BOARD & BATTEN

Keeping the home fires burning

Glenda's Kitchen Kapers

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As I was looking for a potato recipe to share as a roll call at our February W.I. meeting, I was amazed at how many ways you can spruce up that potato. In our house it is not a meal unless potatoes are served. Bert loves his mashed potatoes but has learned to eat them in other ways as well. He does not like escalloped potatoes because he got them morning, noon and night when he was on a western harvest exchange before we were married. If he didn't have escalloped potatoes he had rice and I was told early on that he really didn't want me to prepare those dishes. (I do once in a while and get away with it.) I served the following recipe and Bert still thought it was escalloped potatoes. It was nice for a change.

CARROT - POTATO CASSEROLE

- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 1 medium onion, peeled and sliced
- 4 medium carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 can (10 oz) condensed soup (I used celery but potato, chicken or mushroom would work as well)

In lightly greased 8" square baking pan, layer potatoes, then onion, then carrots. Combine soup with 1 soup can water. Pour over vegetables. Bake covered at 350°F for 30 minutes, uncover and bake 30 minutes more or until vegetables are tender. Makes 4 to 6 servings. I halved it and we ate it

CRISPY CHEESE TOPPED POTATOES

- 4 medium sized potatoes, washed and sliced 1/4" thick
- 3 tbsp. butter, melted
- 1½ cups grated cheddar cheese
- 2 cups cornflakes, crushed to 1 cup crumbs Paprika

Dip potato slices in melted butter. Place, slightly overlapping in a foil-lined and greased large, shallow baking pan. Sprinkle lightly with salt. Bake at 375°F for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle with cheese. Top with crushed corn flakes and and sprinkle lightly with paprika. Return to oven and bake about 25 to 30 minutes longer or until potatoes are tender. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

CREAM OF POTATO SOUP

- 5 cups raw potatoes, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- onion, sliced
- cup cold water 2 tsp. salt (or less)
- 2½ cups milk
- 3 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 tbsp. chopped parsley (optional)

Cook potatoes, onion, and celery in 1 cup water until all vegetables are cooked. Mash in liquid. Add butter, milk and heat to boiling point. Serves 6.

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It's time to finish up the home renovations. Time to finish framing, drywalling, painting, trimming, papering, repainting, wiring, and yes finally decide in which position the bathtub will fit so the work can be finished.

Spring only three weeks away and an airtight game plan has to be in effect

before things hit the proverbial fan. The annuals and herbs need

to be started, cuttings need to be taken from geraniums, and tubers like canna lilies can be divided and potted up.

If maple syrup is on the agenda this spring, it won't be long before the days

are sunny and above freezing so find the spiles, clean pails the and start

gathering firewood. hen you see little those icicles hanging from the branches you know the sap's on the move.

If wood duck watching is planned for summer, hanging a

nesting box in a tree out over the water might be easier now if the water is still "stiff." The other bird boxes need to be painted but can wait for fairer weather to be hung. Hopefully our winter birds haven't been forgotten, since food supplies will be running low

until the snow is gone. And finally, our pets, the ones occupying the end of the couch for the last three months, will soon be ranging a little farther from home than they should. For your protection and theirs, be sure to update all vaccinations, especially Rabies. Check with your local vet for a clinic near you.

Play it safe and have a great Spring.

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