

The flavor of this shimmering fruit salad is sure to spark family appetites and add color to winter menus. Walnuts combined with fruits in apple-flavored gelatin make a tasty salad for luncheon or Sunday supper.

For Amber Fruit Salad use 1 package apple-flavored gelatin; one-half teaspoon salt, 1 cup hot water, one-third cup pineapple juice, two-thirds cup cold water, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, one-half cup diced apple, one-half cup banana slices, three-fourths cup crushed pineapple, drained and one-half cup chopped walnuts.

Dissolve gelatin and salt in hot water. Add pineapple juice, cold water, and lemon juice. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in diced apple, banana slices, crushed pineapple and walnuts. Pour into 1-quart mold. Chill until firm. Unmold and garnish with water cress and apple slices.

Last Minute Shoppers For Christmas Cards Given Suggestions

New York (UPI)—Last-minute Christmas card shoppers can give "American Artists" cards the once-over if their search is for the off-beat and beautiful.

For bird lovers, Virginia Dehn shows birds cooing about a Christmas tree erected in a naked tree.

For railway hobbyists, John Rodgers has caught Christmas seen from the back-door of a caboose.

If outer space is the forte, see Thomas F. Naegle's "out of this world" card. It's splashed with moons and rockets.

For theatre goers, there's a Naegle creation showing Santa parting the stage curtain.

Want to summon up warm memories of Christmas evenings at home? Look for Charlotte

Friday Shrimp Bake

New York (UPI)—For a meatless meal, try olive-shrimp bake.

Cook 1 pound shelled, deveined shrimp in 1 tablespoon butter or margarine until browned. Arrange shrimp in greased shallow casserole, sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt and dash of pepper. Top with blend of 3 well-beaten eggs, 2 tablespoons chopped chives, 1/2 cup sliced pimento-stuffed green olives, and 1 cup commercial sour cream. Bake in 325-degree oven 30 minutes. Serves 4.

Joan Sternberg's little girl looking out the window and listening for Santa's sleigh.

Another "Nativity in New England," shows the Holy Family in a stable nestled among snow-clad hills of Lauren Ford's own rural Bethlehem, Conn.



If Santa Claus only leaves presents in the homes where everything is clean and orderly, he'll just have to skip Pappy and Potpourri this time. Somehow time really got away from us this year. In all honesty it must be said that the two of us aren't such very good housekeepers at any time, and beginning about December 1, the dusting, window washing and general house chores sort of take back seat to preparations for the holidays.

Santa might find his way in if he really came down the chimney, but he'd never make it through the upstairs hall. It's filled with unwrapped presents, ribbons, stickers, paper and all the rest of the Christmas clutter, as well as a basket of ironing to be done and another one filled with mending. The same goes for Potpourri's "second office." It never looks very tidy, and now it has a card table in the corner covered with address books, cards and stationery, and stacked hither and yon are some packages which are waiting for the Christmas tree, piles and piles of newspaper and magazines waiting to be read, some empty boxes which we're sure we'll need before the presents are all ready — and just plain junk which we keep promising ourselves to throw away, or something.

Potpourri's new found friend, Ada Castillo, enclosed a little bit of poetry with her card which could have come straight from our typewriter, if only we could write poetry. It reads (we hope the author will forgive us for a slight rearrangement of the lines to fit into this column) — "Sometimes before sleep I lie in sudden fright, thinking of the clutter in my closets, of unanswered letters, aging laundry, and waiting bills, and the icebox filled with half-eaten things. What if I should die before I wake, to stand before the Gates, an unfinished man soiled and askew!" There is more to Whitney Balliett's poem, but these lines tell our fears perfectly.

The smart and industrious Germans have been responsible for many inventions and "firsts" and among those are the first Christmas tree ornaments of glass which are now familiar in almost every land where the Christian religious festival is observed. It is said that the ornaments, hand-made, originated in the little glassmaking town of Lauscha in Central Germany. The early decorations were brought to America by families migrating from Germany and England, who included them among their prized possessions. Later they were imported for sale, were eventually copied by the Japanese and Czechoslovakians, and sent all over the world.

This year it is believed that over a billion ornaments will be hung on the nation's yule trees. Many of them are now made on a ribbon machine which was originally developed to make electric light globes at the rate of more than 2,000 per minute. When the ornaments are first formed they are of clear glass. They are silvered on the inside, then lacquered in many colors on the outside.

The modern ornaments are much less fragile than the original ones, and often do not break, even though dropped.

Potpourri dashed into the postoffice Friday morning and became the last person in a line of 6 or 8 adults waiting in front of one of the windows. After a few moments we noticed that although the other window was open, no one was standing there. As we wondered why they weren't accepting packages at the other window, a man came in, walked up to it and at once was waited on. So we joined him and inquired "why are all those people standing in line over there when this window is open also?" The man on the inside of the window said patiently "I don't know" and the man on the outside said "Because people are stupid."

