

THE MIXING BOWL

BY Anne Allan

Holiday greetings to everyone! For the New Year's party make the occasion gay and the food good. We realize there's not much time to make any change in your plans so any ideas are for last-minute preparations.

Decorate the windows to make the party more secluded. We suggest you mix 2 tablespoons Epsom salts with 3 tablespoons water and, using a small piece of cellulose sponge dab it on your two front windows. In about half an hour there will be frosted panes. Then outline trees and a snowman, etc. by sketching with the rubber end of a pencil. By the way we have never had much effect from using vegetable coloring to moisten the salts and remind you that you may stain the pastel paint on the window frames with the coloring.

Did you know that pine incense sprinkled in one deep ash tray makes a pleasant atmosphere for non-smokers and a festive aroma.

The centerpiece for your table may be the large sandwich tray with a grapefruit in the middle. Cut the grapefruit in the morning using the same method as you do for a radish rose then turn upside down in a small bowl filled quarter full of ice water colored deep red. Use the grapefruit to hold the toothpicks spearing olives, hickories and tiny onions.

For zippy omelets mix a half lb. chopped pecans with 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons Worcester-shire sauce and a dash of cayenne. Heat over boiling water until hot

and spread on triangles of toast or crisp wafers.

Suggestions for festive sandwich fillings—

(1) Scrambled eggs with chives. Beat 4 eggs with 4 tablespoons milk and add 1 teaspoon chives. Cook over low heat with 2 tablespoons bacon fat in the pan.

(2) Cheese and sardine. Melt three quarters cup grated old cheese with quarter cup milk and 1 tablespoon chili sauce. Meanwhile butter trimmed rectangles of bread. On these place lay small sardines. Then spoon the cheese sauce over the fish.

(3) Pine and nut. Stone and chop cooked prunes then mix with chopped walnuts.

(4) Turkey. Dice cold turkey, season with celery salt and minced dillweed.

Additions to the sandwich tray may be water rolls filled with tuna salad and cut in two-inch pieces, small cheese ice biscuits or finger rolls stuffed with lobster paste.

Now for an attractive holiday dessert! Mince-meat tarts are hearty and can be made to suit the occasion by laying a piece of pastry cut out with a bell or star cookie cutter on the tarts before baking. Warm before serving to bring out the mellow flavor. On the smooth soft side of the palate there are desserts like Rainbow Jellied Fruit Ice Cream Sundae or Seafoam Refrigerator Cake.

Seafoam Refrigerator Cake
5 lb. marshmallows
1 cup milk
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup crushed drained pineapple

1 cup cream whipped
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
8 Graham crackers
8 Large ginger snaps

Cut marshmallows and add to milk in double boiler. Cook until melted stirring until smooth. Cool. Fold in walnuts, pineapple and vanilla. Roll crackers and wafers to fine crumbs. Place half the crumbs in a 6-inch refrigerator pan or two ice cube trays. Pour marshmallow mixture over crumbs. Top with remaining crumbs. Place in refrigerator overnight. Cut into squares. Serve with whipped cream. Makes 8 servings.

The Punch Bowl
Nothing like a spicy drink on a frosty night served steaming hot from the bowl. Simmer 2 quarts grape juice or cider with 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 teaspoon whole allspice, 1 teaspoon cinnamon and a few whole cloves for 15 minutes. Remove spices, add brandy, flavoring and orange slices. Serve hot.

However if you want to see the look of pleasant surprise watch your friends as they sip a blend of chocolate and coffee. Melt half a pound sweet cooking chocolate over hot water then add 1 cup strong coffee. Scald 6 cups milk and stir in chocolate mix. Keep hot. Makes one and a half quarts.

For a punch bowl use the large bowl of the electric mixer with Christmas seals on it or the old-fashioned crock on which you inscribe "Happy New Year" using nail polish.

With the typesetter's aid may we add his wishes and ours for the best health, wealth and happiness in 1951.

HIGH COMMISSIONER

The first High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Southern Rhodesia has just been appointed. He is Mr. M. R. MacLennan who will take up his post in Salisbury, next February.

WORLD HARMONY

Grace Noll Crowell
The thing mankind is seeking blindly for
After the devastation of mad war
Is the harmony of nations, the
white peace.
That miracle whose actions should
increase
Good will among the peoples of the
earth.

We have forgotten how the angels sang
Their clear hosannas, the triumphant
words that rang
Above the fields that firm for
Christmas night
Too long we have forgotten how
the white
Stars echoed to the peace that was
proclaimed.
To the good will chorus, and that
Christmas named
The Ambassador from heaven to
all men.

Oh that the angels' song might
ring again!
Oh that mankind might see the
dark clouds rift,
And accept with childlike faith
God's perfect gift!

If the troubled earth would turn
and kneel as one
In sincere reverence before God's
Son
Borders would fade and dark six-
pennons cease.

There would be harmony, there
would be peace.

