

Foods and cooking

Derby brunches a racing treat

By LAURENA PRINGLE

Louisville (Kentucky, that is), still digging itself out from under the debris of recent heavy weather, is now plunged into the frenzy of Derby Week.

And it's not the ordinary Derby Week which Louisville is accustomed to handling.

May 4 will mark the 100th running of the American race classic. There is a company coming from England, Princess Margaret, and Lord Snowdon.

Most of the trees in the city parks have been blown down, and some of the suburban showplaces of Louisville have been totaled.

BUT, ACCORDING to Mary Ellen (Mrs. James) Hicks, a former Birmingham resident, Louisville is going to make this an anniversary to remember.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks moved to Louisville, after their marriage four years ago. Jim works for the Louisville Symphony, after previously serving Detroit's orchestra and Meadowbrook Festival.

"The tornadoes did a lot more damage to us than you probably read about," Mary Ellen Hicks reported. "We didn't have lights or telephone service, and had to use only bottled water for several days."

"The devastation of some homes was awful. For the first time in my life I feel I got a glimpse of what war is like."

But it takes a lot more than a Big Blow to turn the Kentucky mind from horses. The anniversary party circuit looks even bigger and better than previous years. The starting field is definitely bigger—with more entries than the starting gate can accommodate, and talk is circulating about running the race "in two parts."

LITTLE WONDER that some native Louisvillians, who usually depart the premises during the annual event, are sticking around for the 1974 running. Family houses at Churchill Downs, unused for several years, are being dusted off and refurbished for the occasion.

Derby TV parties meanwhile are increasingly popular for stay-at-homes, and if you want a typical menu for your gathering, pattern it (give or take a few items) after what the Blue Grass residents serve at their Derby brunches:

Cheese wafers; mint juleps; chilled tomato bouillon; chicken hash; country ham; corn meal batter cakes; hot buttered bean biscuits, fresh asparagus with brown butter.

Plus, stuffed mushrooms parmesan; bibb lettuce and watercress salad; lemon and olive oil dressing; strawberries with powdered sugar and thick cream; hot muffins cakes; chocolate truffles; salted pecans, coffee.

This, according to the Farmington Cook Book, a Bible of Ken-

tucky cookery, is based on what is at its edible best in the state at Derby time.

Because everybody has his own ideas about making juleps, I copy out on the matter but offer a recipe for their complement:

Cheese Wafers
1 stick softened butter
1 cup flour
½ pound sharp cheddar, grated
½ teaspoon cayenne
¼ teaspoon salt
Pecan halves
Crystallized ginger or sesame seeds

Mix flour and butter, add cheese and seasoning. Form into roll about one and one-half inches in diameter, wrap in wax paper and chill for several hours.

Slice into thin wafers, top each with pecan half, a bit of ginger or sesame and bake at 400 degrees about eight minutes. Makes 60 and

both dough and wafers keep well. If you want to go into your own special "Winner's Circle" with the women in the bridge club, try serving Farmington's "Cucumber Mousse" at Mrs. Hicks' suggestion:

3 large cucumbers, peeled
1 small onion grated
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup heavy cream whipped
1 envelope gelatin
¼ cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon salt

GRATE CUCUMBER and drain in colander for a half hour. Soften gelatin in lemon juice and dissolve over hot water.

When cool, combine with other ingredients and chill in a six-cup ring mold or any other type of mold.

To serve, unmold and fill center with chicken or shrimp salad or serve instead of salad with baked or broiled fish. Serves eight to 10.

Maiden name license-bound?

By ROSE WEBER

Women who want to include their maiden name on their drivers license may find hope in a campaign recently launched to encourage the secretary of state to see things their way.

According to insiders the campaign efforts show signs of succeeding.

The Committees to Encourage Richard H. Austin to Give Michigan Women Their Middle Names (CERHA) mounted a letter-writing campaign early in 1974.

Austin agreed to conduct a survey to determine if a significant number of married women wished to be allowed to change their name on their drivers license to include their maiden name.

"I HAVE RECEIVED a letter from Richard K. Stout, assistant secretary of state, advising me that they have asked the legislature to appropriate funds for this purpose," said Mrs. Helen Cockrell Henderson of Birmingham, a supporter of the campaign.

She said that she was told it will cost \$80,000 in each of the next three years, if the estimated 30,000 married women in the state seek the change at renewal time.

CERHA believes that a married woman's total identity includes her maiden last name. Legally women are allowed to include their maiden name as part of their legal name upon marriage.

However, if they choose to eliminate it when applying for a drivers license after marriage, they may not reinstate it at a later date.

This is the ruling CERHA is asking be changed. There could be situations where lack of correlation between drivers license name and the name on other records could create difficulties, said Mrs. Henderson.

RESULTS OF AUSTIN'S survey show that one out of three women indicated a desire to change their name. If the legislature approves the necessary fund-

ing, changes may be made beginning with July renewals.

"That is a great deal of money and I think it might hurry them along a little if women who desired the change were allowed to pay the extra 60 cents with their renewal fee," Mrs. Henderson said.

Because most women would not be interested, she added, it would conserve tax money to let those availing themselves of the change to pay for it.

"The important thing is to let women know they have a choice and then give the necessary directive to the licensing bureaus to allow them to exercise their right," Mrs. Henderson said.

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The party begins with a subscription luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at McGregor Memorial Conference Center followed by a 1:15 p.m. matinee performance of Moller's "Tartuffe" at the Hilberry Theatre.

Mrs. Stanley Winkelman, "Understudies" chairman, said the party was designed to introduce many women to the Hilberry repertory company.

Among the committee women planning the event are Mrs. John D'Ascenzo, Mrs. Robert F. Hastings, Mrs. Omer Pettit, Mrs. Walter J. Simons, all of Birmingham, and Mrs. David M. Tabashnik of Bloomfield Hills.

For information on the May Day party call 577-2972.

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