

Do you know these newlyweds?



Thomas Glenn Rogerson and Dotmegan Pattie Lane were married on January 1, 1950 in the Chapel Hill Baptist Church. Please join their children, Glenn E. Rogerson of Tyner and Marta and T.J. Reid of Statesboro, GA in congratulating them on this wonderful accomplishment.

Festive mocha meringues make great gifts

Figs make some of the most festive and sensational seasonal gifts.

In Fig and Hazelnut Mocha Meringues, sweet, chewy fig nuggets and crunchy, toasted hazelnuts are swirled together in a delightful melt-in-your-mouth mocha meringue. These unique holiday cookies are the perfect blend of taste and health and one of the best creations to come from the test kitchen at Valley Fig Growers.

Dr. Liz Applegate, nationally-recognized nutrition expert, and author of the new book, Eat Your Way to a Healthy Heart, worked with the test kitchen to create a recipe that would showcase what she calls, "a nearly perfect fruit-California Dried Figs." Packed with a wealth of fiber, minerals and antioxidants helpful in fighting hypertension, high blood pressure and heart disease, figs are a terrific total package-great taste and great nutrition.

According to top chef and baker, Jim Dodge, "Figs have a wonder-

ful flavor-subtle, yet sophisticated-that can be paired with a variety of ingredients for exquisite combinations."

So versatile, California dried figs give holiday foods a special twist. Infused with your favorite liqueur and stirred into mini-quick bread loaves; used whole and stuffed with flavored almonds and goat cheese; or dipped in dark chocolate and set into mini-foil cups-figs make very special holiday gifts. Visit the Valley Fig Growers web site at www.valleyfig.com for tips and more recipes.

Fig And Hazelnut Mocha Meringues

- 3 large egg whites, at room temperature
1/2 teaspoon instant coffee granules
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 tablespoons cocoa powder
4 teaspoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon



Festive Fig and Hazelnut Mocha Meringues are a great way of sharing your good wishes for the new year with a special friend or neighbor.

1 cup chopped (1/3-inch) Mission or Calimyrna Figs, stems removed
1/2 cup chopped hazelnuts or walnuts, toasted

Chocolate Swirl Topping

(recipe follows)
Heat oven to 250°F. Line 2 large baking sheets with foil or parchment paper. Put egg whites, instant coffee and cream of tartar in clean medium mixing bowl. Beat on medium speed until soft peaks form. Beat in sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time. Beat on high speed until stiff peaks form. Beat in vanilla. Sift together cocoa powder, cornstarch and cinnamon. With spatula, gently fold into egg white mixture along with figs and nuts. Spoon meringue onto foil making

about 16-18 (2-inch) circles. Smooth tops with back of spoon; be sure all fig pieces are covered with meringue. Bake for 50-60 minutes or until dry, switching positions of sheets after 30 minutes for even cooking. Turn oven off, partially open door, and let cookies dry in oven for additional 30 minutes. Peel cookies from paper and place on wire rack to cool completely. Store cookies in airtight container. Makes 16-18 cookies.

Chocolate Swirl Topping: Melt 2 1/2 ounces chopped bittersweet chocolate and spoon into quart-size plastic bag; seal bag. Snip across 1 corner of bag to make 1/4-inch hole. Pipe chocolate in spiral designs on each cookie. Let chocolate dry.

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The Chowan Herald's Whiz Quiz has been extended to give away prizes. This week, Dec. 29, we will have two questions. Callers can answer one or both questions and win prizes.

- 1. In February, 1994, the NC Court of Appeals met for the very first time in northeastern North Carolina when it convened a special session in Chowan County. At what site did that session take place?
2. Also in 1994, a local Youth home was dedicated here. For whom was the home named?

CALL 482-4418 to Answer the Whiz Quiz!



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The Chowan Herald staff wishes you and those you love a very Happy New Year!

We wish you a safe and happy holiday.



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