

Feminine Farmington Tips For New Year's Ham

If you're planning a ham for your New Year feast Mrs. Carol C. Kurth, Extension home economist for Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties suggests you check the labels carefully. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Consumer and Marketing Service insures that labels on Federally inspected meat and meat products are clear and accurate.

"Country cured" hams, for instance are traditionally associated with "dry" curing.

The slow smoking and long curing which was standard in Colonial times. Therefore, if you buy a ham marked "country style," it must be "dry" cured in much the same way. These hams always require further cooking before they are served, Mrs. Kurth emphasizes.

"Country style" hams may also be marked as to regional origin, such as Virginia, Kentucky and Georgia.

Today, good hams, tender and mild in flavor, are pro-

duced by modern meat processing techniques in less time than before. But if a ham is marked "country style," USDA inspectors make sure it is, the home economist says.

Remember that hams labeled smoked only are heated to an internal temperature of 140 degrees F and must be cooked further before they are eaten. If the ham is labeled "fully-cooked" it requires no additional cooking before eating.

Biggest, Chanciest, Game of All

Men have died for it, women have lived for it... billions of Greeks waged a 10-year war for it... and every year thousands of songs are dedicated to it. Object of all this exertion: LOVE — the most popular game of chance—and skill—in history!

Of course, rules vary according to time and place, as do the bluffs and lucky charms used by the players to influence the odds.

An announcement of availability is the initial move. Indians used to carve figures on trees to let it be known they sought a spouse. South Sea Islanders say it with flowers—a white one draped over the right ear means he's looking. A red hibiscus says he's found her while green leaves call the whole thing off. Less poetic but more practical, the girls of Algeria twine loops of silver coins through their tresses to bedazzle the unattached male.

The next move—courtship—is played shyly or boldly, depending on your citizenship. To Europeans, modern American courtship appears to be a long and intricate exchange of ball-movies and candy in exchange for home-cooked dinners. A British couple "walks out" to enjoy the inexpensive moon for several months before marriage. In contrast, the businesslike suitors of Central Africa pay the bride's father in cattle. Leagl tender, of course, plays its inevitable part in courtships everywhere.

The modest proposal finds favor in Swiss villages. A researcher at the Shulton company reports that the young Swiss swain slips a love note into a flowerpot and leaves it on the girl's window sill. If she takes the pot inside after reading the note, he knows he's won her—but he's out in the cold if the flowerpot is very early in history, the hazards of love caused lovers to resort to magic. If cakes fell and poetry failed, maybe a charm or love goddess could help win a hand. Aphrodite is said to have put the "whammy" on Helen of Troy, causing her to ship Sparta with Paris, thus precipitating the long Trojan War.

Why the old shoe tied to the bridal buggy? From time immemorial, shoes have been the symbol of ownership and authority. German brides believe they'll dominate their man if they (accidentally) step on his foot at the altar.

While Americans prefer a wedding ceremony before friends and relatives, followed by a reception, weddings are still dramatically athletic among some peoples of the world. Gypsies jointly jump over a broom, and Asian swains cart off the bride with the help of the best man. But no matter what the rules, or the tricks used to win the game of love goes on.



SNOW CAME TO FARMINGTON again last week in full measure. It transformed bushes such as this one into something that might be growing in a cotton patch.

Rings On Their Fingers



The engagement of Nancy Elizabeth Wright to Thomas B. Thomas is announced by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Claude B. Wright of St. Petersburg, Florida. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Thomas, 34117 Cortland Ave., Farmington. Miss Wright is a graduate of Florida State University with a bachelor of science degree in marketing. She made her debut during the Christmas season of 1963 and is now a market research analyst with a national pharmaceutical house in West Point, Penn. A former officer of Gamma Phi Beta, Miss Wright was also a Little Sister of Delta Chi fraternity. Her fiancé, a 1962 graduate of Farmington High School where he played varsity baseball, and a graduate in business administration of Florida State University, is now attending graduate school at Michigan State University.



Mr. and Mrs. Sempel J. Graham, Jr., of Brookdale Ave., announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Lou, to Irvine R. Petzold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Petzold, of Livonia. Janet is a graduate of Farmington High School and Detroit College of Business in Dearborn. The prospective bridegroom is a 1964 graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia, and is currently attending Walsh Institute of Accountancy in Detroit. A May wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Doyle, of 3336 Schulte Drive, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Lou, to Irvine R. Petzold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Petzold, of Livonia. Janet is a graduate of Farmington High School and Detroit College of Business in Dearborn. The prospective bridegroom is a 1964 graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia, and is currently attending Walsh Institute of Accountancy in Detroit. A May wedding is planned.

Alumnae Plan Holiday Party

Now that the many colleagues are home for the holidays, the alumnae of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority have invited the collegiate sorority members and their mothers to join them in an "A O Pie and Coffee Klatch" Wednesday, December 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Thomas McMillan, 29729 Old Bedford Road.

On Dean's List

Two local students have been named to the Dean's List at Albion College. They are Paula L. Boys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Boys, of 32519 Wayburn, and Saundia K. Hageman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hageman, of 21550 Orchard Lake Road. Each maintained a 3.3 or better scholastic average out of a possible 4.0.

GREEN CHRISTMAS

Some stores in the United States and Canada depend on Christmas shoppers for a fifth of the sales they make during the entire year, reports World Book Encyclopedia.

Services Launch Local Drive for Big Brothers

A combined effort to recruit more Big Brothers—adult men who will volunteer to become friends on a one-to-one basis of young, fatherless boys in the Farmington area—has been launched by three Torch Drive services.

