

Household News

By Eleanor Howe



THE COVERED DISH CHURCH SUPPER
(See Recipes Below)

As I sit here thinking about church suppers, my mind wanders back several years to the suppers I attended in my old home town. There was always a feeling of congeniality, of hospitality and fellowship. The annual church supper was something that couldn't be, and wouldn't be, missed.

Many times it was a covered dish supper. There was usually a great variety of food. The menu was divided up into the main dish, the salad, the bread and butter, and the dessert. Each lady of the church was made responsible for one item of the menu; and she, no doubt, prepared her own favorite recipe.

Can you pass a table containing a tempting assortment of foods without wanting at least a taste of everything? Can you decide whether or not you want the coconut cream pie which is heaped with fluffy whipped cream, or the rich-looking chocolate cake with the thick fudge icing, when you know that you are entitled to only one dessert? Of course not! Instead of having such a wide selection of food for a covered dish supper, why not plan a well-balanced menu so that everyone gets exactly the same?

Hot Water Cheese Pastry.

(Makes 30 tarts)

1 1/2 cups shortening
3/4 cup boiling water
4 cups general purpose flour
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups American cheese (grated)

Place shortening in warm bowl, pour boiling water over it and cream thoroughly with a fork. Place flour, salt, and baking powder in flour sieve and sift gradually into the creamed mixture. Add cheese. Mix thoroughly. Make up into dough ball, then chill in refrigerator. When ready to bake remove from refrigerator, divide dough and roll out. Cut into rounds and bake.

Tuna Cracker Pie.

(Serves 4 to 5)

1 tablespoon onion (chopped)
2 tablespoons green pepper (chopped)
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 can condensed chicken soup
6 tablespoons milk
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 can (7-ounce) tuna fish
Crackers for bottom and top of pie

Cook the onion and green pepper in butter until soft, but not brown. Then add flour and mix well. Add the chicken soup and cook until thickened. Stir in the milk. Add this to the cream of mushroom soup. Put the tuna fish in a strainer and pour a cup of hot water over it to take off the excess oil. Then add flaked tuna fish; heat to blend flavors. Cover the bottom of small casserole with crackers (round) and put tuna mixture into the casserole.

For top: 12 crackers
1/2 cup hot milk

Soak the crackers in the milk until soft. Then arrange crackers on top of pie and bake in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) for 20 to 25 minutes.

Chocolate Fudge Cake.
(Serves 25)

1 cup shortening
3 cups light brown sugar
3 eggs (slightly beaten)
3 1/2 cups cake flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 teaspoons soda
3/4 cup sour milk
3/8 cup cocoa
1 cup boiling water
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream shortening and add sugar gradually, blending well after each addition. Add slightly beaten eggs and mix well. Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt, and soda. Add to the creamed mixture alternately with the milk. Blend cocoa and boiling water. Add to the cake batter with the vanilla, and mix just until the batter is smooth. Pour into 3

8-inch square pans, which have been greased and lined with wax paper. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 30 minutes.

Macaroni and Cheese.

(Serves 90-100)

8 pounds macaroni
4 pounds cheese (grated)
3 quarts white sauce (medium)
2 1/2 tablespoons prepared mustard
2 1/2 cups butter
3 quarts soft bread crumbs

1. Cook the macaroni in boiling, salted water until tender. Drain and rinse in cold water.
2. Grate the cheese, and add to white sauce with the prepared mustard.
3. Combine the macaroni and the cheese sauce. Place in greased baking pans.
4. Melt the butter and mix lightly with the crumbs. Sprinkle over the macaroni and cheese.
5. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400 degrees) for about 30 minutes.

Clam Chowder.

(Serves 50)

1 1/4 quarts carrot (chopped)
1 1/4 cups onion (chopped)
3 quarts potato (chopped)
7 1/2 cups celery (chopped fine)
5 quarts clams
5 quarts water and clam liquor
Salt and pepper to taste
5 quarts milk
1 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups butter
1 cup parsley
2 tablespoons paprika

1. Chop the vegetables in small pieces and place in large kettle.
2. Chop the clams and add together with the clam liquor, water, salt and pepper. Cover and cook about 1/2 hour, or until vegetables are tender.
3. Scald milk.
4. Make a smooth paste of the flour and water. Add half of this flour paste to the clam mixture and half to the scalded milk.
5. Cook each, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens.
6. Combine and add butter, parsley, and paprika. Serve very hot.

