Household News

by Lynn Chambers

Ice Cream—Perfect Dessert for a Shower
(See Recipes Below.)

Bridal Showers

Pretty, but practical—that's the cue for this year's bridal showers.

Chances are this year's bride will be an army or navy bride with but a whirlwind wedding with her husband on a short leave, so there won't be much time for the frills and fuss of other years.

Her plans will be sketchy, most probably, and very often they will not include a permanent home or bungalow. That means that bridal showers will be simple and inexpensive and gifts for the bride-to-be will include only things which are not too elaborate, and which can be packed in a small space in case she is to travel or take a small apartment by herself.

What kind of showers, then? Well, there are always the personal showers in which you give her lingerie or other personal toilet items that you know she needs or wants.

Another practical shower is the Kitchen Gadget shower. Get small items like dish mops, kitchen knives, forks, mixing spoons, dish cloths, soap flakes, clothes pins and a few sets of bowls. Glass sets are popular, coming three in a set, fitting together in a nest so they don't take up much room. They're practical plus, too, because they can be used for baking dishes if you get the heat-resistant kind.

Include measuring cups and spoons, custard cups and small skillets and pots in the kitchen gadget shower. A new bride will appreciate your thoughtfulness in getting necessities like these for her.

The Kitchen shower is extra nice because you can carry out table decorations in the theme of the shower. Make a bouquet of some of the items for a centerpiece and use the dishcloths for doilies or place mats.

Sewing Shower.

Spools of thread in a riot of bright colors tumbling out of an attractive sewing basket can make the centerpiece for this party both novel and economical.

There's a variety of things to give the bride in this kind of shower and none of them will strain the pocketbook—needles, hooks, snaps, darning thread, thimbles, etc.—all these are "musts" on the bride's list.

Recipe Showers.

Is the bride-to-be interested in cooking? Most of them are, and if they are not, they will be soon. That's why recipe showers get "most popular" rating often. For this shower you and your friends can gather together your most popular and favorite recipes on cards or in notebooks, or collect several cookbooks to give the guest of honor.

Decorations.

Pretty up your table with pastel and white colors. This is the time to use your nicest linen and most fragile china to lend daintiness to the occasion. Color combinations may be white used plentifully with pink, green or pale yellow. Fresh sprays of garden flowers, even in small quantity add charm.

Lynn Says:

The Score Card: Egg production has been upped 15 to 20 per cent to take care of national and allied needs, so there will be no shortage of this staple item.

Although there have been rumors of a tea shortage, tea will be rationed on a 50 per cent basis to assure plenty for summer, thirst-quenching use. There is enough tea in the country to last eight months, and in spite of the war, shipments are still coming in from India and Ceylon.

The War Production board has allotted enough tin to the pineapple industry for this year's pack and operations for production in Hawaii have been hiked to the maximum. It is expected that supplies will be somewhat curtailed because the government has reserved about 26 per cent of the pack for its own purchase.

This Week's Menu

Bride's Shower
*Salad Luncheon Plate
or
*Asparagus Loaf
Tiny Hot Rolls Preserves
*Ice Cream With
Green Gage Plums
*Recipes Given

A light, dainty luncheon platter can be served by way of refreshment. Accompany this with tiny hot rolls or muffins and no shower guests could desire more:

***Salad Luncheon Plate.**
(For One Serving)

½ cup cottage cheese
2 deviled egg halves
2 to 3 slices of tomato
2 to 3 slices of cucumber
2 finger strips of sliced cheese
2 crabapple pickles
Miscellaneous:
2 olives
Slices of hard-cooked eggs
Salad dressing
Paprika

Heap cottage cheese in crisp lettuce cup arranged in center of chilled salad plate. Then around this center, arrange the remaining foods in neat, symmetrical fashion—the deviled eggs opposite the crabapple pickles, the overlapping slice of cucumber next to the apples and opposite the overlapping slices of tomato on the opposite side of the plate, bread triangles topped with a slice of egg, opposite each other, 2 slices of cheese opposite each the 2 olives. Garnish the cottage cheese with paprika, and pass french dressing with the salad.

If you prefer to serve a hot dish in place of the salad plate, you'll like this asparagus loaf in this versatile combination with cheese and white sauce:

***Asparagus Loaf.**
(Serves 6)

2 eggs, slightly beaten
2 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
2 cups grated American cheese
1¾ cups fine, soft bread crumbs
1 (1-pound) can asparagus tips
Pimiento strips

Drain asparagus, reserve liquid. Line bottom of buttered loaf pan with half the asparagus tips. Place strips of pimiento between tips. Melt butter, blend in flour and mix well. Add milk and ¼ cup of the asparagus liquid and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add salt, pepper and cheese and stir until cheese is melted. Fold in crumbs. Add gradually to eggs and fold in remaining asparagus tips, cut into one-inch pieces. Pour into loaf pan, place into a pan of hot water and bake 1 hour in a moderate (350-degree) oven. Serve on a platter surrounded with watercress and overlapping slices of tomatoes which have been marinated in french dressing.

Your figure-conscious young guests will appreciate the good news about ice cream. Recent tests show that ice cream has much less calories than other favorite desserts such as cake and pie, but nutritionally it is excellent.

***Ice Cream With Green Gage Plums**
(Serves 6)

1 quart of vanilla ice cream
1 No. 2½ can green gage plums

Drain syrup from green gage plums. Arrange big spoonfuls of vanilla ice cream in center of a large glass bowl. Garnish or surround with plums. Serve immediately, with a jug of syrup, drained from the can of plums.

Plums may be rolled in shredded almonds or finely chopped nuts, if desired.

