

Manhattan Cafe Features Food of Roman Epicures

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New York — (UPI) — The business lunch is as old as imperial Rome, according to Alan Lewis, manager of a new Manhattan restaurant that serves meals in the tradition of early Roman feasts.

The Romans talked shop at private banquets because there were no fancy restaurants, he explained, but today's VIP's do business in a public dining room as grand as any banquet hall the Caesars knew.

You don't have to be a business executive to eat at The Forum of the Twelve Caesars. But in the few weeks it has been open, this restaurant has become a favorite lunch and dinner spot for many such men and women.

The management, Restaurant Associates, Inc., did the interior in what it called colors of ancient Rome, with dark red fabrics covering the walls. Waiters and captains wear jackets in purple and red. The establishment got its name from early Italian portraits of the 12 Caesars, which hang on the walls.

But there's not a classical column in sight. The restaurant provides conventional chairs and tables and banquette seats instead of the couches and low tables of imperial Rome.

Fancy Items
And the menu is in English, not Latin.

The food, however, is claimed to be authentically early Roman.

"Straight from Apicius' cookbook," said Lewis. "Apicius was a Roman epicure, the first to write about cooking."

"But so far, the incredibly rich food described in his Cookery and Dining in Imperial Rome hasn't led one of our guests to eat a 40-course meal, as some early Romans did."

Yet, it's amazing what hap-

pens to a normally moderate eater when faced with a bill of fare that includes:

Oysters with pink caviar.

Belgian pate with wild boar, served with Damascus plum sauce.

Artichoke with oyster puree filling.

Pheasant Scipio, roasted then simmered in a sauce of orange juice, grapes Africanus, nuts and brandy.

Truffle-stuffed quail Cleopatra, wrapped in Macedonian vine leaves and baked in hot ashes.

Venison sauteed with truffles and sauce vitae.

Vegetables served whole, in the early Roman fashion.

A staggering array of desserts, including several varieties of thin pancakes served with a flaming sauce.

And so many other flaming dishes that a guest almost wishes he'd worn an asbestos suit.

History Lessons

The Forum may well be the only restaurant in the world that gives its staff history lessons before sending them into the dining room. "Many of our guests are interested in the history of the period and we like to answer as many of their questions as we can," Lewis explained.

If the menu leads you to experiment at home with Roman recipes, we can offer these hints from Apicius, via the Forum:

Many fowl and meat dishes were cooked in a pickle marinade or a combination of wine, broth (or stock), vinegar and oil.

Leeks, those large, succulent members of the onion family, were served as a vegetable course in addition to their use in sauces.

And it was Apicius who first advised chefs to put a pinch of baking soda in cooking water to keep vegetables green.



These three attractive young women are vying for the honor of being queen of the annual Prospect Jamboree, to be held July 26 and 27. The candidates are (left to right) Miss Helen Janizer, daughter of Mrs. Georgia Jantzer; Miss Joyce Ann Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moore; and Miss Sally McKillop, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Archie McKillop. Miss McKillop is sponsored by Prospect Lions' auxiliary, Miss Moore by Prospect Parent-Teacher association and Miss Jantzer by Prospect Lions' club.

Laura York Installed President

Miss Laura York was installed president of Medford unit, American Legion auxiliary, at a recent meeting at the home of Mrs. Merle Jarmin. This will be the second year for Miss York as president of the local unit.

Other officers installed were Mrs. Clark Walker, second vice-president; Mrs. Gladys Francis, secretary; Mrs. Ross Minnece, treasurer; Mrs. Esther Staats, one of the sergeants-at-arms, and Mrs. Robert Ebel, chaplain.

Mrs. Dorothy Sutter, past department president of Panama, was installing officer and Mrs. Herbert Alford was chaplain for the ceremony.

Unit members who planned the installation meeting and were hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Ross Minnece, Mrs. Herbert Gifford and Mrs. Merle Jarmin. Poppy corsages for the ceremony were made by Mrs. Mary Jacobs, Mrs. Carol Parker and Mrs. Nettie Ellenberg.

Reports on the auxiliary convention at Astoria were given by Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Ellenberg, Mrs. Polly Offutt, Mrs. Sutter, and Mrs. Earl Bigalow. The unit received a History Award from Mrs. Dorothy Sutter, department historian.

Mrs. Earl Bigalow has been appointed department chairman of the scholarship and war orphans survey committee and Mrs. Offutt has been appointed department hospital representative at Camp White domiciliary. The appointments were made by Mrs. George Dickie, Portland, newly-elected president of the Department of Oregon, American Legion auxiliary.

To restore the sheen to chintz curtains, add a small piece of wax (about the size of a walnut for one pair of curtains) to a hot starch solution. Stir in the wax thoroughly before dipping the curtains.

CALENDAR..

Today:

11 a.m.—Oklahoma picnic, Cavenham's park, Grants Park.

1 p.m.—Rogue chapter, "Grandmother" club of America, Ashland park.

