



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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Hurrying Up to Wait!

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CHANUTE FIELD, AAF TRAINING COMMAND—

As I've said before in this column, you're always hurrying up to wait for something in the Army.

The other day I was figuring how much time I've waited.

In the first place, after enlisting, I waited eight months before I was ordered into uniform.

And then I waited in a long line to get my uniform.

And that was just the beginning.

I stood in line for my toxic, typhoid, tetanus, and yellow fever shots. I've waited for my meals, my pay, my dental and physical inspections, war bonds and stamps, for this, for that.

A flyer tell you how many flying hours he has.

I'll tell you how many waiting minutes I've had—5,050!

You learn patience, I guess, in this man's Army.

HIGHLAND PARKER WITH PATTON . . .

Lt. (j.g.) Hank Wilder, away out in the blue Pacific, writes, telling me friend Bob Walker of Highland Park is with Gen. Patton's hard-fighting Third Army.

I remember Bob in college. We played football together at Washington and Lee university. Bob was one of the best guards I've ever seen. That boy is rugged!

'No wonder the Nazis are fleeing . . .

WHO'S INDISPENSABLE? . . .

A sergeant, who says "dis" and "dat" now and then, and some other non-coms were having a bull session the other evening.

Somehow they got on the subject of what men are and what are not indispensable.

A corporal said he thought there was only one indispensable man—the President of the United States.

The sergeant pondered a moment and then said . . .

"Naw I don't agree. The most valuable man is the fellow who sits way up there in the wild blue yonder and watches over us. He's the only man we can't do without."

KIND OF SAD . . .

There he was — a corporal, his shot up, heavily-bandaged leg, torn by enemy fire, in North Africa, casually thrown over the seat in front of him at one of the GI movies here.

He had seen me at a soldier ball game I was covering for the newspapers.

When he noticed me in the show that night he asked:

"Boy! Did you see that blond out at the game today?"

"No."

"What? You missed that chick? Wow! Was she stacked! Boy, I could really go for her. But I was afraid she wouldn't pay much attention to me because of this d— leg. She was really nifty."

And then the movie started. And he turned around, slumped down in his seat, and all you could see was the top of his head and his bandaged foot sticking up.

ON LOSING COMBS . . .

Doggone!

Do you lose your pocket combs regularly, too?

I seem to lose mine all the time.

A LEVELING POWER . . .

Emerson said there's always some leveling power that puts down the rich, the mighty, the strong, the critical (I add) on the same ground with all others.

As a youth I remember — although I was told not to by my parents — I used to tease children wearing glasses, calling them four-eyes, and so on.

And now I wear glasses.

I used to tease boy friends who had wavy hair, too, saying it was sissy.

And now, suddenly, my hair is starting to waver!

for physical fitness, toughening him for terrain and temperature found in fighting fronts around the world.

Lt. Norman completed four years at the local high school and two years at Swarthmore college, majoring in mathematics and dentistry. He has traveled in Mexico, Italy, Austria, Hungary and Germany as well as in western and French Canada.

He will shortly be assigned to a tactical unit where he will be in charge of maintaining the communications of his outfit. He will head a group of enlisted men specialists. It is groups such as these that are enabling the AAF to operate in a well-knit campaign over Europe.

RAF Pilots Guests Of The John Tethers

Mrs. John Tether, 145 S. Green Bay, is hostess this week to two members of the ROF, Sgt.-Pilot Derek Haywood and Sgt.-Pilot Michael Hands, who will report in 10 days to their new base at Three Rivers, Quebec.

At a party which she gave in their honor Tuesday evening, there were present two fellow graduates of the Carberry, Manitoba, flying school, Sgt.-Pilot Tom Hedges and Sgt.-Pilot Richard Butters, who are now stationed in Chicago.

Lieut. George Clark Expected Home Shortly

Lt. (j.g.) George Clark, of the Coast Guard, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, 643 Vine, is expected in town, with his wife and young son, for a visit next week.

George Spurgeon Clark was born on June 20, the birthday of his Aunt Marilyn, at New London, Conn., where Lt. George is stationed as instructor. The mother is the former Mary Ellen Spurgeon of Detroit.

Mrs. Clark and daughter, Marilyn, recently returned from a visit to New London.

