

Homemakers Busy Matching Wits And Sewing Skill For 'Save With Cotton Bags' Sewing Contest To Be Held In Nation

Homemakers from Connecticut to California are busy matching wits and sewing skill in preparation for the nation-wide 1954 "Save With Cotton Bags" Sewing Contest.

This report, from the National Cotton Council, explains that feed and fertilizer dealers are doubling as fashion experts for customers trying to make cotton-packaged purchases conform in design and color to sewing needs at home.

Curtains for the kitchen, dress ensembles, stuffed toys, quilts—all these and more—will be among the thousands of articles made from cotton bags and entered in the unique sewing contest offered as a program feature of 45 state and regional fairs this year.

Valuable Rewards

The winner at each fair will receive a portable sewing machine in addition to cash prizes. Her entry will be submitted for judging in national finals for selection of the 1954 "International Cotton Bag Sewing Queen."

The queen and two next ranking finalists will win for themselves and escorts all-expense paid trips to Chicago and a week's entertainment in that city along with prizes valued at more than \$2,500.

Fair contest dates extend from June to November with the opening contest at the Southern California Exposition in Del Mar, June 25-July 5. The last contest program of the year will be concluded at Arizona State Fair, Tucson, November 14.

National Finals

National finals will be featured during the International Dairy Show in Chicago, October 9-16. Winners of fairs not over by that date will be eligible to submit entries for national judging in 1955.

Major 1954 awards are announced as including an International Harvest—12 cubic foot deep freezer, Senti—21-inch console television, Pfaff de luxe sewing machines and cabinets, and Bell & Howell movie cameras and projectors complete with film stories.

The contest is sponsored by the Textile Bag Manufacturers Association and the National Cotton Council with the cooperation of Pfaff Sewing Machine Company.

1/2 teaspoon chopped parsley
1/2 tsp. powdered thyme
1/4 lb. almonds
3 tbs. currants
2 cups hot cooked rice
Parsley to garnish
Cut chicken in frying pieces and remove skin. Roll in flour, salt and pepper. Fry in shortening. Remove from pan and keep warm. Into the drippings, put onion, green pepper, and finely chopped garlic. Cook very slowly, stirring constantly. Season with salt and white pepper and curry powder. (Test curry to suit the taste of your family.) Add tomatoes, chopped parsley and thyme. Put chicken in roaster and pour mixture over it. If it does not cover chicken, add a little water to the skillet and rinse it out, and pour over chicken. Place top on roaster very tightly. Place in moderate oven and cook 45 minutes or until chicken is tender.

Scald almonds in roaster to golden brown. Put chicken in center of large platter. Pile rice around it. Now drop currants into sauce and pour over rice. Scatter almonds over top of rice. Garnish with parsley.

Poorman's Pie

Prepare pastry, using full recipe to make one 9-inch pie. Divide pastry in 2 equal portions. Roll out one portion about 1/4 inch thick, place in pan.

Filling

1 lb. ground beef
1 large onion (ground)
3 medium potatoes (ground)
Salt and pepper to taste
Mix well, place in uncooked pastry shell.

Roll remaining portion of dough. Moisten edge of under crust with cold water. Place upper crust over pie, press together with tines of fork against rim of pan. Trim—
Bake 1 hour at 400 degrees.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES M. FENNER

The professional gambler is a parasite; he lives off the labors of others, and contributes nothing whatever to society. Indeed, he is even lower than a parasite, for he steals from those who can ill-afford the loss.

I encountered one of these vermin one day a few months ago when I picked up some boys from my Sunday School on my way to a carnival not too far from Edenton. The lad was



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not by any means rich boys, so I gave them a quarter each to spend on rides, cotton candy and the like. But they didn't get very far before an unsavory character who looked like the "after" photo in a Methodist temperance display, and who smelled suspiciously like sterno canned heat, attempted to persuade them to patronize his particular gambling booth. The boys walked away from him, but he followed them, despite the fact that I asked him to leave them alone. I finally had to "tell him off" in the language that I never use except when I'm preaching a revival in the mountains. "But this isn't gambling," he said. "We always give the kids some little prize." Now I know from some of the excuses people give me for missing church and Sunday School that preachers are supposed to believe just about anything that's told them, but I'm not so naive as to be taken in by such a flimsy rationalization as that. Anyone who knows anything at all about the methods of the professional gambler will recognize at once that these prizes are only a "come-on" to encourage the kids to continue until they become hopelessly addicted to the gambling habit.

But what shocks me even more than the periodic presence of these men in our community is the public apathy toward them. Don't you parents rea-

lize what an unwholesome influence these fiends have upon your children? Their whole outlook on life is that of the "wise guy" who feels that the world owes him a living. Do you want your precious children to be contaminated by such an attitude?

Don't you preachers have the intestinal fortitude (that means "guts") to cry out in protest at this blatant sin?

Don't you men who belong to the organizations that make it possible for these blood-suckers to take advantage of the innocence and naivete of our young people have enough courage to stand up and be counted for Christ and righteousness?

Don't you civic leaders have enough pride in our community, and in its reputation among the servicemen from all over the nation who are stationed here, to pass a law against this evil, diabolical, underhanded method of frisking them of their few, hard-earned dollars?

I hope and pray I shall not have to stand alone in condemnation of professional gamblers, and of those who aid and abet them, but as God is my

witness, I do not intend to stand idly by and allow them to prey upon and corrupt the precious boys and girls in my Sunday School, for whom I am responsible to Him alone.

Happened In Heaven

The golf match to end all golf matches was played up in Heaven.

St. Peter had the honor of the first tee and promptly made a hole in one. St. Paul, undaunted, repeated the performance. St. Peter marked the scores down dutifully on his card, then remarked:

"What do you say, Paul? Let's cut out the miracles and get down to business."

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Meat Dishes That Are Different

By MARTHA STILLEY
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The origin of the recipe, Country Captain, has been questioned, but is believed to have been an Indian dish.

A famous general once wired his hostess, when he had only a few hours to spend in the town, that if she could not give a party and have "Country Captain," then put it in a tin bucket and bring it to the train.

Country Captain

3 1/2-4 lbs. tender hen
Flour, salt, pepper, shortening
2 finely chopped green peppers
1 small clove garlic
1/2 tsp. white pepper
1 tsp. salt
2 finely chopped onions
2 teaspoons curry powder
2 cans tomatoes

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