



heating and seasoning tomato juice is more dramatic when served with heart-shaped croissants.

Stuff celery curls with pimiento cheese. Fleck chicken or tuna shortcake with sliced stuffed olives or with pimiento, diced in strips or in heart design.

Top green or fruit salads with pink mayonnaise made by adding a drop of red coloring to mayonnaise.

Sweetheart cookies or special cake or small pastries (petit fours) are featured at local bakeries.

A party punch in red or pink tones. Red and white candies of course, along with salted nuts.

**VALENTINE MOTIONS**—Queen of Hearts tarts vie for interest among many Valentine notions in today's food column. Party planners and those who think the family deserves a little extra loving tenderness will read on. West coast's famed Maraschino cherries provide the drama.

**Feeding the Family**  
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**Festivities Emphasize "Hurray for Love"**

Long before Parson Weems got involved in that cherry tree episode, lovers attended cherry fairs and any girl worth kissing had cherry-red lips. Throughout centuries, poets, philosophers and proverb-makers have been inspired to write odes and tributes to this colorful and versatile fruit. Cherries have long been identified with love and marriage. "Can she bake a cherry pie, Billy boy?"

The fruit with the romantic past is also a fruit with a glowing future as our west-coast growers step up production to meet demands of canners, freezers and maraschino cherry makers. Maraschino cherries have been enjoyed for three centuries now. Our world-renowned Royl Anns are processed to give the distinctive maraschino flavor, texture and color liked by everyone.

**Valentine Tare**  
The lure of the maraschino cherry bottle is almost as great as that of the box of chocolates out of the children's reach. They are a natural for Valentine use and decoration.

—Bright red almond-flavored maraschino cherries are beloved not only of youngsters but also of ice cream manufacturers, sundae sauce makers, bakers and chocolate dipppers. Perhaps your Valentine dessert choice will come from ice cream cabinet or bakeshop.

—Combine cottage cheese with chopped or sliced maraschino cherries.

—Top fruit salads and tomatoes with cherry cherry garnish.

—Use maraschino cherry juice, heated or chilled, over vanilla ice cream.

—Fold chopped maraschino cherries into whipped cream and freeze. Use for topping pound cake or unfrosted angel food cake.

—Prepare a package of instant vanilla pudding mix substituting maraschino cherry juice for part of the milk.

—Valentine cherry milk shake will please the children. Simply combine two tablespoons maraschino cherry juice with 1 cup milk. Chill thoroughly or beat in some vanilla ice cream.

**Queen of Hearts Tarts Recipe**  
"The King and Queen of Hearts were seated on their thrones... the Knave was standing before them, in chains... and near the King was the White Rabbit..." In the very middle of the court was a table with a large dish of tarts upon it. They looked so good that it made Alice quite hungry to look at them - 'I wish they'd get the trial done,' she thought 'and hand out the refreshments!'"

Thus begins one of the most celebrated trials of our time. It occurs, of course, in Lewis Carroll's children's classic, "Alice in Wonderland" and contains this now famous indictment: The Queen of Hearts, she made some tarts, all on a summer's day; The Knave of Hearts, he stole those tarts, and took them quite away." Generations of children have spent happy hours speculating on what those tarts must have looked like and tasted like. This is our version: For two dozen 2 1/4 inch tarts.

Baked tart shells  
3 egg yolks  
1 cup sugar  
3/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour  
2 cups boiling milk  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 tablespoon vanilla  
1/2 cup ground filberts  
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 cups red maraschino cherries, quartered

**Tart Shells.** Prepare tart shells like this, use a pie crust mix or buy them ready-

made at the bakeshop. Sift together 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour, two tablespoons sugar and one-quarter teaspoon salt. Using pastry blender or two forks, cut in one-third cup soft butter or margarine until mixture resembles coarse meal. Gradually add three to four tablespoons ice water, mixing quickly with a fork until mixture forms a soft dough. Shape dough into a ball and chill 30 minutes. Roll out one-quarter inch thick on lightly floured board or cloth. Using 24 heart-shaped tart pans or bottoms of muffin tins, arrange pastry pressing firmly against sides of pans. Prick pastry with fork in several places along bottom and sides. If tart pans are used, fill each one with dried beans or raw rice to prevent shrinkage. Place pans on a cookie sheet and bake in hot oven, 425 degrees, 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Dump beans or rice if used. Cool shells.

