

Women's Page

Summer Weather Here Means Outdoor Dining Season Starts

By GAY PAULEY
New York — If you don't beat 'em, may as well join 'em.

So, as the Memorial Day week and unofficially begins the summer's outdoor dining season, I am available for invitations to a backyard barbecue, fish fries and clam bakes, and picnics at roadside parks. Before the summer is over, I may even pack a hamper of ham sandwiches and throw an outdoor feed of my own.

In short, I reluctantly join the national trend to eating in nature's surroundings. Both us people and insects are part of this al fresco dining — we consume parched hot dogs, they consume us.

I'm not trying to hold the dike... the onrush is unavoidable. It is estimated that this year we will consume two billion meals out of doors. No one has made an estimate for the insects. Somewhere along the line,

84 per cent of us this year will have at least one outdoors meal. We will spend a record 100 million dollars, in addition, on equipment for outdoor cookery.

Society With Peasas
But I say it's time we eliminated some of the pitfalls. Let us form a National Society For Prevention Of Cruelty To Picnickers — NSFOCTP... with these suggested planks in the platform. Feel free to add your own peasas.

Down with hot dogs never hot; cold beer never cold.

Away with the showoff chef, in outlandish cap and silly-sayings apron. Let him settle down to the business at hand and turn out an expensive t-bone to a "L."

Cook the barbecued chicken inside too. Also, let he who messes up wash up the mess.

Down with the monotony of menu. In a given three outdoor meals each summer, we run the gamut — potato salad, potato salad, potato salad. One potential member of the NSFOCTP says the only thing he enjoys about picnics is the first course — cocktails.

If we must dine outside, leave us return to the menus of the all-day Sunday meeting and dinner on the ground. Wasn't much refrigeration in those days, but we ate well. There was plenty of variety from homfried chicken to homemade chocolate fudge cake, by the time you'd made the rounds.

Away with sand in hamburgers, with cooks who add salad dressing three hours before salad is served, with soggy tuna fish sandwiches, with iced coffee in paper cups means for hot and hot coffee in paper cups meant for iced.

Juggling Contest Lost
Down with lap dining, where I inevitably lose the juggling contest and make mayonnaise part of the costume of the day.

At least at an indoor buffet, you usually can locate an end table for parking knife and fork.

Forward with the comforts of cooking indoors where science and industry have given us girls every labor-saving device including automatic dishwasher. Forward with dining-room dining, with the air-conditioning unit on. Maybe this way, I got no view. But I got no mosquito bites or poison ivy either. And no bad temper from combatting Sunday traffic.

Another potential member of my NSFOCTP said it occurs to him the picnic season offers the solution to the mystery of each summer's rash of flying saucer stories.

He said they are just angry picnickers throwing away their paper plates!

Last Week's Winners Announced by Club
Camp White — Mrs. Frank Baker and Paul Hutton scored 133½ points to lead north-south players for the last session of Camp White Veterans Bridge club. A score of 125½ points by Mrs. T. J. Fuson and Killen Miller took first place for east-west players.

Other north-south winners were the B. L. Sandersons, second, 126½; Mrs. Hutton and Tom Munds, third, 121½; Mrs. George Dean and Mrs. Jack Mitchell, fourth, 117 points.

Additional east-west winners were Mrs. Jack Love and William Isaacs, second, 121; the Berg Martens, third, 116½; Mrs. Harold Jaffrey and Mrs. Fred Rehling, fourth, 113½ points.

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Beautician Named Co-Chairman of Annual Trade Show

Mrs. Maxine Hammond, local beautician and member of the state styling committee, has been appointed co-chairman of the annual Pacific Coast Beauty and Trade show. The show is held in Portland each year. Mrs. Hammond is a member of Medford unit, Oregon Beauticians association.

Several unit members recently attended an educational session sponsored by companies manufacturing cosmetology products in Portland. A tending from here were Mrs. Myrtle Stockton, Mrs. Virginia Welch, Mrs. Dorothy Elliott, Mrs. Mary Kerr and Mrs. Hammond.

