

FAMILY FAVORITES

By Mrs. William B. Martin

(Ed. Note—With today's issue we begin a variation in our Family Favorites column; throughout the summer we plan to feature foods typical of foreign countries. To begin this series, we have as guest editor Mrs. Helen Martin, wife of Dr. William B. Martin, assistant professor of English at A&M. A native of Scotland, Mrs. Martin was born in Perth and grew up in Musselburgh and Prestonpans, two towns near Edinburgh. While attending the University of Edinburgh, she met her husband, who was then doing graduate work there. Her first home in this country was Stephenville, Texas, where Mr. Martin taught at Tarleton State College. After returning to Scotland for a year, they came to College Station in 1952 and have been here since then. Mrs. Martin says that she thoroughly enjoys life in America.)

SHORTBREAD

This recipe was given to me by my mother:
2 cups flour $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
5 tablespoons butter

Cream together the butter and sugar. Add flour, working with the hands to a smooth paste. Form in a flat cake about $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch thick. (If it cracks when rolled, it must be worked more.)

Pinch the edges of the cake between thumb and forefinger. Prick well. It is a good idea to slice the cake almost through before baking, as this makes it easier to break when done.

Bake until a pale, golden brown (30-45 minutes) at 350 degrees. Do not remove shortbread from cookie sheet until it is crisp and cold.

BRANDY SNAPS OR JUMBLES

This makes a good snack. It is especially good with tea or coffee.

2 heaped tablespoons flour 2 tablespoons butter
4 teaspoons sugar 2 tablespoons molasses

Warm butter in a saucepan; then take the pan off the fire and stir in flour, molasses and sugar.

Butter well a cookie sheet; put the mixture on in small spoonfuls, leaving plenty of room for spreading. Bake at 400 degrees for about 10 minutes.

Remove from sheet with a knife and curl the snaps on a small rolling pin or a suler.

If desired, they may be filled with whipped cream. They must be rolled more tightly for this.

SCOTCH EGGS

Scotch eggs are good either cold with a salad or hot with gravy.

1 good tablespoon tomato ketchup 1 tablespoon flour
1 cup ground veal, ham or beef $\frac{1}{2}$ cup breadcrumbs
Parsley Pinch of mixed herbs
4 shelled hard-boiled eggs

Mix meat and breadcrumbs. Add herbs and parsley; season well with salt and pepper; moisten with ketchup.

Dip the eggs in flour and coat with the meat mixture. Roll in flour again and fry in boiling fat until a golden brown. Drain well. Serves 4.

If eaten cold, the eggs look more attractive cut in half.

CORNISH PASTY

This is a good dish around which to center a meal.

1 recipe of pastry $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. lean steak
1 large potato 1 onion
Salt and pepper 1 beaten egg

Peel and slice the potato. Shred the onion. Beat the steak well and cut it into small pieces.

Grease a shallow pie pan; line with pastry. Put in the pan a layer of potato slices, then a layer of meat and a sprinkling of onion. Repeat until all are used, seasoning well with salt and pepper.

Brush the edges of the pastry with the beaten egg and cover with pastry, pinching the edges together.

Prick well and bake at 425 degrees for about 40 minutes. Serves 4-6.



NAVASOTA QUEEN—Miss Mary Lou Hertenberger of Navasota has been named queen of the Navasota Centennial celebration and eighth Watermelon Festival to be held July 3-4-5.

Benson Orders Cut On Wheat Planting

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson Monday ordered a further cutback of 13 per cent in wheat planting for the 1955 crop and called a grower referendum for July 23 to approve rigid marketing quotas to enforce planting goals.

Benson also announced perhaps the strictest controls in the history of American farming to prevent the production of new crop surpluses. The government now has about \$6,500,000,000 invested in farm surpluses, mainly wheat, cotton, corn, and dairy products.

The wheat reduction comes on top of a 17 per cent decrease in this year's wheat acreage. With the harvest of this year's crop, the nation will have a two-year supply of this grain.

Under this program, farmers will be required to comply with federal planting allotments for all crops for which allotments are made in order to be eligible for price support aid on any crop. Allotments are now planned for wheat, cotton, major types of tobacco, peanuts and sugar crops.

In addition, farmers whose allotments call for a total reduction of more than ten acres in the allotment crops will have to comply with a "total acreage allotment"

for their farms in order to get price supports.

The total acreage allotment will include all crop acreage allotments established for the farm and the 1953 acreages (or adjusted acreages) of all other crops on the farm except hay, cover crops, green manure crops, pasture, idle crop land and summer fallow.

Agreeing that these controls are perhaps the strictest in history, Benson told a news conference he "greatly regrets" the necessity of imposing them.

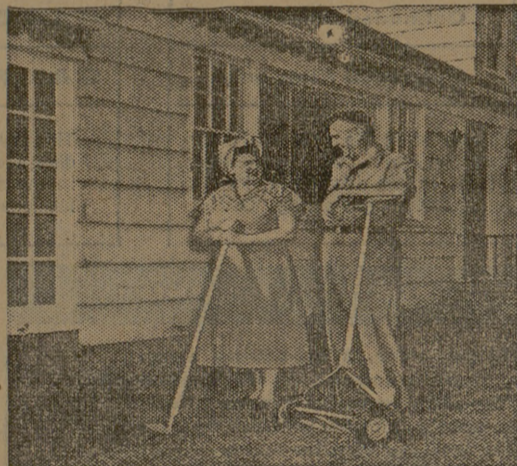
"The long-range interest of agriculture and the national economy will best be served when we can have less—and not more—government regulation and control.

"Under present surplus conditions, however, we have no immediate choice," he said.

Benson said it will be necessary to use crop controls until supplies can be brought more nearly into market needs. He said flexible farm price supports advocated by the Eisenhower Administration to supplant present high rigid price floors would hasten the day of adjustment.

The hacienda of Cortes, conqueror of Mexico, still stands and has been turned into a tourist hotel.

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