



FLUFFY POPPED CORN

FORT KLAMATH

By MYRTLE WIMER

Dinner by candlelight has been in order for Wood River Valley folks the past two evenings—not for purposes of style or glamour, but due to necessity arising from the failure of electric power Saturday evening as a result of the howling blizzard which scourged the valley with high winds and drifting snow Friday and Saturday and is still continuing at this writing. Pressed into service for illumination were candles, Coleman lanterns and old fashioned kerosene lamps, and this present dispatch of news items is being done by the light of four candles—shades of '99.

Those not possessing wood burning heating stoves or ranges have been perforce having difficulty in keeping their families from starving, while the heating problem has been acute in many local homes which have only electric heat. All county roads are blocked with huge snow drifts, but state highway crews have kept the main highway leading to Klamath Falls open to travel throughout the storm, the local patrol working day and night to keep the road clear.

Following the snowstorm of Monday and Tuesday of last week, county employees and equipment had just finished clearing all county roads and lanes in this vicinity, only to have them snowed in again by this first real storm of the winter.

Last week, Loren L. Miller Jr., superintendent of all but 20 head of the Loren L. Miller Company cattle, the stock going out by truck during the snowstorm Friday and Saturday, enroute to winter pasture at the Miller ranch at Red Bluff, Calif. Miller himself followed suit by leaving Saturday evening by car for Red Bluff, where his parents, wife and four small children have been for some time past. Also heading south Saturday was Harry Mill, Miller ranch employee, who left after helping load the stock on cattle trucks bound for Red Bluff. Mrs. Mill and daughter Joyce have been at their Red Bluff home since the start of the fall school term.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ridenhour and family left last week for Belingham, Wash., where they will spend the winter months. During their absence, Mr. and Mrs. Ober Brown, Crystal, are living at their local residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell (Mike) Beaulieu are enjoying a trip and visit with relatives and friends at home before coming west.

Leonard (Socco) Smith left Tuesday, Dec. 9, for Portland, where he reported for induction into the U.S. armed forces. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith, Fort Klamath.

Mrs. Jack Thomas returned Tuesday, Dec. 9, from a six-weeks' visit at Fairbanks, Alaska, with her son-in-law, daughter and family, Pfc. and Mrs. Bevie Dillstrom and their infant daughter, Annie Irene, born Oct. 16, at Fairbanks, the first child of the well known young couple, the mother being the former Jackie Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas made the trip north by train to Seattle, thence by boat to Fairbanks, and returned by plane as far as Seattle, coming by the rest of the trip home.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lewis returned the first of the week from Scott's Valley, where they spent the Thanksgiving vacation with his relatives.

As a result of a mishap near Shady Pine last Thursday, Elton (Mike) Mikelson sustained a broken ankle when his car left the highway and plunged down over the bank, demolishing the vehicle completely. Mikelson is employed here during the season as timekeeper for the Modoc Lumber Company, and has been working in the same capacity at the Klamath Falls office of the company since the shutdown of local logging.

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You yourself never had enough of the wee puff clouds, we suspect. So have popcorn often for family or friends. The bowls empty fast during an evening's pleasure. It is an easy snack and a low cost one. Popping corn is not tricky, or messy. It is fast to do. There are a few hints to follow to obtain highest yield of popped corn and to bring out all the good flavors. Don't worry about equipment. A person may use a fancy popper or a plain old heavy iron skillet and come out with the same good results.

The first hint is to pour some salad oil in the popper to help the corn pop evenly. Use recipe below. Like magic, the light salad oil coats each kernel and spreads the heat evenly so the corn pops quickly without burning or drying out. At the same time the salad oil "seasons" the corn, rounding out the good flavor while keeping the kernels crisp, not soggy.

Before adding the corn, however, you heat the oil until a drop of water sizzles in it, then add the

corn, cover and shake or stir until corn starts to pop. If you are popping corn on the stove, now reduce the heat to low-medium, continue shaking until corn is popped. (An electric popper regulates the heat itself.)

Then salt the popcorn. make popcorn balls, or try the Apple Blossom Popcorn, which is a simple way to prepare a colorful sweet treat, crunchy good.

Some folks ask what makes popcorn pop. The popcorn people tell us it does more than just pop, it explodes. Heat changes the moisture inside the kernel to steam and the kernel bursts inside out.

For best popping choose popcorn with all the kernels having the same amount of moisture (the corn packed in air-tight containers is usually of high quality). And store unused unpopped corn in a well-covered jar.

Ever eat popcorn in milk? It's good served like a cereal in a bowl, salted or sugared. And popcorn on

chocolate pudding makes a delectable brown-and-white dessert.

It is a breeze to fashion a popcorn tree for Christmas time. You just shape the tree with your hands while the popcorn syrup is still warm and pliable. Then trim with tiny, bright gumdrops. And of course, the old time way of stringing fluffy popcorn into a white "rope" for the children to do the stringing. Maybe they will want to string cranberries, too, the way some of us used to do.

PERFECT POPCORN

3 tablespoons cooking oil

1/2 cup popcorn

Salt to taste

Pour cooking oil into 9 or 10-

inch skillet (with cover) or popper.

Heat until a drop of water sizzles in oil. Add popcorn, cover and

shake skillet gently over heat un-

til corn starts to pop. Reduce heat. Shake as long as corn pops. Sprinkle with salt. Then pop more corn, you'll want it.

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