

Feeding the Family

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Fill Punch Bowl, Prepare Dips And You're Ready for Guests

Put "punch" in your holiday parties for easy, uncluttered entertaining. Plan a punch bowl set-up for the younger generation, around which they can offer hospitality to their friends . . . as well as one for grown-ups.

Prepare a variety of dips and finger foods well ahead of time; set out an array of holiday fruit cakes and cookies and you'll be well on your way to one of the pleasantest parties you can remember giving. Keep it simple so you can relax and enjoy your guests.

1955 Punch Delightful For New Year Greeting

A just-right flavor combination with lots of taste-tingling sparkle. Since it's not too sweet, it goes well with most any kind of nibbling food you care to serve.

- 4 (6-ounce) cans frozen concentrate for lemonade
 - 2 (6-ounce) cans frozen tangerine juice
 - 2 quarts water
 - 1 quart ginger ale
- OR
- 1 quart dry champagne
- Combine frozen lemonade concentrate with tangerine juice. Add water and mix well. Pour over ice cubes or large formed piece of ice in large punch bowl. If mixed quite a bit ahead of time, you might like to cut down a bit on the water — so it won't take on a watery flavor. Just before serving, add chilled ginger ale or champagne. Makes one gallon of punch.

Sparkling Holiday Punch

A blend of pineapple and cranberry juice makes for a colorful, flavorsome punch for old and young alike.

- 4 cups pineapple juice
 - 4 cups cranberry juice cocktail
 - 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
 - 2 quarts chilled ginger ale
- Combine cranberry juice cocktail and sugar and stir until sugar is dissolved. Add pineapple juice. Pour over ice in punch bowl and just before serving add ginger ale. Makes 32 punch cup servings. Goes especially well with spicy cookies.

Mulled Pineapple Juice

Here's a hot one . . . punch, that is . . . for after the game perhaps.

- 3/4 cup sugar
 - 1 cup water
 - 4 inch stick cinnamon
 - 2 teaspoons whole cloves
 - 6 thin strips lemon peel
 - Dash of salt
 - 46-ounce can pineapple juice
 - 3 cups hot tea
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup lemon juice
- Boil first six items together five minutes. Strain. Mix with rest of ingredients. Heat, but do not boil. Serve hot in mugs or coffee cups. Small savory sandwiches go well with this. Makes about 20 servings.

Quacamole Toppings For Dipping

Served with lots of crisp corn chips, this dip just can't be beat for all-time popularity. Of course, you can make your own corn chips by cutting chilled tortillas into wedges and deep fat frying until a nice golden brown.

- 1 large avocado or 2 smaller ones
 - 1 large tomato, peeled
 - 1 small onion, minced
 - 2 tablespoons vinegar or 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - Salt to taste
 - Green pickled chile peppers, chopped
- Mash avocado to the consistency you like. Chop tomato and add along with minced onion. Add vinegar and salt and finely chopped peppers to taste. We use a bit of the chili juice in ours for added zip. Mix thoroughly. Store in tightly covered container till ready to use.

Vegetable Dippers

Fresh raw vegetables are being used more and more as dippers for dips. You may already be familiar with carrot curls, celery sticks (for either dipping or stuffing) and radishes, but have you tried raw cauliflower or broccoli flowerets? Wash cauliflower or broccoli under cold running water and break into easy-to-handle bite size flowerets. Cucumber slices lend themselves especially well to sour cream, or cream cheese combinations as do green onions and slices of green pepper. A cooked vegetable that is different and fun for a change is the artichoke. Cook as usual and spread the leaves a bit for easy plucking. Be sure to have a side dish to take care of used leaves. Try any of these vegetables with this . . .

- 1 cup mayonnaise
 - 1 cup catsup
 - 1/3 cup lemon juice
 - 1 tablespoon dry mustard
 - 2 tablespoons horseradish (drained)
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 14 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Combine all ingredients. Mix well. Chill in refrigerator to allow mixture to thicken. It can

be kept for several days in a tightly closed container. Makes 2 cups.