The drive for additional volunteers coincides with plans to observe "Big Brother Week" January 8-14.

The Torch Drive services involve the Big Brothers of Oakland County, a secular group; Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Detroit, and Church Social Services, a Protestant-affiliated organization.

"Adult men, 21 years of age and over, who wish to enroll in either of the three Big Brother programs may do so by telephoning 321-1668," according to the Rev. Chenoweth Watson, director of Church Social Service.

"Our office at 51 W. Warren will be the clearing house for the three Big Brother programs in the tri-county area," he said.

He pointed out, however, that the common dialing system would be in effect only for Big Brother Week.

Watson said the shortage of Big Brothers is so great pres-

ently that each month his agency alone receives from 60 to 80 more referrals than the staff can match with volunteers.

"The number of Big Brothers in the tri-county area is now 450," he said, "but the number of boys desperately needing this service has climbed to more than 1,500."

He indicated this estimate is probably extremely conservative since the metropolitan area included some 20,000 fatherless boys.

Watson emphasized that not all boys refer to themselves as "Big Brother program are juvenile offenders."

"The principal criteria is that they be between 8 and 16 years of age and lacking a father figure in the home," he said.

"They need an adult friend, a mature man to whom they can relate in order to grow into well-adjusted, responsible citizens."

Boys are referred by churches, parents, visiting teachers, police youth bureau or other social agencies. Each boy is matched with a Big Brother by trained social workers. After being screened, volunteers are given an orientation program.



On this day of celebration we join in happy chorus to wish you and yours "Merry Christmas!"
TRIO VERRY SHOP
25225 FARMINGTON ROAD
BLANCHE, BETTY, IRENE Phone CR. 4-5660

Special Christmas For the Jennings

Christmas must bestow a special blessing on those who become man and wife at this time of the year.

As a good example we present Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jennings, of 21731 Randall, who celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary December 24.

For a while, Mrs. Jennings thought it was the 73rd, but after checking her marriage license and seeing the date, December 24, 1894, she decided it "was only the 72nd."

"On that date, the bride was 'quite 19' and the bridegroom was 'just past 21.' They are now 89 and 92 respectively and as independent as any teenager you could come up with to match wits with them.

Mrs. Jennings was born in Redding, Ia., and her husband in Decatur, Ia. They were married in Des Moines and according to the lady in this story, "How he courted me is a secret."

She did say there were no movies in those days, but they did attend picnics, church get-togethers and family dinners.

Although they didn't celebrate Christmas the first year they were married and didn't have a Christmas tree, they must have had some beauties over these 72 years. Their five children, Lillian, Verne, Martha, Louis and Lyle, would

have seen to that. Another son, Virgil, died in an airplane accident in 1943 and a daughter, Opal, died as an infant.

The couple have lived in Farmington for 23 years in the same house. They have an acre of land and Mrs. Jennings still cans the tomatoes they grow and makes jelly out of their own grapes.

Mr. Jennings is not quite as sturdy as he used to be when he was carpentering for a living, but he does get out and around in the summertime.

The two don't watch much television because according to Mrs. Jennings, "the biggest share of the programs are too rotten. I like my radio."

She says "I couldn't begin to go back to the old life. I couldn't do without the conveniences we have today, such as the phone."

She also notes that today's Christmas is not like those of yesteryear. Back then nobody had a tree and just exchanged simple gifts of candy or a little book.

And nobody sent such things as Christmas cards. Mrs. Jennings mailed out 50 this year.

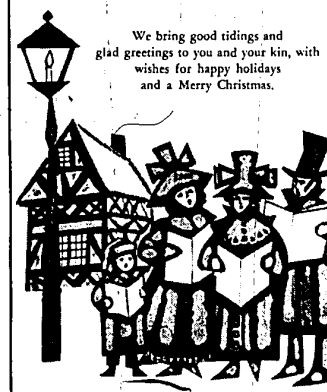
She thinks electricity is today's greatest boon and of course, thoroughly approves of Medicare. On this she comments, "It doesn't go far enough."



Here's an old-fashioned kind of Merry Christmas full of heart-felt wishes for you to share, in the good will of the season, with those you hold near and dear. And we also offer an old-fashioned "thank you" for the patronage and consideration you've shown us.

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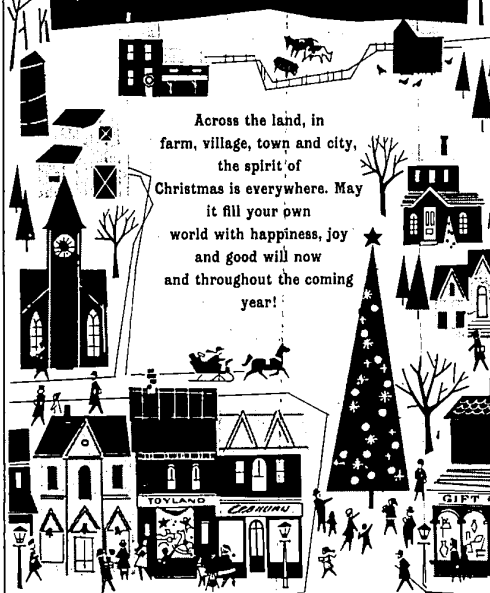
GREETINGS



We bring good tidings and glad greetings to you and your kin, with wishes for happy holidays and a Merry Christmas.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Across the land, in farm, village, town and city, the spirit of Christmas is everywhere. May it fill your own world with happiness, joy and good will now and throughout the coming year!

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