

## Gardeners Warned Against Early Spring Rackets

"Don't let your spring gardening enthusiasm allow you to fall prey to the so-called 'spring gyps,'" that is, the warning being issued currently by the Better Business Bureau.

As the Bureau explains, the gardening enthusiasm of many home-owners overcomes their caution. One very well known racket may be worked in the following manner. Trucks pass the gardeners door filled with rich, black "humus." The trucker stops, lifts a basket of the soil from his truck and begins to sprinkle it on the lawn. When the gardener sees its dark, rich color against the meager, winter-dried soil, his sales resistance hits a new low.

Then, the seller explains that the low price of the soil is only 15 or 75 cents a basket. The gardener often becomes expansive and orders the gyp to go ahead with the job.

Of course, most truckers who sell soil are honest businessmen. But there are the unscrupulous few who are not above fooling the home-owner into believing that an outlandish number of bushels have been spread on his lawn. Thereby, they can raise their job-price to fifty, seventy-five, or a hundred bushels instead of twenty can not be disproved.

Another part of this soil gyp revolves around the fact that the soil is often sold under false claims. The trucker may tell you that his soil is rich loam taken from nearby bogs. In many cases this is true, but in one instance, this so-called humus was tested and it was found to be a waste material from the dump of a chemical plant.

Also on the list of gyps for the gardener to beware of in the spring, the Bureau continues, are the itinerant "tree surgeons" who offer to treat shade trees. Numerous complaints are received every year by people whose trees have been ruined. The itinerant "termites" or plant doctor, is another gyp of which to beware. He examines your trees or shrubs, and declares he has found termites which will get into your house and destroy it. For a fee, he will destroy these termites. Actually, in most cases, no termites exist and his worthless sprays and treatments are conducted upon ants of the harmless variety.

Another pernicious spring pest is the itinerant roofer who offers to repair the gutters of a house for a small sum. Usually, the gyp artist manages to find "needed" roof repairs that cost the home-owner much more than he expected.

Whenever you are in doubt about any business offer, no matter how large or small, the Bureau concludes, you will be wise to consult your local Better Business Bureau for free and impartial information.

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### McKENLEY STARS AT PENN. RELAYS

(By Randy Dixon)

Paced by the mercurial-footed Herb McKenley, Jamaica Ven Indian wizard, representing Illinois, U. sundown thunders, collegiate and scholastic, hurled defiance at the biting winds, sluggish underfooting and general inclement elements at Franklin Field Friday and Saturday in the 52nd annual Penn Relays to keep pace with a victorious heritage, by figuring eminently all the way through the 72 event program involving 3400 athletes of 500 colleges and schools from the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada and Hawaii.

Although McKenley's unbelievable 0.469 quarter-mile stint on the anchor leg of the one-mile college championship relay was the Carnival's highlight others to bask in the limelight were: Bill Carter, ex-Pitt star, now a cadet at Tuskegee AAF, winner of the 100-yard dash (0.09.8). Fred Johnson, a marine from Camp Lejeune, N. C., broad jump winner at 23 ft. 1 1/4 inches. Roscoe Brown, returned vet of Lincoln U., who reeled off respective anchor quarter miles of 0.48.5 and 0.48.3 to win in an unclassified mile relay and notch a second in the first heat of the Class B college mile championship. Andrew Stanfield, long-legged anchor runner for Lincoln, Jersey City High's all-Negro foursome in the high school American mile championship, who enacted a 0.49.5 leg to edge his team into second place.

Howard Thomas, stocky Cranford High speedster, who brought the baton from third place to victory in the 440-yard American championship. Ken Dixon, Germantown High youth who made up 170 yards on erstwhile national, district and assorted champions, in carrying his team from a bad ninth to a respectable place in the championship scholastic medley event. Phil Thielen's brilliant pickup from second to first in winning the prep school mile relay championship for Seton Hall Prep, Phil, national indoor prep 880 and mile champion, turned his "440" in 51.5.

And Howard's surprising 40-yard-relay foursome which earned a tight 3rd in the finals of the college American championship for this distance beating NY U.; Penn. Army, Yale, Pitt, Colgate, Penn State, Morgan State, Dartmouth, Fordham, and Oklahoma A & M. among others.

### MRS. TALMADGE, SEN. BILBO 'MAD' AT CLAIRE LUCE, BUT CONNECTICUT WANTS HER

Political bedfellows this week were Senator Bilbo and Mrs. Julius Y. Talmadge, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They were both peevish at blonde crusading Claire Boothe Luce.

The Mississippi Democrat was "mad" at Claire because in her husband's rather circulated Life Magazine, he had been characterized "the worst man in the Senate" who "had been discredited as a complainant in a bribery scandal voted by his own colleagues in the Mississippi State Legislature as "unfit to sit with honest upright men in a respectable legislative body" and other things not complimentary.

