

TABLE TALKS

Jane Andrews

Right now it's candy-making time in many a Canadian home, where Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without some of the old favorites, not so fancy looking perhaps, as the "boughten" kind, but with a charm all of their own.

Here, then, are a few recipes of the tried-and-proven sort.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE
2 squares unsweetened chocolate
1 cup milk
2 cups sugar
Dash of salt
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla

Add chocolate to milk and place over flame. Cook until mixture is smooth and begins to stirring constantly. Add sugar and salt, and stir until sugar is dissolved and mixture boils. Continue boiling, without stirring, until a small amount of mixture forms a very soft ball in cold water (234° F.). Remove from fire. Add butter and vanilla. Cool to lukewarm (110° F.). Work with paddle or spatula until white and creamy. Add vanilla and knead until smooth.

Shape in ball; make indentation in top and pour about 1/2 c. chocolate into it. Knead until chocolate is blended. Repeat until all chocolate is used. Store in tightly covered jar to ripen for several days before using. Fondant begins to dry out, cover with damp cloth. Makes 1 pound 2 1/2 ounces candy.

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CHOCOLATE SLICES
Use recipe for Chocolate Fondant (above), adding 1 cup finely cut dates or raisins, and 1/2 cup nut meats, finely cut, or shredded coconut. Knead and shape in balls 1/2 inch in diameter. Wrap in waxed paper and chill. When firm, cut in 1/4-inch slices. Makes about 1 1/2 pounds candy, or six rolls, each about 8 inches long.

CHOCOLATE CARAMELS
1 cup sugar
3/4 cup corn syrup
3 squares unsweetened chocolate
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cups light cream

Combine sugar, corn syrup, chocolate, salt, and 1/2 cup cream. Place over low flame and stir constantly until sugar is dissolved and mixture boils. Continue boiling until a small amount of mixture forms a soft ball in cold water (234° F.), stirring constantly. Add remaining 1/2 cup cream and boil slowly until boil again to 234° F., stirring constantly. Pour into slightly buttered pan, 8 x 4 inches. Do not scrape pan. Let stand until cool.

Mark with knife in 1/2-inch squares and turn out on cold slab, turning top-side up. Cut in squares, using full length of long blade. Let stand in cool place to dry. Makes 40.

CHOCOLATE NUT CARAMEL
Use recipe for Chocolate Caramels (above). Add 1 cup broken nut meats just before pouring mixture into pan.

LONG-DISTANCE FIRST AID
While taking a call from California, 2,000 miles away, a Detroit telephone operator, Mrs. Emma Lyons, was taken ill. Her rooming was heard by the operator in California who promptly cleared the line for a call back to the Detroit main exchange. She explained the situation to head office, they in turn notified the police, and Mrs. Lyons was rushed to hospital where a hemorrhage was diagnosed and successfully treated.

CHOCOLATE FONDANT
2 cups sugar
1 1/2 cups water
2 tbsps. light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted

Combine sugar, water, and corn syrup. Place over low flame and stir constantly until sugar is dissolved and mixture boils. Continue boiling, without stirring, until a small amount of mixture forms a very soft ball in cold water (234° F.). Remove from fire. Add the vanilla and let cool at room temperature until lukewarm (110° F.). Beat until mixture begins to thicken and loses its gloss. Put at once into greased pan, 10 x 5 inches. When firm, cut in squares. Makes 24 pieces.

Color Coming — Proof that color TV is just around the corner is this assembly line of color tubes at the RCA plant. These tubes are about to undergo an "exhausting" experience as they move toward the air-exhausting machine which creates a near-vacuum within the tubes to assure successful electronic operation.

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The silverware you polish up for the holiday festivities will stay that way if you store it in a polythene plastic bag. Squeeze as much air as possible out of the bag and twist the top edges tightly together. Then fasten with a rubber band. Because the atmosphere is air-tight the silver won't tarnish.