The recent unit workshop, instructed by Mrs. Hammond, was well attended. Mrs. Geri Byrd modeled a style called "wing calypso." It is described as a style which "hugs the face on either side in soft waves sweeping back into a new version of the popular feather cut with a brushed up effect from nape to crown." A new version of the Italian or Roman style called the "Top," swings and dips into soft waves from a swept back top. Beauticians say this style is easily managed by the wearer and should prove popular.

Phoenix Family Honored by Group; To Leave Valley

Phoenix—Mr. and Mrs. Hale Loofbourrow and family were honored during the family night supper and program of Phoenix Presbyterian church last Friday. Mr. Loofbourrow, employee of Southern Oregon Title company, has been transferred to Coos Bay by the firm, and the family will leave about the middle of June.

The group presented the Loofbourrows with an outdoor barbecue and other equipment to use with the barbecue. A cake baked by Mrs. A. J. Munro was also presented.

The party was held at the church, with about 60 attending.

Adult Bible class of the church will hold a food sale at Nortons Saturday, June 1, at 1 p.m. to raise funds for the expenses of two delegates to the Lewis and Clark college training school for Sunday school teachers.

Mrs. Enid Caster and Mrs. W. M. Caldwell are in charge of the sale and anyone wishing to contribute is asked to call either of the women.

Mekvold Vice-President Of School Association
Salem — Mrs. Lois D. Kent, Columbia county, was elected president here Tuesday of the Oregon Association of County School Superintendents.

Jackson county's Alf B. Mekvold was named vice president and Mrs. Estella C. Boyer, Grant county, was elected historian. Miss Florence E. Beardsley, state elementary education director, is the new secretary-treasurer.

Washington PTA Holds Installation

Washington Parent-Teacher association held the final meeting of the year May 24 in the school auditorium.

Officers for the coming year were installed by Mrs. Ray Alder, a past president of Washington school. Those taking office were Mrs. Paul Fuller, president; Mrs. Kenneth Blair, vice-secretary; Mrs. D. M. Shepard, treasurer.

Retiring officers were Mrs. John Hartsok, president; Mrs. Victor B. Seeberger, vice-president; Mrs. Howard Blew, secretary; Mrs. Roy Gilbertson, treasurer.

A past president's pin was presented to Mrs. Hartsok by Mrs. Alder. The incoming officers were presented with pink carnation corsages.

A skit was given by the fifth and sixth grade Spanish class under the supervision of Mrs. R. Barlow. The association also enjoyed the singing of the fifth and sixth grade chorus conducted by Miss Laura York, accompanied by Mrs. Katherine Larson on the piano. Alex McDonald, dean of boys at Medford High school, gave an outline on the coming summer recreation activities through the school district.

Mrs. Hartsok thanked the teachers and the association for their "unfailing cooperation" during the year. In appreciation for this cooperation the executive board will honor them with a luncheon June 6th in the school cafeteria.

Washington school was awarded a Gold cup for Health Honor day.

During the year Washington Parent-Teacher association gave \$125 for the school library and \$150 scholarship fund. Mrs. Hartsok, presented a check to Rodney Wolf, president of the Student body, for a sixth grade picnic. Room count was won by Mrs. Stephens room.

Refreshments were served by mothers of pupils of the sixth grade. Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Stephens poured.

Cathy Bradford, Fay Hartsok, Carol Monia and Eldon Howard, representing Girl Scouts, Brownies, Bluebirds and Cub Scouts presented the flag ceremony. Those who worked in the nursery were Carol Monia, Mary Sue Emerson and Dolly Freeman.



Prize pie is delicious when made from your best pastry filled with prunes and an egg mixture. On top goes a spicy brown sugar, flour and butter combination that forms a sweet crumbly crust. For the pie used 2¾ cups cooked prunes, pastry for single 9-inch crust, 1 egg, 1/3 cup granulated sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, ½ cup cooking liquid from prunes, ½ cup brown sugar (packed), ½ cup all-purpose flour, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, 3 tablespoons butter or margarine.