5 p.m.—Shakespearean Festival Bard's Heyday, festival shell, Ashland.

5:30 p.m.—Past Noble Grands of Olive Rebekah lodge, home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dyer, 29 Myrtle st.

Monday:

1 p.m.—Retired Teachers' association, home of Mrs. J. R. Tyrell.

8 p.m.—Medford Neighbors of Woodcraft, Eagles hall.

Tuesday:

6:30 p.m.—Women's Society of Christian Service circle 1, Mrs. Cleo Epps, 2002 South 12th rd.

12 noon—Women's Society of Christian Service circle 3, Mrs. Lee VanAusdall, 338 Fairmount ave.

12:30 p.m.—Central Point Royal Neighbors, home of Mrs. Sanford Richardson, Table Rock rd., Central Point.

12:30 p.m.—Women's Society of Christian Service circle 7, picnic at Hawthorne park.

1 p.m.—Travel Study club, with Mrs. Beryl H. Lyon, 31 South Elm st.

1 p.m.—Women's Society of Christian Service circle 8, 5 Meyers court.

1:15 p.m.—Women's Society of Christian Service circle 4, Mrs. Harry Olson, 40 Berkeley Way south.

1:30 p.m.—Women's Society of Christian service circle 5, Mrs. R. T. Harrison, 719 West Fourth st.; circle 6, Mrs. Agnes Furch, 31 Mistletoe ave.

8 p.m.—Women's Society of Christian Service circle 9, Mrs. James Walker, 2446 Happy Valley dr.

Wednesday:

10 a.m.—Roxy Ann Home Economics club, W. W. Claypools on Williams creek.

10:30 a.m.—Women's Society of Christian Service circle 2, Mrs. Richard Loros, 338 Fairmount ave.

11 a.m.—Townsend Harmony auxiliary club, Carpenters hall, 123½ West Main st.

12 noon—Mistletoe club and

Juveniles of Royal Neighbor camp, Hawthorne park.

1 p.m.—Past Chiefs club, home of Mrs. Max Hawks, Shady Cove.

1:4 p.m.—Women's auxiliary of St. Mark's Episcopal church, tea at Black Oaks.

6:30 p.m.—World War I auxiliary and barracks, Hawthorne park; in case of rain, Girls Community club.

6:30 p.m.—Women's Society of Christian Service circle 10, Tou Velle park.

Thursday:

12 noon—Beehive club of Olive Rebekah lodge, Maple park rest area, across from Cubby's Drive-in.

6:30 p.m.—Medford Business and Professional Women's club picnic, Hawthorne park near Girl Scout office.

Friday:

1 p.m.—Gettogether club, Girls Community club.

New Hanging Lamps Good in Bathroom

Chicago—(UPI)—Add light to dingy bathrooms, with new hanging lamps which were on display here recently.

A pumpkin shaped hanging light will provide the bathroom with light where it is needed most. The lamp can be pulled down to provide low illumination needed for reading in the tub—can be swung near the mirror for added light for make-up or shaving—or can be used near the ceiling for a soft room lighting.

Coeds are consistent in their taste in casual wear. The pleated skirt-short, worn kilt length, is back in a wide variety of plaids, checks, stripes and gray flannels.

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Large Clock of Flowers Planned For Exposition

Portland—The biggest floral clock in the world is being planned for the International Garden of Tomorrow, part of the Oregon centennial exposition at Portland next summer.

Edward L. Boatright, manager of the garden and retired assistant fire chief in Portland, said the clock will tell accurate time. The hands and numbers alike will be made of living flowers, and the hands will be powered by the works of an electric clock. Mr. Boatright said the works alone will be as big as a desk.

Smaller clocks telling the time at several capitals around the world will flank the huge exhibit, and flags of the nations that send flowers and plants for the garden will fly nearby.

Manager Boatright said a floral clock at Washington, D.C., is 26 feet across, and he estimated that the Portland display may be 30 feet in diameter.

The hearty ex-fireman declared:

"Some way, we are going to guarantee that a person can see the whole clock at once

and photographers can snap the whole thing without going up in an airplane."

He said that for this purpose, it may be necessary to build the clock on a slope, with the 12 o'clock side higher than the 6 o'clock side.

The idea for the clock comes from Christchurch, New Zealand, by way of Rolla J. Crick, reporter for the Oregon Journal at Portland. Mr. Crick saw the clock at Christchurch on his way back from an assignment in Antarctica and suggested a similar display at the Oregon centennial exposition.

The Portland clock will be self-starting, and if the electricity should be cut off momentarily, the clock will re-start itself. Boatright said that in such an eventuality, it will be re-set and tell accurate time again.

Near the 12 o'clock side of the clock will be a candle which it is said will also be

the biggest in the world, about 25 feet tall, huge symbol of Oregon's 100th birthday as a state. The candle is to burn throughout the 100-day exposition.

