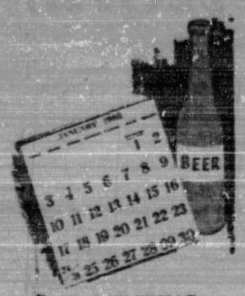

JANUARY IDEAS for COOKING WITH BEER!

SAVORY PUFF SHELLS

1 cup beer
¼ lb. butter
1 cup sifted flour
½ tsp. salt
4 eggs

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Bring the beer to a boil, add the butter and let melt. Add all the flour and salt at once.

Cook, beating steadily until the mixture forms a ball and leaves the side of the pan. Remove from heat.

Add 1 egg at a time, beating well after each addition. Drop by the teaspoon onto a buttered baking sheet.

Bake 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 10 minutes longer, or until browned.

Cool. Split, fill with pate, egg mixture, or any cocktail spread. Makes about 36 1-inch puffs.

BATTER-FRIED CHICKEN

1 cup sifted flour
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
½ cup beer
2 tbs. melted butter
2½ lb. frying chicken, disjointed
2 eggs
Fat for deep frying

Sift the flour, salt and pepper into a bowl. Beat the eggs and beer together and add to the flour, mixing until smooth. Stir in the butter.

Dip the chicken into the batter, coating the pieces thoroughly. Arrange on a pan and chill one hour. Heat the fat to 360 degrees.

Fry the chicken until browned. Arrange on a baking sheet and bake in a 350 degree oven 35 minutes, or until tender. Serves 4.

THIS casserole of Tater Tots has slight tartness provided by lemon juice which makes it a favored accompaniment for any seafood dinner. Tater Tots, the fancy little morsels of choice potatoes make quick and fancy appetizers and snacks, too.

Belgian Taters Are Fish Dinner Accent

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To go along with these seaworthy main courses, why not serve Belgian Taters? This casserole features Tater Tots with a very slight tart tang.

Ore-Ida Tater Tots are puffy little morsels of choice potatoes, which are harvested at the peak of goodness, pared, partially baked and quick frozen for you to brown and serve.

You will find many uses for Tater Tots as quick and fancy appetizers, snacks, and main dishes.

BELGIAN TATERS

1 pkg. Ore-Ida Tater Tots
½ cup melted butter
1 tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. paprika
2 tsp. lemon juice

Put Tater Tots in a baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour half of the seasoned butter mixture over Tater Tots.

Bake in a 425 degree Fahrenheit oven for 15 minutes. Stir lightly. Add remaining butter mixture and continue to bake for 10 minutes longer.

SPICY DESSERT

Fold half the drained fruit from a can (1 lb. 14-oz.) of fruit cocktail into your favorite gingerbread mix; bake in 6-cup ring mold as package directs.

Heat cocktail syrup and remaining fruit with cornstarch; stir in a little butter and ladle over cooled, inverted cake.

Use honey to sweeten fruits, cereals and toast for breakfast. Cocoa sweetened with honey has smooth flavor.

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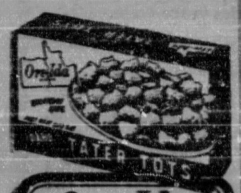

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Editor, Press-Herald:

Regarding the recent articles in your newspaper headlined — "Those Convention Trips: Who Benefits?" In reference to the convention trips made by Torrance city officials at the taxpayers expense:

In the side article, The Boxscore on Trip Costs, of the five "convention" trips scheduled under my name, three of these trips, namely Sept. 1963, to Sacramento; Oct. 1963, to Sacramento; and Jan. 1964, Sacramento, were made as Chairman of the South Bay College Committee in an effort to secure the state college site for Torrance, and not on conventions as your article inferred. The two other times were for conventions Sept. 1963, Avalon, a seminar for the League of California Cities; and Oct. 20-23, 1963, San Francisco, the League of California Cities annual convention. And, in reference to the latter, the $250 is followed by an asterisk (*) which is explained at the beginning of "The Boxscore" that "when no account of expenses has been submitted, and asterisk (*) has been used to indicate the amount advanced to the particular person."

Now, regarding the latter above, in which your article indicated that I did not submit an account of expenses, this is to advise you that I have in my file, copy of my statement of expenses for this trip submitted to the City of Torrance under date of Oct. 29, 1963, giving a complete breakdown of expenses to the Finance Department on my attendance of the 65th Annual Conference of the League of California Cities in San Francisco, Calif., from Oct. 20-23, 1963, and to which I have the bottom of the city's voucher attached to my file copy. You were definitely in error on this and I do not appreciate your misleading the public.

"Your Right to Know the Truth Is the Key to Your Success" is the motto of your newspaper and I think you certainly have an obligation to your readers to live up to it in trying to report the truth to the public. During the time I was on the city council, I never attended a convention out of the State of California at the taxpayers' expense and tried to limit myself to one convention a year.

Sincerely yours,
NICK DRALE

(Editor's Note: The Press-Herald has made another check of city records regarding the trip to San Francisco for the annual convention of the League of California Cities and can find no record of the account of expenses to which Mr. Drale refers. Finance Director William Dundore advises us, however, that it is possible the list has been lost or misplaced. We have no reason for doubting Mr. Drale, especially since other expense accounts submitted by him are complete and include supporting documents.)

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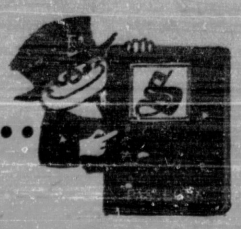

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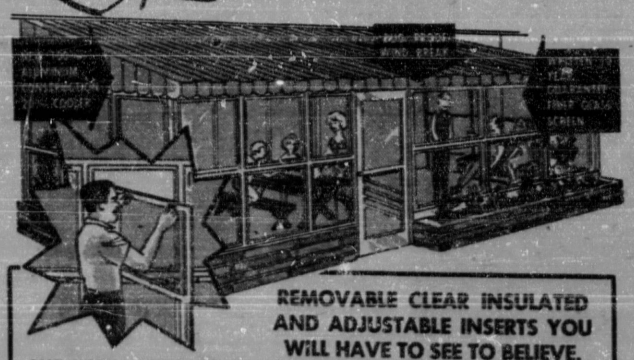

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