

Feeding the Family

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Quick Popcorn Balls For Thoughtful Trees

It is a thoughtless Christmas tree that doesn't provide something for the small guests who drop in. These popcorn balls can be made in any size, white or red or green tinted by simply adding drop of vegetable coloring into corn syrup mixture. Wrap in cellophane, waxed paper or metal foil. Better make some extras for the grown-ups!

1/4 cup salad oil
1/2 cup popcorn
1/2 cup dark corn syrup
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt

Heat salad oil in a three-quart covered kettle over medium heat for three minutes. Add popcorn. Cover, leaving small air space at edge of cover. Shake frequently over medium heat until popping stops. Meanwhile mix together corn syrup, sugar and salt. Add to popped corn in kettle and stir constantly over medium heat three to five minutes or until corn is evenly and completely coated with mixture. Remove from heat. Form into balls using as little pressure as possible. Use butter on hands. Make six popcorn balls about 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Do not double recipe. Make batch separately.

Oyster Treat

For a holiday supper treat, saute one-half pound of mushroom caps in two tablespoons butter for five minutes (or use four ounces can of the broiled in butter mushroom). Add two tablespoons flour, a can of consommé, one tablespoon each of minced onion and minced parsley and a cup of those good Pacific oysters. Heat until sauce thickens and serve on toast points.

Cranberry Apple Relish

A reminder of this unexcelled accompaniment for poultry or pork. Put four cups fresh cranberries, two cored apples, two whole oranges (quartered to remove seeds) and one whole lemon through food chopper. Mix well with 2 1/2 cups sugar. Chill a few hours or overnight before serving. Makes a good supply; 2 1/2 quarts of relish!

Relish Tray

If you omit the salad course from your big menu, plan on passing a relish tray of celery hearts, carrot curls, ripe olives and spiced crab apples or peaches.

Edam Cheese Crock

In perfect keeping with this colorful time of year, no guest will be able to resist this Edam and wine treat. Just mark a scalloped pattern into the bright red rind of an Edam cheese and carefully scoop out the center. Grind or mash cheese until smooth, adding enough dry white wine to make an easily spreading mixture. Refill shell and store in the refrigerator to be brought out proudly any time guests arrive. Arrange on your prettiest tray, surrounded with plenty of crisp and tasty triangle thins, saltines and butter wafers.

Hard Sauce Snowmen

The children will love fancying up the hard sauce for the pudding. Mix one-third cup softened butter, one cup sifted confectioners' sugar and one-fourth teaspoon vanilla. Form into six three-fourth inch balls and six one and one-fourth inch balls. Place a small ball on top of the large one to form a head and body; just like you would a real showman. Use cloves for eyes, nose and buttons. A long stemmed clove makes a good pipe, too. For a hat, use a colorful candy. Chill over night.

Lemon Hard Sauce

Work one-fourth cup softened butter with spoon or beater until light and creamy. Add one cup confectioners' sugar gradually. Add one and one-half teaspoons lemon juice, one-half teaspoon grated lemon rind and one-fourth teaspoon lemon flavoring; beat until light and fluffy. Makes three-fourth cup or enough for four to six puddings.

Carrot-Raisin Salad

An old-time favorite as a busy holiday luncheon filler-upper. Grate carrots and finely chop some raisins and fold into a seasoned cottage cheese. If you've time, fold some of this mixture into a package of lemon-flavored gelatin fixed according to package directions and mold.

Easy Spiced Peaches

Empty a No. 2 1/2 can cling peach halves into a sauce pan. Add a stick of cinnamon, a teaspoon whole cloves and couple of tablespoons vinegar. Simmer ten minutes and let stand overnight. So easy, so good.

The Family Deserves and Needs Good Christmas Breakfast

Christmas morning breakfast (New Year's breakfast too) often is sadly neglected. How about making a big thing of it this year? Really easy to do; just needs a little planning. In most families this is the only meal between day-break and the all-important dinner.

Feed Friends Too. Relatives, neighbors and friends are likely to drop in. They'll relish a glass of orange juice, cranberry juice, apricot nectar, vegetable juice. Maybe some bakery-made or

home-made coffee cake hot from the oven. And plenty of good coffee!

Fruits. Grapefruit with salt, honey or powdered sugar and sherry; sprinkled grapefruit halves with brown sugar and butter lump and heat in the oven. Any of the many fruit and vegetable juices, apple sauce either hot or cold having been heated with cinnamon red hots.

Breads. Fresh hot cinnamon toast, toasted English muffins, corn muffins, biscuits, cinnamon buns or fruit and nut filled or topped coffee cake fresh from the oven. If you've a waffle iron, keep a waffle mixture handy and invite everyone to pour their own.

Meat and Fish. Remember that meats and fish served at holiday breakfasts are served in quite small quantity rather like a relish or appetizer. Consider crisp bacon, sauted kidneys, chipped beef either creamed or fried, Philadelphia scrapple which come in cans and should be refrigerated beforehand for easy thin-slicing and pan-frying. Codfish, creamed or in golden Codfish balls, finnan haddie either broiled or creamed, mackerel, kippers... or little pig sausages.

