

Conservation Corner

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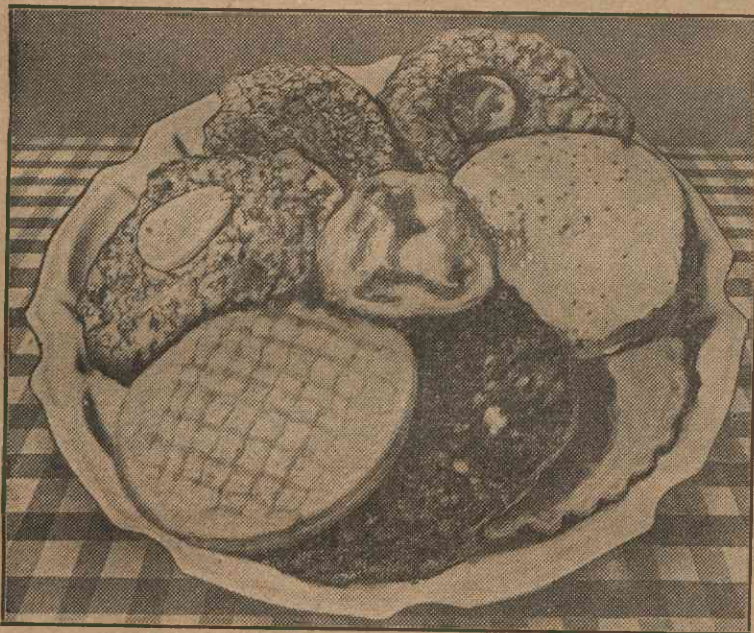
CRACK THE RACKET

The last war produced a number of rackets that were finally subdued by our officers of law. This war is producing rackets of a different nature, which all of us have to exterminate by ourselves. It's the racket of automatic tools in defense plants and the racket of radios and alley cats at home. Conservation of energy is as important as conservation of materials. A war worker can't stay up all night and expect to be efficient on the assembly line the following morning; neither can he be expected to keep production rolling if the roar of pneumatic hammers and rivets wracks his nerves.

"Where noise has its definitely harmful effects," says the Safety Engineering Magazine, "the reduction of noise has its equally beneficial effects." Many war workers have found relief by using anti-noise ear stopples. The flent type are small plastic balls of hygienically prepared wax and cotton scientifically designed to shut out noise. They are equally effective in the plant as well as at home.

COOKIES FOR ROOKIES

When that boy of yours comes home on furlough, it's only natural that you want to give him a taste of home cooking in a hurry. Many's the time he has written you from camp that he's feeling fine, having a wonderful time but "Gee, mom, how I miss your cookies." Isn't that true? Well, the next time he comes home on a week-end pass, make sure you have the cookie jar filled. And fill it with the good old-fashioned molasses cookies that he used to like so much as a youngster. It will pep up his morale as much as seeing Sally next door and it certainly will be good for him—for molasses is so rich in Nature's iron.



A Variety of Treats

Basic recipe for old-fashioned molasses cookies consists of:

1/2 cup shortening	3/4 cup unsulphured molasses
1/4 cup sugar	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg	1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon ginger	1/4 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon	2 cups flour
	1/4 cup milk

Cream shortening. Add sugar gradually; add egg. Sift the ginger, cinnamon, salt, baking powder, soda and flour. Mix milk and unsulphured molasses. Add dry ingredients and liquid alternately to the creamy mixture. Drop from teaspoon onto lightly greased sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 20 minutes. Makes 7 1/2 dozen cookies.

For whole wheat cookies replace about one-half the plain flour with whole wheat flour. For Oatmeal Hermits use only 1 cup plain flour in recipe above and add 1 1/2 cups rolled oats. For Coconut Gems add 1 cup coconut and 1 tablespoon milk. For nut or raisin cookies add about 1/2 cup nuts or raisins to any of above.

As you know, these cakes are delicious with summer beverages, such as iced tea or a molasses milk shake—and if Johnny can't come home as expected (which we hope won't be so) they're swell too for the kiddies. One of the benefits of using molasses is that the cookies will stay fresh for an unbelievably long period. Yes, you might also make an extra batch before he leaves for camp so that he can take them back with him and show all his buddies what a swell cook his mom is.

THISA—AND—DATA

Old fashioned hay rides in the country should prove popular these moonlight nights . . . they're certainly more romantic than a mile-a-minute spin down the State highway . . . and what's more, 'twill save gas and tires. . . I. J. Fox, noted furrier, advises women not to buy a new fur coat this fall unless it is absolutely necessary. . . He suggests remodeling and restyling for conservation's sake. . . And when you vacation write to your friends and the office gang back home on a post-card, instead of a letter and help conserve paper, lead and ink. They'll understand and you'll be helping the war effort.

Three Girls Enter Military Service

During the month of August three girls have left for military service: Rosa Edna Bell, Champagne Hand Booklet Inserter, left August 20 to join the WAVES; Connie J. Brittain, Slitter Operator in the Finishing Department, left August 19 to join the WAVES; Florine Rogers, also a Slitter Operator in the Finishing De-

partment, left August 10, to join the WAC.

