

Homemaker

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dening. The Zerchers did have a garden but recently her two sisters and a brother have been supplying them with vegetables. She and her sister, Ruth Warfel who lives with them, can and freeze large amounts of fruits and vegetables and buy meat in January for the freezer.

Ruth supervises the canning and jelly making. She made four and a half gallons of jelly and peach marmalade for Christmas gifts. They put 80 pints of corn and 50 pints of lima beans in the freezer, canned 100 quarts of string beans and lots of chow chow, tomatoes, tomato juice, peaches etc. Ruth's chief hobby is collecting and persuading cookbooks. No one is quite sure how many she has but the book shelves built on the whole end wall of their living room from ceiling to floor are at least half full of her cookbooks and she has more in her bedroom. The thing that the four Warfel sisters look forward to from year to year is getting together a day to make Christmas cookies. They make 20 to 25 kinds. Already they are buying the ingredients. Another hobby of Ruth's is decorating eggs which she gives away. She works at Kerr Glass on the New Holland Pike, Lancaster.

Mrs. Zercher's husband, Paul, is a pipe fitter at Armstrong Cork Company. Zerchers have two children. Marjorie, "Margie", graduated from Lampeter-Strasburg High School, taking a business course. She was in a 4-H sewing club two years and a 4-H cooking club two years at Conestoga Center. She works in ceramics, hooks rugs and sews. Their son John, "Jack", graduated from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, where he majored in business. He works on computers at a bank in New Castle, Pa. from 3 to 11 p.m. He really enjoys farming. He gets up early in the morning and works on the farm till time to go to work. He now owns six calves and a half share in a bull. Jack, as a boy, was always active in Willow Street Boy Scouts Troop 58 and became an Eagle Scout.

Mrs. Zercher has several hobbies which she works in her spare time. She embroidered a tablecloth and napkins, knitted a sweater last year and about eight pairs of slipper socks for the General Hospital Auxiliary. She is now knitting an afghan. She is also braiding a rug and made a quilt in the Pennsylvania Rose design last year. She made several rose candles last winter which she sold and gave as gifts for Christmas. When asked if she liked to cook she said "Oh yes." She gives here a couple recipes from friends but the others are ones she and Margie put in their church's cookbook in 1972:

Hot Sandwiches

25 Sandwiches

- 1½ lbs. chipped ham (knife through to make smaller pieces)
- ½ lb. Velveeta cheese (cut in small pieces)
- 4 hard boiled eggs (chopped)
- 2 small onions (chopped) (use according to taste)
- Combine 1 cup salad dressing
- ½ cup Chili Sauce

Combine above ingredients. Fill Sandwich (round) buns (not too skimpy, yet not too full for it would become soggy) and refrigerate for 8 hours, or overnight, wrapped in aluminum foil individually.

When ready place in 400 degree oven for 10 minutes.

Note: Can be heated for 15 minutes. Open foil and check on doneness.

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Mary Denlinger's Cherry-Cheese Cupcakes

- 1½ lbs. cream cheese
- 2-3 cup sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Nabisco vanilla wafers

Mix first 4 ingredients together thoroughly. Place 1 vanilla wafer in the bottom of each cupcake liner. Fill liner ¾ full of cheese mixture. Bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Place cherry pie filling on top of each one. Makes 24 cupcakes.

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Spiced Tea

- 2 cups tang
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 2 cups instant tea with lemon
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1 teaspoon ground clove
- Mix and store in dry jar. Use 2 teaspoons per cup of boiling water.

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Cream Cheese Dip

- ¼ teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon mustard
 - 2 teaspoons catsup
 - 2 teaspoons cream (or more)
 - 1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese
 - grated onion to taste
 - 2 dashes of Worcestershire sauce
- Cream together until smooth.

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Strawberry Pie

- 4 cups strawberries (washed and hulled)
 - 1½ cups water
 - ¼ cup sugar
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- Cook these three until thickened. Add one package strawberry jello. Stir until dissolved and pour over strawberries in pie shell. Top with whipped cream.

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Mexican Tortillas

- 4 cups flour
 - 1 tablespoon baking powder
 - 1½ tablespoons oil
 - 1 teaspoon salt
- Mix these four ingredients together and add enough warm water or milk for form soft dough. Knead dough for 5 minutes. Cover with cloth and let stand for thirty minutes. Form into 15 balls and roll thin. Drop into hot dry frying pan till bubbles form, turn over to just a few seconds more. Lift from frying pan and place between wet soaking towels. Leave in towels till pliable.

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Mexican Enchiladas

- 1½ lbs. hamburger
 - 1 large onion
 - ½ lb. medium sharp cheese
 - 1 medium can tomato sauce
- Brown hamburger, and chopped onion. Put four tortillas in baking tray and divide cheese among them except for a small portion. Then divide hamburger and add, except for a

small portion and fold tortillas over. Cover with tomato sauce, sprinkle with left over cheese and hamburger. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

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Rainbow Dessert

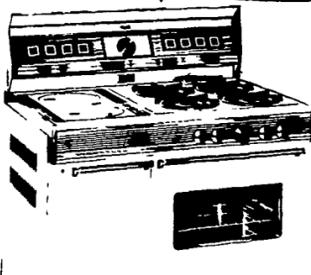
- 1 pkg. orange flavored gelatin (3 oz.)
- 1 pkg. cherry flavored gelatin (3 oz.)
- 1 pkg. lime flavored gelatin (3 oz.)
- 3 cups hot water
- 1½ cups cold water
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 pkg. lemon flavored gelatin (3 oz.)
- ½ cup cold water
- 2 cups whipping cream (or 4 cups cool whip)

Prepare first 3 gelatins separately using 1 cup hot water and ½ cup cold water for each. Pour into separate 8 x 8 x 2 inch pans and chill until firm. Combine pineapple juice and sugar and heat until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat. Dissolve the lemon gelatin in the hot liquid and add remaining ½ cup cold water. Chill until just syrupy. Whip cream and pour into lemon mixture, mixing both well. Cut orange, cherry and lime gelatin into cubes about ½ inch square. An easy way is to dip a knife into hot water and cut while in pan. Lift out with wide spatula and the pieces will fall apart. Fold into whipped cream mixture. Pour into a spring form pan. Chill about 6 hours before serving.

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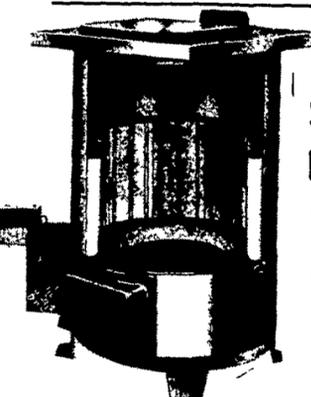


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