

Blind Homemakers To Be Aided By Talking Records

Minneapolis—Homemaking responsibilities of the nation's blind homemakers are being eased by a second set of talking records on food preparation which Betty Crocker has made available.

Did you ever pause to realize a simple way to separate an egg is to break the egg into your cupped hand and let the white slide down between your fingers into a bowl?

This interesting tip, highly valuable to the blind homemaker who must call upon her ingenuity in every kitchen turn, and hundreds of other valuable suggestions are included in the new set of tips and talking recipes on records which the blind and partially seeing may obtain by sending 10 cents with each request to Betty Crocker at General Mills, Dept. 920, Minneapolis, Minn.

"When frying eggs, use a tuna fish can with both ends removed. Grease inside of can and place in a greased frying pan," says Betty Crocker. "Break egg into a cup, season according to taste, then slip it inside the can. Cover pan and allow to cook. Lift out with a pancake turner (can and all). Slide onto plate and lift off the can."

Last year, more than 4,000 sets of talking records on the use of packaged mixes were distributed to blind homemakers from coast to coast in the initial release. This project brought General Mills the Silver Anvil award of the American Public Relations association.

Testimonials from organizations for the blind and enthusiastic response from blind homemakers everywhere prompted the company to develop this second set of records, explained Helen Hallbert, assistant director of the General Mills home service department.

There are three records in the new set which, in addition to helpful tips in food preparation especially adapted to the blind, covers such recipe subjects as broiling, fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, scalloped corn, baked squash, white sauce, gravy, batter bread, cakes, icings, apple pie and pumpkin pie.

In developing these new records, General Mills again received much help from the Minneapolis Society for the Blind and from the American Foundation for the Blind in New York.

At the annual Christmas party for blind women at the Minneapolis Woman's club Dec. 16, a set of the talking records was presented as a gift to each blind homemaker in attendance.

Mother Here

Mrs. Lillian Hopkins, Oakland, Calif., is in Medford to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Barnes, 517 West Tenth street.

Only President of the United States who was unmarried was James Buchanan. He was inaugurated in 1857 and served for one term.

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District Council Of Townsend Club To Hold Meeting

The fourth district council of Oregon Townsend clubs will meet in the Central Point Townsend club hall at 10 a.m. Sunday, January 5. Ed Cofer, North Bend, Ore., is the council chairman.

The Christmas party, held last Wednesday at Carpenters hall was conducted by the Ladies' Townsend auxiliary. A group of accordionists played and Mrs. Mrs. William T. Bolger presented violin selections.

The next Townsend club meeting will be held Wednesday, January 8th.

Girl Scouts News

Visit Plant

Girl Scout Troop 158 led by Mrs. Maurice Ritchey, visited Bear Creek packing plant earlier this December. Members were shown through the plant by Miss Hollis. The scouts observed the Christmas baskets and boxes in the various stages of preparation.

December 16, the troop held its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Johnson, one of the mothers. Gifts were exchanged, and games played. The refreshments of cupcakes, fudge and cocoa were made by the girls and their mothers.

Mary Dodge, Troop Scribe

Christmas Party

St. Mary's Brownie Troop held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Judson Compton, leader, and reorganized the troop into two patrols.

Other activities this fall include a troop birthday party in November when the leader, Mrs. George Davy, gave out the new cards and membership starts. The troop also held a Halloween party and took toys to the firemen for their Christmas project. The firemen showed the troop through the firehouse.

The troop also made a trip to Logtown. Members carried nose-bag lunches, did some hiking, and learned to lay trails with rock and sticks as part of the tenderfoot requirements. They also learned to tie several knots. Members held a Brownie Investiture ceremony for Barbara Doser and Judy Murphy. Earlier in the fall the troop held an "overnight" and cook-out in the backyard of the leader, Mrs. Davy.

Mrs. Elie Nougier is teaching the troop 4-H cooking and members make cookies for the troop parties. She also took the troop to Bear Creek packing house to see the wrapping of Christmas packages.

December 14, the U.S. Forest supervisor gave the troop permission to go up Beaver creek and cut Christmas trees for their homes. After exploring for a while, the girls fixed lunch over campfires, and cut their trees. Later they went up the Apple-gate river and walked across a swinging foot bridge.

Girls in Troop 40 are Cherlee Becker, Sheila Butler, Patricia Compton, Terry C'houn, Dianne Davy, Joan Eslinger, Suzanne Elliott, Judy Murphy, Susan Naumes, Theresa Newcomb, Marlene Nougier, Linda Pickell, Marianne Raapke and Kristine Schade. Terry Calhoun, Judy Murphy and Joan Eslinger are patrol leaders.

NAVAL AIDE DIES

Washington — Capt. Tracy Barrett Kittredge, USNR (Ret.), 66, a member of the staff of the U. S. Naval commander in Europe in both World Wars, died at Bethesda Medical Center Sunday of Hodgkin's disease.

SHIPPING EXPERT DIES

San Francisco — Oscar W. Pearson, vice-president of American President Lines and one of the West Coast's leading shipping experts, died Sunday at the age of 62. Funeral services will be held in Long Beach, Calif.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—President Eisenhower, declaring Russia's attitude has alternated between "threat and blandishment" while he remained ready to try to "reduce world tensions".

"To bring about such easing of tension, we believe that clear evidence of Communist integrity and sincerity in negotiations and in action is all that is required."

Washington—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, on why he filled in Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain on the NATO summit meeting:

"I felt that General Franco, by the contribution that his government was making to the defense of Europe, had clearly entitled himself to that kind of information."

