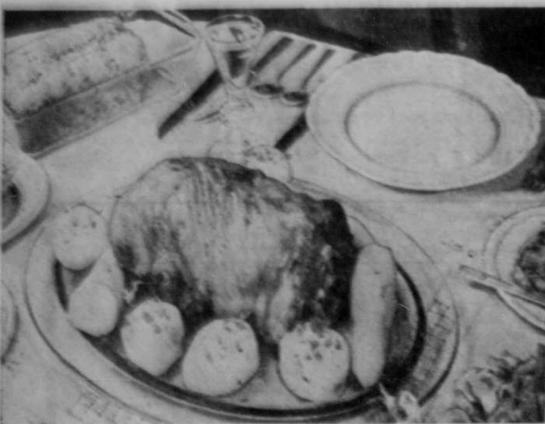


Household News

by Lynn Chambers



Who Wouldn't Come to a Dinner Like This?
(See Recipes Below)

Accent on Dinner

Dinner is the master meal of the day and as such requires the most masterful stroke the homemaker can apply. With time unlimited, this master stroke is not so hard to bring into play, but with days like these which are filled to the utmost with activity of all kinds, time-saving hints and ideas for dinner are important.

Planning a meal which can be baked in both time and money saving. If you're pinched for silver and aluminum for cooking and serving, you can use glassware for both the cooking and serving.

Today I'm discussing a dinner that is equally adaptable for either a family or company dinner. It's one of those meals that you won't forget because it's always bound to be successful from the point of view of appetizing appeal, ease in serving and ease in cooking. Tuck these ideas where they won't gather dust, for they'll gather fame more easily.

Lamb Roast.
(Serves 8 to 10)
5 to 6 pound leg of lamb
Garlic clove or slice of onion
Salt and pepper

Have a leg of lamb boned and tied. Wipe with a damp cloth but do not remove fell, the parchment-like covering over the meat. Rub garlic or onion (or onion salt, if you have neither of those) over the meat, then rub salt and pepper. Bake in a slow (300-degree) oven, allow 30 to 35 minutes to the pound. If a heat resistant glass platter is used, the lamb may be served from that.

Franconia Potatoes.
(Serves 8 to 10)
8 to 10 medium-sized potatoes
4 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Cook potatoes in boiling salted water for 15 minutes. Drain and place in the oven around the meat to finish roasting, about 40 minutes. Pour melted butter and chopped parsley over potatoes when done. Arrange with whole, cooked carrots on platter and serve.

A hot bread on a cool evening adds plenty of staccato to the menu, and I would advise serving it often. This one is especially appropriate for the menu today because your oven will be hot and you can bake it before you put in the meat.

Lynn Says:

Trying to tackle the winter vegetable problem? Here's a parade of suggestions that will prop up your meals:

Baked squash with small white onions baked in the hollow. A bit of cream sauce added just before serving to the onions will also perk up this dish. Sprinkle with paprika for color.

Carrots: glaze these with brown sugar and butter when baking. For cooked carrots add a bit of tartness with lemon juice.

Serve canned or cooked lima beans with this smart mustard sauce: 4 tablespoons butter mixed with 1/2 teaspoon sugar, 1 teaspoon ground mustard and 2 tablespoons lemon juice.

Beets like to be teamed up with a Harvard sauce. Thicken the beet liquid with cornstarch and add a bit of grated orange rind and juice for delightful variation.

Sprinkle cooked asparagus with grated Swiss cheese and brown under the broiler.

Parsnips: parboil these, then dip in egg and bread crumbs. Fry until a golden brown.

Turnips: cook and mash. Season with butter, salt and pepper and a dash of nutmeg.

WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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

NEW YORK.—When we got into the First World war, Hadik Gowdy, the ball player, walked into a recruiting station and asked "How the hell does a man get into this here war?" They let him in, right on the ground floor, as a private, and that was all there was to it. Eddie Grant of the Giants also walked in, just like that—and got killed at the Argonne. There's a plaque in his honor on the center field fence at the Polo Grounds.

This is beginning to look like a name war, as they might say on Broadway. Without disparagement to the enlisting celebrities of the theater, sports, and politics, one may note that many of them, innocently, no doubt, march to a fanfare of headlines and outbreaks of chevrons in rotogravure pictures. Conspicuous in contrast is Hugh Mulcahy, former Philadelphia pitcher, moving in with no chevrons and no bands.

This started out to be a piece about an actor of such eminence that we thought of his enlistment as a private would make a story. When we telephoned him the other morning, he said: "I won't talk and I don't want you to use my name."

That sounded like big news, the same being "anything new, strange or unexpected." We can't use his name, but he was persuaded to talk and here's his story: "The minute I made a move to enlist, my press agent was on hand to shape up a story. I couldn't get it through his head that that wasn't the big idea. This war is grim, desperate, dirty business and it isn't going to be won by hoofers, box-fighters, actors, swing-band leaders, ball players or tennis players in their particular lines.

"They'll help win it, and more power to them, but when they get their usual professional build up, everything gets out of plumb. The big mob is going to get the idea that their favorite supermen will fix everything nicely at the end. That's one trouble with this country. We pay the price of admission and let the main cast of characters work out the plot.

