

Homemaking—

Lay in a Stock of Dessert Cheeses
'And Spreads for Holiday Hospitality

WHETHER YOU CELEBRATE the merry Christmas and New Year holidays with a formal party or ask your friends to just drop in, it's easy to win high marks for hospitality without damaging the budget or your leisure. One trick is to stock your refrigerator with an assortment of Camembert, Swiss and Liederkranz cheeses and some glasses of cocktail cream spreads and you'll be ready to be an enthusiastic hostess, no matter how many unexpected guests ring the doorbell.

Just get out plenty of plates, sliced bread and crackers and let everyone make his own canapés and sandwiches. The last of the stocks of Roquefort cheese have been packed as cocktail cream spreads. Pineapple, vera-sharp, pimiento and relish are other popular varieties. Incidentally, the war has not affected the supply of any of the epicurean dessert cheeses except Roquefort.

Liederkranz Shrimp Sandwich

This takes six slices bread, one cup chopped cooked shrimp and one package Liederkranz cheese. Toast bread lightly on both sides. Remove black membrane from cooked shrimp and chop. Spread on toast. Cover with slices of Liederkranz cheese. Place in broiler for a few seconds until cheese is melted and slightly brown. Serves six.

Savory Liederkranz Cheese Spread

Recipe: One package Liederkranz cheese, 1/2 cup butter, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1/2 teaspoon prepared mustard, 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, few drops tabasco sauce, if desired, three tablespoons green pepper, finely chopped, and two tablespoons onion or chives, finely chopped.

Cream together Liederkranz cheese and butter to form a smooth paste. Add seasonings and blend well. Add green pepper and onion. Serve as a spread on crackers, canapés, rye or pumpernickel bread.

The Question Box

Q—Can canaries be cured of asthma?

A—It is a chronic disease, more in evidence at night when expiration is difficult, and there is practically no cure for it. Birds so affected are not recommended for breeding. Sometimes a semblance of asthma is caused by indigestion from over-eating. A 24-page booklet, "Cage Birds," containing information about selection, care, feeding and breeding of canaries, parrots and other common cage birds, may be obtained for 10 cents from The Indianapolis Times Service Bureau, 1013 13th St., Washington, D. C.

Q—Can you offer any hints about how to select good grapefruit?

A—Pick them out as much by their clear, whitish-yellow color, or russet skin, as by weight. Thick-skinned grapefruit are generally not as good as the thin-skinned, heavier ones.

Q—How should cloth be washed?

A—Use a large sponge and lukewarm water containing skim-milk.

Dessert for a Man

A MAN'S FACE always lights up when a satisfying dessert such as this steamed fig pudding is set before him. It is spicy and cake-like and thickly studded with chopped figs. Bring it to the table smoking.

hot and fresh and serve it with an orange sauce that has been creamed to a foam.

Steamed Fig Pudding

Take 4 tablespoons shortening, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, beaten, 1 can condensed tomato soup, 2 cups flour, sifted, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda and 1 1/2 cups chopped figs.

Sift flour, then measure, add spices, baking powder and baking soda and sift again. Wash the figs and dry thoroughly, then chop and combine with 2 tablespoons of the flour mixture. Cream the shortening and add sugar gradually and cream together well. Add beaten egg and mix thoroughly. Then add the flour alternately with the tomato soup. Stir until the mixture is smooth. Then fold in the figs. Put in a greased mold and steam for 2 hours. Use melon mold, empty coffee can or shortening can and fill to within two inches of the top. Serves 8-10.

Foamy Sauce

Take 1/2 cup butter, 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar, 1 teaspoon orange rind, grated, 1 egg separated and 2 tablespoons orange juice.

Grate the orange rind and to it add the orange juice. Cream the butter thoroughly. Add the confectioner's sugar and mix. Stir in the egg yolk, then the orange juice. Fold in the beaten egg white. Serve 1 spoonful on each piece of pudding.

Watch Electric Cords

IT PAYS to keep an eye on the cords of your electric lamps and appliances. If the cord is so badly frayed that the insulation under the outer cover is worn, or any of the small wires broken, get a new cord. If there is only slight wear, the worn spot may be wrapped with friction tape. Immediate repair or renewal may save serious trouble.

French Door Treatment

IF YOU WISH French doors to appear wider than they really are in order to achieve a better balanced room, drapery fabric may be hung in straight folds from a pole somewhat longer than the actual width of the doors, say, 16 to 24 inches. That is, hang the fabric so that it covers eight to 12 inches wall space on each side of the doors.

Fashionable Pinafors

IF YOU WANT to be fashionable in the kitchen, now is the time to buy or make yourself half a dozen pinafore aprons. They're becoming to almost everyone and practical, too, since the ample skirt and bodice top cover your frock very capably. Gingham is nice, so is percale, or any other prettily figured washable cotton. You'll find, too, that their simple styling makes them very easy to wash and iron.

