

Your Kitchen Counsellor

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FOR THE AL FRESCO SUPPER

Don't let hot weather interfere with your pleasure in having friends in for a meal.

Plan an easy menu and invite the crowd. Then, serve supper out of doors if you can. Or throw the windows open wide and use the same easy serving style you adopt for the al fresco meal.

FEATURE ONE HOT DISH

Feeding a gang is no trick at all if you turn your major cooking efforts to one main dish that's hot and hearty. Something that's made in and served from the same utensil is ideal for the summer supper party.

That's where our recipe for savory tamale pie fits in. It makes twelve good servings and you can divide or multiply it to suit your needs.

Further, you can get it partly made early in the day—refrigerate—and finish the cooking in time for supper.

SAVORY TAMALES PIE

- 1 1/2 C. yellow corn meal
 - 1 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 6 C. boiling water
 - 1 lb. sausage
 - 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 2 large onions, chopped
 - 1 green pepper, chopped
 - 1 C. chopped celery
 - 2 tsp. salt
 - 8 tsp. chili powder
 - Sprinkling of cayenne
 - 4 drops of tabasco sauce
 - 5 C. solid pack tomatoes
 - 2 C. whole kernel corn
 - 1 C. pitted ripe olives
 - 10 oz. cheddar cheese, grated
- Stir corn meal and salt slowly into boiling water. Use top part of double boiler over direct flame. Cook, stirring constantly, until smoothly thickened. Place over hot water, cover and cook 30 min. Let corn meal mush partially cool. Brown sausage in large deep skillet. When most of fat is fried out, remove all but about 1 tablespoon

of fat. Brown ground beef with sausage. Add garlic, onions, green pepper, and celery and saute for about 5 min. Add salt, chili powder, cayenne, tabasco sauce, tomatoes and corn. Let simmer for 15 min. Line the bottom and sides of large shallow oiled baking dish (about 10x14x2") with about 1/2 of the partially cooled mush. Fill with meat mixture. Sprinkle with cheese and drop spoonfuls of the remaining mush on top. Press ripe olives into drops of mush. Set modern gas range oven heat control at 350° and bake for 1 1/2 hours.

REST OF MENU IS EASY

Most meals seem more party-like when there's a first course. And a vegetable juice cocktail will be excellent with this one.

Mix equal parts of chilled canned vegetable cocktail and tomato juice and zip up the flavor with a little lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and a dash of tabasco. Serve with crackers spread with a cheesy spread.

Crisp greens, tossed with your favorite dressing, make the salad. An icy bowl of relishes, hot but not French bread and steaming hot coffee complete the menu except for dessert.

Melons and fresh fruits give a wonderful ending to many summer meals. But, if you're sure that's just too easy maybe you'd rather make something special. A luscious frozen dessert made with peaches is the answer.

PEACH CREAM SHERBET

- 1/2 C. crushed fresh peaches
- 1/2 C. sugar
- 1 tsp. unflavored gelatin
- 2 Tbsp. cold water
- 1/2 C. boiling water
- 1/2 C. whipping cream
- 1 egg, separated

Mix crushed peaches, lemon juice and sugar and chill for an hour or two. Soften gelatin in cold water and dissolve in boiling water. Stir gelatin into fruit mixture and freeze until almost firm. Whip cream. Beat egg white until stiff and yolk until light. Fold egg into whipped cream. Put partly frozen fruit mixture into a chilled bowl and beat until frothy. Fold whipped cream mixture into fruit. Return to freezing tray and freeze until firm.

PTA Council Publicity Heads Meet

"You, as publicity chairmen, have accepted the responsibility of giving the members of your Parent-Teacher members as well as to the general public a clear understanding of parent-teacher aims, ideals and program objectives," Watteria, Seaside, North-Torrance, Perry and Torrance PTA council representatives were reminded by Mrs. W. A. Wright, Torrance Council PTA publicity chairmen, who spoke on the Council 1951-52 publicity program of work, policies and procedures for local unit publicity chairmen, record book chairmen and Newsette chairmen.

Mrs. A. B. Cowie, Byron Johnson, Ralph McBee, Evar Jansson, Paul Mosman, A. M. Goodfellow and C. R. Stauffer were in attendance at the Friday morning meeting held at 2335 Plaza del Amo.

Eileen Is Five Now

Eileen, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Eagan of 1606 Beech avenue, celebrated her birthday recently with an attractively appointed children's party at home.