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ARTHUR JENSEN, GENERAL MANAGER, PRESENTS RECORD STATEMENT, REVIEWS BUSINESS OUTLOOK, PRAISES PERSONNEL

Keener competition and the return of normal hazards of enterprise were given as reasons for a renewed emphasis on salesmanship, efficiency and realism in business by Gordon R. Ball, president of the Bank of Montreal, at its 136th annual meeting of shareholders.

In reviewing the Canadian business picture during the past year, the B. of M. president said that "we seem to have passed from a situation in which nearly all business influences were buoyant to one in which the normal hazards of enterprise are once more apparent."

"The business landscape," he said, "has begun to show a more varied pattern of light and shade. Some industries, particularly those dependent on export markets, have been encountering difficulties. Competition has been keener, both in domestic and foreign trade."

Mr. Ball maintained that, while the chartered banks to lend money against mortgage security for further advances to perhaps that, for our part we are examining the proposal with a co-operative and open mind, particularly in view of the insurance of mortgages and the eligibility of such mortgages for discount at the Bank of Canada.

"It is up to all of us, in all countries, who stand with private enterprise to demonstrate here and now that the system that we rightly believe produces wealth and contributes most fully to well-being does not inevitably bring periods of slump and unemployment."

"That, as I see it, is the great immediate challenge of the present day. And that challenge will not be met if the bogey of over-production should be individual nations being the bar-riers of high tariffs and intensified restrictions."

Mr. Ball saw the need of the immediate future as the speedy furtherance of trade policies based fundamentally on recognition of three facts: first, that the welfare of the free nations is inter-dependent; second, that the objective of "trade not aid" can be achieved only with the full realization that trade is a two-way process; and third, that it is in the interest of enduring peace without deliberate measures designed to help less fortunate countries to help themselves by giving them a fair chance to sell in external markets.

THE FARM FRONT

by John Russell

Try to Beat the Weather — Every available man, woman and child joined in this year's rice harvest in the village of Somus, Sikkim in hand, waded knee deep into the tumbled stalks to help in the venture. Despite earthquakes and floods, which have taken a heavy toll in Greek lives and property this year, Greece's farmers expect to harvest enough rice to feed its country for a year and have some left for export.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

BY REV. R. BARCLAY WARREN B.A. B.D.

The Prince of Peace and a Warless World, Isaiah 9:2-4; 9:5-7; Luke 2:14

Memory Selection: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace, Isaiah 9:6.

As we write, the war in Korea is officially over. An uneasy peace envelops the world. Korea, Indo-China, Palestine, Trieste and other areas are tense. Iran and Egypt are in internal turmoil. The world is at peace. God's Son is called the Prince of Peace. When He enters a heart there is peace. When He reigns in a home there is peace. Such a home is a peaceful community. Such a community would form a peaceful nation and such nations would form a peaceful world. But the world is not at peace. The reason is obvious. The Prince of Peace does not reign. Millions have never heard of Him. The church must hang its head in shame at this condition. Nineteen hundred years have passed since Jesus Christ gave the great commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

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Times That Changed

Times have been worse — and meaner than this literally. As recently as 70 years ago, a man going only a brief distance from one community to another might often find that he had skipped several hours in one hour's travel, or arrived at his destination before he had set out.

Not until November 18, 1833, were standard time zones agreed upon by the United States and Canada — an agreement which led to the time zones observed today in the Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific zones. It was the 70th anniversary of that date in recognizing this book of standardization.

Anyone who has ever had to plan a journey on trains or planes which still use standard time after most communities have changed to summer daylight-saving time. And that's true. Prior to 1883, the ASCE points out, "a traveler from Portland, Maine, alighting at Buffalo and trying to match his watch, which read 12:15 p.m. with local time, One, reflecting the time of the New York Central, read high noon. The second, owned by the Lake Shore Railroad, stood at 11:25 in the same room. And the Buffalo local time was 11:40."

Even the puzzle of daylight-saving time now look trivial compared to what we have escaped. From The Christian Science Monitor.

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