Eggs. Creamy scrambled eggs held in a covered dish are a prime favorite of many.

Beverages. Coffee must be perfect, plentiful and piping hot. Tea, cocoa and milk usually are offered house guests and those who drop in. And of course plenty of milk and/or cocoa for the children.

Winter Pear Delights

Plentiful, wonderful winter pears, the Comice and the Winter Nelis, can be stewed, baked, fried, pickled and glazed. They're perfect in fresh fruit salads with other seasonal fruits. Halve, core and top with mint or cranberry sherbert. Fine with cheese as dessert. Or brush with butter, sprinkle with brown sugar and broil for breakfast, with meat or as dessert.

Best Buys in Holiday Foodstuffs

If you've left the shopping for gifts for nearby relatives and friends until now, as so many have, remind you that groceries make simple ideal "family" gifts; "from our family to yours". Foodstuffs are enjoyed by every member of the family, are always welcome.

Western Fruits and nuts seem especially appropriate. Consider those wonderful, luscious winter pears, the Comice, the Bosc, the d'Anjou and the Winter Nelis. A box, basket or other container. Or use in combination with crisp red and yellow apples, a few oranges or grape fruit and grapes or raisin clusters. How about walnuts, almonds or filberts in the shell or out of the shell? Dates, figs and the fine assortments of dried fruits or glazed fruits. Think of the food you'd especially like or recall favorites of others! Fix them up pretty!

Bakery Good Things. If you didn't get around to making fruit cakes, puddings, fancy cookies and the like, you'll find them all and many other good things in one of the several fine bake-shops in the area. While you're there, remember to pick up some fancy holiday coffee cake for your own family to enjoy, and for offering Christmas morning callers, along with plenty of good hot coffee.

Dairy Products. Put in plenty of these for the long week end. Be sure your order is in for egg nog which is blended to perfection by your dairy and also available at most stores. You'll need extra butter for hard sauce, extra milk for the children and you'll be smart to have ice cream stashed away if you can find storage space.

Poultry and Meat. Decide what you want and there's plenty of it at reasonable cost this year! Turkeys, roasting hens, geese, a few domestic ducks. Prime ribs of beef will be favored by many. Pork roasts and whole or half hams are good buys. For big parties, you simply can't beat slices of roast turkey and baked ham. They'll prove least expensive in the long run and are certain to completely satisfy every one.

Other Plentifuls. Rice, long white potatoes and the russets are in big supply. So are eggs, citrus fruits, raisins, navel oranges (Emperor grapes, dates, nuts of all kinds, apples, Winter pears, bananas. Plenty of shrimp, canned tuna and frozen fish, butter and cheese. Seasonal vegetables galore beckon. Merry Christmas!

Sack Granted Stay On Murder Conviction

Portland — (U.P.) — George F. Sack, Portland apartment house owner convicted of the murder of his wife and sentenced to die in the state prison gas chamber, had another lease on life today.

Circuit Judge Frank J. Loneragan yesterday granted Sack's attorney, John P. Hannon, an extension of time to Jan. 31 for preparation of an appeal of the conviction. Hannon told the court he needed more time.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.
To develop message for Friday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 21-22 10-22-33-52 64-75-85-98	Taurus APR. 21 14-26-38-49 59-60-70	GEMINI MAY 22 2-32-44-63 65-72-81-84	CANCER JUNE 23 3-8-9-53 54-55-66	LEO JULY 24 17-18-27-28 39-73-82-87	VIRGO AUG. 24 1-16-29-40 50-62-76	LIBRA SEPT. 23 7-12-24-34 45-57-78	SCORPIO OCT. 23 1-15-23-35 47-56-67	SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23 20-31-43 51-61-79-84	CAPRICORN DEC. 23 11-13-25-37 46-58-69	AQUARIUS JAN. 21 FEB. 19 4-6-19-36 48-68-80-90	PISCES MAR. 21 30-41-42-71 74-77-83-89
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A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — Call me old, but what I liked about Christmas in the long back was that it didn't cost me anything.

It didn't cost a n y b o d y much, for that matter.

A small boy could sneak out and chop himself a tree from a n y woodland, if the farmer wasn't looking. And around Farmer City, Ill., a farmer often would look the other way.

Popcorn, when it blossomed on the hot lid of a copper clad coal stove looked pretty nice after it was strung and hung on saved-up string.

Once, my sister Audley and I cooked up a good one when I

was rushing five and "Aud" was around four. Some older kids had let it out that Santa didn't really come down any chimney, which we didn't have anyway. And that maybe Santa was C. F. N., our daddy.

Present for Santa

Dad always said that Santa wanted no more than an apple and a cookie as reward for whatever was left under the tree. "Aud" and I figured that if one apple would be fine, a dozen would be better. And that went for cookies, too.