Toys were the children's favorites and a decorated pink and white birthday cake delighted Eileen and her guests, who were, Steve Moulton, Julie Snow, Dough Steinbaugh, Sherry Northington, Milt Isbell, Jr., Jean and Janice Rubco.

Also invited were Jimmy Rudnick, Maria Castaner, and Dede Cato. Assisting with party arrangements was Eileen's maternal grandmother, their house guest, Mrs. Margaret O'Leary of Canton, Ill.

Poet's Night Observed By Writers

Pot luck dishes furnished by the members augmented the spaghetti and watermelon served by the hostess when the Writer's Guild met with Mrs. J. Bader at her home, 26022 Eshelman, avenue, Tuesday night for a dinner meeting.

Members thoroughly enjoyed Mrs. Bader's fuchsia and pelargoniums in the garden before holding their meeting.

Observing Poets Night, the group heard eight poems composed by members including Mrs. Bader's "A Poem Demise," Mr. Porter's "Return in Spirit" and Allen Ramsey's two contributions, "Aelius" and "It Might Be So, You Know."

Of interest to the group was mention of the Irish publication "Liberty" which carried an article by Thomas Carnduff titled "The Worker As A Writer" and referred to Mr. Porter of Lomita as his friend and past president of the San Pedro Writer's Guild.

Mr. Porter and his wife returned last year to Ireland for a lengthy trip and is quite familiar with the magazine "Liberty" published there.

The next meeting will be held in the Den of the YMCA in San Pedro Aug. 14.

Visitor From Ohio Tarries In Lomita

Mrs. Laura Larsen of Toledo, Ohio has been a houseguest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Frisk, 2332 W. 254th street. On her way to the west coast Mrs. Larsen visited friends in Pasadena, in Texas and last week she flew to Hawaii, and will return to Lomita for a short visit before returning to the east. Mrs. Larsen plans to stop in San Francisco as she goes northward through Oregon stopping also in Seattle, Washington and in Vancouver before heading east to her Ohio home.

Scenic Spots Visited by Vacationers

Perfect weather last Wednesday and Thursday was reported by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Powers of 2127 W. 24th street and Mrs. Anna Rollman and Mrs. Dorothy Rogers of 23223 Narbonne avenue and their houseguest, Mrs. Carrie Dieking of St. Louis, Missouri when they motored northward to Santa Barbara.

In Santa Barbara they visited the Presidio and Mission, and Thursday drove through acres of beautiful flowers in Lompoc, a sight long to be remembered. Mrs. Dieking is spending the

summer with her lifelong friend Mrs. Rollman and her daughter, Mrs. Rogers.

Handful Guest

Mrs. Harm Sawatzke of Hanford arrived at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Schroeder at 26325 Ozone avenue, Harbor City last week. At present she is visiting another brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. Thivane in Carlsbad, and will return to the Schroeder home for a few days before traveling home.

Here From Arcata

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garcelon of 25927 Market place were hosts at an informal dinner party Sunday evening in compliment to Mrs. Garcelon's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Chamberlain of Arcata, who are visiting in San

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Pedro.

Places were marked at the attractive table for Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain; Mrs. Myrtle Milton and Mrs. L. S. Irwin of San Pedro, Mrs. Irene Howe, the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Garcelon and their son, Kenneth Garcelon of Lomita.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain flew down from the northern city arriving in the Southland two weeks ago to stay with Mr. Chamberlain's sister, Mrs. Myrtle Milton of Harbor View avenue, San Pedro. Since their arrival they have been entertained by family members who have complimented them with dinner parties and interesting motor trips to scenic spots throughout Southern California.

MEXICAN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Benard and family of 1448 Engracia avenue, with their houseguest, Mrs. J. S. Rockwell of Spokane, Wash., have returned from an enjoyable three-day trip to Ensenada, Mexico.

CANADIAN TRIP

Miss Frances Bandel, assistant city librarian, has returned from two weeks vacation in British Columbia.

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Lomitan Heads Scholarship Committee

A French fried dessert reported to sell "Faster than hot cakes," will be served with coffee in the booth which Harbor Area Soroptimist members are

to operate during the Fishermen's Fiesta beginning Sept. 22, it was decided at a luncheon meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. Hazel Scott Coomes.

Mrs. Edith Smith Carragher of Lomita was chosen chairman of a committee to investigate a proposed Harbor Junior College scholarship project.

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