Pit prunes and arrange in pastry-lined pie pan. Beat egg and blend in sugar, salt, lemon juice and prune liquid. Pour over prunes. Blend brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over fruit. Bake in very hot oven (450 degrees F.) 10 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350 degrees F. and bake 20 to 30 minutes longer until set in center.

Gardener Answers Questions On Shady Spots, Poor Soil

BY EDNA KING MANDEVILLE

Any one who has talked with flower gardeners (and not just the beginners) hears two questions asked more than any others.

Question No. 1 is, "what flowers to plant in a shady spot." In all frankness, if it is real, all-day shade, you had better not try flowers. Some ground cover like myrtle or pucky sandra is much more suitable. But if it is partial shade, flowers are by no means impossible.

I think I should put sweet william near the top of the list. It does do well in partial shade. Try the "regular" strain for cutting. But there is a dwarf sweet william that is most attractive. They are both easy to grow and both are perennials.

Columbine is another, although I should not call it easy to grow. Its delicate colors make it most attractive. I especially recommend the Mrs. Scott Elliot variety.

The annual candytuft does surprisingly well in partial shade. So do pansies. They like the coolness that the shade provides. Petunia does better than most varieties in semi-shade. Try the more hardy varieties like Hybrid and the dwarf Nana Compacta. The large flower types such as the giants of California, Theodosia, and the double varieties need more sunshine.

Other "partial shade" varieties are Canterbury bells, foxglove, sweet wivelsfield and viola.

good to plant portulaca before the ground is real warm.

Now we come to a group of flowers that actually prefer poor soil. At the top of this list is nasturtium. If you plant it in rich soil, it grows very well. But it does not flower; it goes to leaves. You are likely to have lovely foliage and very few flowers.

Alyssum is another outstanding "poor-soil-preferred" variety. It seems to grow most anywhere. Especially snow cloth, the pure white strain that grows just a few inches tall and spreads out to make a mound of glistening white. The California poppies are even less interested in the richness of the soil than the Shirley's. They also grow wild in California. While in the Shirley's the reds predominate, in the California strain, the outstanding colors are orange and yellow.

Last but not least, is the annual candytuft. These little flowers will grow most anywhere. Their outstanding virtue is their colorfulness. Its color range includes carine, flesh pink, lilac, crimson, rose pink, and white. Candytuft is especially recommended for low borders and for rock gardens.

So do not hesitate to garden because your soil is not rich. In some instances that is actually an asset.

Mothers of children in the third grade served refreshments.

Talent Woman Is Advisor For Baking Contest

Pillsbury Mills, Inc., has announced that Mrs. Murray Sutton, Talent, has been named a national advisor for the coming ninth national recipe and baking contest. Mrs. Sutton was a finalist in the eighth contest.

Pillsbury has also announced that it is moving the baking contest to Beverly Hills in Los Angeles county, California, this fall.

"The west coast has produced half of the bake-off winners to date," the statement said. "In eight contests, four west coast women have taken the top prize; nine have taken runner-up prizes and out of 800 finalists, 102 have traveled from the west coast to New York for the finals."

"Bake-off dates have been changed to October 14-15 to tie in more closely with the peak baking season and to permit publication of prize-winning recipes well before Christmas.

"Contest rules will remain essentially the same, with the prize structure similar to last year. There will be a section for brides and for teen-agers as in past years. The contest will again be judged in its preliminary stage by the Lloyd-Herold organization of Chicago and at the bake-off itself by a panel of leading home economists."

CALENDAR

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Wednesday — ...

6:30 p.m. — Loyal Order of Moose, Women of Moose, lodge hall.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Central Point Women's Relief Corps will hold a short memorial service at the Central Point cemetery Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Party Punch

For a party punch bowl, freeze a fruited ice ring. Drain canned fruit cocktail, saving syrup to go into the punch. Spoon fruit into ring mold, fill carefully with cold water and freeze solid. Unmold to float in punch.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. E. P. — Our son won't visit us for the holidays.

