

Molasses Cookies Good for Lunch Pail

New York — Molasses cookies are an old-time favorite in school lunch pails. Here they are done with a different flavor, with the addition of prunes.

To make, use 1/2 cup of condensed prunes, 1/2 cup shortening, 1 cup sugar, 1 1/2 cups of light molasses, 2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour, 1/2 teaspoon of ginger, 1 teaspoon of salt, 1/2 teaspoon of soda, and 1/4 cup of water.

Remove the pits from the prunes and chop. Cream together the shortening, sugar and molasses. Sift the flour with ginger, salt and soda. Stir into the creamed mixture alternately with water. Stir in the prunes and drop the mixture by two spoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) 12 to 15 minutes.

Yield, about 40 cookies.

High grade meat is the best choice for barbecuing. Tender cuts of meat don't need a sauce, but poultry and fish should be basted with one, since they contain less fat to aid in the browning process.

Homemakers Say More Privacy Need In Modern Home

By BETTY PRYOR
United Press Correspondent
Washington — America's young homemakers want more privacy and more individuality in their homes.

That was the conclusion of 100 housewives, averaging 31 years of age, who attended a "congress on better living" here last week.

All through the three-day session ran a strong demand for more privacy — starting with bigger lots to separate each house farther from the neighbors.

Within the house itself, they wanted more privacy for each member of the family.

A second bathroom to reduce "family quarrels" was their first choice for improvements. More flexible walls to corner off a den for their husbands, a "room" for each child and a "primp" space for themselves also were high on their list.

As for individuality, they demanded more "distinctive" exterior colors and objected to "development" homes.

No single house style won majority favor. Slightly more than a third wanted a split-level home, nearly that many preferred the ranch house style, while the rest liked a two-story colonial.

But nearly all agreed on wanting more trees, and felt builders should be prohibited from stripping them all off a lot.

The conference was sponsored by McCall's Magazine to determine how today's homes meet the needs and desires of their occupants.

The delegates, from 93 communities in 45 states, had previously been top scorers in the magazine's decorating and home improvement contests. Their median family income is \$7,000 a year.

Good location ranked high in their home desires. Their ideal spot would be near schools, churches and public transportation, but not close to shopping centers.



This pin-striped cotton sheath and its matching Empire jacket were designed by Betty Barclay for both day and evening wear.

Coffee-Coconut Shell Good for Ice Cream

New York — If last minute guests find you with plain ice cream the only dessert on hand, give it a company touch by serving it in a coffee-coconut shell.

To one can of shredded coconut, add enough strong, hot coffee barely to cover. Let stand for five minutes, drain and dry between layers of absorbent paper. Press the coconut on the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie pan that has been rubbed with 2 tablespoons butter or margarine. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) 10 minutes. Cool and heap with scoops of ice cream.

They also wanted neighbors with similar incomes "so there would be less competition in keeping up with the Joneses."

One of the major shortcomings they found in today's homes and equipment was a "lack of information" from builders, manufacturers and salesmen about the house itself and care of the equipment.

Potpourri

Four out of five Americans believe in the United Nations, but only one of the four does something about this belief. This is one of the sobering facts brought out by UN publications received here last week in preparation for the annual observance of United Nations week.

With the tense world situation adding impetus to plans started weeks ago, Mayor John Snider, UN chapter president George Rode and Mrs. Harlan Bosworth, chapter program chairman, and others are hard at work to focus the attention of all valley citizens on the United Nations, its hopes and accomplishments.

The chapter will hold a special meeting Tuesday night in the annex of St. Mark's church to observe United Nations day, and Mayor Snider's committee plans a dinner Thursday night at the Medford hotel.

Potpourri and PH were delighted when 71 reporters and community correspondents turned out for the annual training class Wednesday afternoon. Two of the correspondents also turned the class into a reunion after 20 years. Mrs. Clyde Kell, Gold Hill, the former Mary Force, and Mrs. Charles Hughes, Central Point, the former Doris Johnson, attended high school together in Gold Hill, and had not seen one another since the former graduated in 1917.

When Mrs. Kell read her column for the Tribune about a year ago, Mrs. Hughes read her column and at length called her friend and they chatted over the phone. Mrs. Hughes finally decided that if Mary Kell could write a column for Gold Hill, she could do the same for Central Point, and made the arrangements. But it was not until Wednesday's press school that the two former schoolmates met again.

Actor Bill Oyler is still spending a part of every week day reading back issues of The Mail Tribune and its predecessor, The Southern Oregonian, as he does research on early-day theater in the Rogue valley.

There's no better way to find examples of "then and now" such as this item in the Southern Oregonian on November 9, 1907. "The barber shop proprietors of Ashland got together the other day and prices of some of their products have gone up a notch. The price of a plain shave remains 15 cents, but haircuts hereafter will cost 35 cents. Single neck shaves will be 10 cents (5 cents in connection with other work.) Curling the mustache will be 10 cents. Those who indulge themselves in a massage will pay 35 cents, while the price of a shampoo is fixed at 25 cents. Shops will remain closed Sundays and holidays, and will close each evening except Saturday at 8 o'clock."

