

Herald and News Homemakers Corner

This and That About Women
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"It's A Woman's World"



FRUIT CAKES AND PLUM PUDDINGS

— turkey and dressing and rich pumpkin pies prepared by one of Klamath county's famous cooks will bring members of the Rex High family of Poe Valley buzzing home for Christmas like a pot of amber honey, brings living honey bees. Mrs. High had just tucked some sprigs of holly round a toothsome, fruity fruit cake when the photographer caught her in the lens. She "just cooks" she says with plenty of cream and butter and wonders who "glorified" her everyday stint in the kitchen. Her record of perfection with seasonings gave her the task of helping guide the home extension department of the Poe Valley-Olene grange through the past year as vice chairman and tomorrow she puts on a "s'm a 11" demonstration for the Poe Valley-Olene home extension unit of frozen pies and cake, made and "cured" in her own deep freeze. Born Zella Taylor, granddaughter of Samuel Taylor who came to the Klamath country almost before Mt. Mazama cooled off, she still lives on the land her grandfather homesteaded, near the banks of Lost River, in the shelter of hills that surround the ranch where her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Taylor, also lived. The windows of her kitchen present a view of rolling acres, fat cattle, the home of her son, Taylor High and his two youngsters. She loves the land... she loves to cook... she'll have 26 hungry folks for Christmas dinner.



Christmas Tree Trade Big One For North Woodsmen

By JOHN KAMPS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 — The crisp sound of thousands of axes biting through fir trees is ringing in the cold, clear air of America's forests these days.
The medley is loud because the snow-slogging woodchoppers have only two more weeks in which to cut the Christmas trees and send them to homes throughout the nation.
Not counting trees obtained by John Q. Public himself, Santa Claus each year looks over about 28,000,000 gayly-decorated trees which have been provided commercially for his annual trek to the United States.
About 9,000,000 are imported, mostly from Canada, and American forests yield about 19,000,000.
An area in Northwestern Montana and Northeastern Idaho is the Christmas tree capital. About 3,000,000 green, fragrant Douglas-firs are cut annually in the deep snow of the rugged mountains near the Canadian border and Glacier Park.
Montana's Flathead and Lincoln counties each supply more than 1,000,000 trees. Missouri and Lake counties are other big producers.
The trees are cut, tied in bundles and shipped by truck and railroad to most of the states, and even places like Cuba.
About one-fourth of the trees cut in the Montana-Idaho area are taken from federal forests, the rest from state and private lands.
Nationally, the federal forest service reports, about 87 percent of the Christmas trees come from private lands.
Many farmers are finding that wild-grown trees provide good business. Sale of wild trees in Montana alone adds about \$1,000,000 annually to the farm income.
Farmers also own about two-thirds of the 100,000 acres of Christmas tree plantations in the nation. Nearly half the acreage is in Pennsylvania.
Cutting of trees on federal land is permitted in areas where the forest service believes the stand should be thinned for the benefit of the forest. The cutting is regulated by rangers.
The forest service says 935,142 Christmas trees were cut from federal land last year. The government received \$140,084 for them.
The Montana-Idaho area yielded 612,841 trees, while those harvested in other federal areas included: Lake states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan) — 108,942; California — 63,971; Rocky Mountain — 29,479.
The government charges only 10 to 15 cents for a three-to-six-foot Douglas-fir, but it gets as much as \$1 a foot for California's Shasta fir. The Shasta fir — called "silvertips" because their dense and short needles have white tips — sell to the public for as much as \$30 to \$40 each.

Garden Clubs Pray World Peace At Rites

The Siskiyou district garden club members are sponsoring a Christmas lighting service at Camp White, Sunday, December 16, 3 p.m.
A beautiful tree will be placed outside near the chapel of the Veterans' Domiciliary center which will be decorated with colored lights. During the ceremony which includes participation by 900 members of several clubs, candles will be lit and as the vivid coloring of so many lights shed their rays upwards, members of the garden clubs will unite with chaplains at Camp White in a fervent prayer for an early and lasting peace.
The program will include an invocation by Father Cummins, Medford, prayers for peace by Father Cummins and Rev. Henry Anderson, singing of the carols, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" and "Silent Night," closing with a benediction.
At the same hour of the day during the program, members of other garden clubs are invited to light a tree in their respective communities, sing the same carols and offer prayers for peace.
The Siskiyou district garden club are members of the Oregon Federation of garden clubs.