Well, it's a poor postoffice that doesn't provide at least one good laugh at the expense of "the people" at this busy time of the year.

Some one down in Los Angeles who is supposed to know, says that the nation's 26 million dog owners are expected to spend 40 million dollars for luxury Christmas gifts for their pets this year. In addition to this, another 30 million dollars will be spent as the regular monthly bill for prepared food for dogs according to Bob Bartos, prominent dog authority and manager of the Friskies research kennels.

The UPI reporter added that gifts for the doggy set under the Christmas tree will include such items as mink-trimmed coats, rhinestone collars and perfumes with such doggone names as Kennel No. 9 and scent-station.

A woman at a party not long ago told me that some nutritionists in this country declare that dogs in the United States are better nourished than their masters.

Maybe the well-dressed, intelligent looking man on the outside of the postoffice window last Friday morning has some justification for his remark.

We keep grumbling about Christmas, and saying how commercialized it is and that Americans have lost the real spirit and meaning of the day (and we have — in some ways) but about this time every December we give in. Whatever it is, and whatever it has become, Potpourri still wouldn't like to live where Christmas wasn't celebrated. Merry Christmas—O.S.

Spicy Ham 'n' Cheese

New York (UPI)—For the lunch box—a hearty blue cheese and deviled ham sandwich spread.

Combine 1 can (4 1/2 ounces) of deviled ham, 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese (1 1/4 ounces), 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, 1

teaspoon French dressing, and 2 teaspoons prepared mustard. Mix well. Spread on buttered bread slices. Makes about 1 cup.

Official colors of the United States Marine corps are scarlet and gold.



A reception held December 13 honored W. T. Whillock on his 90th birthday anniversary. A native of Missouri, Mr. Whillock has lived in Medford for the past 15 years. He still tends a garden in the spring and summer.

Medford Man Celebrates 90th Birthday Anniversary

W. T. Whillock was honored at a reception Saturday, December 13, which observed his 90th birthday anniversary. Friends were invited to call at the family home, 310 Vancouver avenue, between two and five o'clock, and about 100 attended.

The table was centered with a birthday cake baked by Mrs. Arthur Hertager, and yellow chrysanthemums and candles were used in the yellow and white theme.

Serving cake were Mrs. Loren Whillock and Mrs. C. R. Richmond. Presiding at the coffee table were Mrs. Warren Owings of Junction City, Oregon, Mrs. John Darby, and Mrs. Clarence Evans. Taking charge of the gifts was Miss LaVonne Whillock, granddaughter of the honored guest, and another granddaughter, Miss Marlys Whillock kept the guest book.

The honored man received many cards, gifts and flowers. Among the guests present were his son, Loren Whillock

and family of Talent and Fred Whillock, who came from Coulee, North Dakota for the open house. A third son, Paul, of Coulee, was unable to attend. Four of his eight grandchildren were there, and he also has 11 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Whillock was born in Urbana, Mo., in 1868, living there until 1910 when he moved to North Dakota. He has been a resident of Medford for 15 years. He is a retired farmer but still keeps up a small garden and does all of his own yard work. His leisure time is spent reading and watching television, which he enjoys very much.

Mr. Whillock was married to Margaret Howell in 1945

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Decoration May Become Heirloom

New York (UPI)—An unbreakable plastic stall shower has been engineered for dolls up to 12 inches tall. Water circulates without refilling. Kit includes a vinyl plastic shower curtain, miniature sponge and washcloth.

Strike up a small-fry band with these new toys — an electric tabletop organ, a roll harmonica, and a Zorro guitar. The organ, about two feet long, has 27 keys and two octaves. The harmonica plays professional music as the child blows into the mouthpiece and turns a handle.

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Cranberries are good for many dishes besides relish and sauce. Add the berries to oranges and apples in pies, or serve as fruit juice for breakfast.

"Dear Justice," Juliet Lowell, (A Mill Book.)

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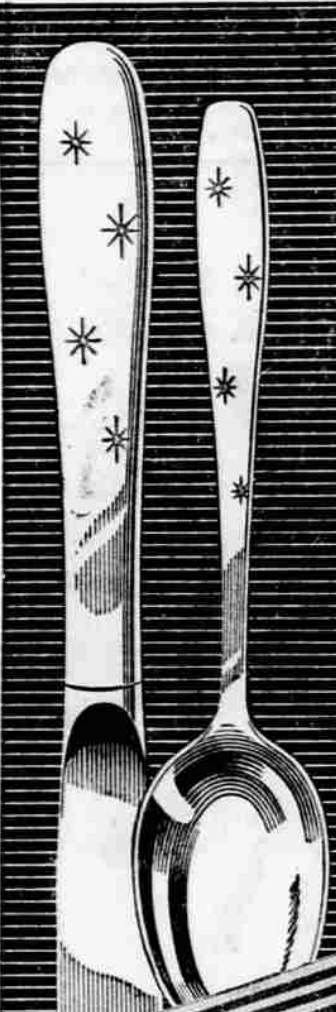
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