hold potluck supper, party

Willows Grange, Ione, will hold a potluck supper and card party on Friday, Dec. 31, at the hall. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., with cards following at 8 p.m.

The grange will furnish the main dish, and those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert. There is no charge to attend, said a spokesperson.

## PGG mails annual checks

Checks totalling \$341,483.16 were mailed December 15 to members of Pendleton Grain Growers, Inc., the corporation has announced.

These checks, which are historically mailed at this season of the year, represent a portion of the profit made by PGG during 1973. "The money goes primarily to residents of Eastern Oregon and Washington and is made possible by

members doing business with their locally-owned company," said Don Cook, general manager.

Cook commented this brought the total amount of cash paid back to local members during the year to a total of \$705,246.32. Cook added, "These are local profits being returned to local economies, which is good business for the entire community."



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## Sticky Stickers make stockings

By KERRY BRUCH

The Sticky Stickers 4-H Club met December 22, 3 p.m., at the fairgrounds in Heppner. They had a draw bag which contained sewing equipment.

The members all made little stockings out of felt and boy was it fun.



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