

### Glamor Holiday Pie



Here's a froth of a pie for the holidays. It is Prune Chiffon Pie... light and airy as foam, delicate seeming yet with a richness of flavor that gives it real distinction. All that flavor comes from the tart-sweetness of the prunes in the pie. You'll find this pie fun to serve, for while guests will recognize a deliciously familiar taste, chances are they won't guess what it is. And, if you wish, you can keep it a secret as one of your very own hostess specialties.

The pie is an easy one to make, another of its charms. The frothy filling is swirled into a baked pie shell and allowed to chill. Here are the directions:

#### PRUNE CHIFFON PIE

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| 3 eggs, separated        | 1 cup pitted and coarsely chopped cooked prunes |
| 1 tablespoon lemon juice | 1/2 cup heavy cream                             |
| 1/4 cup sugar            | 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar                    |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt        | 6 tablespoons sugar                             |
| 1 envelope gelatin       | 1 baked pie shell (8 inch)                      |
| 1/4 cup water            | Whole cooked prunes (for garnish)               |

Prepare pie shell according to your favorite recipe. Combine egg yolks, lemon juice, sugar and salt in the top of double boiler over hot water. Stir gelatin into water until thoroughly blended. Stir into egg mixture. Heat until gelatin is dissolved and mixture is slightly thickened. Remove from heat; stir in prunes and cool. Whip cream and fold into egg prune mixture. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until frothy. Gradually beat in sugar; continue beating until mixture forms stiff peaks. Gently fold into prune mixture. Turn into pie shell and chill. Garnish with whipped cream and whole cooked prunes, if desired.

### Trimmed Tree Came To Us By Germans

A Christmas tree will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed tree, as we know and use it today, is only about 150 years old in this country.

The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up.

### Christmas Night Crucial Moment In Year 1776

The time was Christmas night. The year was 1776. The place was near the Delaware River. Some 2,400 tattered and bleeding men stood silently about uncomplaining.

This Christmas night was a crucial moment for a new republic which had yet to gain its freedom. But the course was charted by a great leader and a great American president, George Washington. His words of inspiration remain to this day: "This is it, gentlemen—victory or death. That is our only watchword."

And victory it was. Fired by the courage and inspiration of the man who became known as "the father of his country", a tattered band of patriots crossed the dangerous river of ice and marched to Trenton where they surprised and humbled the Hessian mercenaries and recorded a great Christmas story in the pages of American history.

ery so that you'll be in good spirits for the holidays, recruit the helping hands of your family. List things to do, and let them choose their jobs. You'll have better cooperation that way. They will want to help and share in what should be a family tradition.

Holidays are more meaningful to your children if you let them have a hand in the preparations. Of course you'll adapt their jobs to their ages and abilities.



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### Holiday Cooking Should Be Planned

Fun's a-poppin' in the kitchen during the holiday season. Much of the preholiday fun comes in deciding what to serve, but this often means extra work.

Plan your holiday cooking so that you can do much of the preparation well ahead of time—make pies, breads and prepare fowl and store them in the freezer.

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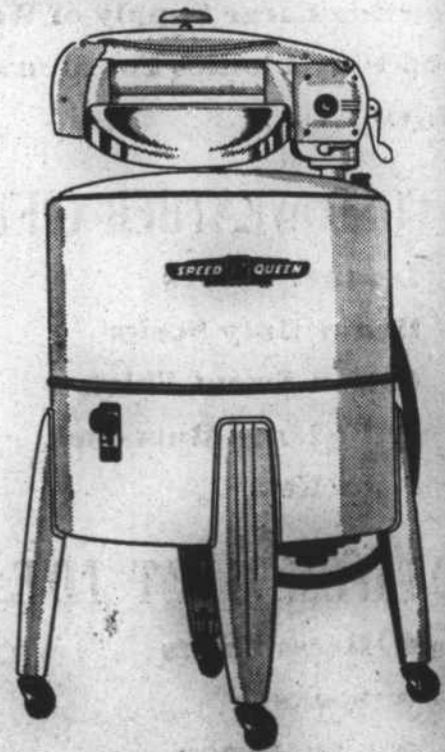
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