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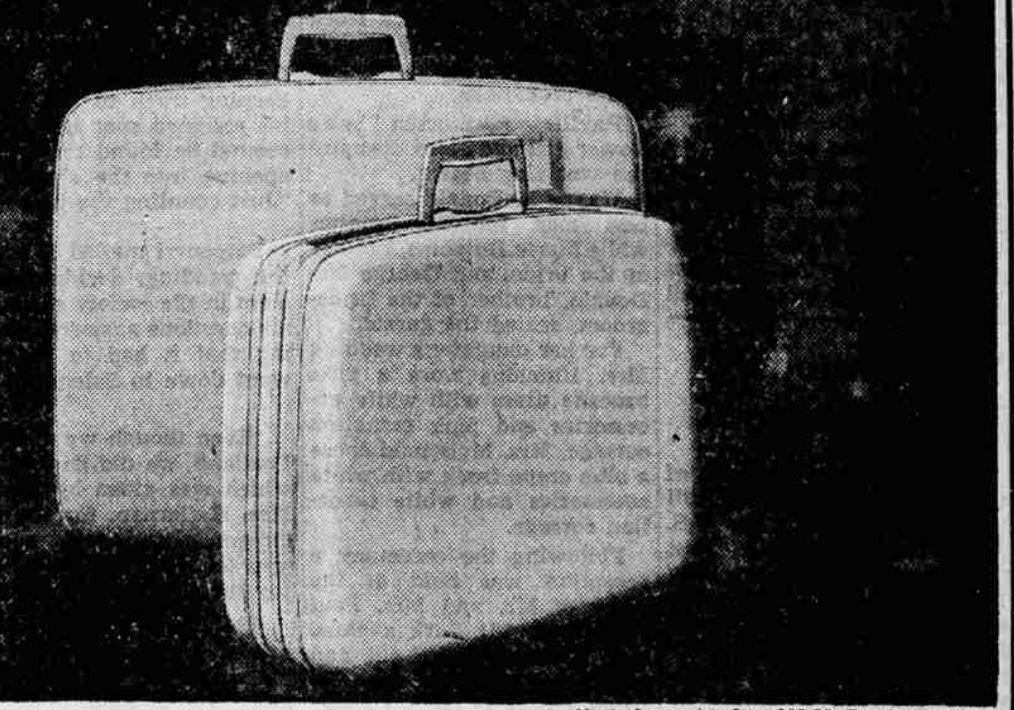
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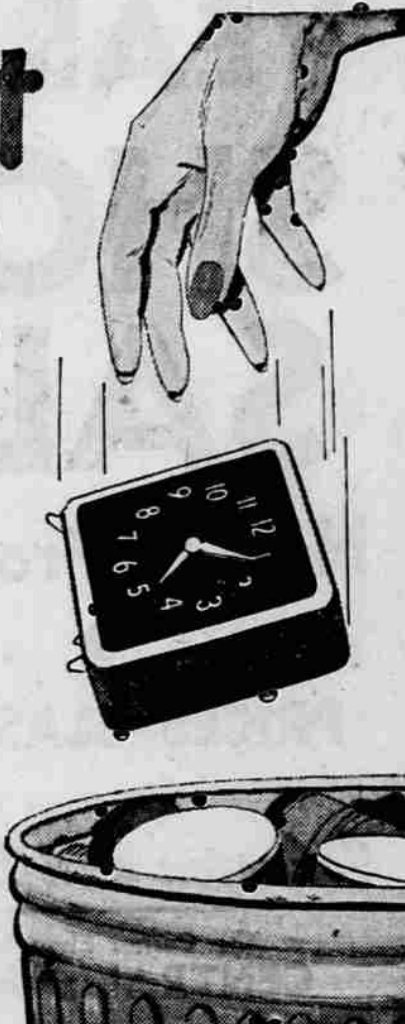
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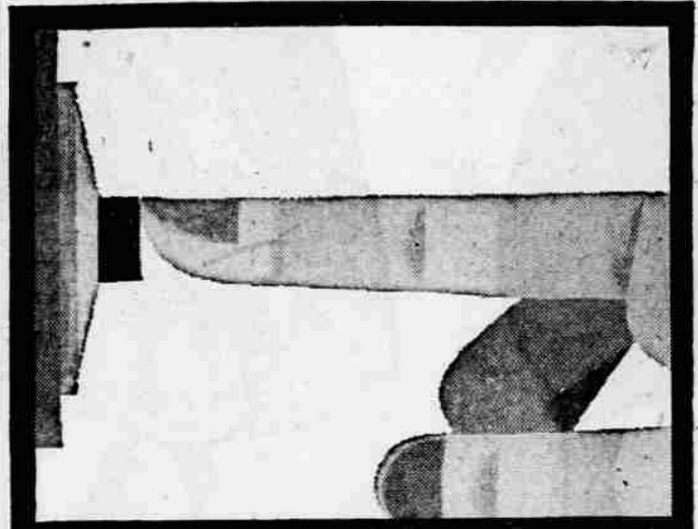
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