

A Valentine Buffet Way To Entertain In Happy Mood

One of the gayest and easiest of mid-winter parties honors the good St. Valentine. Everyone is in a happy mood, and there are all sorts of possibilities as to decorations, favors and games.

For a Valentine party, it's most important that every be informal—food, service, entertainment. But even the most informal entertaining takes careful planning. As to food, a buffet service answers that very nicely. Chins, silver and napkins should be placed on a long table before hand. Bring the food in at the last moment so that the hot food will be hot, and cold food well chilled. Have card tables set up and chairs placed so that your

guests will have a place to take their filled plates.

To break the ice and to pair the guests for supper partners, the hostess might hand each girl a name of a woman whose love affairs made her famous—such as Cleopatra, Helen, Juliet, Pocahontas, Fanny Hill, Iphigeneia, Frankie, Josephine, Elizabeth Barrett, and so on. And to each man, she gives the name of the other half of the famous pair—Anthony, Abelard, Romeo, John Smith, John Alden, Gabriel, Johnnie, Napoleon, Robert Browning.

Besides being gayly decorated with Valentine hearts and frills the buffet table should be set so that guests can serve themselves without bumping into one another. Plan on having a stack of plates at one end of the table, the food in the center, and the silver and napkins within easy reach. The centerpiece might be a St. Valentine's cake flanked by tall candles placed on red hearts. If cups and saucers are stacked in one corner, they will be ready for serving coffee with the dessert course. When you plan the menu, remember that the food should be attractive and popular. Remember, too, that it should be something that can be prepared beforehand and served easily—like this:

Shrimp Salad, Shoestring Potatoes, Green Peas and Mushrooms, Assorted Heart Sandwiches, Heart Molds of Strawberry Ice Cream, Valentine Cake, Coffee, Pink Mints, Assorted Nuts.

Shrimp Salad makes the ideal St. Valentine's party food because of its rosy color. Here's a recipe recommended by the Shrimp Association of the Americas. (Plan on 2 pounds of raw shrimp for eight servings.)

SHRIMP SALAD
Clean and cook 2 pounds fresh or frozen shrimp by boiling in salted water two to five minutes, or in court bouillon (recipe below). Drain and chill the shrimp. Moisten shrimp with 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Add 2 cups diced celery, 1 cup mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons capers (if desired). Season with salt and pepper to taste. Mix all together lightly. Serve well chilled on salad greens.

COURT BOUILLON
1½ quarts water
½ stalk celery
1 carrot, sliced
1 small white onion, sliced
Juice of ½ lemon
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
2 pounds shrimp, fresh or frozen

Put water in saucepan. Add all ingredients except shrimp. Bring water to boil, add shrimp and if necessary enough water to cover. Let water come to boil again. Turn heat down so water just simmers. Cover saucepan and let shrimp cook 2 to 5 minutes, never longer. Drain shrimp and cool quickly.

Gals Sought To Help Cupid

Young lady, do you know what your valentine means? Beyond all the phrases was there a picture of a rose? If there was, your valentine was a declaration of love. Or if you received an affectionate salute on a fan-shaped valentine you were requested to "open your heart." But if a ribbon was tangled up in it, be sure you mean what you say the next time you see him. The ribbon is the traditional way to ask a fair young thing to be true to the sender alone.

Do you just wait around for the valentines to start coming in? Well, no red-blooded Elizabethan woman would. She did something about her romantic dilemma: she ate a hard-boiled egg and went to bed with bay leaves fastened to her pillow, there to dream of her future husband. Then when she really saw him she could go to work on him and be sure of the outcome.

The men had a quaint habit too. They threw valentines attached to apples or oranges through the windows of eligible young women.

But the French have ever been gentle in this tender art. They gave their ladyloves giant, hand-made, lace-trimmed affairs.

FROSTING
3 squares unsweetened chocolate
1 cup confectionery sugar
2 or 3 egg yolks or 1 small egg
¼ cup milk
1 tablespoon butter
½ teaspoon vanilla

Melt the chocolate, and add it to the sugar, egg yolks (or egg) and milk in a bowl. Place bowl in ice water and beat with rotary beater, add butter and vanilla and continue beating until of consistency to spread.

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IT RAINS AND IT SNOWS and the wild wind blows but the mail goes through on the Star Route between Merrill and Malin and out on the roads beyond the pioneer town where Czechs settled in 1907.