**Filbert Custard Filling.** We'll tell you now that two tablespoons of Kirsch if you have any handy, will add interest to this. Beat egg yolks until frothy; gradually add sugar and continue beating until very thick and pale yellow. Beat in flour. Gradually add boiling milk, beating constantly until smooth and well blended. Place over boiling water and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth. Remove from heat; add butter, vanilla, (Kirsch if you like), filberts, lemon rind and salt; cool. Pour into tart shells. Arrange quartered maraschino cherries over top of custard. Brush with Currant Glaze. Chill before serving.

**Currant Glaze:** Combine one-third cup currant jelly, two tablespoons sugar and tablespoon lemon juice in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, for about five minutes or until thick enough to coat a metal spoon. While glaze is warm, brush over maraschino cherries.

**Curry Butter**  
This curry butter is for serving in butter warmers, small paper cups, china or glass cups, one to each person, for dunking chunks of seafood or chicken. Melt two tablespoons butter and blend in one-fourth teaspoon curry powder. Try this on whole kernel corn, too.

**Valentine Party Stuff**  
Entertaining at this season is likely to center on hearts and flowers and red and white color schemes. Give the family a festive time with menu and atmosphere a little more interesting and colorful than usual. The children will love it. And Papa will enjoy a little pampering, too.

Sprinkle bright red hearts, cupid and/or arrows cut from red paper over a snowy white cloth of paper, cotton or linen. Maybe use large hearts as place mats and other Valentine motif as place cards using white ink. Paper lace doilies make ideal frills for bouquets of all kinds and sizes.

A centerpiece of "paper dolls" will make a gay conversation piece. Paper napkins and place mats, doilies or tablecloth will gaily dispose of the laundry problem while creating an atmosphere very inexpensively.

Place cards and miniature bags of Valentine candies tied with red ribbons can serve as favors and also as mints for munching with the coffee or other beverage.

**Valentine Menu Memos**  
If it's an ice cream party or dessert, strawberry or peppermint ice cream seems appropriate or vanilla ice cream topped with whole cranberry sauce, with strawberry sauce or maraschino cherries and juice.

Cream of tomato soup or tomato consomme made by

**Redden Lists Four Major Points Why He's Against Bill**

Representative James A. Redden (D-Jackson) has issued an explanation of his opposition to the Sunday closure law because of the heavy volume of mail he has received on the measure, HB 1256.

Redden said he would attend committee hearings on the bill to satisfy himself that his reasons for opposition are sound.

He listed these reasons under four major points:

1. Advocates claim the law would free the Sabbath for family purposes, and yet ignore the opposite effect it would have on minorities who observe a different Sabbath. They would have the choice

of working their Sabbath or competing five days with competitors who work six. The fact that these may be the minority merely means they need more protection.

2. The law discriminates between businesses because it does not require uniform closures. While some may operate, others are arbitrarily closed. This puts the constitutionality of the law in doubt.
3. It is a thinly disguised attempt by businessmen to regulate competition in their trade by state law rather than intragovernmental.
4. The law would be difficult, if not impossible, to enforce. Any store selling exempt and permitted goods would require policing.

Redden added that the most

beneficial result of such a law would be that Sunday workers would be able to spend the day at home, but this law would not accomplish this. The number of business activities curtailed is slight, and those business people not curtailed would be forced to work, Redden stated.

"There are fiscal questions facing this legislature of mon-

etary importance to the state," Redden said, and added "Let's get on with the important business."

**Volunteers Assist In Space Research**

Dayton, Ohio (UPI)—What's the best atmosphere to maintain inside space craft for astronauts on long missions? Researchers are seeking the answer at the Aerospace Medical Research laboratories here.

Volunteers are placed inside a room-size, airtight space cell. Their reactions to varying conditions in the cell, built by Goodyear Aircraft corporation, are observed by scientists.

**Kapers Tickets Go On Sale in Area**

Tickets are on sale for the annual Medford Kiwanis Kapers.

The show this year is scheduled Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1 and 2 at Medford High school auditorium. Title of the show is "Well, Flip My Wig."

Tickets were handed to Kiwanians yesterday to sell. The tickets also will be avail-

able at Barker's Men's store, Drews' Manstore, John Nuich jewelers, West Main barber-shop, the Mark Antony hotel in Ashland and the Central Point pharmacy.

Proceeds from the show will go toward Kiwanis youth and community service projects, including the county-wide dental clinic.

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