Choose These As Basis of Resort Wardrobe



It doesn't take much arithmetic to figure out the many changes you'll be able to achieve with these three costumes, as a basis for your southern wardrobe. They were all designed by B. H. Wragge and the muted earthy colors were inspired by the pottery in an early American cupboard. The one-piece spectator sports dress (left) is of Remney crepe, a soft acetate and spun rayon. It has a fly front and a diagonal tuck from each shoulder to broaden the shoulder line and so give the illusion of slimmer hips. It comes in butter crock yellow, delft blue and cookie jar brown at \$22.95.

The two-piece suit is of all-wool Bennington tweed. The trim collarless jacket and pleated skirt can be bought separately. The softly feminine dress of Lennox print rayon is two-piece. It comes in yellow, salt glaze grey, jam pot orange, navy blue-ware and brown-ware at \$15.

P.T.A. News—

Christmas songs by SCHOOL 14 pupils will open the P.T.A. A meeting at 2 p. m. Wednesday. A business meeting will follow.

The program for SCHOOL 15, to begin at 2 p. m. Wednesday, will include a cantata, "The First Christmas," given by the elementary grades; "It Came to Pass," given by the Junior High School, and Christmas songs by the primary grades.

Dr. John Edwards of the Broadway Methodist Church will speak at SCHOOL 20's Christmas program Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. The Mothers' Chorus will sing.

SCHOOL 21 P.T.A. will meet at 2 p. m. Wednesday to see a Christmas pageant presented by pupils. The Boys' Choir also will sing, directed by Miss Katherine Leonard. Following the children's program, the Rev. M. H. Reynolds will speak on the subject, "Religion Is the Attempt of the Human Life to Live Its Best."

The program at SCHOOL 26 Wednesday at 3:15 p. m. will consist of a story, "Life Begins at Breakfast," given by Mrs. John M. Maddox; a reading, "Why the Chimes Rang," by Mrs. Sarah Hawkins; music by ninth-grade pupils directed by Mrs. Martha Hill, a duet by Mrs. Nellie Porter and her daughter and songs by the Women's Chorus.

Miss Marie Bleibtreu of the Zion Evangelical Church will speak at SCHOOL 27 P.T.A. A members at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday. Pupils will give a program. The Study Group's meeting will precede the general session with a discussion of "Growing Up in the World Today" at 1:30 o'clock.

A Nativity pageant will be given by sixth grade pupils at SCHOOL 28 Wednesday at 3:15 p. m. The Rev. Ira B. Stock, pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian Church, will read a Christmas story.

The Rev. N. H. Shultz, pastor of the Garfield Evangelical and Reformed Church, will sing at the SCHOOL 34 meeting at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday. School children will give a Christmas program.

"Screwdrivers of 1940," a motion picture, will be shown to patrons of SCHOOL 37 Wednesday at 3:15 p. m. A Christmas party will follow. An art and home economics exhibit will be shown in the school auditorium through Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Two films, "They Do Come Back" and "Goodbye Mr. Gern," will be shown by Miss Alice Gurtner of the Marion County Tuberculosis Association for the SCHOOL 52 STUDY GROUP Wednesday at 2 p. m. A tea will follow the Christmas program by the pupils at 3:15 o'clock.

Mrs. Howard J. Baumgartel of the Indianapolis Council of Women will speak on "Does the Christmas Spirit Permeate Our Homes?" at SCHOOL 54 Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. The program also will include community singing of Christmas carols, presentation of "Why the Chimes Rang" by the 8A grade and music by the Mothers' Chorus.

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Christmas stories told by Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler, Spades Park librarian, Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. A Christmas party and songs by the pupils will follow.

A Christmas program at SCHOOL 57 Wednesday at 1:15 p. m. will include a play, "The Christ Candle," given by Grade 4B, a Nativity play by the Junior High School, music by the percussion band of Grades 1A and 2B and Christmas carols by all the pupils.

Features of SCHOOL 62's program at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday will be a Nativity pageant by Junior High School pupils, including choral numbers by the Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs; a Christmas play by the first and second grades and Christmas carols by the elementary grades.

Among Wednesday P.T.A. A Christmas programs will be SCHOOL 59's at 1:30 p. m., SCHOOL 67's at 2:15 o'clock and SCHOOL 68's at 3:15 p. m. party.

The Rev. R. Powell Mead of the Anderson Christian Church will speak at SCHOOL 73 Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. An informal tea will follow a Christmas play by pupils in Room 11.

The SCHOOL 80 STUDY GROUP will meet at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday to hear Dr. J. S. McBride discuss "Tuberculosis and Your Child."

Miss Irene Duncan will tell the Christmas story at SCHOOL 82 Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Colored slides will be shown, the Mothers' Chorus will sing and the children will give a program.