Mrs. Talmadge was peevish with Luce because of the latter's recent activity which resulted in the relaxation of the DAR Constitution Hall ban on Negro artists appearing in the only suitable public auditorium in the District of Columbia. Mrs. Talmadge, egged on by a wave of protest from within and without the organization, was forced to announce last week that the Tuskegee Choir would appear there in June.

### JIGGING GRANDMOTHER



Hilarity was the order of the day on the Queen for a Day program when 85 year old Emma Jane Richardson admitted to Emcee Jack Bailey that she'd "done just about everything there was to do. Except she added laughingly, 'I've never danced a jig for you Egged on by Bailey and other members of the cast, M. Richardson went into a lively dance, giving literal proof of her contention that she's just as active as the next one, in spite of her advanced years.

E. Hanegan, Republican national chairman B. Carroll Reece, Sen. Alben Barkley, Sen. Wallace H. White, Jr., House Majority Leader John W. McCormack and House Majority Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., with requests for passage of FEPC bills at once. Mobilize your entire community. Only a gigantic outcry will succeed.

Anna Arnold Hedgeman, ex. sec'y

**'WIDOW'S MITE'**  
 NEW YORK—Out of the mail bag at the national NAACP offices today, came this touching note. It was sealed in an envelope together with a folder containing 50 dime neatly tucked into even rows. The note read, "Please accept the 'Widow's Mite' to help you in the fight for justice in this democracy," signed E. J. Carmona.



**AGRICULTURE CHIEF SAYS FOOD SITUATION MAKES OPA EXTENSION A MUST**  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.—Soundphoto—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton W. Anderson waxed eloquent as he told members of the Senate Banking Committee, holding hearings on the OPA extension bill, that the present critical food shortage throughout the world makes extension of price control imperative.



**'Citizenship in Action Around the World'**  
 Mamaroneck, N.Y.—Girl Scouts celebrating the thirty-fourth anniversary of girl scouting in the United States. Girls of all races, creeds, and colors participated in the activities built around the theme: "Citizenship in Action Around the World." Thousands of Negro girls throughout the United States participated in the celebration. Negro girls have joined Girl Scouting in large numbers during the past few years, more than a 300 percent increase has been noted in their numbers from 1940 to 1945. Many young people are on the waiting list to join the scouts, simply because there are not enough trained adults to aid in setting up and conducting new scout troops.

### COAL MINERS, OPERATORS RESUME NEGOTIATIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Soundphoto—The deadlocked negotiations between John L. Lewis and the mine operators were resumed last week in Washington. Photo shows Paul Fuller, Conciliator, Edward F. McGrady, Special Conciliator called in by the Labor Department

### Sandwiches, Salads Form a Basis for Nourishing Lunches



Hot sandwiches are a welcome treat for quick lunches. They may be prepared with ground meat, cheese or cold meats and flavorfully garnished with tomatoes, mustard, onions or mayonnaise.

It's eat and run in most households for lunch time because the children must run back to school or husbands must hurry back to work. If foods are prepared in advance, however, even the quick lunch can be nourishing and satisfying.

Sandwiches, of course, are an old standby, but they should be rounded out with soups and salads instead of just a beverage and a piece of cake. Cold meats are easy to use, but they can be served warm to add more appetite appeal to the noon-day meal.

Left-over vegetable from the night-before dinner, when well chilled and mixed with crisp greens, make an appetizing salad. They may also be used, along with left-over meat, for delicious soup which is so welcome with a fairly dry food like a sandwich.

If sandwiches are served, the dessert should be preferably a pudding or ice cream to give contrast. These, too, are easily prepared in the morning and will be ready to serve for lunch.

I have chosen a number of sandwiches called "burgers" which I think you will find highly suitable for that quick noon-day get-together.

**Hamburger.**  
 Combine 1 1/2 pounds of ground beef with 1 egg, 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; mix thoroughly but lightly. Shape into large patties about 1/2 inch thick. Heat bacon drippings until sizzling hot in a heavy skillet, lay patties on it and brown quickly on both sides. Reduce heat, cover and cook slowly about 8 to 10 minutes. Place on plain or toasted bun, serve with tomatoes, onion, mustard or mayonnaise.

**Liver Sausage Burger.**  
 Remove casings from slices of liver sausage and brush both sides with butter. Pan fry in heavy skillet, turning to brown on both sides. Pan fry bacon until crisp. Arrange bacon and liver sausage on split plain or toasted bun. Serve with mustard or mayonnaise.

**'Cheeseburger.'**  
 Mix 1 1/2 pounds of ground beef with 1/4 cup milk, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Form into six patties about 3 inches in diameter. Cut six slices of cheese slightly smaller than meat patties. Mix 1/2 cup apple, 1/2 cup chili sauce and 2 teaspoons horseradish. Pan fry meat patties in bacon drippings or butter slowly for 10 to 15 minutes, turning several times as they cook. Spread with chili sauce and horseradish.