I guess dad still, at the age of 77, gets a pain in the belly every time he thinks of all those apples and cookies Santa had to eat that Christmas Eve.

Anyhow, the presents mostly were home made, or bought for little or nothing.

I think I was all of six when dad disappeared around Christmas time for hours at a time. There was the buzz of the saw and the whack of the hammer coming from the cellar.

Nicest Present

It was the nicest Christmas present I ever got. Dad had made me a sled. All out of wood. He shaved off the runners and waxed them with grease. It slid all right well down the hill back of the old Herrick estate.

All of this is but a memory, with the thought of tomorrow. Steaks than can be cooked in a couple of minutes, electronically without a flame under them. Eggs than can be fried by the same process in the matter of seconds. Dolls kiss back. Motor-driven sleds that go uphill.

Oh, for yesterday! And a Merry Christmas to you-all!

Sheppard Regains Calm Demeanor

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, suburban osteopath convicted of beating his pretty wife, Marilyn, to death July 4, is regaining his calm demeanor as his attorneys map a court fight to gain a new trial in hopes of upsetting the life sentence handed out for his second degree murder conviction.

Chief defense attorney William J. Corrigan is expected to file the formal motion for a new trial, probably tomorrow, on the possible grounds that hearsay testimony was permitted, that some of his witnesses were not permitted to testify, that newspapers "pressured" his client's indictment and trial, or that the testimony of laboratory technician Susan Hayes, 24, of intimacies with the defendant was irrelevant. All of these points were emphasized by the grizzled white-haired attorney during the 10 week trial which ended late Tuesday.

A hearing on the motion has already been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 30.

The 30-year-old osteopath, meanwhile, repeated to his pastor that he still does not understand how the jury reached its verdict on the basis of evidence presented. He protested his innocence in court when sentence was pronounced.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
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Hollywood — (U.P.) — To 210 persons this year Santa Claus was not a man in white whiskers but mysterious checks that bought everything from a leg brace to a sewer system.

The anonymous checks came from Hollywood's famed "Santa Claus" who by now is a legendary figure on the movieland scene.

Santa, a radio-television celebrity, six years ago began sending checks signed "Santa Claus" to needy persons around the country. Each Christmas, by promising to keep his name secret, Santa allows me into his "workshop" — a swanky office — to find out whose chimney he's climbed down this year.

Thanks to Santa's check for \$125, a six-year-old Minneapolis girl may keep her leg.

"Four years ago my husband, a merchant seaman, deserted us," the mother wrote Santa Claus. "A brace is needed for our six-year-old girl who has scifening of the bone. I have sold our furniture to buy medicine..."

Santa sent her the \$125 check with the assurance the Security First National Bank of Hollywood, that handles his charity project, would send her the money.

A World War I blind veteran of Gardena was sent a check after his wife wrote they might lose their home because the sewer was obsolete. A 60-year-old crippled man who escaped barefoot from his burning home in Kansas City, Mo., was mailed \$100 to make up for \$152 he had hidden in his mattress. Santa gave a dying Van Nuys woman a check for a television set. A Venice mother received a train ticket to bring out her baby from Florida.

A check signed "Santa Claus" went to the School of the Ozarks in Poplar Bluff, Mo. The pupils operate the school and raise their own food. A \$100 check "to restore your faith in people" went to a nurse's aide at Queen of Angels hospital here. She had collapsed after learning a phone call telling her she won \$5,000 on a radio quiz show was a cruel joke.

Last year Santa was so overwhelmed by his mailbag he de-

Jehovah's Witness

Guilty of Draft Charge

Portland — (U.P.) — Ronald Frank, 21-year-old Jehovah's Witness from Toppenish, Wash., has been found guilty of draft evasion and ordered brought into Federal District Court here for sentencing.

In a memorandum dated Tuesday, U. S. District Judge Claude McCulloch issued the statement of guilt. Frank was tried here without jury last October and had been free on bail.

Christmas Greeting

Vancouver, B. C. — (U.P.) — William Watts, a cab driver, paid \$40 to get a Christmas greeting.

Watts' billfold containing the money was stolen over the week end, and Wednesday the billfold—minus the money—was returned in the mail with a note that read:

"Sorry to have inconvenienced you, Bill. Merry Christmas."

Spellman in Seoul To Visit With Troops

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, arrived in Seoul today from Tokyo to begin a five-day Christmas visit with U. S. servicemen in the Republic of Korea.

It will be the fourth consecutive Christmas that Cardinal Spellman who also is military vicar of the armed forces, has spent with American servicemen in Korea.

Immediately after his arrival, he was taken to the municipal theater where he was scheduled to be presented with honorary Korean citizenship.

Later tonight, he will dine with U. S. Ambassador Ellis O. Briggs at the American embassy. Cardinal Spellman Friday will begin his visits with troops along the truce line.

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