"Christmas in Australia" will be described by the Rev. Theodore Fisher, pastor of the Northwood Christian Church, at SCHOOL 84 Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Pupils will sing Christmas carols.

SCHOOL 87's program Wednesday at 3:15 p. m. is to include Christmas songs by the primary pupils, directed by Mrs. Blanche Horner; a motion picture in technicolor, "The Middletown Family at the World's Fair," and an exhibit of Christmas art work.

The Rev. Harold Ranes will speak on "Spiritual Need and Development in Children" to patrons of SCHOOL 91 at 2 p. m. Wednesday. The massed school choruses will sing.

Impersonator to Appear.
The Parent-Teacher Association of School 38 will present Tommy Tucker, impersonator, to the pupils and friends tomorrow at the school.

W.C.T.U. Unit Meets Friday

The Central Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the home of Mrs. Titus Love, 4014 N. Pennsylvania St., Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 p. m. Dr. F. Marion Smith, pastor of the Central Avenue Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Robert Wilson, chairman of the committee for soldiers and sailors, has asked that members bring books and magazines for Ft. Benjamin Harrison. Her assistants are Mesdames H. M. Stille, William Paulsel and H. F. Ostrom.

The program will include solos by Mrs. Robert W. Blake, accompanied by Mrs. Delmar McWorkman, and group singing of Christmas carols, led by Mrs. Fred Stucky. Mrs. Roy Ebert is pianist. Devotions will be led by Mrs. E. E. Mitten and the closing prayer will be given by Mrs. C. M. Cannaday.

Legion Unit Sells Health Seals

The Hugh Copsey Unit 161, American Legion Auxiliary, will sell health seals today through Friday at the American National Bank.

Assisting with the sale will be Mesdames George Poppa, Carl Hardin, Earl Brubeck, William Harper, Fred Riffey, Elmer Koch, Lillian Pitts and Herschel Edmonds. The auxiliary will sponsor a show at the Granada Theater Saturday. Proceeds will go to fill Christmas baskets for families of needy World War veterans.

The auxiliary and post will have a joint Christmas party at the Post Home on Thompson Road Dec. 19.

Mothers' Chorus To Have Party

Mrs. O. C. Young, 443 N. Euclid Ave., will entertain members of the Mothers' Chorus of School 58 at a Christmas party Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Guests will exchange gifts. Assisting hostesses will be Mesdames Fred Ping, Edwin Covall and Gerald Cohee.

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A Year Idea Grows

Miami Has Opened
15 New Hotels

The big December travel news is the story of the phenomenal growth of the "two vacations a year" idea. If you don't believe that a winter vacation can be lots of fun, just ask the man who's had one.

A good barometer of the prospects for winter travel is the size and number of department store ads telling about resort clothes. This year's ads top all previous seasons. Douglas Malcolm in the 78th monthly survey and forecast of travel of the American Express Travel Service suggests these vacation ideas: Fast, smart and economical coach trains have brought the southern resorts within the reach of a group of travelers who would never have thought, a few years ago, of spending a week in Florida. Employees with incomes of \$30 a week or even less can well afford eight-day Miami tours now offered by American Express.

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Miami has opened 15 new hotels this season, and according to present prospects, will fill them all.

Early snows in New England, Canada and the West already give promise of fast slides and soft falls. On Mt. Mansfield in Vermont \$300,000 has been spent to build the world's longest and highest chair ski lift. The horizontal length is 6300 feet and the height is more than 2000 feet.

California's all-winter Sun Festival has a program of more than 600 events.

The popular steamboat cruises of the American Express down the Mississippi will be resumed in February when the steamboat "Gordon C. Greene" sails from Cincinnati for a 20-day Mardi Gras cruise to New Orleans. That city will have a two-week's Spring Fiesta, starting March 16, featuring Garden Tours of the South.

Latin Cities to Celebrate

Latin cities will celebrate the Mardi Gras carnival in the traditional manner on Feb. 24, 25 and 26. South America is building many new tourist hotels at strategic points—in Brazil at Iguaçu Falls; at Arequipa on the way to Inca Land; at Cuzco, the archeological capital of America; at Tingo Maria on the Mountain Highway to the Amazon; at Santiago, the capital of Chile; and in the Argentine lake region. A new \$3,000,000 Casino and Promenade has just been opened at Mar del Plata south of Buenos Aires. The American Express has plans for five Good Neighbor tours to South America and also a number of plane cruises by Clipper. The new "Rio class" ships of the Moore-McCormack Line will enter service in time for the high season of winter travel.

Financial journals now are discussing the possibility of creating a "tourist dollar" which would, to some extent, equalize the disparity between the exchange values of South American currencies and U. S. dollars. They say nearly all Western Hemisphere tourist travel is made up of North Americans going south, which is all right, but it doesn't go far enough; more Latins must come North if our Good Neighbor tree is to bear any considerable fruit.

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