



PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

A FEW EVERGREEN AND LOTS OF GOOD CHEER WILL DECORATE THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS TABLES

No Ostentation of Synthetic Glitter for War-Time Hospitality—Simple Friendly Themes Prevail in Table Settings

The simplicity and friendliness of Christmas hospitality this year is far more appropriately symbolic of the true Christmas idea than the more ornate affairs we went in for during opulent years. For in the very beginning of the Christian era, the preaching against luxury and display inaugurated a more wholesome unpretentious type of hospitality by contrast to the lavish feasts that had characterized the entertainments of the Romans, Greeks and Egyptians. The new way was to share bread with the stranger at the gate, to offer hospitality for its own sake rather than from a sense of vanity or a desire to impress.

Gatherings of Friends

So it is that this year, after an epoch of ostentation and glamor our Christmas entertaining will center about plain family affairs, and gatherings of friends for unpretentious home evenings instead of big blow-outs and displays. No tin angels, no plaster saints, no feather Christmas trees! A few boughs of evergreens, a few Christmas baubles, lots of good cheer—these are the ingredients for Christmas hospitality in a year like this. Here are specific ideas for tables that don't take a lot of doing or too many properties:

CHRISTMAS CAROL—A miniature tree for a centerpiece with a group of little Dickens figurines grouped around it. If you don't have the Dickens figurines, use little white cut-out silhouettes of Dickens figures, traced from illustrations at the library or from some of your favorite Christmas cards. Leave the dark wood table bare, and set each place with simple English dinnerware. Start up the old carols around the table after dinner has been cleared away—by singing at the table is one of the nicest things a family can do on holiday occasions.

FOREST OF CANDLES—Set the table with a dark green cloth—then arrange for the centerpiece a forest of tall white lighted candles. Have about two dozen of them in low matching glass holders or use jelly glass tops for candle holders, filling them with melted paraffin with little sprays of evergreens or holly or mistletoe stuck into each before it is hard.

OVERSEAS TABLE—If somebody in the family circle is overseas, you'll all like best a table with a world globe for a centerpiece. Surround it with a wreath of greenery and add perhaps a few bright tree balls. Or use a big map in place of a tablecloth with a nod to Christmas in the form of individual little boutonnières of holly or evergreens at each place—with a pin so they can be worn away from the table.

CHRISTMAS IN THE NEWS—An informal Christmas table could be set with historic-event from pages from current newspapers cut down to place mat size for each place—then for a centerpiece a miniature scene of Christmas on one of the battle fronts. Make this on a large shallow cookie tin filled with dirt and using little evergreen boughs arranged like trees in a forest, with little toy soldiers gathered around a makeshift Christmas tree decorated with a few tiny candles and what ornaments the boys on a fighting front could improvise. Let the children help with this little diorama, for they make such things at school and are good at it.

ITALIAN CHRISTMAS—Set the table with your best damask cloth, with a centerpiece (either a wreath or a garland) made of evergreens, laurel and small perfect fruit in Della Robbia arrangement. Italian pottery plates would be perfect on this table.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS—Simple red and white checked tablecloth, a basket of evergreens and pine cones,



This Christmas table was set by Eleanor Steber, American soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Association. Plates with opera scenes and music are used at each place, while round a miniature Christmas tree are grouped Miss Steber's collection of Dicken's figurines.

paper plates or else scenic plates, or some other informal ware.

SNOWY CHRISTMAS—A snowy white cloth, of either tulle or damask, then for a centerpiece a toy sled loaded with a miniature Christmas tree... with other small trees standing in forest arrangement.

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Twenty Years Ago

from the Porcupine Advance files

The issue of The Advance of Dec. 19th, 1923, was the Christmas number. The special feature of the issue was a section devoted to pictures of old days in Timmins, one view going back to the time when Timmins was being cut out of the bush. "This shows what Timmins looked like twenty years ago," said the Advance twenty years ago, adding that in the year 1923, over half a million dollars had been spent in buildings here. There were Christmas greetings from 36 business men of the camp in the greetings section. The first auto in the camp was shown also the recording office at Golden City as well as pictures of later days that now are old days. A feature of the issue twenty years ago was an article entitled, "The Golden Land of Porcupine", giving a history of the camp in brief with short references to the leading mines as they were in 1923. Another article headed, "Timmins a Good Town to Work in, a Fine Place to Live In", dealt with the town's history and development in the twelve years of its existence. Another article of much interest was headed:—"How the North Benefits the South". It was by Balmer Neilly, secretary of the Ontario Mining Association, and dealt in striking way with the advantages coming to the rest of Ontario through the development of the North Land. By fact and figures Mr. Neilly showed what the mines were doing for the rest of Ontario and for Canada.



Though war production is using most of the celanese yarns these days, there are still some lustrous damask cloths about of this modern miracle fibre. These cloths are not only very festive but they're more practical than linen in that they're easier to wash and iron.

twenty years ago, as well as other items on sports.

Reference was made in The Advance twenty years ago to the many prizes won at the Englehart Poultry Show by two South Porcupine fanciers, Messrs. W. D. Pearce and Herb Sullivan practically "cleaned up" on the prizes at the Englehart show.

Among the local items in The Advance twenty years ago were the following—"Mr. J. Ede, of Iroquois Falls, District Master of the L.O.L., was in Timmins Monday evening installing the officers of Timmins L.O.L. No 2552. During the evening Bro. J. J. Johnson was presented with a past Masters Jewel." "Mrs. Fligg left on Saturday for a two week's visit to Toronto." "Miss M. Macfarlane leaves to-morrow to spend her Christmas holidays at her home near Cobalt." "Mr. Harry Stuckey leaves this week to spend the holiday season in the South." "Mr. Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. commission, and Mr. Clement, superintendent of the line, paid a brief visit to Timmins on business, Monday." "Mr. and Mrs. J. Heppleston leave this week to spend Christmas with Mrs. Heppleston's mother, Mrs. A. Brazeau, of Ottawa." "Mr. James MacLean, of Wabewawa, near New Liskeard, is visiting his son, Mr. J. D. MacLean."