Hard Work, Little Sleep For Pfc. George Berube

Stationed with the airborne engineers aviation battalion in France, Pfc. George Berube, husband of Mercedes Berube of Chicago, writes of working an 18-hour day shift with small chance to sleep at night because of the sounds of battle. Entering the service in October, 1942, he has been stationed in France since early June. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berube, 318 N. Green Bay.

Moon Is Now Over Illinois

Last week the Fred Moons, 598 Homewood, received a flying (!) visit from their son, Lt. Robert Moon, of the AAF. He was given leave before transferring from Alliance, Neb., to George Field, Lawrenceville, Ill. Lt. Moon is an instructor in glider flight, specializing in "glider snatching."

While home he had the pleasure of giving his youngest brother, Verne, his first airplane ride, to Kansas City, Sedalia and other points. Verne ("Buster"), already in the service, expects to be called soon. "Much as I want the war to end," he says, "I'd like to get my uniform first."

Pvt. Lloyd, another brother, is seeing England via ambulance. Cpl. "Bud" Moon is stationed in New Guinea, where, among other friends, he has contacted Sgt. Chester Skid-

more, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Skidmore, 332 N. St. Johns, and Lt. James Garrity, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garrity, 224 Burchill, Highwood.

Former Highland Parker Is Promoted in China

Word has been received here that John H. Stratford, of the signal corps, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant at his post in China. Formerly stationed in Africa, then in India, he has been in China for the last four months.

Two brothers, Sgt. Alfred and Cpl. Leonard, when last heard from, were stationed in Italy. They are the sons of Mrs. Elizabeth Stratford, now of Los Angeles, but formerly of Highland Park. Two sisters live in this vicinity — Mrs. Leslie Kempe of Highwood and Mrs. Joseph Koopman of Highwood Park.

Old Friends Meet In South Pacific

Pvt. Frank Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warren, 1540 S. St. Johns, Ravinia, recently experienced a joyous thrill over in New Guinea, where he is now stationed.

It happened this way. Pvt. Warren was detailed to obtain some soil with which to lay the floor of his chaplain's tent. On his errand he spied a bulldozer (steam shovel, to you.) Aha, he thought, here's luck. It would be much easier and quicker to gather in one scoop what would otherwise take much time and perspiration to obtain. "Hi!" he sang out.

"Hi, yourself!" came the reply, and two heads popped out at him.

It was here that Pvt. Warren nearly swooned, for the heads be-

longed to no other than two old friends, T/4 Paul Buller and T/4 Ike Perry. A little later he contacted T/5 Bud Moon, and the four spent a happy Sunday together.

Pvt. Warren was graduated from the local high school in 1938, and attended Northwestern university for two years. He was employed by the Pfanzstiel Company at the time of his entering the service in Nov., 1943. In May, 1944, he left this country for the Pacific. He has a son nearly one year old. His wife is the former Elsie Schadowitz, 631 Vine.

Polio Victim Is Improving

Miss Delora Schemaecker, 1900 S. Sheridan, who was stricken with polio last week, is reported to be improving in an Evanston hospital. It is believed that she will in time make full recovery.

Miss Schemaecker, who is 18 years of age, is a graduate of the 1944 high school class.

BIDS FAREWELL TO THE GOONEY BIRD

Preston C. Root, P.O.3/c, electrician's mate, of Deerfield, has left Midway, the home of the gooney — that naive and fascinating bird which must be taught to fly — and is now stationed at a new base in the Pacific area. He is the husband of Glenn Root, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Root, Sr., 938 Osterman, Deerfield.

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In The Nation's Service

S/Sgt. Richard Wagner, son of Mrs. Eleanor Wagner, 107 Pleasant, Highwood, will spend the last of his 30 day leave at home this week, reporting to Miami, Fla., for reclassification on Sept. 8.

S/Sgt. Wagner, of the 6th Air Force, weather department, entered the service 26 months ago. He trained in Panama and spent a year and a half in Peru and Ecuador.

Transportation in these parts is by means of truck, plane or burro. The principal language is Spanish, in which the soldiers have become quite fluent.

Among the souvenirs which the sergeant brought with him are fine pieces of Peruvian-made jewelry some soft llama-wool blankets.