Sandwich Loaf With Cheese Frosting

Sandwich loaves have been popular for quite some time. They look so elegant and yet are quite simple to prepare.

- 1 loaf sandwich bread
- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 2 1/2 teaspoons powdered dry mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon celery salt
- 1 bouillon cube
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon hot water
- 1 1/2 tablespoons light cream

Remove crusts and cut bread lengthwise into five long layers. Butter slices. Put back together with any one or a combination of the following fillings: tuna, ham, egg salad or olive. Cream the cheese. Dissolve mustard, celery salt and bouillon cube in hot water. Blend into cheese. Add pepper. Thin to spreading consistency with cream. Frost loaf with cheese. Garnish with stuffed olives or maybe a few toasted slivered almonds. Cover carefully with a damp cloth and chill in refrigerator three to four hours. Slice and serve. Makes 12 slices or 36 finger pieces.

Golden Ham Casserole With Tasty Variations

Since ham is such a good buy for family meals, holiday meals or anytime, ham casseroles using left over ham come under the heading of good planning. In this one, you can add a choice of ingredients according to your mood or the supplies you have on hand.

- 1 1/2 to 2 cups ham, diced
- 1 tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 2 1/2 cups uncooked noodles
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- Choice of 1/2 cup sliced stuffed olives or sliced celery or fried mushrooms or cooked peas

Stir vinegar or lemon juice into milk and let stand a few minutes. Combine ham, milk, slightly beaten egg, one-half teaspoon salt, one-eighth teaspoon pepper, cheese and the noodles which have been cooked in boiling salted water until barely tender, then rinsed in warm water.

Add choice of olives, celery, mushrooms or cooked peas (or any combination of these). Pour mixture into greased casserole. Top with buttered bread crumbs or crushed cereal flakes and bake in 375 degree oven for 35 minutes. Six servings.

Baked Bananas and Sweet Potatoes

This is wonderful eating any time, but seems particularly appropriate to the holiday season. Kind of sweet potato to select is a matter of family's personal taste. Some like the dry meated variety; others like the moist meated yam which is generally sweeter.

- 1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup warm milk
- 3 bananas
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 12 marshmallows, cut in pieces

Cook, peel and mash sweet potatoes. Add salt, two tablespoons of the butter and enough milk to make light and fluffy. Spread on bottom of greased baking dish (or individual dishes). Slice bananas and place on top of sweet potatoes. Dot with marshmallows, sprinkle with brown sugar and remaining two tablespoons butter, melted. Bake in moderately hot oven (375 degrees) 30 minutes or until heated through. Six servings.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Ronald Arthur Nelson, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Charles Earl Jones, violation of basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT
James C. Donahue, overload, \$56.

CIRCUIT COURT
Odessa Davis vs. George Davis, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Ray Willard Vaughn, 2198 Buckshot Hill rd., and Imogene Leota Seymour, Chicago, Ill.

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On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Even so we met, and after long pursuit, Even so we joined; we both became entire. No need for either to renew a suit For I was flax, and he was flames of fire. Our firm united souls did more than twine So I my best beloved's am; so he is mine!

—QUARLES

What is the extent of your belief in character analysis by handwriting? Some business organizations appear to have faith in it. They employ handwriting experts to examine the letters of applicants for executive positions. Does your signature slope upwards or downwards? It is claimed when a signature that originally sloped upwards begins to slope down it indicates the writer is losing his grip and is on the downgrade insofar as efficiency and success is concerned. A signature that continues to slope upward is said to reveal the writer is still mentally and physically in the pink and is on the upgrade. Call this to the attention of your bachelorette daughter. Have her check on the signature of the man she is thinking of marrying.

