

TABLE TALKS

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ALMOND-FLAVORED PASTRY

From one basic pastry recipe—and how delicious! This almond-flavored pastry is—you can make any number of different desserts. If you happen to be one of the lucky people with gooseberries in your garden—gooseberries are coming back into fashion, by the way—I especially recommend the pie made with that greatly underpriced fruit. Or should that be "currant"? The dictionary is too far away to go and look it up, so here goes!

ALMOND-FLAVORED PASTRY

1½ c. sifted flour
1 t. sugar
½ c. butter
1 t. almond extract
2 t. water

Sift flour, measure.
Sift flour and sugar together.
Cut butter into flour with pastry blender, or two knives.
Sprinkle almond extract over mixture.

Sprinkle water, one tablespoon at a time, over mixture, tossing quickly with a fork until dough forms a ball. (Use only enough water to make flour particles cling together—they should not be wet or slippery.)

Form pastry into smooth ball between floured hands.

Wrap and chill ½ hour or longer, before rolling. Chilling makes this tender pastry easier to handle. This recipe makes enough pastry for any one of the three desserts that follow:

BLUEBERRY TARTS

Make Almond-Flavored Pastry. Chill. Roll out dough ¼ inch thick.

Cut 6 circles, 6 inches in diameter. (A saucer makes a good guide.)

Fitted circles over inverted custard cups. Prick with a fork. Dip in flour, pinch corners around edge.

Bake in hot (425°) oven 32 to 18 minutes. Cool.

Blueberry Filling
1 pt. vanilla pudding
½ c. heavy cream
1 t. sugar
1 t. blueberries

SOME KIND WORDS FOR THE POSTMAN

The letter carrier must be gifted with an accurate retentive memory. He must assimilate for instant use the postal rates and regulations which are contained in a book of over 900 pages. . . . He must know how to detect obscene mail, dunning notices and all other prohibited kinds of mailing matter and be prepared at all times to answer the queries of the public.

The letter carrier . . . must arrange his mail in an order of sequence for delivery; he must learn the scheme of distribution for his route, which consists in memorizing upward of several thousand names of patrons of the postal service and associating those names with the labeled pigeon-holes in the post office distributing case.

Public Enemy

The labor racketeer is an enemy of the employer, of the community, of industry, peace, and in particular, of labor itself. Said Federal Judge Ruby M. Hulien in sentencing to long prison terms five "shake-down" men who had operated in the St. Louis industrial area:

Not only were these men found guilty of "holding up" contractors. The workmen in the unions they controlled as officers were also deprived of wages when called out on strikes which involved few actual grievances and resulted in little if any improvement in wages or working conditions.

Other areas enmeshed in this particularly vicious kind of criminal network should take heart. But they should also take heed that it may take all three days of exposure, public indignation, and conscientious action of justice—to do the job.—From the Christian Science Monitor.

GOOSEBERRY PIE

Make Almond-Flavored Pastry.
Divide dough in half, and store one half in refrigerator.
Roll other half out very thin to make a 12-inch circle.
Place loosely in 10-inch pie plate; pat out any air bubbles.
Avoid pinching the pastry, or it may shrink during baking.
Prick with fork dipped in flour, particularly around sides.
Pinch overhang under the edge of pie plate to prevent sides from sliding down while baking.

Roll out other half of pastry.
Cut part of it into 9 strips, ½ inch wide and 12 inches long.
Make three braids of three strips each, and piece together to make continuous braid.

GOOSEBERRY FILLING

½ c. water
5 c. sweet—or less according to sweetness of berries
1½ qt. gooseberries
¾ c. corn starch

Cook ½ cup water and the sugar for a few minutes over low heat.

Cut off stem and blossom tips from berries. Add to syrup.

Simmer gently about 5 minutes or until cooked but still whole.

Using a slotted spoon, remove berries from syrup. Place in pie shell.

Decorate with diamond-shaped pieces.

Roll out dough ¼ inch thick. Cut 6 circles, 6 inches in diameter. (A saucer makes a good guide.) Fitted circles over inverted custard cups. Prick with a fork. Dip in flour, pinch corners around edge. Bake in hot (425°) oven 32 to 18 minutes. Cool.

