Kay's Kitchen

— By Kay Fisher —

Time to start planning your Easter Dinner. If you are drawing a blank, why not try the following easy to prepare meal. Most of the meal cooks in the oven at one time, so the cook, and hostess, if you are having guests, can be free to enjoy your family and friends. There is no way to get out of the pre-cooking chores that must be done in order to have a good meal and served nicely. I am great for doing things ahead of time, from setting the table, to making sauces or any dish that can be made the day before. It just makes the special dinner go more smoothly and I certainly can enjoy it more.

If there are small children, you can't beat a colorful nest of colored Easter eggs for a center piece. They can be done several days ahead of time and refrigerated until time to use them. Just make a nest of green grass, add colored eggs, Easter toys, and candies. Add any spring flowers you may have. After dinner you may use the eggs for an Easter egg hunt, then for the Sunday night supper the eggs may be eaten as hard boiled eggs, or devil them if you like. Now that is really getting the most out of an Easter center-piece!

HAM en CROUSTADE

That is really just ham in a pastry crust.

1 (3 pound) canned ham
Pastry:
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon dry mustard
¾ cup (1½ sticks) margarine
1 egg, beaten (reserve 1 tablespoon)
½ cup milk, more or less

Place ham on rack in baking pan and bake 350 degrees for about 30 to 40 minutes to melt off extra fat and gelatin. Meanwhile prepare pastry: Combine flour, baking powder, salt and mustard, mixing well. Cut in margarine. Beat egg; reserve 1 tablespoon (to use for brushing top of pastry). Add milk to egg and stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Turn out on floured board and gently knead for about a minute. Roll out ¼-inch thick, large enough to cover ham. Blot any drippings off ham and place the pastry over and around the ham sealing edges well. Be sure to press out air to avoid splitting the pastry while baking. Use extra dough to cut decorations for top of ham. Roll the dough thinner and cut anything you like—animals, leaves and lay on top of pastry. Add 1 tablespoon milk to reserved egg, and brush over pastry. Bake 350 degrees 35 to 60 minutes. Cover lightly with foil if pastry begins to brown too much.

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This is a nice sauce to serve with the ham. You may vary it to suit your taste.

SOUR CREAM-MUSTARD SAUCE

Combine 1 cup sour cream, 4 teaspoons prepared mustard, ¼ teaspoon red pepper sauce, ½ teaspoon dill weed, ½ teaspoon grated lemon rind and ½ teaspoon seasoned salt. Mix well. Makes 1 cup sauce. If you like a really hot sauce and like the flavor of dry mustard, use the dry mustard instead of the prepared mustard. Start with about 1 teaspoon of the dry mustard then add more as your taste buds desire.

SWEET POTATOES AND APPLE CASSEROLE

6 medium sweet potatoes, cooked, peeled and sliced, or the equivalent in canned ones
4 medium cooking apples, cored, peeled and sliced into rings
½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
¼ cut melted margarine
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon mace or nutmeg

In buttered 2½-quart flat casserole, arrange all ingredients in two layers in order given. You may want more margarine and sugar. Add to suit your taste. Cover tightly and bake with the ham, same time and temperature. This may be cooked earlier if you want and reheated. Of course you may top with marshmallows if desired, but don't put them on if you are going to reheat, until later.

BUTTER-BAKED PEAS

2 (10 ounce) packages frozen peas
1 cucumber, pared and sliced ¼-inch thick
¼ cup green onions cut in 1-inch lengths
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ cup water

Layer peas, cucumber, onion, salt and butter in 2-quart flat casserole. Pour water over all. Cover and bake in 350 degree oven with rest of meal. It will take the same amount of time.

POACHED PEARS IN WINE

2½ cups Burgandy wine
1½ cups sugar
pears
thick cream
several very thin slices of lemon

Boil wine, sugar, lemon slices to a light syrup. Add 6 to 8 fresh pears peeled, cored, halved and cook until tender. Cool in syrup overnight. Serve in your prettiest dessert dishes with several tablespoons of the syrup poured over a pear half. Add 1 or 2 tablespoons thick cream.

This is so good someone is sure to ask for a second pear half, so be prepared.

The pears are in the grocery stores now, so do serve this dessert while they are available.

Kay's Kitchen Cookbook order blank on classified page.

Transportation is provided for local cancer patients

At the March 29 meeting of the Nicholas County Chapter of the American Cancer Society Mrs. Lee Rose, service chairman announced that anyone needing weekly or monthly transportation to Lexington for cancer therapy treatment should contact her at Nicholas County Health Department, 289-2186, as transportation is now available.

Bill Donovan, president, announced that April is Cancer Month, and plans were formulated for business and town canvassing.