Chocolate Nut Drop Cookies.

(Makes 4 dozen)

1/4 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 cup milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup nut meats (broken)

Cream butter and add sugar slowly while beating constantly. Beat egg and add. Mix and sift all dry ingredients and add alternately with the milk. Blend thoroughly. Then add vanilla and nut meats. Drop by spoonfuls on well-greased baking sheet and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 12 minutes.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Miss Eleanor Howe's book of "Household Hints" is just what the title implies. It is a book written to help you homemakers in doing the ordinary things about the home in less time, and to add a bit of interest to those menial tasks.

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You may secure your copy by writing to Eleanor Howe, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, enclosing 10 cents, in coin.

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WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON
(Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

NEW YORK.—In 1933, young Nelson A. Rockefeller was handed a delicate job of commercial and cultural co-ordination, indeed a Rockefeller well stiff assignment for a beginner in this field. It was to persuade the fiery Diego Rivera to x-out that head of Lenin in his murals at Rockefeller Center. He managed the affair with tact and restraint, undisturbed by the thunder from the left.

Now he has progressed to full-time work in that highly specialized field. He is co-ordinator of commercial and cultural relations between the United States and other Western hemisphere nations. Currently he is in the news as he appoints John Hay Whitney to his staff, to take care of motion picture details of the above co-ordinating.

I remember talking to one of his teachers at Lincoln school, New York. She said Nelson was good material for progressive education, as he had a way of getting on with people. He was a good student, too, romping so far ahead of schedule at Dartmouth that they gave him his senior year off. He devoted it to a wanderjahr, in which he went to India and had a long chat with Mahatma Gandhi, and studied photography. Taking up the rich man's burden, he devoted himself mainly to the family real estate, becoming president of Rockefeller Center, which, incidentally, is one of the most successful feats of commercial and cultural co-ordination in the world.

Mr. Rockefeller, born in Bar Harbor, Maine, in 1907, is tall, blonde and reticent, an abstainer from alcohol and tobacco, always deeply in earnest. With his manifold business interests he combines a careful and diligent trusteeship of the Museum of Modern Art. This department can't help but feel a bit doubtful about co-ordinating commerce and the arts—unless there is a John Masfeld around to write a poem like "Cargoes."

KING BORIS of Bulgaria is doing the best he can for his little Cinderella kingdom, but things don't look so good. He reviews troops and shifts his tanks and rather be 'Casey guys around Jones of Balkans' smartly, but that he is just making himself a lot of unnecessary trouble. As a king, he never did have his heart in his work.

He has a passion for trains and never misses a chance to drive a locomotive. Engines fill his life and his dreams. When his father, Ferdinand, abdicated in 1918, the young man insisted that he be allowed to go to America and be a railroad engineer, but his father forbade it.

Ascetic in appearance, always of seemingly behavior, he moved immaculately through Balkan wars, revolutions and internecine dogfights. Ferdinand had apprenticed him to a versatile fighting man in 1912, when he was only 18 years old. He fought dutifully, but seemed always to be listening for the whistle of old 97, coming round the bend.

His wardrobe, one of the best in Europe, runs mainly to pinstripes. He is a nimble dancer, good at all such orthodox sports as boar-hunting and timber-topping, but aroused and eager only when he has his hand on the throttle of a locomotive.

In 1930, he married the Princess Giovanna of Italy. This alliance was regarded, among other dynastic ties, as a stabilizing and safeguarding influence for his kingdom, but now seems of small account. In 1934, internal stress led the king to set up a dictatorship, by a military coup. It didn't help much. About 80 per cent of the exports of Bulgaria continued to go to totalitarian countries, and it came more and more under their thrall. The king flirted with Russia for a while, with no gratifying results. He has been in frequent peril of assassination—and nothing seems to matter much, since they won't let him be a railroad engineer.

IN 1935, he lost his job selling oil burners when his company folded up. Julia, his wife, said, "Now's your chance to do some of that singing you were always going to do." So he piped up right away and sang his way right through to the dotted line on a Metropolitan Opera contract. That's young Arthur Kent, one of the ten new singers booked this season at the Met. He began singing in cafes and churches and then got 46 weeks in "I Married an Angel." His repertoire includes Italian, Spanish, French.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by
CARTER FIELD

Deletion of newsreel attack on Kelly-Nash machine a Chicago boomerang . . . All but one of leading Tennessee newspapers supported Willkie, despite TVA.
(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

WASHINGTON.—Censorship is something wonderful in Chicago. The lads know all the ropes. They not only use censorship of movies and newsreels to suppress what they do not want, but they can give that famous old Boston board of elders cards and spades, because they know how to use censorship to advertise something they want boosted!