Pfc. Russell Frost has returned to his base after a furlough spent in Deerfield with his mother, Mrs. Beckman of the Deerfield News Agency.

A/C Walter A. Malmquist has just reported for duty at the Big Spring bombardier school, in Texas, where he will begin his bombardier training.

The Big Spring bombardier school, one of the world's largest bombing colleges, graduates a new class of highly trained bombardiers every three weeks. The course lasts 18 weeks and includes 6 weeks of pilotage and dead reckoning navigation. The bombardier is that important member of the aerial combat crew upon whose ability, accuracy and precision rests the success of each bombing mission. His performance in the many theaters of war has already earned for him the name of that "hell from heaven" man.

Young Malmquist has been in the service for two years, the first two being connected with radar work.

Chief Petty Officer James Malmquist, A/C/M/M, USN, has seen four years of service, and has been stationed in the Pacific area since September, 1943. Both are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Malmquist, 2708 West Park Ave.

Nine soldiers from Chicago and the Chicago area who were wounded in France, Italy and the South Pacific were decorated with the Purple Heart last week at an outdoor ceremony at Vaughan General hospital, near Maywood. Brig. Gen. Percy J. Carroll, commanding officer, presented the medals.

Among those honored was Pvt. Sperandi "Speed" Carani, son of Carlo Carani, 585 Glenview, who was wounded in the abdomen during the Italian campaign.

Pvt. James Fleager, of the army

infantry, formerly stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, is now located on the island of Guam. He has been in the service for 19 months. His sister, Mary Frances, yeoman, 3/c, of the WAVEs, is stationed at Navy Pier. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Fleager, 559 Forest Ave.

Pvt. Albert G. Mini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Nordini, 321 Grove, Highwood, has enrolled in the AAF training command, B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. Here he will be trained in heavy bombardment aircraft maintenance and emergency flight procedures. The instructors for this course are experienced war veterans.

Pvt. Ralph Ori is spending a 10-day furlough at his home at 1 Walker Ave., Highwood, with his wife and infant son, Gerald Allen, born August 20. Pvt. Ori has been in the service nearly a year, and is at present stationed at San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Pvt. Allan Gerkin of the signal corps, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gerkin, 696 Central. He is now stationed at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., where he is studying radio.

Pvt. Thomas Lehey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lehey, 1311 Deerfield, is now stationed at Camp Claiborne, La. A local high school alumnus, he received his degree in radio engineering at Chicago Technical college, entering the service in November, 1943.

Cpl. James McGee, paratrooper, stationed at Camp McCall, N. Carolina, recently spent a short leave with his mother, Mrs. Willie Carney, 203 Sheridan, Highwood. In his early training, Cpl. McGee suffered a back injury which has resulted in delaying overseas service.

Robert Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norman of Bannockburn, was awarded the gold bars of a second lieutenant today at graduation exercises of the Army Air forces training command school at Yale university. Graduation ceremony was held in the auditorium of the Sterling Law building before a large audience of classmates and friends.

Rated as a technical officer in communications, he is now prepared to assume the duties with tactical units of the army air forces, according to Col. Raymond J. Reeves, commanding officer. In addition to the classroom work, much of his schedule has included intensive training

