

Daily Menus Need Changes to Fit Family's Wants



You'll be surprised at how little chicken is needed for Chicken Noodle Paprika, but how good the casserole can taste. It meets all the requirements for a good, wartime

Do you plan your meals to suit the family's mood?

In spring, for instance, do you satisfy their hunger for foods crisp, crunchy and light? Do you get away from the too hearty and heavy foods of winter and

heed the change in weather and appetite? If you don't, then you should! Every family requires a change in food as

well as in dress. Food is more fun for both you and the family if you vary menus from time to time, weed out much-repeated recipes and add new ones to the mind the changes of season and their wealth of new foods and color schemes to add interest to the diet.

Save Used Fats!

coming of spring-and their use in used in place of the minced chicken. meals should be more generous, even in the meat course itself where they will act as a meat extender:

(Serves 6 to 8)

1/2 pound veal 1/2 pound pork 1 pound beef

1 green pepper 1 carrot 1 stalk celery

1 small onion

2 tablespoons fat 1/4 cup applesauce 34 cup moist bread crumbs 2 teaspoons salt

1 pint tomatoes

1 tablespoon flour 2 eggs

3 potatoes, diced ¼ teaspoon pepper

Chop parboiled or leftover vegetables. Grind meat and mix with applesauce, bread crumbs, salt, pepper and beaten eggs. Form into egg - sized balls. Melt fat, brown meat balls, add chopped vegetables and toma-

in a moderate oven. Save Used Fats! Asparagus and Spaghetti.

toes. Bake uncovered 25 minutes

(Serves 6) 1½ cups spaghetti, broken in pieces 1 pint canned or cooked asparagus and liquid

2 tablespoons flour 2 tablespoons fat 1 cup rich milk 3 to 4 drops tabasco sauce 14 teaspoon salt 1 cup buttered bread crumbs Cheese, if desired

Cook spaghetti in boiling salted water until tender. Drain. Drain the liquid from the asparagus, cut

Lynn Says

Mottoes: Produce and preserve, share and play fair are mottoes which should be in every household notebook

This is what I mean, so check yourself on the following points so that you can tell if you're doing the job on the home front: Save cans-to meet the quota

of 400,000,000 used cans every Save waste paper and collect

scrap. Containers are made from these to ship supplies to forces overseas. Start the Victory Garden early

-to produce more food than we did last year. Store leftover food correctly,

prevent waste. Shop early in the day, early in

the week. Accept no goods without stamps. Substitute for scarce foods. serve simpler meals to save time

and leave you more time for vital

war work.

Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menu *Chicken Noodle Paprika

Sliced Tomatoes Rye Bread Sandwiches Lemon Snow Pudding Custard Sauce Brownies *Recipe Given

stocks in short pieces and prepare a sauce from the flour, fat, milk and asparagus water, then add the tabasco sauce and salt. In a greased baking dish, place a layer of the cooked spaghetti, then one of asparagus. Cover with sauce and continue until all ingredients are used. with grated cheese, if desired. Bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven until heated, about 20 minutes.

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You'll be getting the most out of your money if you serve this low-onchicken casserole. It's thrifty but full of nutrition:

> *Chicken Noodle Paprika. (Serves 6 to 8)

14 pound medium-cut egg noodles 4 cups boiling water

1 teaspoon salt 14 cup diced carrots 14 cup diced celery Salt and pepper to taste

¼ cup onion, cut fine 2 tablespoons shortening 1% cups chicken stock or gravy 1 teaspoon paprika

1/2 cup minced, cooked chicken

To the boiling water add salt and egg noodles. Cook until all water is absorbed and noodles are tender. This requires about 10 minutes. Stir frequently during cooking period. Combine carrots, celery, onion and shortening and cook for a few minfamily's collections. Do keep in utes. Add chicken stock, paprika, seasonings and chicken. Cook slowly until vegetables are tender. Pour this mixture over the cooked egg noodles, place in buttered casserole and bake 1/2 hour at 350 degrees. Vegetables herald the important Whole pieces of chicken may be



An inexpensive food is the salad but it provides the mineral and vitamin riches necessary to good health and living, and satisfies the need for change of texture and contrast in menus.

Ham Loaf. (Serves 6)

114 cups ham, diced package lemon-flavored gelatin cup boiling water

¼ cup vinegar ¼ teaspoon paprika 1 teaspoon salt

% cup water

4 cup mayonnaise 2 tablespoons minced green pepper 2 tablespoons minced dill pickle 11/2 teaspoons dry mustard

Pour boiling water over gelatin and stir until dissolved. Add vinegar and water and allow to cool slightly. Add the other ingredients and turn out into loaf pan. Chill until firm. Turn out on platter and garnish with lettuce, endive, sliced eggs and tomatoes.

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Vegetables should be cooked until they are just barely tender-then no more. Then most of their vitamins are intact, and the color is glorious. Here's a casserole with a riot of new spring color:

Garden Casserole.

