



A FRESH COATING OF WHITE was applied to this boat when a spring snow storm blew down on the moorage space along Link River. That's Fremont bridge in the background and some of our all-winter coots swimming around in the foreground.

Xmas Buffet-Style Dinner Suggested To Hostesses

What with worrying about the big day, the kids, the tree and her gift baking, it's generally a brave hostess who tackles a dinner party during the Christmas season.

But it is among the most wonderful times of year to have a dinner party—the home is warm and inviting and many old friends and relatives are in town. But the task need not be exhausting. Whatever you serve, do it buffet-style.

Here are ideas and recipes for a dinner party that's enticing and outside the run of ordinary holiday fare.

The menu a blaze of holiday colors: the hot macaroni-frankfurter casserole has tomato juice and sweet pickle relish in it, the slaw is garnished with green and red pepper, red pimiento envelopes the pickles and the fruitcake has a garnish of red and green maraschino cherries carved into poinsettia petals and leaves.

HOLIDAY CASSEROLE

Add 1 tablespoon salt to 3 quarts rapidly boiling water. Gradually add 2 cups elbow macaroni so that water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender. Drain.

Melt 2 tablespoons margarine over low heat. Add 1 cup chopped onion, 1 cup chopped celery and saute until tender. Add cooked macaroni, 3 cups tomato juice, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 pound frankfurters, cut in quarters crosswise, 1/2 cup chopped sweet mixed pickles. Mix well.

Cook over low heat 10 minutes. Turn into a greased 1 1/2-quart casserole and sprinkle with grated cheese, if you like. Bake in 350 degree oven 15 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

Perfumes Make Pleasing Gift

For presents that say, "I love you," to daughter, sweetheart or wife, there is nothing that quite can equal dainty perfumes and cosmetics.

Fresh and appealing fragrances have ranked as traditional Yuletide gifts since the time of the very first Christmas, when frankincense and myrrh were offered to Infant Christ.

Special, sweet-smelling Yuletide packages can be had in a wide range of prices—and in hundreds of fine containers, ranging from gold filigree to copies of antique sewing boxes.

Famous cosmetics houses, such as Charles of the Ritz, Yardley and Shulton, have packaged their finest products—colognes, lipsticks, bath salts, toiletries, etc.—in scores of combinations. There's one or more to fit every taste.

An excellent little stocking gift is a pretty box of eye cosmetics. Included is Blue Royale, a new color in creme mascara developed by Aziza. A similar type of present is a new body lotion called Bounce! which kills bacteria and soothes the skin.

RAIL LAYOUTS

For realism in the extreme for toy railroad layouts, there are several scale model towns, with people, autos, houses and dogs, and even outdoor billboards of nationally advertised brands.

CHERRY FRUITCAKE

Cream 1 cup margarine until light and fluffy. Add 1 cup sugar gradually and continue creaming until blended. Beat in 4 egg yolks, one at a time. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon mace, 2 tablespoons brandy; mix well.

Gradually add 1 1/2 cups sifted cake flour while beating. Combine 1/2 cup sifted cake flour with 1 cup chopped nuts and 1/4 cup chopped candied orange peel, 1/4 cup citron, 1/2 cup chopped candied pineapple, 1/2 cup shredded coconut, 1/2 cup white raisins, 1/2 cup quartered maraschino cherries, drained. Combine 4 egg whites and 1/2 teaspoon salt, beat until foamy.

Add 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar and beat until stiff. Fold egg whites into batter. Pour into waxed paper lined, greased 9-inch tube pan. Bake in 325 degree oven 1 hour. Top with confectioners' sugar glaze and green and red cherries cut into flowers.

Female Gift Advice Given

Gather around, gift-seeking males—a Hollywood expert on women (or at least what the women wear) is offering some welcome advice on how to buy female Christmas gifts.

Fashion director Bill Thomas, fresh from designing the wardrobe which Jane Russell wears in "Foxfire," admits that the trip to the women's counter is lined with dangerous pitfalls. But here, says he, is how to avoid them:

1. Make your choice a luxury item, but don't buy the latest or the latest in the store. Stick to something practical. Most women prefer an item they can wear and wear and wear, not a bit of fluff which soon will be filed and forgotten.

2. Be sure that you have the right size. Nothing takes the edge off a gift more than the need for exchanging it. Make a complete list of your wife or girl friend's sizes—dress, skirt, blouse, gloves, etc.—and keep it with you.

3. If you're buying a hat, take her along.

4. If you're shopping around for a bag, match it to an outfit she already has. Otherwise, you may be stuck for a whole new wardrobe to go with the bag.

5. Keep the jewelry simple—pretentious stuff is taboo.

6. Before buying cosmetics, take a peek at her dressing table to ascertain her favorites. Women are fanatically loyal to particular make-up brands.

7. Remember—what looks good on the salesgirl may not look good on your wife. And no matter what you buy, throw in a bottle—however small—of milady's perfume. This will help to atone for your other mistakes.

Aids For Auto Gifts Offered

Suggestion to fill large-sized stockings: one brand new shiny 1955 car like a Plymouth convertible.

But if the stocking isn't large enough—or the bank account, either—then you can wow them all with an auto accessory gift. It's the kind of thing the motorist would never buy for himself. Take a walk through a large housewares or auto accessories store.

You'll see things like a Car-Snack which holds two thermos bottles and an insulated compartment for food and straws onto the car seat.



LIGHTER (top) can be initialed. This one's by Ronson. Bottom, masculine Warrior cuff links-tieclasp by Swank.

There's also a Visorette—a clip for the visor which holds spare spectacles, note pad, pencil, maps and other non-valuable to keep the glove compartment uncrowded. In apparel there are Giv-Mocs, soft leather slippers in their own carrying bag for comfort on long drives. There is, too, a child's auto seat with steering wheel made by Cassandre.

For the "pilot," there is a two-in-one compass and map measurer made by Amy Abbot. And for the smoker there is a magnetized cigarette case that won't slip off the dashboard while he reaches for a smoke. And don't forget things like driving gloves, visored caps, key chains.

But if you'd rather not shop around for an auto accessory, simply go back to the first plan and give a new car.

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