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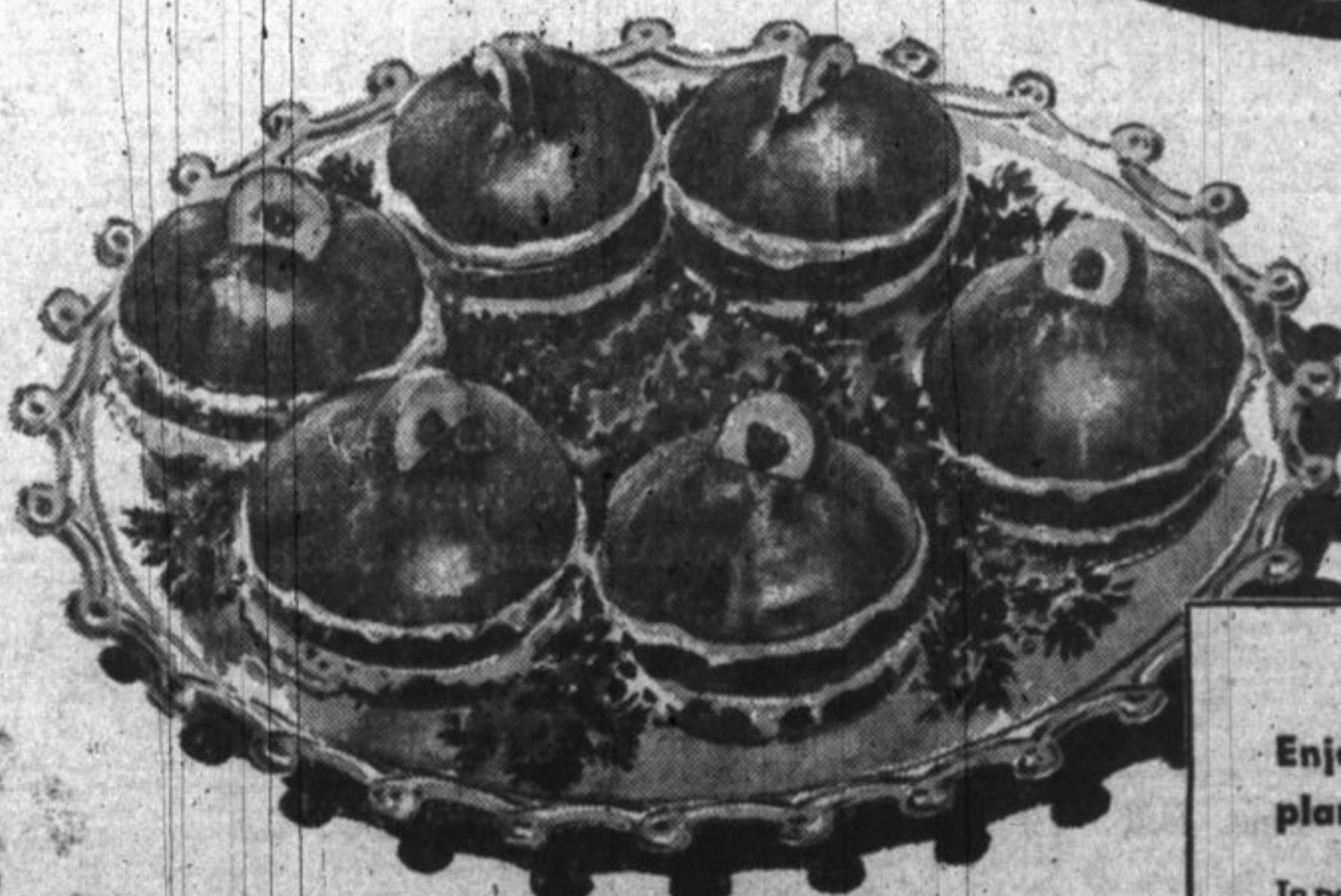
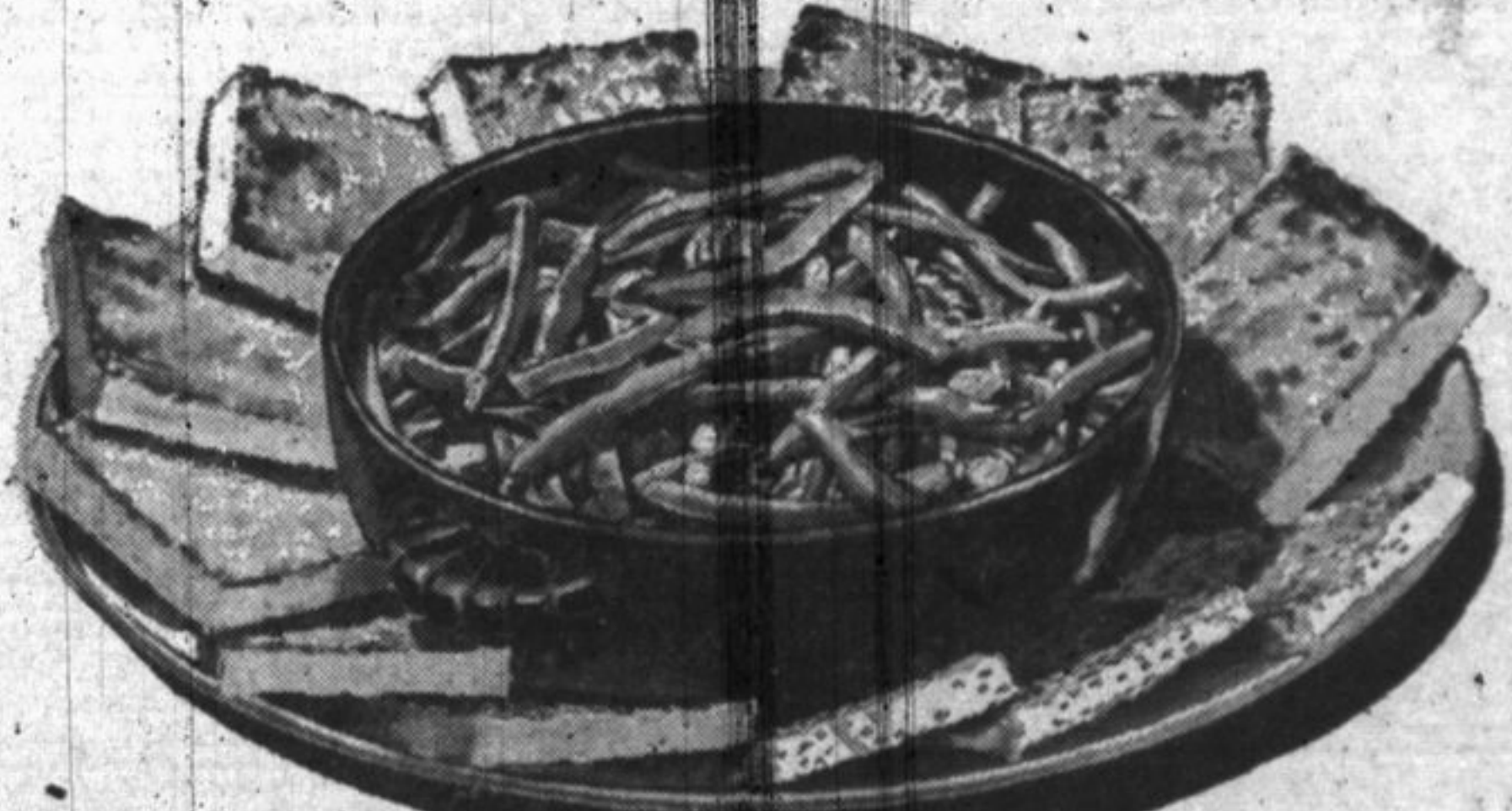
HOT STRING-BEAN SALAD