Prepare pudding according to directions on package. Cool. Stir pudding until smooth. Whip cream. Add vanilla and sugar.

Fill pastry shells with pudding and berries. Make 6 tart.

Turn 'Em Upside-Down—Technicians May Murray, standing, and Peggy Byrne demonstrate a new X-ray unit at Wesley Memorial Hospital. Heavy straps insure the security and comfort of the patient, as the apparatus is mounted within an eight-foot-wide circular track. By revolving the patient in an upside-down position, doctors can watch the progress of an opaque dye sometimes injected into the spinal column for diagnosis.

BOXING REALLY TOUGH IN SIAM

Boxing is one of the most popular sports in Siam. Matches are held every Thursday and Sunday afternoons in an open Coliseum-like stadium on Beldamm Avenue in Bangkok. The bouts last only five rounds. But they are often bloody affairs with one sometimes both of the boxers being carried out on stretchers.

The boxers wear conventional gloves, but everything goes in the fight—knees, feet, elbows, heads—everything except holding. A programme lists some of the special means of maiming for which each boxer is famous.

The boxers may get anything from approximately \$10 to \$50 per match. Rough as it may be, they nevertheless box for the sport, rather than the money to be made.

Each stops briefly at the entrance to the ring to kneel in a moment's prayer to the God of Sport. An orchestra, composed of brass flutes, cymbals, trumpets and drums, plays an ancient wailing chant during the match. It serves as a strange background music to the wild cheering and jeering by the fans who will stick to their seats even when a sudden tropical downpour deluges the stadium.

PLAIN HORSE SENSE

By F. (BOB) VON PILLS

There are two attitudes which represent extreme positions respecting our economic and social order. The one attitude is espoused by those who reject any and every kind of economic planning or organization.

Between these two extremes there is a "via media" completely consistent with Christian morality and with sound economic principles. It is manifestly impossible to expect good working order if wages, prices, working conditions, and the public good are left to chance or to the haphazard methods of so-called free enterprise.

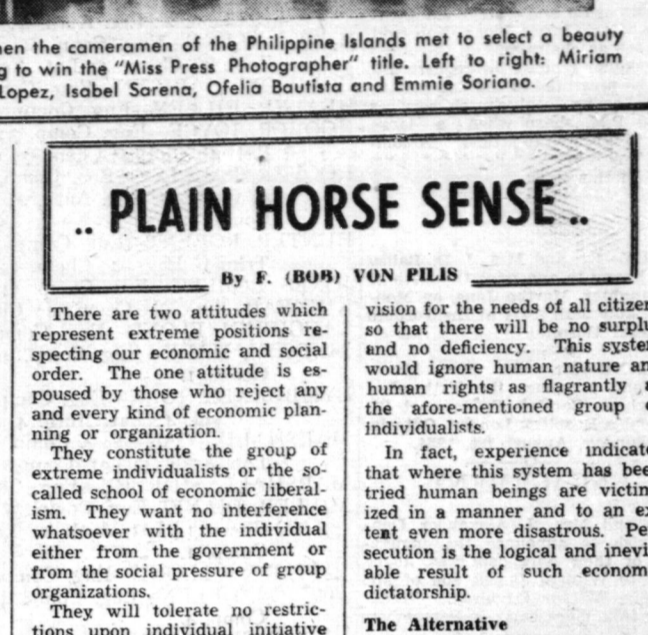
The true remedy will be found in accomplishing two reforms in our social order. In the first place there must be re-established some form of vocational groups which will bind men together in society according to their respective occupations, thus creating a moral unity. Second there must be a reform of morals and a profound renewal of the Christian spirit which must precede the social reconstruction.

Until the organic nature of society is again recognized and re-established through vocational groups either one of two things must happen. The State must assume all responsibility, that is, become an absolute economic dictatorship or else the individual remains helpless, defenseless, and completely overpowered by those who enjoy economic supremacy.

Either all property, as in pure Communism, or at least all productive property, as in pure Socialism, should be owned in their theory by the community or by the State. The State or the community thereupon will engage through its bureaus and agencies in developing an elaborate system of national economic planning.