Guide to Gals
Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 21) girls have the best looking legs. Marlene Dietrich is a Capricorn. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) women have the best figures. Aries (March 21-April 20) girls are most jealously inclined. Leo (July 24-Aug. 22) females have the most expressive eyes. They know how to use them, too. Especially the brown eyed Leos. Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) women are more inclined to marry for love than those of any other sign. They have the highest percentage of happy marriages. Not because they are difficult to get along with but because they are always falling in and out of love. Or, so say the stargazers.

Get It Right
What was the longest bar in the history of the United States? The arguments as to this are endless. Get it right! The longest in this country was that of Erickson's Saloon in Portland, Ore. That bar was 684 feet in length! It is not ancient history either. Many living men have memories of Erickson's. The price of a schooner of beer there was 5 cents. Each schooner had a capacity of 16 ounces. The price of hard liquor served in old fashioned whisky glasses was two drinks for a quarter. Erickson's also served what many claim was the country's most elaborate free lunch. The purchase of one drink made the buyer eligible to partake of this generous meal.

Sidelights
Too many young mothers talk too much baby talk to their infants. If a mother talks regular English to an infant the child will learn to speak intelligently much sooner. . . . The most versatile operatic tenor of all time was Andreas Dippel who knew 150 parts in 60 different operas and could handle any of said parts on a moment's notice!

In Your Dreams
Dreams are the fulfillment of wishes. In your dreams you

often get what you have hoped for but do not possess in your waking hours. On this, all experts on the subject are agreed. So, lady, if you dream you are holding hands with Gregory Peck, or that you are married to a man other than your current spouse, or that you are single, again, don't tell your husband about it. If he is a student of dream interpretation he will know that what you have dreamed is something you wish were true.

Next Year May Turn Out To Be Pivotal One in History of American Television

New York—(U.P.)—Next year may well turn out to be the pivotal one in the history of American television.

The stake: Whether the industry continues to take an occasional bold flier into offbeat programming or whether it settles down into a comfortable commercial rut as, for the most part, radio did.

Or to put it more particularly: Whether we will continue to see things like "Wide World World," "Assignment: India," the Sadler's Wells Ballet and dramas such as "The Skin of Our Teeth" . . . or whether viewers will be fed an increasing drama of sure-fire quiz games, variety shows, dramas and situation comedies.

And according to the talk heard everywhere along TV row, the key network in this crisis period will be NBC.

Executive Shakeup

It was only a few weeks ago that NBC announced a shakeup along its top level. The change boosted Sylvester "Pat" Weaver from president to chairman of the board. And it upped Robert Sarnoff into Weaver's old spot—the key post in the organization. Young Sarnoff is the son of Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of RCA, which is the parent company of NBC.

What this new alignment will mean has touched off speculation down the line within the industry.

Weaver, a dynamic, creative personality, has come to be associated with the imaginative approach.

It was Weaver who shattered rigid time lines by coming up with the concept of the "Spec-

tacular." It was Weaver who shattered space lines with "Wide World World." It was during Weaver's term as president that "Monitor" was launched—an attempt to carry out flexible time and content paths for radio.

But in all this creative ointment there was one small financial fly. Despite the critical success accorded Weaver's experiments, CBS continued to turn out the programs that attracted the biggest audiences.

CBS Leads Survey

In a Trendex survey charting the top 10 programs for the entire month of November, CBS grabbed nine of the spots. ABC-TV's "Disneyland" held the lone non-CBS spot. The CBS network did it with programs like "The \$64,000 Question," "I Love Lucy" and the Ed Sullivan show.

And in the latest Trendex survey for the first week of December, CBS showed eight of the top 11 shows. George Gobel, Perry Como and the "Hit Parade" were the only NBC front-runners.

There is another significant factor, too. Although NBC's share of network billings has jumped over the past years, NBC still is running about 6 per cent behind CBS in dollar billings.

Weaver, as chairman of the board, is no longer in the direct operator's seat at NBC. What this means, say many observers, is that NBC may begin to soften the offbeat approach for which it became famous during the Weaver regime.

Or, as one observer recently put it: "NBC is out to make

money now, not headlines." Next year may well tell the story.

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