"Showmanship is all right in its place, but in this case it distorts the picture, dangerously, I think. Just take a turn around the New York night spots if you want to get what I mean. The way they rate the boys by their rank, and the way the gossip columnists work, you'd think this war was being readied by Flo Ziegfeld.

"I am enlisting as a private and I expect to be overseas in a combat unit. I am dropping my stage name and using my own, so I expect to be something less than anonymous for a long time to come. If anybody fans up a story about me, it will be over my dead body. I'm no hero. I just want to help win this war."

A DISTINGUISHED landscape architect visions the post-war landscape and sees a jungle that will take a lot of landscaping if we hope to live in it. He is Charles W. Eliot, grand-son of the father and founder of the National Resources Planning board at Washington.

Mr. Eliot says we are not "going back to normalcy" and that the chaos following the Axis downfall may be "almost indistinguishable from war." He insists, however, that we will keep on "going forward," and that we "propose to plan ahead."

He began the practice of his profession at Boston, after his graduation from Harvard in 1920. From 1924 through 1926, he was city planner for Arlington, Mass. From 1926 to 1930, he was director of planning for Washington, D. C., and its environs, as a member of the National Park and Planning commission. He has been a member of the National Resources board since 1935.

Mr. Eliot has extended his planning to the wider outreach of social and economic design. As an observer at the League of Nations crisis in 1928, he would perhaps now admit he was standing at a false dawn when he insisted the league was putting recalcitrants in place.

The British Tommy in Kipling's poem did a lot of grouch-ing about "trimmin' the colonel's hedges" after a war. We're in for a much tougher job of trimming, thinks Mr. Eliot—if there is to be any tidy and nicely spaced world after this war.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by CARTER FIELD

U. S. A. E. F.'s Free Mail Raises Question Of Abolishing Congressional Frank... Enemy Nations' "Secret Weapons" a Nightmare... (Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

WASHINGTON.—What with all this talk about saving paper, decreasing non-defense spending, etc., this should be a good time for congress to consider cutting down the almost unlimited use of the franking privilege for mail.

An amusing sidelight on the attitude of individual congressmen toward this question of saving postage is given in the vote to grant soldiers overseas the right to send mail home free. The congressmen really thought they were giving the soldiers something! They were—an estimated average of six cents a week!

This is based on the idea that the average soldier and sailor will not write more than two letters home a week—one to his parents and one to his girl. The average stated is purely an estimate. There are no available figures, but parents of soldiers or sailors to whom the writer has talked say they would be tickled pink if the boys would average one letter a month to them.

However, they all said, it was not to save postage that the boys refrained from writing as often as the old folks would like. The most part, are kept pretty active. They are apt to be tired in their brief hours of relaxation and not inclined to tackle what, to most of them, is a laborious duty.

A point in favor of the newest subsidy to the soldiers, which seems rather sound, is made by a person who is not a congressman. There may be, this gentleman pointed out, difficulty in obtaining stamps at various places to which the soldiers may be assigned. So the fact that the boys do not have to scurry around to obtain stamps might be much more important than saving a maximum of six cents a week.

Apparently the best reason for granting this mail subsidy—if we can assume this difficulty of obtaining stamps in the field to be the best reason—did not occur to ANY member of the house or senate while the bill was under consideration.

For the bill carefully confines this huge grant to enlisted men. It specifically bars the free mail plan to commissioned officers. As the officers with the troops would obviously have the same ease or difficulty in obtaining stamps that the enlisted men would encounter, it would seem that the ONLY purpose of the bill was to increase slightly the pay of the enlisted men.

Important to Congressmen

One must not blame the congressmen for this, or think of the gift to our soldiers as trivial, as the lawmakers viewed the situation. For to a congressman the franking privilege is not trivial—it is tremendous. If deprived of that privilege the average congressman probably would spend more than a thousand dollars a year in postage. But with free postage for anything he chooses to send (congressmen have sent furniture under the frank) the actual amount of unchecked service he gets from the post office department is of course much higher.

In this time of bundles for congressmen there is no desire to discourage giving, and certainly no desire to reach into congressmen's pockets, but why not put the mail on the same basis as stationery? Congressmen do not get free stationery, unless they are chairmen of committees. They get an allowance every year to buy it.

Why not abolish the frank and give every congressman and official who is supposed to require it, an allowance for that purpose? Boy, would there be a saving of paper in Washington, not to mention the weight taken off letter carriers' feet!

Why Not Use Some German Inventions?

Secret weapons have been a nightmare to the military commanders of every nation at war—not their own secret weapons, of course, but possible secret weapons developed by one of their enemies.

The inventors of America have led the world for many years. Curiously enough Americans invented most of the weapons which are so important in this war. And Britain comes pretty close to being second. Britain invented the breech-loading gun. She sent to the Confederates two breech-loading cannons of about three-inch size which were used at the battle of Gettysburg.

If the Confederates had been able to use 100 instead of two, the tremendous difference in rapidity of fire, accuracy, and range, might have won the war for Robert E. Lee. It would seem about time that the United Nations should be able to use successfully some former German invention! That may be a little too much to hope for, but surely it is about time that we used one of our own inventions in one of our own wars.

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