Everybody remembers what a grand deal the old Boston censors of a few years back gave certain salacious books, for one thing, and the articles of Henry L. Mencken was then writing in his magazine, for another.

Mencken worked the thing as a racket. He would call the attention of the censors, by some sort of publicity, to the audacity of something he had written in his magazine. Then the censors would bar the sale of that issue in Boston. Whereupon in every hamlet in the United States folks would read about this article that had caused the suppression of the magazine in the "Hub." Of course, everybody who read this was curious to know just what it was that had been suppressed, and some of them would actually buy the magazine to find out.

CENSORS BOOSTED SALES

But the publicity did not stop there. Mencken would thereupon induce some youngsters in Boston to sell the magazine on the streets in defiance of the censors' ruling. They would be arrested, and there would be another story. When you consider that the magazine Henry was then publishing was one of comparatively small circulation, it is not unlikely that several times he tripled its circulation merely by getting the censors to blacklist that particular edition.

There is no evidence that any of the publishers of salacious books used the same method, though it is certain that they profited by it whether intentionally or not. The point of all this is that the Chicago censors a few weeks back suppressed for Chicago showing a movie in which close political friends of the organization here are interested. After a nine-day wonder, in which every newspaper in Chicago joined in the clamor, the movie was released—with more publicity than any movie had received in this area since "Gone With the Wind."

More recently the Chicago police censors deleted from a newsreel attacks on the Kelly-Nash machine here by Dwight Green, Republican candidate for senator, and by Wendell Willkie. This time they misfired a little. The resulting publicity caused an immediate restoration of the cuts!

WILLKIE SUPPORTED

It is rather interesting that the New Deal attacks on Wendell Willkie did not go to the merits of government versus private ownership of the electric industry, but confined themselves almost exclusively to the fact that Willkie companies fought the TVA, and in particular that they used questionable means and methods in fighting a public ownership referendum in the city of Chattanooga, Tenn.

It is also interesting that most of the people who ought to know about the details of these various fights did not seem to take these criticisms of Willkie very seriously.

In the state of Tennessee the eight outstanding newspapers, according to a recent survey by Time magazine, are: Memphis Commercial Appeal, Memphis Press-Scimitar, Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga Free Press, Knoxville News-Sentinel, Knoxville Journal, Nashville Banner, Nashville Tennessean.

Of these eight newspapers, all but one, the Nashville Tennessean, advocated the election of Willkie. It is interesting to note, also, that the Tennessean, the only one of the eight which is for Roosevelt, was in trouble recently, was aided by federal funds, and is now being run by Silliman Evans.

PROMINENT DEMOCRAT

Evans is a fairly young newspaper man who came to Washington from the Southwest shortly before the New Deal came into power. He was given a place as fourth assistant postmaster general under James A. Farley. Later, when the federal government began to have something to say about the operations of the Maryland Casualty Co., he was put in virtual charge of that Baltimore concern. Still later he became head of the Tennessean.

The whole point of this is that all the outstanding newspapers in Tennessee, which by any stretch of the imagination could be said to be uncontrolled by the federal government, were for Willkie, although this is the state in which most of Willkie's spectacular opposition to the TVA and government operation centered.

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The Questions

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2. What is the island where Columbus first landed now called?
3. What is a petard?
4. Does any law prohibit the total destruction of U. S. coins?
5. In ancient times what people worshipped Apis, the sacred bull?
6. How many different people claimed the discovery of America prior to the voyage of Columbus?
7. What insect is sometimes called the mud dauber?
8. What bird has been chosen as the "official bird" of seven states?
9. A person in his nonage is— 90 or more years old, feeble or imbecilic, or not of legal age?
10. Can football be called one of the most active of sports?

The Answers

1. The chief criminal court of England.
2. Watling island.
3. A firecracker.
4. No. There is a federal statute against cleaning and polishing coins because of the resultant abrasion.
5. The Egyptians.
6. Ten—The Arabians, Basques, Chinese, Danes, Dutch, Icelanders, Irish, Portuguese, Venetians, and the Welsh.

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