It goes, because Pansy Hornbeck, one of two women full-time mail carriers in Klamath County sees that it does. She has been carrying the mail to "her people" for the last nine years, drives a round trip of 60 miles per day and serves 200 boxes, some used by more than one family.

She drives a new panel truck, "seventy-ninth cousin" to the car she started with... travel conditions are much better than they used to be but drifts still pile up and mud is just as sticky. Pansy Hornbeck shovels her own way to solid ground, fights her transportation battles - loves it all.

She admits to "having had butterflies" when she applied for the mail contract, "way back there" but they're all taken wing and flown away. Now she knows every chuck-hole on her route, knows every "customer" looking for a letter... knows she can deliver the "goods."

Twice only, in those nine years has she had to stay by her fireside, once when the flu bug hit, once when she made a misstep and tumbled from her doorway.

She has three daughters, Mrs. Laddie Toffel, Mrs. Gerald Dixon and Mrs. Charles Bightman, all of Malin, plus five bustling grandchildren, and a "jillion" friends.

SAVES TIME
You'd get through with the family laundry much faster if you didn't have to sort white things from the colored ones. Here's a little idea that'll prove a welcome time saver: put a board or heavy cardboard partition in the clothes hamper, dividing it into two equal spaces. Whenever you put soiled clothes in the hamper, be sure to put all white things in one side, and colored garments in the other. That way, the laundry's already pre-sorted when you're ready for it.

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Couple Gets Thrill Watching Inauguration

(Editor's Note: The following excerpts from a letter from Gerry McKeandree, Klamath Falls girl, give some idea of her and Mrs. Klamath's trip to Washington, D.C., to see the inauguration of Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower.

Mr. and Mrs. Klamath, who live in Klamath Falls, Oregon, were in the service, Mrs. Klamath is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McKeandree. The girls who were in the inaugural ball was featured in the Oregonian and a picture taken of the two at the Statler Hotel was used by the Portland Journal.

By GERRY McKEANDREE KNOX
Here we go on the big crowd of '53. To us it was simply out of this world. An experience is impossible to put into words.

We didn't see Eisenhower take the oath of office but heard it clearly over loudspeakers.

However, we did have wonderful seats for the parade. A 21-gun salute that we also heard over loudspeakers started the huge parade. Before it was over the President saw 27,331 participants pass before him and 25,000 of these were on foot.

Every single seat was full, and where there were no seats, people stood fifteen deep. Some climbed and had to be taken from the crowd in the open street.

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HOME EXTENSION

CALENDAR
January 28: Program Planning Leaders will meet at 10:30 in the Exhibit Building, Fairgrounds. This will be the second in series of three planning meetings where the program for 1953-54 will be worked out. Luncheon will be served by Shasta-Homestead Unit for a nominal charge.

February 1: The County Committee will meet at 12 noon at home of Mrs. O. L. Brown in Olney.

February 3: Altamont Unit will meet at 10:30 a.m. at Exhibit Building, Fairgrounds. Mr. Tom Poltenberger, Family Life Specialist of Oregon State College, will speak on "Understanding Yourself."

February 4: Malin Unit will meet at 7:30 p.m. at home of Mrs. Clara Scott in Malin. Project Leaders Anna La-hoda and Clara Scott will demonstrate the use of Basic Tools.

February 4: Langell Valley Unit will meet at 10 a.m. at home of Mrs. Rene Schmidt. Home Demonstration Agent, Dolores Bracken will give lesson.

February 5: Chiloquin Unit will meet at home of Mrs. Frederick Markwardt, at 10:30. The Agent will give lesson on Becoming a Good Buyer.

February 6: Camp IV will meet at the Recreation Hall at 10:30. Agent giving the lesson.

Conger-Fairview Unit will meet at the Exhibit Bldg., at 10:30. Project Leaders will give demonstration on "Basic Tools" and the making of a step-along.

Age No Block To Life Plan

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Ever since she graduated from high school 25 years ago, Mrs. Celestia Dickinson has been meaning to go to college "just as soon as the children grow up."

This term at Oregon State College, Mrs. Dickinson is back in school—as a first quarter freshman in secretarial science. Her 17-year-old daughter, Rose, is also a student at the college, and Mrs. Dickinson is a second quarter freshman. A son, Zan, finished graduation requirements fall term and is now working in Portland.

The new freshman's husband is Dr. E. M. Dickinson, professor of veterinary medicine.

Both daughter and dad have assured Mrs. Dickinson they'll lend a hand with both the house-work and home-work chores if needed during the school year as that a long-delayed ambition can be fulfilled.

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