MERRY MENAGERIE

Look, Ma—I'm a squirrel!



Hear, Hear!—There was nothing wrong with the eyes of the hearing aid experts who chose Vivian Mathias, 22, on their "Hearing Aid" during a convention. Herself suffering from impaired hearing most of her life, Vivian Mathias, 22, considered it just another portion of her costume as she does a waltz or other jewelry.

This column welcomes criticism, constructive or destructive, and suggestions, wise or otherwise. Address all mail to Bob Von Pills, Whitby, Ont.



PREPS FOR WHEAT INCREASE

The U.S. Government support price for each bushel of wheat to farmers has increased \$1.26 since 1941. Above Newmarket prices since 1941 (98 cents per bushel) to 1954 (224 cents per bushel). Only drop was 1949 when support price dipped to 195 cents per bushel.

THE FARM FRONT

By John Russett

Over in the States the American Cattlemen's Association is out to double the amount of beef eaten within the next ten years, which, from this angle, sounds like a good trick—if they do it.

Florida cattlemen have hired an advertising agency to provide restaurants and retailers with merchandising aids.

Stockmen in North Dakota, Alabama, and several other states, have printed thousands of bumper stickers, window and bumper strips, and small stickers for menus.

Iowa cattlemen sponsored Iowa Beef Month, which brought in more than 30 organizations to sponsor and distribute thousands of posters, restaurant window stickers, and "meat" buttons.

Maryland, Virginia, New York, Ohio, and other eastern states are also helping finance the book for advertising and merchandising research. California may collect through state brand inspectors.

Two cents would go to the National Livestock and Meat Board, the rest to be used by the California Beef Industry Council for advertising and merchandising research. California may collect through state brand inspectors.

Meanwhile, Colorado is leading the parade with a co-operative billboard campaign, tied in with traffic safety—"Watch Your Curves - Eat Beef." Colorado Cattlemen's Association raised \$3,000 in 30 minutes at a banquet.

The American National Cattlemen's Association in Denver is putting out another sign, "Enjoy Beef for Health." This sign costs \$2, and stockmen in 20 states are already putting it up. Idea is to get up something on your own "beef factory" to help sell your product.

California is distributing more than six million recipe cards through retail outlets. Already in the first five months of the year, Californians are eating beef at the rate of 123 pounds per person—double their 50-year average.

THE TUNE-UP KING

Although he won't concede an inch to his rivals on the C.N.E. track, Len Hurley is the one they all flock to when mechanical trouble creeps in as he is a marvel of diagnosis, and curing, the diseases that beset the speedy stock cars.

The fact was that he had many workers who do not really like idleness—Winnipeg Tribune.

Idleness—Not So Hot!

Recently one of the unions at Kitimat had a long session with the management discussing a 35-cent-an-hour pay increase and a 40-hour work week.

The content of one of the workers on these discussions is noteworthy. He said: "An increase in pay is just what I need but my complaint has not been the rate of pay per hour but the few hours only which I am allowed to work at that rate. On a rough calculation of 168 hours a week I find I have 79 hours left for food 9½ hours, bed 7 hours, lie on my back or have nothing to do 48 hours. It will, therefore, be easily understood why I do not wish to find myself working for 40 hours and flopping around unproductively for 48 hours per week. The only major commercial disadvantage of Kitimat to me is that the hours of work are not long enough and thereby follows that the consequent pay cheque on an hourly basis is also insufficient."

Entered idleness as a result of the 40-hour week must be particularly unwelcome on projects like Kitimat and others in the remote places in Canada. Nor is enforced idleness really welcome in more populated centers—but in these places the workers can do something about it. In fact, a 40-hour week has created a new class of workers known as "moonlighters". These are men and women who have two jobs. They do one job during the short workday of the 40-hour week and have another job to occupy their evening hours.

The commanding stature of Queen Salote of Tonga was noticeable at the Coronation. But back home in her native land where men and women are among the tallest in the world, she looks quite average. But then to the Polynesians a tall American can look like Hal BAKER, New York lawyer and squash racket champion, who stands 6 feet 7 inches, wouldn't merit a second glance. Baker finds his height a great advantage because he can reach the ball anywhere in the court.