(Serves 6) 2 cups white sauce 1 cup cooked new potatoes 1 cup cooked asparagus, cauliflower or broccoli

1/2 cup cooked carrots 1 cup cooked peas 1/2 cup yellow cheese

oven 20 minutes.

Make white sauce. Place vegetables in layers in buttered casserole and pour white sauce over them. Cover with finely cut cheese and bake in a moderate (350-degree)

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CHAPTER I

It never in the world ever oc-War was for young men, not for a | telling her. settled married man of forty-four.

There was talk of the Army not wanting the older men, but nothing had yet been done about this. The thing being done was what Mr. Winkle received in this morning's mail. When he reached in the mailbox and took out the communication from his draft board, his hands trembled a little. Peering through his metal-Cover top with buttered crumbs. Top rimmed glasses, he read that he was classified 1-A.

He knew what that meant. After ten days' time, he was subject for Army.

He stood there on the front steps by a tremendous event that toppled over his world and sent it bowling off into space like a cannon ball. He thought:

Not he, who had been married for careful accountant who was now the conservative proprietor of a modest general repair shop located in the alley back of his house. Not he, with his overly active and morbid imagination. Not he, who was no man of action, but was afraid to death of guns or violence of any sort.

Not he, with his stored-up mem-

ory of how, as a boy with his .22



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rifle, he had shot a squirrel. The tiny animal fell from the high branch where he aimed at it, landing with a thud on the hard ground. When he held the warm, fuzzy body in his hand, he was sick at heart at what he had done. In later life. when he stepped on an ant, or squashed a spider, or even swatted a fly, Mr. Winkle felt squeamish at taking life.

Upon being called by his draft board last week for physical examination, Mr. Winkle had thought that the strange doctor appreciated his dyspepsia, his nearsightedness, his caved-in chest, his good beginning on a paunch (even though otherwise he was skinny enough to be underweight), his jumped-up pulse at the slightest exertion, and his general make-up of no great muscularity.

Never before had Mr. Winkle known himself to be such a physical wreck.

The doctor pursed his lips at the visual evidences of this close approach to the grave. He frowned in such a manner as to give Mr. Winkle reason for counting on his not being recommended. And though the doctor and the members of the draft board, working their mysterious ways, had not committed themselves on the result, it still hadn't seemed real to Mr. Winkle that he would be seriously considered as a soldier.

The notice couldn't mean him. He looked at it again, to see if, possibly, there had been some mistake. But he saw his name typed out boldly: Wilbert George Winkle.

The thought of going in and telling Mrs. Winkle about it swept over him. The prospect of this was one of both panic and intense interest. Certainly it would take a lot of the strong wind out of her sails.

Mrs. Winkle during recent years, had developed into a positive individual who was prone to run her husband the way a locomotive engineer kept his hand on the throttle. Mr. Winkle never liked to put this into the actual term of henpecking, but nevertheless that was the true state of affairs.

Now he wondered how Amy would take it. There was little she could do about it. She wouldn't be able to argue with this, nor impose her will in any way upon it. He felt the Amy of years ago, when Mr. a little sorry for her, for he knew | Winkle married her.

that deep down, in spite of her sharp ! words and orders, she loved him and | to him, "It's the newspaper-they he loved her. Beyond his specula- want to come out and interview curred to Mr. Winkle that he would | tion on how she would receive the be drafted and sent off to the wars. news, he had a reluctance about

Yet he didn't see what else he the house.

Mrs. Winkle was already behind her half of the newspaper in the breakfast nook, which was all the dining room their small house possessed. Mr. Winkle, in his mind, could look right through the paper and see her, a well-filled-out lady of exactly his own age. To a person seeing her for the first time, she appeared dainty in spite of her plumpness, quite feminine, and of induction into the United States an eminently good nature. It was a shock, upon second glance, to notice the way her lips pressed of his house, a small man engulfed themselves together and the perpetual frown that creased the otherwise smooth pink skin between her blue eyes.

Amy paid no attention as Mr. Winkle carefully stepped over Petwenty years. Not he, a former nelope, the third member of the family.

> Their sad-eyed spaniel was settled on the floor with her black muzzle resting on her paws. At eight, Penelope in her dog world was approximately Mr. Winkle's comparative age in the human world. She was as amiable and mild as Mr. Winkle himself. Never having been allowed a husband, she had a rather droopy disposition. Now, in her middle age, she had given up hope and no longer pretended to any interest at the sight of a male, but simply sniffed loftily or ignored the meeting altogether.

Penelope, Mr. Winkle thought, was no more prepared for the large, adventurous and dangerous things of life, such as war, than he.

He sat heavily in his place in the breakfast nook. From behind her paper, Mrs. Winkle demanded, 'Anything for me?"

"No-o," answered Mr. Winkle.

At his drawing out of the word, Mrs. Winkle put her paper aside and looked at her busband. She didn't. e what he had received, for he held it below the table. But from the look of Mr. Winkle and the tone of his voice, she knew at once.