In a skillet-cook 1/2 lb. bacon, cut in 1/4" squares, until golden-brown. Pour hot bacon bits and fat over 3 lbs. hot cooked unseasoned string beans. Toss in 1 1/2 cups thinly-sliced scallions, 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, and 1/2 cup vinegar. Serve immediately. Serves 6 to 8.

Oatmeal Squares

1/2 cup butter or
vitaminized margarine
1 cup brown sugar, firmly
packed.
2 cups quick-cooking
oats
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder

Melt butter in skillet; stir in brown sugar, then remaining ingredients. Mix well. Pack into a greased and floured 8" x 8" x 2" pan. Bake at 350° F. 15 min. While still hot, cut into squares; remove from pan when cool. Makes sixteen 2" squares.



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TOMATO GLOBES

Cut 6 peeled tomatoes into thirds crosswise; sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Spread fish filling on bottom slice of each tomato; cover with middle slice and spread with egg filling. Replace top slice, cut gash in center and insert slice of stuffed olive. Chill well and serve garnished with watercress or other salad greens. Makes 6 servings.

Fish Filling: Combine 1 cup drained flaked tuna fish or salmon, 6 tbsps. mayonnaise, 2 tbsps. lemon juice, dash of cayenne; mix well.

Egg Filling: Combine 3 chopped hard-cooked eggs, 3 tbsps. mayonnaise, 1/4 cup chopped stuffed olives, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1/4 tsp. salt, dash of pepper; mix well.



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