Shrimp Is Tasty Dish For Winter Days

Sky-rocketing meat prices, mid-winter doldrums in the food store offerings — and the conscientious housewife's search for tasty, nourishing dishes — calls attention, these days, to an interesting recipe for Brazilian Shrimp. Either fresh or canned shrimp may be used — the real secret is in the use of Angostura Aromatic Bitters to give a unique and haunting touch of flavor.
Brazilian Shrimp
1 large Spanish onion
4 tablespoons butter
3 dozen (½ lbs. shrimp)
1 tablespoon Angostura
4 medium tomatoes, peeled and cut in pieces
2 cups medium white sauce
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons cream
½ teaspoon pepper (black)
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
Sauté sliced onion and shrimp in butter, about five minutes. Next

add tomatoes and Angostura, cover saucepan and simmer for ten minutes. Add white sauce, salt, pepper and cayenne and cook for five minutes longer. Just before serving stir in cream. This recipe will serve six.

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Homemakers Like Useful Kitchen Gift

If you have another homemaker on your Christmas list, have you thought of getting something for her kitchen? Here are some ideas along that line from Mary Beth Minden, who is extension home management specialist at Oregon State college.
A sturdy step-stool, for instance, may not sound glamorous, but it could be a very welcome present. Especially if she has high shelves in that kitchen! Look for one that has rubber treads and is easy to move. If space is small, the lady may prefer a folding model. But if she spends long hours on her feet, one that doubles as a seat may be a better choice.
An electric minute timer is a very useful but inexpensive gift. It can be used to time anything from three-minute eggs to long distance phone calls. And it's just the thing for the cook who finds it

hard to remember that last pan of cookies.
An electric mixer is a popular present. But first, Miss Minden warns, make sure there's a handy place for it, and a convenient outlet. Those mixers are heavy, and awkward to move. Then, too, be reasonably sure she'll use it. You know—some women just can't seem to change their work habits.
In any case, it's wise to make certain that there's room in her kitchen for any new equipment or gadgets you might buy. After all, the lady's biggest problem could be lack of space, instead of any shortage of equipment!
If a recipe calls for soft bread cubes, stack two or three slices of bread on a board and with a sharp knife, using a sawing motion, cut bread into strips about half an inch wide; cut again in opposite direction to form cubes of even size.
Here's a new snack combination: add a layer of finely shredded green cabbage, that's been mixed with a tangy French dressing, to a plain ham sandwich.

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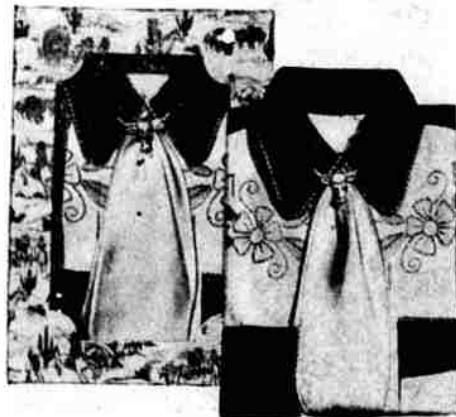
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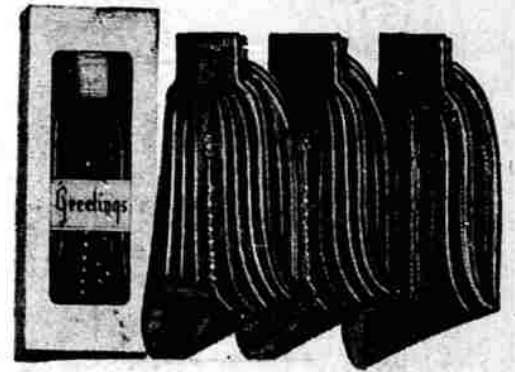
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