

Easy appetizers as gifts for the holidays

DURING THE HOLIDAYS, when time is at a premium, a thoughtful gift (to give and to get) is an intriguing appetizer that is both festive and a change of pace from the usual Christmas cookies.

The traditional and ever popular cheese ball, chilled and rolled in nuts, takes on a distinctive flavor.

For a unique delicious dip, combine dry sherry with chopped walnuts, cream of mushroom soup, chopped onion and a trio of harmonious cheeses.

Cream of celery soup mixed with minced clams, chopped cucumber, mushrooms and green onions and cream cheese makes a delightful clam dip.

The following recipes are provided by the Campbell Soup Co.

All of the appetizers can be kept refrigerated for about a week. As in-

dividual gifts, a dip container or spread might be presented on a tray, a cheese board or in a handsome serving basket.

CHILI-BEAN BALL

1 (11.5 oz.) can condensed bean with bacon soup
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup shredded Monterey jack cheese
1 small globe garlic, minced
¼ cup chopped pimiento-stuffed olives
2 Tbsp. finely chopped green pepper
½ tsp. chili powder
¾ cup chopped peanuts

About four hours before serving, combine soup, cheese and garlic in a large mixer bowl. Mix at low speed until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients except peanuts.

Refrigerate; shape into ball. Roll in peanuts. Serve as a stuffing for celery or with assorted crackers. Makes three cups.

TIPSY DIPSY

1 (10¾-oz.) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
¼ cup crumbled blue cheese
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup chopped walnuts
2 Tbsp. dry sherry
2 Tbsp. finely chopped onion

About four hours before serving, combine soup, cream cheese and blue cheese in large mixer bowl. Mix at low speed just until smooth (over-beating makes dip thin).

Add remaining ingredients; refrigerate. Serve with assorted crackers. Makes 3½ cups.

CLAM DIPPER

1 (10¾-oz.) can condensed cream of celery soup
1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 can (about 66.5 oz.) minced clams, drained
½ cup chopped cucumber
½ cup chopped fresh mushrooms
¼ cup chopped green onions
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
¼ tsp. dried dill weed

About four hours before serving, combine soup and cream cheese in large mixer bowl; mix at low speed just until smooth (over-beating makes dip thin).

Add remaining ingredients; refrigerate. Serve with corn chips or assorted crackers. Makes three cups.

Ring in 1986 with these non-alcoholic drinks

THESE DAYS, there seem to be a lot more teetotalers than in the past. For them, the holiday season can be one of the toughest times of the year.

It can be an uncomfortable experience, toting around a glass of ginger ale while the rest of the room is re-

veling in gin fizzes.

Perrier or other sparkling bottled waters have achieved a certain social status. But not every one wants to ring in the new year with water. And there should be tastier drinks than plain mix for the abstainer.

For those who want to ring in the

new year with a clear head, here are some non-alcoholic versions of popular drinks. Some of the non-alcoholic recipes are from "The Sunkist Non-Alcoholic Bar Guide."

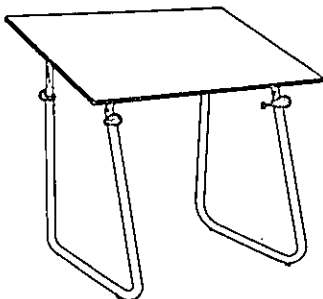
NON-CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL

1 scoop crushed ice

3 ozs. sparkling mineral water
1 oz. simple syrup (from bar supply store) ½ oz. fresh-squeezed lemon juice
Dash bitters
Lemon twist garnish

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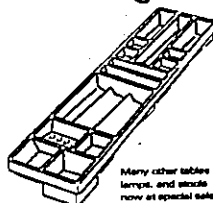
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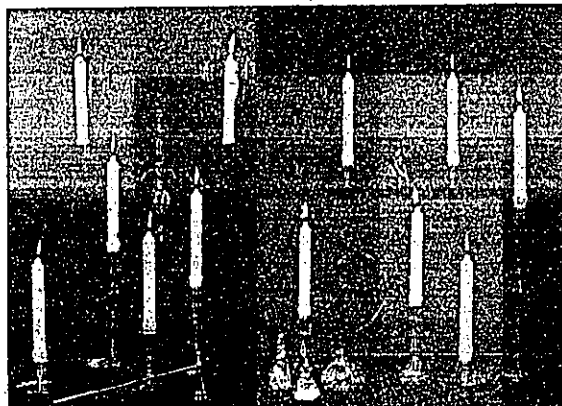


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