Mrs. W.J. Alexander Jr. reported that 11 girls are participating in the cancer drive at Blue Grass Industries, with each unit selecting several money-making projects.

Ralph Shearer is heading up the downtown business drive.

The goal set for Nicholas county for 1977 is $3,000.

May wedding is forthcoming

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burke of Nicholas county announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Charles Herrington Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herrington Sr. of Bourbon county.

Mr. Herrington is employed at Stoner Creek Stud.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 14 at 7 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Friends enjoy Easter egg hunt

Kristi Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Barton, entertained several of her friends and neighbors with an Ester Egg Hunt at her home in Liberty Heights on Saturday, April 2. Those hunting eggs with her were Given Jennings, Jill Hardin, Kevin Watkins, Amanda Fuller, Mike Sams, Troy Brierly, Rodney Brierly, Les Hardin, Stephanie Ring, Stephanie Ockerman, Jeff Sams, Todd Fuller, and Marsha Hunt.

Amanda Fuller and Rodney Brierly won prizes for finding the lucky eggs.

Watching and helping them find the eggs were Mrs. Clyde Sams, Mrs. Lois Brierly, Mrs. Sonny Ring, Mrs. Gaylord Hunt, Mrs. Joe Jennings, Mrs. Tom Hardin, Mrs. John Fuller, Mrs. Oliver Barton, Jerry George and Mrs. Elgin George.

Scottish Rites Masons hold Easter services

On Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m., Khesvan Chapter Rose Croix of Scottish Rite Masons will hold their traditional Easter services at the Scottish Rite Temple, 1553 Madison Avenue, Covington. The program will include an address by the Rev. Robert H. Anderson, pastor of Madison Avenue Christian Church in Covington, and music will be by the Scottish Rite Choir. All Masons, their families and friends are invited to attend.

School registration is April 7 and 8

Pre-school and Head Start registration will be held at Nicholas County Elementary School (today) Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Methodist Women to host supper

The general meeting of the United Methodist Women of the Carlisle United Methodist Church will consist of a potluck supper at the church at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12. Mrs. Emmett Darrell will lead a prayer and self denial service immediately following the dinner.

All women of the church are invited to attend.

V.F.W. Auxiliary to elect officers

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary No. 8666 will elect officers at their regular monthly meeting, Monday night, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

SOCIETY

Miss Helen Munday

Wedding date set for April 17

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Munday of Sharpsburg announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Helen Jean Munday, to Stephen Dwain Vice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie C. Vice Sr. of Carlisle.

The exchange of vows will take place at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at the Grace Gospel Church in Sharpsburg with Rev. Robert E. Putt officiating.

The custom of open church will be observed. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Mr. Bruce Beck to address club

The Carlisle Community Woman's Club will meet Monday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dan Rich, Sycamore Hill. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Charles Hopkins and Mrs. W.W. Cook.

The Fine Arts Department will present Bruce Beck whose program will be "Diggings in the Middle East." Beck is a native of Owensboro. He studied at the University of Vienna, Austria, 1969-70, received his B.A. degree from Centre College in 1971, his M. Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, 1974, attended the University of Tel Aviv, Israel, 1976, and is presently studying for his Ph.D. at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in Biblical Archaeology. He plans to attend Hebrew Union University, Jerusalem this year.

Beck's archaeological experience includes: Tel Beer Sheba 1976; Tel Arad 1976; Tel Dan 1977. He is assistant curator of the archaeological museum at Southern Baptist Seminary, and presently is writing a book on the Philistines in the Old Testament.

Mrs. Robert Coatney will give the spiritual values.

Paula Hamm celebrates 8th birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wayne Hamm entertained with a birthday party Sunday afternoon in honor of their daughter, Paula Lee's eighth birthday.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baugus, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hamm, Mrs. Spears Collins and Sandye, Mike Rose, Mrs. Rosie Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Allison and Kathy, Larry Blanton, Mrs. Steve Ockerman and Brian Stephen, Mrs. Mike Buckner, Angie and Kari Beth, Mrs. Mike Jones, Melissa, Jennifer and Rebekah, Melanie Minton and Brad Henry.

Bride-elect given shower

Miss Elizabeth Ann Burke of Nicholas county, bride-elect of Charles Herrington Jr., was honored with a bridal shower given Sunday, April 3 by Mrs. David Booth and Mrs. Jimmy Ellington at the home of Mrs. Ellington in Shawhan.

Twenty-one guests attended.

Retired teachers to meet Monday

The Nicholas County Retired Teachers will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, April 11 in the Nicholas County Library.

Ms. Hazel Swartz will have the program, showing slides and telling of her many foreign trips.

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