Mrs. Winkle was the first to speak again. Her frown deepened and her lips were tight when she stated disapprovingly, "Wilbert, your notice has come.' Silently, Mr. Winkle handed over

the notice to her.

Mrs. Winkle took it in at a single glance. Her face went white. Her frown disappeared and her mouth softened. She looked bewildered, as if props had been knocked out from under her and she had no solid ground to stand on. She said breathlessly, as if caught off guard, "You're going to war."

Mr. Winkle cleared his throat so as to be sure he could control his own voice, trying it out this way without first chancing how it might sound. "It means," he explained, "I'm just being passed on to the Army doctors." "You're going to war," Mrs. Win-

kle repeated in a whisper. Now she looked actually frightened, amazed, and hurt.

It had been years since Mr. Winkle had seen such expressions on his wife's face. They affected him deeply. He began, "Now, Amy-"

"You'll be killed!" Mrs. Winkle

At this excitement, and perhaps at the new, strange tone in Mrs. Winkle's voice, Penelope began to howl.

Mr. Winkle had counted on no such behavior on the part of his wife. He had become so accustomed to her shrewish ways that he hadn't pictured them being punctured so abruptly.

He realized what a blow it was to her. She was threatened with not having him around to order about.

To have him removed from her and sent off to war destroyed her defenses and left her bewildered and alone. It revealed the basic affection she had for him. Mr. Winkle reflected that it was taking the greatest war in history to accomplish this.

From the look on her face. Mr. Winkle almost expected Amy to begin weeping. But she didn't. She just sat there staring at him, her eyes bright and wide and dry, and he sat staring at her. They regarded each other awesomely while Penelope continued to howl.

Penelope was interrupted by the shrill ringing of the telephone. Mr. Winkle made a movement to go into the living room to answer it, but Mrs. Winkle, with a rather wild look on her face, started before he did. She appeared to want to do something definite.

Sitting in the breakfast nook, Mr. Winkle heard her voice. "Why, yes . . . I suppose so," she

faltered. "Just a minute." Any hesitancy didn't sound like Amy at all. Rather, it sounded like Her voice came again, calling in

Alarmed at this, and at Amy asking his advice about something instead of deciding it herself, Mr. could do. With a sigh, he went into | Winkle asked, "Me? Now? Here?"

Mrs. Winkle gave an affirmative answer to each of these questions, her words sounding like strangled chirps.

Mr. Winkle thought, desperately. Suddenly, he wanted to lash out at something. "Certainly not." he said. "I can't wait around here. I've got to get to the shop. And I don'ttell them I don't want to be interviewed." Mrs. Winkle passed on his views

over the telephone. They didn't seem to make much impression, for Mrs. Winkle, after listening to what was said in reply, kept agreeing doubtfully, "Yes . . . yes, but-oh, I can see that's probably right." She hung up and came back. She

appeared to be slightly dazed. "They said." she told Mr. Winkle. "that you're already something of a celebrity-from being the first married man in the older men's classification to be drafted-and that it's your patriotic duty to set a good example. They're coming out here to take pictures of-of us both."

"I won't do it," he said. "And you shouldn't-" "But, Wilbert," Mrs. Winkle protested, "it won't look right if we

"I don't care how it looks. Where's my hat?" He was emboldened to be peremptory. "Where's my lunch A

He saw them both where they fabric. The pointed yoke, soft were kept ready for his departure turn-over collar and the tie belt to business. He snatched them up with long ends give it most pleasalmost savagely, and clamped the hat on his head. He hadn't felt sc aroused for many years. He didn't quite know what to make of the way



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he felt, for there was fear mixed in him, too, along with his unaccustomed anger. Mainly, there was the sense of being unnerved by an unsure Amy.

He turned, and marched to the front door. Mrs. Winkle followed him. "Wilbert," she said weakly, "you have to, and you know it."

By the time he reached the steps outside, Mr. Winkle had somewhat calmed. His small storm was nearly over. He blinked. "I suppose." he admitted, "I'll have to do a lot of things I don't feel like doing."

Abruptly, he strode away, down the walk, and then along the street. way that it occurred to him he had forgotten to kiss his wife goodby. It was the first time he had neglected this ritual in their whole married life. Ordinarily, he would have been called back and given instructions. But there was no sound from

Guiltily, he glanced once behind, to see her still standing on the steps. her hand at her throat, watching him depart. Penelope was at her feet, staring after him mournfully.

It may seem curious that, though Mr. Winkle's place of business was located right in back of his house, he didn't go out through the rear door and across the fifty feet of yard to reach his shop.

To the Winkles this wasn't strange at all. There was quite a good reason for it.

It originated from Mr. Winkle's career as a public accountant having disappeared during the depression. Secretly, he was just as glad, for he had never cared much for dealing in long rows of someone else's figures. He greatly preferred tinkering with mechanical things. for which he had a decided flair and a delicate touch.

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