For And About Homemakers

So many of the traditional holiday recipes can be used as is or adapted to take advantage of appliances. Entertaining with appliances can not only save the host and hostess time, both before and while they entertain, but it can also conserve energy.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING WITH APPLIANCES

Don't overlook the freezer as one of your best resources when entertaining--many dishes can be made ahead and frozen. Fondue pots are naturals for buffets, open houses, or other types of informal entertaining. An electric frypan can save trips to the kitchen in keeping hot appetizers hot. The slow-cookers that are so popular now can be used to keep cider or holiday punches piping hot for hours for only pennies.

The large size electric coffee makers can also be used for hot fruit juices--place the whole spices in the basket for added perked-through flavor. An electric warming tray is much more energy efficient than a burner or oven for keeping coffee and home-made pastries hot for a drop-in brunch.

When planning for entertaining with appliances, you should sketch out a brief timetable and check extension cords well in advance. For safety, don't run cords across lanes of traffic or overload circuits. When small children are expected to attend, be particularly careful about the placement of appliances and cords. Don't let the possibility of accidents dim the festive holiday mood.

Why not use your common electric fry pan in a not-so-common way!

HARVEST SKILLET CAKE

1 package spice cake mix
4 eggs
1 package instant vanilla pudding mix
¾ cup oil
¾ cup water
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup chopped dates
1½ cup sifted powdered sugar
2-3 tblsp. orange juice

Combine cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, oil and water. Mix very thoroughly with electric mixer or rotary beater. Fold in nuts and dates until evenly blended. Pour into a prepared bundt pan. Preheat electric skillet with a shallow wire rack in bottom to 380 degrees. Place cake pan on rack in skillet and cover. (Close any steam vents.) Bake 1 hour 15 min. or until done. Cool thoroughly. Place cake on serving plate. Combine powdered sugar and orange juice and mix until smooth--adjusting to desired consistency. Drizzle over cake and let set before serving.

To These Farewell

DR. WM. A. LAUGHRUN

Dr. William A. Laughrun, 41, of Morganton died Monday, December 15, in Spruce Pine. He was formerly of Burnsville and La Junta, Colorado and had been Cardiologist at N.C. State Hospital in Morganton for the past year.

Dr. Laughrun was the son of Mrs. Hattie Black Pollard Laughrun of Charlotte and the late Dr. W. Gus Laughrun.

Surviving in addition to the mother is the wife, Sarah Laughrun of La Junta, Colorado; three sons, Mark Laughrun of La Junta, Julius A. and William Augustus Laughrun III of Morganton; four sisters, Mrs. Steve Blackwell of Charlotte, Mrs. Tennet Teeter of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Travis Jones of Clearwater, Florida and Miss Tommis Lou Laughrun of Columbia, S.C.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Burial was in the Robertson Cemetery.

CHARLES HIGGINS

Charles V. Higgins, 44, died in an Athens, Georgia hospital Friday night. He was a native of Yancey County and a heavy equipment operator.

Surviving are the father, Edd Higgins of Burnsville; six sisters, Mrs. A.F. Rodgers of Asheville, Mrs. Ruby Morehead of Charlotte, Mrs. Charles Proffitt of Wilson, N.C., Mrs. Lide Barwick of Clarksville, Tenn., Mrs. O.O. Olson of Copperas Cove, Texas and Mrs. R.E. Millican of Austin, Texas; one brother, M Sgt. Russell E. Higgins of Charleston AFB, S.C.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday and burial was in the Higgins Family Cemetery at Byrd Branch.

DR. E.J. HARRINGTON

Dr. E.J. Harrington died at Parkway General Hospital December 18 after suffering a heart attack and later developing pneumonia.

He was retired for many years and was a member of the Cattail Summer Community in Yancey County for the last 18 years.

He leaves a wife, Elizabeth; one son, Tom, and a daughter, Martha, as well as 4 grandchildren.

Note Of Appreciation

The family of Joe Banner wishes to express their thanks for each sincere expression of sympathy during their time of grief.

EMERGENCY NUMBER: If you need to call the Yancey Unit Radio Patrol Emergency Service, phone 682-2787 or 682-2124. Available 24 hours a day.

Trees: A Growing Business

Now that the holiday season is here, everyone is searching for a tree to highlight the spirit of Christmas. According to Ray Dorsett, Soil Conservationist, Christmas tree production is a growing business in North Carolina with a multimillion dollar retail value in sales.

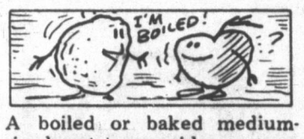
Yancey County is experiencing value from its sales and there is still available acreages for more trees. Some of our steep and eroding hillsides which are presently in pasture, crops, or lying idle, would be better suited and more economically feasible if planted in trees, said Dorsett. Whether you have only a couple of acres, or over a hundred, maybe you should consider planting trees for added income and stabilization of gullying fields. Recommended planting dates for Fraser Fir and White Pine are not until March or April, but now is the time to begin planning where to put your trees and what necessary land preparation would be necessary. The Soil Conservation Service, located in the County Courthouse, will be glad to discuss with you the location for planting, tree species, and assistance in ordering your seedlings; and will set up an appointment to visit your land and assist in the planning if you call or come by the office. Not only is this a means of increasing your future income, but you would also be preventing soil loss and adding the beauty of evergreens to your land. Pictured above is an eroding pasture needing stabilization. Pictured below is a steep hillside, covered with trees and thereby stabilized.

Oldest Yancey Citizens Honored With Fruit Baskets, Flowers

On Sunday, December 21, Santa Claus visited who are thought to be Yancey County's three oldest citizens. Fruit baskets and flowers were presented to Slias Silvers who is 99 years old and the father of 17 children, 72 grandchildren, 105 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren; to Nora Bennett Fox, 96 years old with twelve children, 59 grandchiidren, 102 great grandchildren, and 14 great great grandchildren; and to Julia Styles Baker, 96 years old and the mother of 7 children, 24 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren, and 12 great great grandchildren.

Santa was accompanied by representatives of the Emergency Radio Patrol and the SCORE Hotline, sponsors of the activities, and two ministers with a group of young people who played the dulcimer and sang Christmas carols.

Thanks go to Vance and Central Florists for the beautiful flowers.



A boiled or baked medium-sized potato provides approximately the same amount of calories as a large apple.

Merry Christmas

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