Taipei, Formosa—Mrs. Anna Chennault, 34-year-old second Chinese wife of Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault of Flying Tiger fame, denying her 67-year-old husband is dying of cancer of the lung.

"My husband definitely is not dying because of cancer. His case is very hopeful. I'm sure they can do something for him."

Washington—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), attacking higher automobile prices and factory lay-offs at Christmas:

"While consumer dollars are buying fewer commodities to place under the Christmas tree, many thousands of auto workers will be thrown out of work during the holiday season."

The Medical Roundup

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AN ACID CONDITION

One of the common ideas that laymen have in regard to their health is that sometimes their trouble is due

to "an acid condition of the body." This idea is fostered by the advertising copy of several proprietary medicines. I am not sure how the idea arose. I imagine it came because so many people suffer from heartburn, or what they call "acid stomach."

Curiously, in hundreds of these cases of acid stomach, when I passed a tube and measured the acidity of the gastric contents, I did not find any increase over the normal acidity. What was happening was that the acid juice, which cannot be felt in the stomach, was regurgitating into the gullet where it can sometimes be felt. It can be felt if the lining of the gullet has first been irritated in some way and thereby made extra sensitive.

Many women suffer greatly from regurgitation of acid gastric contents into their gullet when they are pregnant. Sometimes the acid comes up into the back of the mouth and there injures the enamel of the teeth. Many persons get an acid stomach if they blow their top, or eat certain foods, or drink cer-

tain drinks, or smoke too much, or smoke a certain type of tobacco. Occasionally, a sensitive person will say, "At times my skin feels as if it were soaking in vinegar."

But in none of these conditions is there any demonstrable increase of acid in the body, and there is no scientific reason for the person's desire to "alkalize" himself. There is no sense in it even when he has a fever or a cold. Actually, when a person takes a large dose of some alkali, like baking soda, he does not cut down a bit on what is called the acid reserve in the chemical buffers in the blood.

There is a condition called acidosis, in which the reserves of alkaline buffers in the blood have been lowered. But the blood must never become even slightly acid if we are to stay alive. The blood must always be slightly alkaline if the thousands of chemical processes in our bodies are to keep going properly.

Land Section Head Accidental Gunshot

Portland — The head of the newly created lands section within the State Game Department is A. V. Meyers, a veteran game commission employee. Game Director P. W. Schneider said today.

As lands administrator, Meyers will be directly responsible for all and transactions in which the commission engages, Schneider said, including the acquisition of public shooting grounds, hatchery sites, management areas and fishing access sites. He also will be in charge of buildings and other facilities on commission property.

Meyers joined the commission in 1936, and had served as coordinator of federal aid projects.

EXPENSIVE CUSTOMER

Sandwich, Ill. — Service station operator Alvin Klotz serviced an expensive customer Monday. While Klotz filled the car with gas and oil, a confederate of the motorist apparently opened the station safe and took \$160. Klotz was unaware of the robbery until some school children found his empty pocket book and returned it to him.

What Is The Law?

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LEGAL LIABILITY FOR ACTS OF CHILDREN

Donny Smith and Billy Jones, six-year-old next-door-neighbors, surprised the milkman and his helper by tripping them on their way up the walk to deliver milk. Both men sustained cuts, bruises and broken bones.

To Donny, this was old stuff. His parents had scolded him for doing the same thing to the postman, the grocery boy and the family minister. Billy, however, had never before done such a thing. He had always been a very considerate youngster.

As a result of their surprise greeting, the milkman and his helper incurred considerable expense. Are the fathers, Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones responsible for such costs?

Parent Not Liable

The usual position taken by the courts is that the parent is not liable for the wrongful acts of his children so long as he does not direct, encourage or profit from such misconduct. Louisiana law presents an exception. In some instances courts have stretched a point to find that a child who inflicts injury of this kind acted as his father's agent, thus making the father liable to the injured person.

However, in examining this case more closely, it is clear that Mr. Smith had plenty of warning that his son might inflict injuries in such a manner. Donny had already compiled an impressive list of victims, for which his parents had scolded him.

Under such circumstances it is very probable that Mr. Smith would be liable for his own negligence in not warning others of his son's dangerous tendencies and in failing to exercise reasonable control over his son for the protection of others.

No Reason For Warring

Mr. Jones, on the other hand, had no reason to warn others about his son or to take steps to prevent such behavior from recurring. He would therefore not be liable for this particular incident.

Because the boys themselves are liable for their injurious acts, had these two minors been fi-

nancially independent, they would definitely have had to pay the damages. Unfortunately for the milkman and his helper, Donny and Billy were very nearly penniless.

QUEEN'S SURGEON DIES

London — Sir Thomas Peel Dunhill, 81, extra surgeon to Queen Elizabeth II since 1952, died here today. The Australian-born physician was one of the doctors who advised the late King George VI to undergo two lung operations.

TALKS KEPT HER ALIVE

Jackson, Miss. — A survivor of a boating accident said Monday that "if my husband hadn't kept talking to me I wouldn't be here for Christmas." Mrs. Joe Morgan said her husband "kept trying to make me laugh" during the two hours they clung to their overturned boat in a lake Sunday until they were rescued.

RED AIR FARES DOWN

London — Radio Moscow said Monday Soviet airline fares will soon be as low as those on the railways. A broadcast said increasing use of new types of aircraft would soon bring air fares down. It said some fares were reduced 12 per cent from last year and as much as 40 per cent on some northern Siberian routes.

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—Isaiah, Holy Scripture

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