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The girls of the senior class of the Port Huron, Mich., High School have put the ban on silks and other finery for the June "Hop," and those who attend are required to wear plain gowns of cotton material. This move is being made to economize in every way possible because of the war.

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CASSEROLE OF RICE AND MEAT.

Line a basin with cooked rice, fill centre with chopped cold meat seasoned with salt, pepper, celery salt, onion juice and lemon juice (any or all of these seasonings may be omitted except salt and pepper); moisten with stock or gravy. Cover meat with rice, place a cover over basin and steam for half hour. Serve on hot platter, surrounding with tomato sauce or brown gravy.

Many people dislike bread puddings, which is doubtless due to the fact that when they were children they were continually given badly made puddings in which the bread, always an uninteresting food to children, was too apparent.

A good basis for bread puddings, in which the bread is crumbled and softened with custard, is:

Two cups bread crumbs (not dried), one quart milk, from 2 to 4 eggs, one-half cup sugar, one teaspoon salt, one teaspoon vanilla, melted butter if desired.

Scald the milk.

Soak the breadcrumbs until soft.

Add the sugar and the eggs slightly beaten.

Beat with a fork, then add flavoring and melted butter.

Pour into a buttered pudding dish and oven poach about 20 minutes or until set.

Variations suggested are:

1. Lemon, add 1/2 cup lemon juice and grated rind when the pudding is mixed.

2. Chocolate. Melt 2 ounces of chocolate, add the sugar and milk, cook for two or three minutes. Soak breadcrumbs until soft, then add the eggs, butter and salt.

3. Coconut. When all is mixed, beat in 1/2 cup coconut and 2 tablespoons lemon juice.

4. Queen of Pudding. Make plain pudding and cook, spread with jam, cover with meringue and brown in medium oven.

JUMELLES.

1 1/2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 3 eggs, 3 tablespoonfuls milk, 1/2 teaspoonful soda, 1/2 teaspoonful cream of tartar. Mix with sufficient flour to roll. Roll and sprinkle with sugar, cut out and bake.

EGGLESS JOHNNY CAKE.

Sift together two-thirds cup each of cornmeal and entire wheat flour, a teaspoonful of baking powder, a half-teaspoon of salt and two tablespoons of sugar; wet with two cups of sour milk, into which a rounding teaspoon of soda has been dissolved; beat the milk until it foams over the cup. Beat well together and bake in a deep, square tin. When a crust has formed on top cover with another tin of the same size and shape and continue baking until done; about three-quarters of an hour will be

required in all. After taking from the oven set stand covered for five minutes before cutting into squares, then serve.

SAVORY RICE.

One cup rice, 2 cups strained tomatoes, 1/2 cup cut onion, 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, 1 teaspoon drippings, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce.

Put the onion and drippings into pan, fry until the onion is tender; add the strained tomatoes, salt, paprika, Worcestershire sauce and rice, which has been washed, boiled, drained blanched; stir until the rice is hot.

Solved Problem by Hydraulic Pump

London, May 17.—"I have just returned from a visit to some of the forestry camps, which are situated in all parts of France, several quite close to the front," says a London cable to the Evening Telegram. "I visited these in the Jura mountains, within sight of the Alps and close



to the Swiss frontier. The section is so dry that it has never been cut, as the French thought it impossible to get water to operate the mills but a Canadian engineer from Arras prior solved the difficulty by a hydraulic pump. He invented a siphon that raises water 600 feet, and there is now a large output. The forest is reminiscent of British Columbia, the timber being spruce and balsam trees, tall and symmetrical. For quality, Ottawa lumbermen declare there is nothing in Canada to equal it. The product is going chiefly to the French army."

United States In Battlefield

London, May 18.—Sir Alfred Keogh, Surgeon-General of the British Army, announced to-day that the first of six fully organized and equipped hospital units which the American Red Cross is sending to France arrived in England yesterday. The unit comprised about 3,000 persons, including 20 army medical officers, 60 nurses and more than 200 other attaches.

The unit will be the first officially sanctioned by the United States to carry the American flag to the battlefields of France since the United States entered the war. After a brief stay in England the unit will be sent to the continent, where it will take charge of a base hospital behind the British front.

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Washington, May 18.—The rationing of Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland and Spain was discussed formally to-day at a conference at the state department between British Foreign Secretary Balfour, Secretary of State Lansing, Secretary of Commerce Redfield and British and American trade experts. The necessity of limiting exports strictly to those countries both to prevent their finding their way into enemy territory and to conserve every possible ton of allied shipping for the most essential work was considered in all the phases.

A general understanding was reached as to the complete participation of the United States in the rationing system already developed by the allied nations. The detailed working out of the agreements, however, depends on the enactment of legislation giving the

President power of embargo and granting the shipping board control over all cargo space.

Italians Are Forging Ahead

New York, May 18.—A New Agency despatch from Rome to-day says Austria has ordered all civilians to evacuate the Isonzo section in which Italian troops are steadily forging ahead. Trieste is panic stricken at the approach of the Italians, according to word received here. All the banks there have been closed, and the government offices and the leading business houses have hurriedly shipped all records to Vienna.

Most of the Austrian prisoners taken so far by the Italians were from divisions recently detached from the Russian front, it was announced to-day.

General von Falkenhayn is still at the Austrian front, attached to the Austrian general staff.

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