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NOTES and COMMENTS

Which Ham Is Best?

An amiable controversy has long engaged the more fastidious epicures, to wit: Is the left ham of the hog more tender, more juicy, more gracious to the palate than the right ham?

Champions of the left ham have a special argument which they advance: The pig, taking its rest, almost invariably lies upon the right side. Thus most of the weight of the animal is upon that ham, making the muscles stronger, more fibrous and therefore tougher.

Defenders of the right ham hold stubbornly that both hams are such wonderful victuals that it is mere-preciosity to make a distinction.

There is considerable doubt that conclusive decision in the matter will ever be reached. — Holiday Magazine.

Sensible Proposal

"After their experience this year, most people will say, 'it's about time,' when they hear of a bill now before the Senate," points out The Financial Post. This would have daylight saving start and end on the same day and hour throughout the country and also have the railways conform to the general practice established.

The bill is sponsored by Senator Euler. It's to be hoped that it receives more prompt and favorable attention than did his repeated motions to lift the ban on margarine.

If one had set out deliberately to create the most confusion he would have to be pretty smart to give us something more complicated than the present arrangement. Some parts of the country did not have daylight saving at all this summer; some started much earlier than others. When it came to ending the measure there was the same lack of uniformity. Most places were through months ago but a few cities in Ontario carried on until the week end before last.

During the war, daylight saving came into effect all over Canada at the same time and it also ended on a uniform date. Surely what ever authorities are necessary can get together and work out a similar sensible arrangement for peacetime.

The Municipal Election's Worth-While

It is not a good thing usually to blame anyone who forces a municipal election. After all, a council elected by the people feels better to have come into office by a popular vote, than perhaps be returned because nobody is concerned enough to contest a seat.

The cost is a mere pittance, especially in townships and villages, and if the choice of the people is not good, then they have themselves to blame to some extent. Naturally, those in whom confidence is placed have a big responsibility and this should not be overlooked.

The révé of Stouffville is returned for a sixth term at the head of the council, and this is his first election. Without the election having been held, he could not for certain feel that the people approved of his leadership. Now, it is up to him, to prize more than ever, the confidence placed in him. Any elected officer would feel the same, and we know the members of the 1950 council appreciate having been elected by ballot.

After all, too many people fail to appreciate the value of the ballot box. Just imagine what state we would be in if we were ruled solely by a government not responsible to the people, a government who might make it very serious for anyone who dared to criticize, no matter how tax rates soared, no matter how disagreeable a town "boss" named by a government might treat them.

The people of Stouffville polled over 53 per cent of the total vote. That is good representation, because in the remaining forty-seven per cent, there are the sick, the absentees, such as property owners who live far away.

Let us never treat lightly the municipal election event.

Only Beginning To Realize

Canadians are only beginning to realize how much their country has grown in the last 20 years, H. L. Enman, president of the Bank of Nova Scotia pointed out at the annual meeting in Halifax this week. "Compared with 1929," he said, "our economy has grown almost beyond recognition."

Mr. Enman cited the more than a third gain in population; a 50 per cent larger working force and a 75 per cent gain in physical volume of production. Then he added significantly, "The 13,500,000 Canadians of 1949 were, on the average, a good deal better off individually than were the 10,000,000 in 1929."

That's certainly pretty substantial growth for a country like Canada, but Mr. Enman sees the long-term prospects just as favorable. He mentions western oils and Quebec-Labrador iron as two new and major developments pointing in this direction.

Banker Enman, however, is cautious about the immediate or almost immediate future. Our twin problem, he says, is to boost our exports to the United States, accept more imports from Europe. Do that and he says, our major economic worries are solved. — Financial Post.

Sleds Still Prized

A big truck drew up behind a department store the other day and began to disgorge little sleighs that were carried into the store for the Christmas trade, notes the Ottawa Citizen.

Children's toys are constantly changing. Many simple playthings that delighted young Canadians in earlier generations have given place to mechanical toys. But the backbone of gift buying for children still is in dolls, candy, skates and sleighs and they have changed only moderately down through the years.

Hardly an adult Canadian but can recall his great joy when he found a sleigh under the Christmas tree. It may have been roughly made or highly ornamental, but to the child it was wonderful. In rural districts it was called a handsleigh to distinguish it from the big sleighs the horses hauled. In town it was often called a sled. It was no gift that a country child and a town youngster prized alike. Each could hardly wait to display it to his playmates and try it out on the nearest snow-covered hill.

An older man may recall that his sleigh was made by his father. Much love was put into the work and it required considerable ingenuity to keep the sled a secret for a Christmas morning surprise.

Many of the early sleds had hickory runners with no iron shoes and there was keen competition to see which would run the farthest at the foot of a snowy slope. Then came the iron runners and those sleds won. After that sleds appeared running on steel rods and they outclassed the older types.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



THE MIXING BOWL

By ANNE ALLAN
Hydro Home Economy

Best Christmas wishes to everyone! May your house be bright and gay and the people in it be cheerful and content with their lot.