Have you a particular household or cooking problem on which you would like expert advice? Write to Miss Lynn Chambers at Western Newspaper Union, 210 South Desplaines Street, Chicago, Illinois, explaining your problem fully to her. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply.

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Star Dust

STAGE SCREEN RADIO

By VIRGINIA VALE
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MILLIONS of movie fans who have seen Johnny Sheffield cavort across the screen as "Tarzan Jr.," son of "Tarzan," will see him in a new role. He's starting on a country-wide tour to stimulate sales of War Bonds and Stamps; it's sponsored by the war savings staff of the U. S. treasury, in conjunction with Metro. Johnny, in his Boy Scout uniform, will make his appeals from the turret of a shiny new army tank; purchasers of quantities of stamps will be permitted to board it, for inspection.

Ann Thomas is doing such a terrific job as "Casey" in NBC's "Abie's Irish Rose" series that author Anne Nichols is enlarging her part. The pretty and talented Ann is on so many radio programs that

ANN THOMAS

you wonder how she keeps her roles straight, especially as she spends her spare time collecting detective stories and phonograph records for the navy; takes 'em to the Brooklyn Navy yard herself.

Hollywood movie companies usually fly a balloon when on location, to warn away planes, because of the noise of their engines. Recently, however, Columbia's "The Lone Wolf in Scotland Yard" troupe practically hung out a "welcome" sign. The company, headed by Warren William, was in a bomb shelter, supposedly undergoing a raid, and they were shooting in the San Fernando valley, where plenty of planes flew overhead. When one especially large plane flew over, a company business manager said "That effect would cost us $25 in the studio."

Once upon a time it seemed that Norma Shearer was getting all the best roles in all the best pictures; nowadays it's Bette Davis who gets the good chances—and be it said for Bette that she never fails to turn in an excellent performance. She gets the feminine lead in the picture version of "Watch on the Rhine," which will be a great picture if it's nearly as good as the play.

Pretty Janet Blair got that coveted chance to play the title role in "My Sister Eileen," when the movie made from the play of that name reaches the screen. But she'll have her work cut out for her, for Rosalind Russell has an even bigger role.

Because "International Honeymoon," co-starring Ginger Rogers and Cary Grant, is laid in the period before the present war, a difficult bit of research has come up. Save for refugees, the only persons who have the needed information are in concentration camps.

It's nothing new for stars to write into their contracts the proviso that they're to have time off each year to do a stage play, or make a picture at another studio. But Roy Rogers has an original clause in the seven-year contract he recently signed with Republic. He may devote three months of each year to war work!

Following the announcement that Walt Disney has completed his new feature length production, "Bambi," which was five years in the making, it had been revealed that 75 per cent of the studio's total output is now devoted to government films. In them, facts and figures appear on the screen in graphic, usually dramatic forms; complicated machinery dissects itself before your eyes by means of simple drawings. The raw recruit sees the bolt mechanism of a new weapon as a simple, understandable thing—thanks to the Disney war effort.

ODDS AND ENDS—Walter Reed has been assigned to the role left vacant in RKO's "Spitfire" series when Buddy Rogers joined the navy . . . Metro plans to film "Sabotage Agent," starring Robert Donat, in London, which seems to mark resumption of American movie-making in England . . . Jane Randolph, who has a pilot's license, changed her last name from Roemer to Randolph in honor of the flying field of that name . . . "We, the People's" broadcast from the army bomber in flight toward its target took four minutes to run off—four weeks to arrange . . . Ona Munson, girl reporter of radio's "Big Town," now has a rare Ihassa terrier.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When cotton sheets begin to wear out in the center, rather than sew the outside hems together, make two pillow slips of the two good ends.

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Pineapple and peach juices mixed in ginger ale make a delicious punch. Add the ginger ale at the last moment and serve in glasses or a pitcher half-filled with crushed ice. The ice is needed to dilute as well as to chill the beverage.

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Violent boiling destroys most vitamins. Control heat carefully while boiling food.

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A fruit jar, tightly capped, can be used effectively for mixing fruit or milk shakes.

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Put sugar in the cup before adding tea or coffee and you can use a smaller amount for the same degree of sweetness. The hot beverage immediately melts the sugar and no undissolved grains are left in the cup for the housewife to wash down the drain.

ASK ME ANOTHER?
A General Quiz

The Questions

1. Where is bilge water found?
2. What two countries fought the Hundred Years war?
3. A one-inch rainfall is equivalent to how much snowfall?
4. Where in London is the clock called Big Ben?
5. What date is set by the Greeks for the beginning of the Olympian games?
6. According to the Arthurian legends, what knight found the Holy Grail?
7. What West Indian island yields large amounts of asphalt?
8. Gilbert Stuart painted the portraits of how many Presidents?
9. Who in the Bible ordered the massacre of the infants of Bethlehem—Herod, Nebuchadnezzar or Pilate?
10. Who discovered the principle that the loss of weight of a body immersed in a liquid is equal to the weight of the displaced liquid?

The Answers

1. In a ship's bottom.
2. France and England (1337-1453).
3. Approximately ten inches.
4. The houses of parliament.
5. The year 776 B. C.
6. Galahad.
7. Trinidad.
8. Six—Washington, John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and John Quincy Adams.
9. Herod.
10. Archimedes.

Franklin's Creed

I believe in one God, the creator of the universe. That he governs it by His Providence. That He ought to be worshiped. That the most acceptable service we render to Him is doing good to His other children. That the soul of man is immortal, and will be treated with justice in another life respecting its conduct in this. These I take to be the fundamental points in all sound religion.—Franklin.

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