Gripping Thoughts Of Driver Recorded

A gripping story that cannot help but make everyone stop and think is the following called simply "Hospital Waiting Room". The thought of this story will perhaps make the district safer for everyone.

"I've been at the hospital for the past hour waiting and praying — praying as I have never done before. For if the little fellow they brought here doesn't recover, then God help me, I'm a murderer."

Sure the police measured the tire marks and no charge is being laid but if that tow haired valet doesn't live, I've killed him just as surely as if I'd put a pistol to his head and pulled the trigger.

Several people who saw the whole thing say that I'd no chance to avoid him. I know better. Common sense should have warned me that besides the group of kids who scattered when I blew the horn, there might be one or two others hiding between the parked cars. Surely I, with two kids of my own, should have been prepared for the unexpected actions of a youngster happily playing unaware of his danger. My young Billie and Sally have given me plenty of lessons about children's behaviour, but when it came to the real test, I ignored them. Had a meeting to attend after supper and was in a hurry to get home.

Did you ever see a sturdy little chap lying quite still, one leg bent from the bow, blood oozing from his head? I'd give my right arm if I'd never had to see it. He whimpered a little as the ambulance men lifted him—and it was then I started praying. And that's what I'm doing here at this hospital, praying and thinking.

I'm thinking of the father and mother of that boy. How can I possibly face them? I'm thinking of his vacant chair at the table, his rumpled bed, his torn britches, the scuffed shoes that led him to so many exciting adventures. I'm thinking of the man he might have been—perhaps a great surgeon, a scientist or engineer. Countless lives might have been spared by his skill. It's not pleasant to think I'm responsible for their fate, too.

I don't think I'll ever drive again. Probably I will, as time goes on. But, right now I don't want to see that shining monster that used to get so much attention. Sure, it's a good car with good brakes and so on—but a car can be only as safe as the fellow who drives it.

Waiting and praying — it seems like days I've been sitting here, not just minutes. They've taken the lad to the operating room. Soon I'll know. There's not a thing I can do but wait and pray — wait and pray. Oh Lord, please make everything all right.

NOT TIP

During the horse-racing season at Golden Gate Fields, buses leave from our nearby town every half hour until the first race. On one occasion my husband and I were among the passengers bound for the races to make a "killing". Arriving at the track, the bus driver opened the door, but before the passengers began to leave he called out, "Would anybody like a good tip today on how to make some money?"

"Of course several of us called out, 'Yes'."

"Well, then," quipped the driver, "keep your seat on this bus and go back to town with me." — The Reader's Digest.

EGGS-ACTLY RIGHT

Mr. Jones: "Two eggs please. Don't fry them a second after the whites are cooked. Don't turn them over. Not too much fat. Just a small pinch of salt on each. No pepper. Well, what are you waiting for?"
Waiter: "The hen's name is Betty. Is that all right, sir?"

Chronicles



Written Specially for The Acton Free Press by Gwendoline F. Clarke

Again the time has come to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

How sincerely I wish it! I would like to think that each and every one of you will have reason to greet the new year with hope and thanksgiving. Thanksgiving because we are a free people and therefore able to hope, with a fair chance that our hopes will be realized.

And after all how could we live without hope and faith? Hope and faith are as necessary to life as bread and water.

Perhaps when we say in greeting "A Happy New Year" we don't really give the matter much thought. Happiness after all is a relative term. It depends a lot on what we already possess. A child, for instance, with very little to amuse him, is happy if only one new and unbroken toy is given him. Another child used to almost everything that money can buy is dissatisfied because having so much it takes more and more to please him.

Perhaps too much generosity is as unfulfilling as meanness.

Yes, now is the time when everyone, more or less, takes time out after the Christmas and New Year celebrations to relax. The holiday season was a lovely time but when it is over there comes a time of quiet contentment. In most homes there has been a family gathering, each has remembered other members of the family with friendliness and goodwill. Gifts have been exchanged big and small and as we look them over afterwards it is often the "token" gift that warms our heart the most. Or maybe the friendly letter from a comparative stranger who wrote "just because she wanted to send her good wishes." I know because I get quite a few of that kind myself.

Now we can look back and remember it all. Or at least we can remember the nice things and forget the others. The joy of having our family with us once again, the depth of their affection remains with us like the warm glow of a fire on the hearth after the dancing flames have died away.

Each in his or her own way will greet this new year, 1951. It does not seem very long since we were having the same thoughts for 1950, does it? And yet a lot has happened since then.

Well, maybe it is just as well that a crystal ball is not part of our equipment for living. Most of us have our pet worries—and half the things we worry about never happen anyway. But imagine if we knew if we knew beyond a shadow of doubt that a great fortune or a great sorrow — was coming our way? No it wouldn't do. We just couldn't take it.