It is easy to make a unique festive setting in your home these days with such variety of choice in wreaths, flowers, balls, bells, Santa Clauses, reindeer, sleighs, Christmas trees, church and snow scenes. It is wise to select one theme and one centre of attraction for a special decoration. It may be that your buffet is the centre. If so, the outline of a landscape may be sketched on the mirror with soft soap, then on the counter place a model of a church, or a skating scene may be designed, using your table mirror, cotton batten, imitation snow and driftwood branches, further decorated with miniature gadgets.

For a children's Christmas party setting, use Santa Claus paper tablecloth and over it place a clear plastic cover. In the centre, mold together a big Santa Claus head, using buttons for eyes, nose and mouth and don't forget to rouge his cheeks. Of course, you will need a piece of cone-shaped cellophane for his toque. To distribute the candies evenly at the table, we suggest Dixie cups with a tiny Santa Claus standing over each and you can ration out 3 or 4 small candies per Dixie cup.

For the coffee served at midnight, the scene takes on a Christmas air with a glowing Christmas candle on the tray or one large candle placed in an ash tray, surrounded with bits of cones tipped with color, in the centre of your serving tray.

There was a time when we used our best tablecloth for family gatherings but today we seem to use such things as pale blue foil, fastened together with Scotch tape to make a tablecloth, or red cellophane, sealed with silver tape, or any of the patterned tablecloths that come in extra large sizes. Paper serviettes also are attractive and can be made personal by the addition of each name in red crayon or gold pencil.

RECIPES

Grape Juice Cocktail
3 cups grape juice
3 cups ginger ale

Chill ingredients thoroughly, mix and serve. Add half a green maraschino cherry to each glass. This makes six servings.

Giblet Gravy

Gizzard, heart and neck of fowl
1 tsp. salt
4 tbsps. fat, left in roasting pan
4 cups cold water
½ Bay leaf
6 tbsps. flour

Cover the gizzard, heart and neck with cold water. Add salt, bay leaf and pepper. Bring to a boil then simmer, picking out any pieces of meat and bones. Blend in flour and cook until brown. Chop the giblet and pieces of meat fine, add to the thickened juice, keep it hot until serving, but do not boil.

Dressing for a Large Turkey
12 cups of soft bread crumbs
1½ tssps. pepper
½ cup melted fat
2 eggs, slightly beaten
third cup salt
4 tbsps. minced fried onions
2 tbsps. sage
1 cup chopped apple
1 cup chopped cooked celery

Prepare bread crumbs, measure into a bowl. Add the above ingredients, toss lightly together and stuff fowl.

Roasting Time for Poultry

Chicken
6 lbs. (undrawn weight) — 2 ½ hrs.
Goose
8 lbs. (undrawn weight) — 2 ½ hrs.
12 lbs. (undrawn weight) — 3 ½ hrs.
Turkey
10 lbs. (undrawn weight) — 2 ¾ hrs.
14 lbs. (undrawn weight) — 3 ¼ hrs.
18 lbs. (undrawn weight) — 4 hrs.
Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. and place the bird, breast side down for first hour of roasting. Remove from the oven for basting to prevent loss of oven temperature. When the bird is turned over, place strips of bacon or a thick paste of flour and dripping over the breast to keep the meat moist. (Be sure to salt well.)

SAYS TRADE WEAK



H. L. Enman, above, president of the Bank of Nova Scotia, dealt with the economic factors determining employment percentages and business health in his annual report to shareholders. Some of the economic forces that contributed to a high level of business and employment in the past year are losing their force he said. Export trade, particularly is slipping and when exports slip, it means difficulties for Canada, stated Mr. Enman.

New Vancouver pulp and paper mill will process B.C.'s timber waste, and new trees will be planted.

WASH ROOMS IGNORED HERE WILL HURT BUSINESS SOME DAY

For a year or more the rest rooms in Stouffville, or could such cubby holes be labelled even wash rooms, have been closed because of the dirty habits of those who made use of them. Probably if the wash rooms had been made a decent size in the first place and of such proportions that they could be properly called "rest rooms" greater respect might have been paid them, even by an unthinking public.

The day is coming when Stouffville will do well to provide such accommodation, again, because it was a backward step when the wash rooms in the municipal block were closed permanently.

Retail food outlets more and more are expanding their services with non-food departments, the convention of the Canned Foods Association of Ontario was told yesterday by Bert T. Huston of Toronto. Such departments already include toiletries, drug sundries, darning wool, picture books, doughnut machines, bakery goods sections and household hardware.

He noted that a store in Guelph recently opened a rest room and meeting place for groups of farmers and their wives. Sandwich and coffee bars, nurseries for babies and sim-

SAVES CHILD'S LIFE



Prompt action by his mother, Mrs. Charles Semark, Belleville, Ont., is credited with saving the life of her son, Bobby, one, who bit the top off a Christmas tree electric light bulb and swallowed part of it. Noticing him choking, she held him upside down and shook him until glass came out of his throat.

ar innovations are expected in grocery stores of the future.

Seasons Greetings

We pause a moment . . . to express our sincere wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity . . . and may you be blessed with many good friends to share your joys and triumphs.

"Lord in this hour be Thou our guide,
So by Thy power no foot shall slide."

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