

"COOK OF THE WEEK" AMONG US

Sharing the culinary accomplishments of its readers, The Northern Virginia Sun spotlighted one of our neighbors, Mrs. Joseph Ambrose. Ruth won the "Cook of the Week" contest last September 17th. If others of you have an original recipe or one "handed down" through your family, you may enjoy entering this weekly contest. Further information may be found on the Thursday food pages of the No. Va. Sun. The recipe sounds so tempting that we have Mrs. Ambrose's blessing to share it with you.

EGG ROLL

2 eggs
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ teas. salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sifted flour
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ teas. oil
 $\frac{1}{2}$ small carrot
 1 small celery stalk
 2 small green onions
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. cooked chicken
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. cooked shrimp
 1 teas. sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. water
 Oil or Crisco for frying.

"This recipe I make in two parts," says Mrs. Ambrose. "There is the pancake part which is thin and filled and sealed with a filling which is made separately from it. Then it is fried in deep fat. I find an electric skillet is just fine for this but a medium frying skillet is also good."

To Make the Pancakes

Beat 2 eggs slightly with a fork and set aside one-fourth of this amount. To the remainder add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water. Beat this until it is completely blended. An egg beater is fine for this. Sift $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour into a bowl, add egg mixture gradually and beat smooth.

Heat skillet. Use small amount of oil and heat to moderately hot. Pour the batter so it is thinly covering the bottom of the skillet. Cook for 1 minute on one side. Then turn it to the other side. In this procedure I find using a good size turner will aid guiding it so it can be turned easily. Fry on other side. Cool. I find this makes about six medium size pancakes.

To Make The Filling

Use a regular shredder to shred finely $\frac{1}{2}$ small carrot and small stalk of celery. Cook this together in a little water until it is soft. About 5 minutes.

Dice finely 2 small green onions, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cooked chicken, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cooked shrimp and add to carrot mixture with salt, 2 teaspoons oil and one teaspoon of sugar. I dice the shrimp and chicken, but some prefer not to.

Place 2 tablespoons of this mixture in the center of each pancake and seal the edges with the egg which was set aside. Chill in refrigerator for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

In skillet use oil 2 inches thick and heat to 360 degrees. Cook egg rolls until brown about 15 min. on each side. Then drain on a rack or absorbent paper.

EDITORIAL

February 10th is a birthday, February 10th is also an anniversary...not the birthday of one person, nor the anniversary of one single event. For the past 52 weeks, the GUM SPRINGS NEWS has limped off the press. This lively journal of news and opinion has been the instrument of rebirth for a whole group of people who live in the Southern part of Fairfax County in an area called Gum Springs. Gum Springs is described as the largest concentration of slum housing in Northern Virginia.

The GUM SPRINGS NEWS had its beginnings a little over a year ago when Alan McSurely who at that time was a Probation Counselor for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of Fairfax County felt he could do a little more than his job required. His acquaintance with Bill Hobbs, better known to us in Fairfax City as the former Managing Editor and now sometime Staff Reporter for the Fairfax City Times, proved fruitful. About issue number eight, circumstances required Bill Hobbs to ask for my assistance with the mimeographing—well, we always help a friend out at least once! A discussion with our CCH Board last year resulted in a policy of helping civic groups as long as they supplied their ink and paper. The rest was left up to me—if I wanted to spend my time and electricity this way, all well and good. Well, I wasn't going anywhere with little ones at home. Since then this machine has seen P.T.A. Newsletters, Garden Club, Recreation Association and other Civic Association bulletins as well.

With "High Hopes" like the "...ant that moved the rubber tree plant..." headlines in the Gum Springs News each Sunday morning began to follow an encouraging pattern. - November 15, 1964 - "DITCH BEGUN BY KIDS.. 'Slow, Ditch Being Dug.' That's what the sign said. And That's what was happening. Cars slowed down. People wandered down from the corner. Kids handed over their picks to men. And The Ditch got started. It wasn't just any old ditch. It's THE DRAINAGE DITCH they have been talking about for 25 years..." January 10, 1965 - "DITCH DIGS! - Heavenly days! The Ditch is being dug by the County...construction company has been working hard on the Ditch the past two weeks. Gum Springers and the weather man are urged to cooperate, so that this important community project can be finished before the Spring thaws. We may even have dry basements this year." January 17, 1965 - "TRAILERS TO BE HERE SOON...As soon as preparations are finished at Adams Trailer Park,...trailers will be set up." Eviction notices on condemned homes are not as frightening as they once were, especially since there was no place one could move to. Rentals are virtually impossible to find and purchase price of homes in Fairfax County has reached a high average now, of \$25,000 according to Mr. Josephson, County Housing Advisor.