Mary Rice Robinson, who is in the WAVES, is now a Pharmacist's Mate in the Medical corps.

Frances J. Stafford is now a Sergeant in the WAC.

Growers will be unable to harvest the cotton crop with the labor that is now on the farm. Additional pickers are needed and all should help in harvesting this vital war crop.



Our Book Corner

"Nothing marks the increasing wealth of our times and the growth of the public mind toward refinement, more than the demand for books. — Star Papers.

Our library is growing; Ecusta can contribute her share to the 'growth of the public mind toward refinement'. Since the July edition of the Echo, 60 books have been put on our recreational Library shelves. Some of these are old favorites added to give a wider selection of non-fiction books—some are new favorites—Literary Guild and Book-of-the-Month selections. They are:

"All Men Are Brothers," Pearl Buck (trans.)

"A Mingled Chime," Sir Thomas Beechman.

"An Old Captivity," Nevil Shute.

"Believe the Heart," Raymond Holden.

"Black Mountain," Rumer Godden.

"Born in Paradise," Armine Von Tempski.

"Centennial Summer," A. E. Idell.

"The Challenge of Listening," McKinney and Anderson.

"Charles Dickens," Stephen Leacock.

"Citizen Tom Paine," Howard Fast.

"The Complete Works of O. Henry," O. Henry.

"The Cup and the Sword," Alice Hobart.

"The Face of a Nation," Thomas Wolfe.

"Famous Utopias," Rousseau, Bacon, More and Campanella.

"The Flagrant Years," S. H. Adams.

"Flower Arrangement," Rockwell and Grayson.

"Global Atlas of the World."

"Hostages," Stefan Heym.

"How to Learn Astrology," M. E. Jones.

"I Saw the Fall of the Philippines," C. P. Romulo.

"I Served on Bataan," Lt. Juanita Redmond.

"Lancer at Large," Yeates-Brown.

"Lee's Lieutenants," Volumes 1 and 2, D. S. Freeman.

"The Lost King," Rafael Sabatini.

"The Magic Mountain," Thomas Mann.

"Marie Antoinette," Stefan Zweig.

"Men at War," E. Hemingway.

"Men Without Doubt," William Turton.

"Mr. Skeffington," Elizabeth.

"My Mortal Enemy," Willa Cather.

National anthems of United Nations and their allies.

"Origins of the American Revolution," J. C. Miller.

"Paderewski," A. Gronowicz.

"Prefaces to Peace (One World, etc), W. Willkie and others.

"Redemption of Democracy," Hermann Rauschning.

"Report from Tokyo," J. C.

Finishing Department

Here's your reporter, reporting again. Nothing eventful has occurred in Finishing since last month; at least, I have not been able to pick up anything. Here it is with apologies.

Inez Summey deserves honorable mention. Her recent examination in Knoxville for the WAVES proved successful, so she's leaving soon to become a "little ripple". Inez, we extend our best wishes and we're proud of you.

Who says Merrill Capps isn't a good pilot. He can land a plane in a corn field without disturbing the corn, can't he?

Well, well, look who's back at work! We certainly have missed you, Lib.

A visitor in our department last week! Marvin Cagle, of the Seabees, came by and spent most of the day with us.

Thelma Green's boy friend came in, so she's been singing "Anchors Aweigh" and "Sailor Boy." By the way, is that sunburn, Thelma, or a bad case of blushes.

Lydia has been showing that picture of her brother around and we're almost as proud of him as she is. Who wouldn't be!

Mildred Wilson left us in the lurch. She's been keeping us in the dark about her wedding which took place a couple of months ago. She spilled the beans the other day and then left to go to her husband in California. Isn't she heartless! Nita is already lonesome.

That winds up our news (?) for the month. We'll be back next month.

Grew.

"Rivers of Glory," F. W. Mason.

"The Romance of Leonardo Da Vinci," Dmitri Merejkowski.

"Salamina," Rockwell Kent.

"Samuel Pepys' Diary," W. L. Parker, ed.

"The Scarlet Shadow," Walter Hurt.

"Seven Pillars of Wisdom," T. E. Lawrence.

"Signed With Their Honour," James Aldridge.

"Social Insurance and Allied Services," Sir William Beveridge.

"The Soong Sisters," Emily Hahn.

"Story of Philosophy," Will Durant.

"Strictly Personal," W. S. Maugham.

"Texas, a World in Itself," G. S. Perry.

"Time to Inquire," Samuel Crowther.

"This is Our China," Madame C. Kai-Shek.

"This is Our America," Vols. 1, 2, and 3, Simmons and Meyers.

"Thorofare," Christopher Morley.

"Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," T. W. Lawson.

"Two of a Kind," Vereen Bell.

"U. S. Foreign Policy," Walter Lippman.

"The Valley of Decision," Margaret Davenport.

"Western Star," Stephen V. Benet.

"Wide is the Gate," Upton Sinclair.

"The Wisdom of China and India," Lin Yutang, ed.

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