**Light, fruity desserts offer taste and color contrasts to rich, heavy meals. Here, Cranberry Parfait is served in tall glasses topped with a square of jelly to make the dessert more attractive.**

**Fluffy Fruit Ice.**  
 2 tablespoons unflavored gelatin  
 2 tablespoons cold water  
 2 tablespoons sugar  
 1/2 cup water  
 1 cup syrup from mixed fruit  
 2 tablespoons lemon juice  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1 egg white, beaten  
 1 tablespoon sugar

Soften gelatin in cold water. Bring sugar and water to a boil. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool. Add syrup, lemon juice and salt. Pour into refrigerator tray. Freeze until firm. Place in a chilled bowl, break into pieces, and fold in egg white which has been beaten with remaining sugar. Return to refrigerator tray and freeze until firm. Mixed cooked or canned fruit may be served as a garnish.

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**Lynn Chambers' Menu.**  
 •Pepper Pot  
 •Cheeseburgers with Buns  
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 •Recipe given.

radish and top each patty with a slice of cheese. Broil until cheese melts. Serve on plain or toasted buns with tomatoes, onions, relish or mayonnaise.

Here are two rich hearty soups which you might like to serve with any type of sandwich. These, of course, may be made ahead of time as soup will improve in flavor on standing.

**'Pepper Pot. (Serves 6)**  
 1 onion, sliced  
 1/2 cup celery, diced  
 1/4 cup chopped green pepper  
 1/4 cup butter  
 1 1/2 quarts of meat stock  
 1 1/2 cups diced potatoes  
 1 tablespoon salt  
 1 teaspoon chili powder  
 1 cup cream, whipped

Simmer onion, celery and green pepper in butter about 15 minutes. Add flour and stir until well blended; then add meat stock, potatoes and seasoning. Cover and allow to simmer one hour. Add cream just before serving.

**Corn Chowder.**  
 1 quart potatoes, diced  
 2 cups boiling water  
 2 tablespoons salt pork  
 1 medium onion, chopped  
 1 No. 2 size can of corn  
 2 cups milk  
 1 tablespoon salt  
 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
 2 tablespoons chopped parsley or celery leaves  
 1/2 cup cream

Cook diced potatoes in boiling water for 10 minutes. Cut salt pork in 1/4-inch dice, saute and add onion. Continue cooking until pork is brown and crisp and onions are soft and yellow; then add these, with the corn, to the potatoes. Boil gently until potatoes are tender; add milk, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, boiling point again and add parsley or celery leaves and cream. Serve piping hot.

Two desserts which come to mind for meals such as I've just described are a Cranberry Parfait and a Fluffy Fruit Ice. They are light enough to contrast well with soup and sandwich lunches and easy to make.

**'Cranberry Parfait.**  
 1/2 can cranberry sauce  
 2 tablespoons powdered sugar  
 1 egg white  
 1/2 pint cream  
 1 teaspoon almond extract

Beat the cranberry sauce and powdered sugar with a fork. Whip the egg white and cream. Combine the two mixtures. Flavor with the almond extract and chill. Serve with a square of cranberry sauce.

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## FIRST POST WAR SHRINE CIRCUS MAY 29-JUNE 5

With wartime restrictions on travel eliminated, Tangier Shrine Circus officials are expecting out-state circus fans of all ages to pour into Omaha to see the 17th Annual Show at the City Auditorium, May 29 to June 5, incl.

The termination of gasoline rationing and the easing of rail and bus travel are expected to make it much simpler for residents of communities surrounding Omaha to see the circus than last year when travel was restricted to only that which was necessary.

To meet the expected increase in number of circus-goers as a result of the new travel situation, two more matinee performances than were given in 1945.

Nightly performances will be given throughout the week's engagement with the exception of Sunday, June 2, on which date no shows will be staged. The four matinees have been scheduled as follows: Thursday, Decoration Day, May 30; Saturday, June 1; Tuesday, June 4, and Wednesday, June 5.

The Tuesday matinee will be a special performance for crippled children and shut-ins.

A preview of what patrons can expect at the Seventeenth Annual Circus was outlined by Dr. Fred F. Whitcomb, general chairman. Dr. Whitcomb said that those attending the show will find it fully up to past standards, not to mention the incorporation of a number of entirely new acts.

Hannaford Family Featured  
 Dr. Whitcomb stressed that the ever popular clowns will be going through their antics in even greater number than previous years. He also viewed the end of the war as a boost for the animal portion of the circus, which will include such traditional entertainers as trained seals, bears, plumed school horses and ponies.

Among the featured performers who will appear in the three rings will be the Hannaford Family, a troupe of daring bareback riders, and the Gallagher Family, risley artists. In addition, more than two hundred other performers will take part in the nearly three score acts.

Arrangements for the circus are proceeding rapidly under the direction of Rink Wright, veteran circus showman, who has contracted to produce and direct the circus.

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