Wherever feasible — the following headline became true - December 20, 1965 -

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"DO-IT-YOURSELF REPAIRS STARTS" ...another project underway in Gum Springs last Saturday. Armed with a truckload of roofing, siding, nails...over 20 Gum Springers and residents from nearby communities set to work putting several houses on Holland Town Lane in shape for the winter....house was the first to get 'the treatment'." Residents from Hollin Hills, members of Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, students from the George Wash. University LE/AP group helped these people help themselves on Saturdays and holidays.

From Country Club Hills, Dorothy Procise has from time to time typed the NEWS, and Dick Hausler through his work with the Office of Economic Opportunity has addressed the Gum Springs Civic Assoc.

This "Weekly Newspaper" has raised hope among the citizens of Gum Springs, gotten attention and publicity for their plight from the major newspapers in the Washington, D. C. area, and most recently, approval of an appropriation by the United Planning Organization.

You too can help! Donations are needed, or a subscription is \$5.00 per year. You will receive the GUM SPRINGS NEWS weekly starting with the first ANNIVERSARY EDITION, a special offset-printed, eight-page issue reviewing the past year and looking to the future. Donations or subscriptions should be mailed to: Marcelle Moon, Business Manager, The Gum Springs News, 1429 West Ford Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

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GUM SPRINGS!

CLOSER TO
HOME

Yes, there have been times when I have felt as though I have been "stuck with the work", not to mention the criticism, but three and a half years for the Country Club Hills Bulletin - now the "QUIDNUNC?" have been rewarding by ten fold. Life between the household chores (which sometimes didn't get done) has been most interesting. Some of the many people I have talked to and met have become close friends and the places I have been, whether by requirement or invitation, have been enlightening as well as a great deal of fun.

Now, Betty Coakly will be editing the Quidnunc? next month. I hope you will help by continuing to send in all the interesting stories we know are around! Ada Luther will be collecting and reminding you when articles are due. We need a typist or two—I just can't do it all anymore! I will continue to run the mimeograph machine for a while longer hoping someone will soon take over. Right now, the new Directory is my greatest concern. Compilation of the contents is the biggest job. We've gotten several very nice advertisements, all paid in advance so we can buy our paper and ink.

Helen Fitzgerald is doing most of the art work, Gerry Fitzgerald and Ruth Windsor some lettering, Ina Powell has brought up to date the listing of doctors, dentists and even a notary public or two will be included this time. Marilyn Hedges, of course, took care of our Voting Information page, which didn't turn out to be as easy a job as we thought originally! Christina Hahn has made a duplicate set of the 3 x 5 card file of all residents which Wendy Berns had so kindly done for us when she was brand new in our community. This duplicate set of cards will be distributed to each Area Representative and within a week (we hope) with the aid of block captains we would like to have the information on them checked, corrected and completed. This was a tremendous job done by our previous Board and it should not be difficult to put the finishing touches on these cards. There should be one for each house showing Name, Address, phone, rank if military, first name of husband and wife, first name of each child with month and year of their birth. The names of the children will not be printed in the directory, but we could use the information in the file so that at any time an activity might be planned we would be able to tell how many five, ten, etc. year olds we have in the community. We need this information quickly, so that Cynthia Smith, our gal Friday who typed the last Directory on an electric typewriter, can squeeze the time out of her busy schedule to type again. She has already started on the information pages. I am hoping that before another moon rises or a QUIDNUNC? has to fall—to have the Directory all mimeographed! Anyone who would like to come over, have some coffee and help me assemble the thing—please, please, call your block captain, area rep or me. We need a long list of people so that when the Directory is ready, if you can't be, we can call someone else. Then, of course, EVERYONE in CCH can HELP... when your block captain comes around with a stack of spanking new directories, pay your \$3.00 dues and get one free.

Who said it was a dull winter—John's painting the living room when he's not working or going to school, the couch is going to get redone and I'm making the drapes. Besides, didn't get past that display of seeds at Fairfax Hardware without buying some. So, call your block captain, Area Rep., or write a letter to the Editor, Betty Coakley, 307 Brookwood Dr.!

Armistice Turtora

FOUND: Car keys on Andover Dr. During Christmas season. Call Cr. 3-0950.
LOST: Brand new soccer kick-ball. Lost in vicinity of Newbury Rd. and Cape-way Ct. Please call Cr. 3-3414.

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