Yet there are times, are there not, when we would give anything to know the immediate future. Before Christmas Tommy gazes spell-bound at the mysterious parcels under the tree. . . . If only he knew what was in them! Big brother Bill, equally spell-bound, gazes at Alma, wondering if he dare ask that all important question. And he would — if only he knew what her answer would be! Parents enduring the adolescent stage of their youngsters, watch them with anxious eyes. If they only knew—if they only could be sure of this with the wisdom of years and the loneliness that accompanies it, realize they cannot keep pace with the younger generation. They try to be helpful. If only they knew — if they could only be sure, that they were still needed and loved.

Every age has its problems — none can really foresee the future, so that each of us, without knowing the answer, must do that which he thinks to be best.

And now I must close but before I go let me tell you a secret. Read the first letter of every paragraph in this column, put them together, and you will find my new year's message to you. But since, as I write it, it isn't even Christmas, I shall have a lot more to tell you when next I write. Until then—goodbye, and "God bless us every-one!"

Fashion Hint



Simply lovely are soft jersey gowns that flow with a grace that comes from confidence in their own beauty. The loose-fitting bodice of the pictured dress is a feature that adds just as much character as the more noticeable all-round pleated skirt. In this particular California model, the sleeves are three-quarter length dolman. This is the kind of dress that calls for an odd hat as impractical as only a woman's hat can be!

BUTTER SALES UP

Butter sales for 1950 are continuing to show an increase over those of 1949, according to figures released by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

SECRETARY-TREASURER WANTED

For North Halton High School District Board

Applications will be received by the undersigned for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the North Halton High School District Board until January 5th, 1951. Applications will be dealt with at the Board meeting on Wednesday, January 10th, 1951, and applicants may interview the Board at that meeting if they so desire. The meeting will be held at the Council Chamber in Milton. Particulars as to duties, etc may be secured from

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Some people pick their investments almost as recklessly as the gamblers who take a lot of horses starting in a race, close their eyes and jab a pin into the paper. Then they bet their money on the horse whose name has been picked by the pin. This "method" sometimes works as well as any other, but one rarely hears of anyone getting rich that way. Selecting an investment is a serious business. We know that the safest and best investments are those in companies which produce or handle products which the people must have, whatever happens.

With this in mind we have selected four companies which produce or handle some of those essential commodities whose market is assured in peace or war.

THE INTERNATIONAL NICKEL COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED



After the 1929 market crash we again recommended this stock. A letter to our clients, dated June 20th, 1932, suggested that they

should buy Nickel at the then price of \$44. Present market price is around \$38.00. Earnings for 1950 will probably be around \$3.00 per share. Dividends \$2.00 per share. The Company is the world's largest producer of nickel, platinum and palladium, and is fifth among the world's copper producers. Because International Nickel products are in such demand that it has become necessary to ration the supply, and because we see no reason to believe the demand will slacken to any appreciable extent, we recommend International Nickel common stock as a worthwhile investment, at current prices.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN OIL COMPANY LIMITED

BA Oil produces petroleum products, including crude oil, motor and aviation gasoline, lubricating oils, highway and building material, etc. Sales are at all time high, and should increase because of expanded facilities. Earnings have been consistently good, but the expansion undertaken in recent years has eaten into profits. Purchase of this company's stock now should pay off handsomely in the future. Dividend rate \$1.00.



In 1932 we recommended the purchase of The British American Oil Company Limited's shares. They were then selling at \$8 1/2. Current market price around \$27.00 per share.

We consider BA Oil attractive at its present price, especially in view of the huge amounts of money which have been ploughed back into the company.

LOBLAW GROCETERIAS CO. LTD.



This Company operates 128 stores strategically located in centres of population.

Growth has been steady and is continuing. Although profits of only 2 cents on the dollar are made, yet good management and the vast amount of business done — sales for the year ended June 3rd, 1950, amounted to \$101,002,197 — enabled the Company to make a profit of \$2,185,315, of which \$1,035,415 was paid out in dividends. We recommend Loblaws Groceries Class "A" stock as an attractive investment when it was selling at \$9.00 a share. It is now around \$32.00 a share. Dividend \$1.00 plus 25 cents extra.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA

The company owns and operates the most important telephone system in Ontario and Quebec. It services close to 2,000,000 telephones, and has a huge backlog of applications for more installations.



In June of this year there were 60,000 shareholders whose average holdings were 106 shares . . . currently selling around \$40.00 per share. Dividend is \$2 per annum and the company has a 60 years unbroken dividend record. Whilst only modest appreciation in market value can be looked for, Bell Telephone is a good sound stock, eminently suitable for investors who want safety, good dividends and a reasonable chance of capital growth.

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EDMUND GWENN and Charles Coburn threaten the domestic happiness of a movie family in a battle over the affections of Spring Byington in this laugh sequence from Universal-International's hilarious comedy hit, "Louisa", the special New Year's Eve midnight show attraction at the Roxy, Acton. The new film, a delight for all members of the family, also stars Ronald Reagan and Ruth Hussey and is the debut film for lovely Piper Laurie, left.