Further List of Donations to Milk Fund for Britain

Total of \$411.00 Collected Through Envelope Plan.

In last week's issue of The Advance there was a list of donations received from the citizens of Timmins through envelopes distributed and collected by Timmins Dairy and Korman's Dairy for the "Milk for Britain Fund," sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Timmins. The total collected in this way reached the amount of \$411.00. A further list of donors is given below. The donations are from Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine and the district:—

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In addition there were donations from the following:— A Friend of Little Children, Porcupine. Friend. Friend, Schumacher.

Make Breakfast Suit the Physical Needs of the Family

Many Need More than Fruit Juice, Coffee and Toast for Breakfast.

The breakfast planned in the accompanying menu is designed to feed a family of four. Each homemaker can translate it, however, to fit her individual needs.

It has been generally conceded that adults who do little physical work—such as light housekeeping, office, or even some types of factory work—need only a fruit or fruit juice, coffee and toast or a roll for breakfast.

However, more active workers need more than this. Children—even below school age—need much more. That is why this newspaper's menus always include cereal of some kind or a main dish as eggs, potatoes, fish or bacon. Any member of the family whose daily program is light should omit either the main dish or the toast and butter—according to his taste.

But the children should be encouraged to eat the breakfast as scheduled, unless a physician has advised to the contrary.

Candied Acorn Squash
4 acorn squash
2 tablespoons enriched margarine

3 tablespoons brown sugar
½ teaspoon salt
Black pepper
Wash squash, cut into eighths, remove the seeds and stem end. Put into a large saucepan, with half a cup of salted water, over low heat, to simmer for 6 minutes. Remove, or drain off water. Melt margarine, mix with sugar and salt, and cook parboiled squash therein, turning frequently. See that each slice is thoroughly coated, adding a little more sugar if necessary.
Friday's Menus to Serve Four.

Breakfast
Tomato juice with lemon
Soft-boiled egg on toast
Butter
Milk
Coffee
Lunch
Candied acorn squash
Bread
Butter
Mixed green salad
Milk or cocoa
Dinner
Baked porgies
Stewed tomatoes with onions
Creamed dried lima beans
Bread
Butter
Orange bread pudding
Tea
Milk

Three Births Registered in Timmins Last Week-end

Born — On December 5, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edmonds, Main Ave., — a daughter (Lyla Fay).
Born — On December 7, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jemmett, Hemlock St. — a son (Clifford Brian).
Born — On December 10, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leonard, Commercial Ave. — a son (Joseph, David, Leopold).

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An interesting table was published in the issue giving the production of gold in Ontario, year by year, from 1898 to date, 1923.

Announcement was made in the issue of Dec. 19th, 1923, of the matinee and concert to be held on Dec. 21st for the pupils of the public and separate schools. This matinee was sponsored by The Advance and the New Empire theatre. Needless to say it was a big event. A week after The Advance announcement of the big Christmas treat for the youngsters through the co-operation of Leo Mascioli and the New Empire theatre, there was announcement that the Kiwanis Club was to present a big community Christmas tree for the youngsters. The tree erected was 60 feet high and this feature attracted much interest. It was evident that the Christmas spirit was abroad in the land. Of course, the Turkey Stag was going then but not on the monster scale afterwards attained.

Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, had a message to the people of the town in the issue of The Advance twenty years ago. He thanked the electors for giving him an acclamation as mayor for 1924 and spoke of what had been accomplished by council in 1923 and planned for 1924. In concluding his letter he expressed best wishes to all for a merry Christmas and a glad new year.

Note was made in The Advance twenty years ago of the fact that Mrs. J. A. Thomas might be a candidate for the reëlection of Tisdale for 1924.

The bazaar held by the Altar Girls Society of St. Anthony's church twenty years ago netted about \$1000.00. The Advance twenty years ago had the following paragraph:—"Mr. Arch Gillies, B.A.Sc., O.L.S., is opening a surveying and engineering office in the Queen's hotel, Timmins, the first of the new year. Mr. Gillies, who is a graduate of Toronto University 1907, had had extensive experience in Northern Ontario in surveying, municipal engineering and power plant construction. He was bridge engineer and construction engineer for the Canadian Northern Railways for several years besides specializing two years in the West on power plant construction and bridge work, and five years in Southern Ontario on municipal engineering, surveying and mill construction. He served three years in the army, having been attached to the 7th Railway Troops in France. Mr. and Mrs. Gillies are spending the holiday season in Old Ontario, and on their return at the beginning of the year will take up residence on James street."

The following is from The Advance of twenty years ago:—"On Friday evening a very enjoyable time was spent by all who attended, when the teachers of the public and separate schools of Timmins, Schumacher, South Porcupine and Moneta entertained at a dance in the central school here. The best of music was supplied by Wolno's orchestra for the dancing. The refreshments served by the teachers were of the best. The dance broke up about half past one, all hoping that the teachers would hold another dance of this nature in the near future."

Considerable space was given in The Advance twenty years ago to the establishment in Timmins by G. J. Debnay, field secretary of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, of First Aid and Home Nursing classes. A detailed explanation of the good work was given with an appeal to the public for support.

The Schumacher bowling schedule for the season was given in The Advance