Peter P. — My wife's folks want us at their home.

Mrs. E. P. — Our son has been married for three years and lives in another city. We have gone to visit him several times and he has come down to see us once or twice, but we are very unhappy that we cannot get him home on any religious or civil holiday. At these times he and his wife go to visit her parents.

The young couple now has a 6-month-old baby, and of course, we are very anxious to see more of our grandchild. They have had the baby at the other grandparents' home twice, but have never visited us with the child. The only time we saw the child was shortly after he was born, when we went to visit.

We feel we have the right to the pleasure of our children's company on holidays that are important to us. Our son is very unfair.

Peter P. — I am very sorry that things have worked out as they have for my parents, but I don't see what I can do about it. My wife is very attached to her parents — as they are to her. They are extremely insistent about having us for the holidays. As a matter of fact, I would prefer to stay home for some of the holidays, but they just don't let us.

I don't want to be unfair to my parents but, after all, they have my brother at home with them and my wife's parents are all alone. They don't seem to realize that this makes a big difference.

My wife says I can go to my folks by myself for the holidays if I want to, but I don't like to have her traveling alone with the baby.

The Council: — "I am very sorry that things have worked out as they have for my parents," says Peter — overlooking the fact they have "worked out as they have" for him, as well.

Surely Peter has some desire of his own to be with his parents for an occasional holiday. Or is he so pressured by his in-laws that he no longer knows what his own desires are? Surely, he would like to give his child the benefit of contact with his family as well as his wife's. Or has he so readily given up all claim to his rights in this matter?

Peter's wife and her parents are being quite unfair in exerting so much pressure in this matter. The fact that Peter has a brother at home is aside from the point. These parents want contact with Peter and his family as well. It is also reasonable for Peter to want to spend an occasional holiday in his own home.

Peter should speak up for himself in this matter. It can be done tactfully, with the explanation that he will still be spending some of the holidays with his in-laws. He is only asking for a reasonable amount of freedom from pressure.

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Installation Held By Howard PTA

Officers were installed at the last meeting of Howard Parent-Teacher association. They are Mrs. Alex Chisum, president; Mrs. Edward Johnston, vice-president; Mrs. J. C. Skaggs, secretary and Mrs. Richard Traynor, treasurer.

Mrs. John Benson, past parliamentarian for Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers and present publicity chairman for Jackson County Council of Parents and Teachers, conducted the ceremony.

The new officers were presented corsages made by Howard Garden club members.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Solin, Mrs. Betty Danielson and Mrs. Gloriana Littman are leaving the faculty of Howard school, and they were presented gifts from the PTA.

Mrs. Peterson is taking sabbatical leave to attend school. Mrs. Littman is returning to St. Petersburg, Fla., and the Solins are moving to California.

Mrs. Thomas Eaton presented Mrs. M. H. Hurt, Mrs. William Breddon and Mrs. R. P. Henney with service pins. Mrs. Chisum presented Mrs. Eaton with her past president's pin.

Mrs. Lewis Kilbourne from Crater High school spoke about high school parent-teacher associations.

Students Present Program at School

Cave Junction — Students of Greene Garden school entertained a large audience Friday night with a two-hour program.

Taking part in the annual event, under direction of Mrs. Marian Greene, were Billy Tolin, Mary Beth Allen, Sandra Sowell, Craig Burns, Colleen Brading, Nancy Badden, Jimmy Piper, Jani Petch, Craig Costello, Roger Looper, Tommy Baldwin, Jimmy Nolan, Mike Calloway, Nancy Ford, Pauline Symens, Mary Fulk, Larry Pulley, Patrick Logan, Robbyn Seifert and Wava Ford.

Mrs. Frances Burns received a staff pin for her assistance throughout the year. Honor awards went to Mrs. Wanda Sowell, Mrs. Millie Petch and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibbons.

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