Last week in this column we wrote about mistakes. Which turned out to be a mistake. And so this may be the last time Potpourri ever writes ABOUT mistakes. Nothing further do we promise. Last week when Mrs. John McCabe came back from San Francisco, where she attended the opera and visited with her son, Stephen, she called Potpourri and the two of us had a crying towel session over the results of our collaboration on the Kelly-McCabe wedding story. Mrs. McCabe, we might add, remained calmer over the entire affair than did Potpourri.

A scanning of the wedding questionnaire, for about the sixteenth time, disclosed the fact that the name of Eugene Piazza was not on the list of ushers. However, this in no way consoled the society editor for the fact that the paper had substituted the name of the bride's brother-in-law for her father at one point in the story. Reporting on the trip, Mrs. McCabe said she had enjoyed the two opera performances very much, and that her son, who is studying for the priesthood, had been able to attend one production. Stephen is now enrolled in St. Albert's House of Study, Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. McCabe had made her stay in the city more enjoyable also by having a small party, including among the guests the newly married Patrick Fords (Cynthia Jackson) and Dr. Brian Stringer and his wife, the former Jane Durno. The Stringers, who went to Dr. Stringer's home city in New Zealand to live after their wedding, have now returned to the United States and are living in San Francisco while Dr. Stringer serves a residency in one of the hospitals.

The dog which recently bit Policeman Tomlin Furnas is making the officer famous. At least, his name is traveling around the world. Saturday's mail brought a note from Mrs. Roy Funderburk, the former Alicia Abbott of Phoenix, who said she read of the incident in the Tokyo edition of Pacific Stars and Stripes. "You can imagine the thrill I received to find some news of a very dear city over 7,000 miles away," she wrote. Mrs. Funderburk's husband is stationed at the Yokosuka Naval base in Japan, and she flew to Japan to join him last spring, leaving the same day that she was graduated from high school.—O.S.

Woman Teaching Government Employees Letter Writing

By PETE ROBINSON
United Press Correspondent
Washington — A charming and attractive woman from Laurel, Miss., is out to kill the "gobbledygook" of the English language.

She is Miss Kay Pearson, who is teaching federal government employees to write letters that other people can understand. The word "gobbledygook" refers to the long-winded, confusing and sometimes meaningless language in government correspondence. And since the government writes more than a billion letters every year, with time and material paid for by the taxpayer, Miss Pearson's job is an important one.

She already has marked up victories although the "plain letters workshop" isn't a year old. It operates under the government's General Services Administration, which seeks to simplify government paperwork.

The workshop has been held for 30 agencies since it started last January. And federal officials already are handing in glowing reports of the readability of the letters that cross their desks.

When Kay Pearson is not showing the government how to get to the point quickly, she's probably out in the garden of the Georgetown home she shares with two other women. She is devoted to the garden and tends it the year round.

Varied Career
One administration official said he never has seen that garden, but "if she works at it like she does around here, it's really something."

Miss Pearson received her Master of Arts degree in English from the University of Alabama and later taught English literature and composition at a junior college in Mississippi.

She started work for the government in 1935 when she joined the Census Bureau and since then has worked for the Public Health Service, the Treasury Department, the Veteran's Administration and the Navy.

Popular with both the big and little brass in General Services, she has a reputation for kindness and courtesy.

Miss Pearson is confident that

sooner or later, the plain letters workshop can be given to all of the government's nearly 22 hundred agencies. Recently the Army invited her over to the Pentagon and there is talk that the Internal Revenue Bureau may ask for the workshop.

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DON COSSACK CHORUS — The Don Cossack Chorus, shown above, will appear at Medford High school auditorium under the auspices of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce Thursday, Oct. 31. The Chorus this year is observing its 17th anniversary of its first American performance, which was during the San Francisco World's fair. Members of the Chorus are all American citizens.

New Salad Tumbler Used by Home Chefs

New York — Home chefs mix the greens for salads simply by tumbling them in two polyethylene bowls that join to make one leak-proof container. A measuring cup is provided in the bottom of one bowl for the dressing. The bowl also indicates the amount of greens for specific servings. After the bowl is filled with ingredients it is covered with its top bowl mate and the salad is tumbled.

MOCK OYSTERS

Resembling a fried oyster is the only relationship this recipe claims for its name. Set the thermostatically controlled gas burner at 375 degrees and heat the griddle. Then blend 1 1/2 cups cooked fresh corn, 2 egg yolks, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon cream and 2 teaspoons of flour. Fold in two egg whites, stiffly beaten. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a hot greased griddle and cook until brown on each side. Serve with pork chops or fried chicken.

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