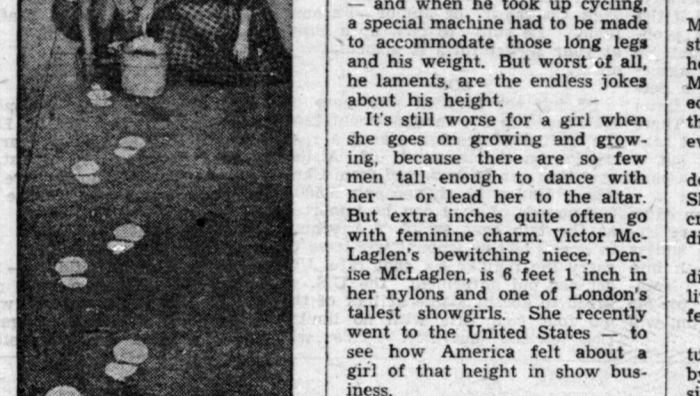
The tallest man in the world? Czechoslovakia boasts of an 8-foot-3-inch giant. There is a man in Austria who is only inch shorter. And Ted Evans of Englishfield Green, Surrey, at the last measurement, went just over 9 feet, 4 inches.

When Ted was way down in the 7 foot 6 inch mark, his doctor warned him that he might expect to grow to eight feet, but he didn't stop there and medical science can neither account for the way he went on growing, nor could it put on the brakes.



HE'S A 21ST-CENTURY GULLIVER

William H. Cullen steps gently into the next century as he maintains the "City of the Future" in the Ford Rotunda. At right is a 24-story "Communications Building," and beneath it a two-level auto highway. Building to left of the communications center is an automatic garage for "Jetmoats."



Footsteps To Follow

Setting the pace for a blood donor drive, Gloria Froese, left, and Gertrude Gilhooly paint blood-red footsteps that lead pedestrians to their Red Cross bloodmobile.

How It Feels To Be Nine Feet Tall

Albert Kinberg, the man who burst into the Soviet Embassy in Berlin recently and demanded to talk peace with Molotov, is a seven-foot six-inch giant. His extra inches proved useful, for he knocked out four of the twelve Russian masters who surrounded, and finally overpowered, him.

Get The Best From Your Home-Freezer

With the increasing popularity of home freezers many housewives are freezing home-grown fruits and vegetables. To obtain the best quality frozen foods it is necessary to take certain precautions in handling.

Vegetables and fruit deteriorate rapidly after harvesting, and so should be frozen as soon after picking as possible. Thorough washing is necessary to remove soil and other foreign matter.

After blanching the vegetables should be cooled by immediate plunging into a cool or preferably icy water. This hastens freezing and reduces the load on the freezer in use.

ESTIMATED SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. E. Stanley Warren, B.A., B.D.

Memory Selection: Let us consider one another to provoke us to love and to good works: the forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. Hebrews 10:24-25.

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When 113 Years Old

An old leather-bound volume recently discovered in a Bedford library reveals the case histories of eighteenth-century Britons who cheated old age.

There was a Mrs. Wigham, who died at Annandale, Drumfriesshire, aged 124. He'd been chewing tobacco steadily from the age of seven. John Riva, a broker from London, lived to be 118. All his life he chewed tobacco bark. His wife bore him a child when he was 100.

HOLD YOUR BREATH!

In some houses of refreshment it is to Voronoff, who experimented with glands, scientists and doctors through the ages have sought the elixir of longevity. Perhaps the new atomic age will extend man's useful span of three-score-years-and-ten.

Upside-Down to Prevent Peeking

Technicians May Murray, standing, and Peggy Byrne demonstrate a new X-ray unit at Wesley Memorial Hospital. Heavy straps insure the security and comfort of the patient, as the apparatus is mounted within an eight-foot-wide circular track.

Lifesaving "Boughnuts"

Resembling huge doughnuts, the holes left in, these round rubber lifesaving rafts are undergoing tests in harbor waters near London, England, as researchers look for a way to check their performance. Quickly inflatable, they have a shallow draft, high degree of seaworthiness, small storage volume, and can be propelled by oars, sails or an auxiliary motor.