

British Women Forsake Parties For Training

LONDON, April 26 — Where their grandmothers were engaged in the polite doings of the drawing room, British women of today spend their moonless nights in the parks training for behind-the-lines operations of wartime.

Dark nights are particularly suited for one of the toughest jobs in the Women's voluntary Service for National Defence—truck and ambulance driving. Only the sturdy, nerveless woman, is picked for this branch of service.

Dowager Lady Reading, who has been building up the Service, says "We need more ambulance drivers and first-aid workers. We will train them free of charge. Nervous women can be used as canteen workers, clerical staff, switchboard operators, and so on."

Volunteers are accepted regardless of age. One woman of 70 was taken on. "We want gossip, comfortable women like you to run our complaint departments," Lady Reading told her.

For women inclined to sneer at comparatively insignificant jobs, Lady Reading told how, during the Great War, she served as a pantry maid and learned how to make mustard.

use jam to stick postage stamps, and to fix cellophane to windows. "There is no class distinction in the organization."

Training of motor drivers entails not only operation of a heavy vehicle but co-ordination of the units of a convoy. At night women are sent into the park in groups of 30 to drive convoy. They proceed without lights and with gas masks for about three miles, holding close together but sufficiently spaced so as to prevent pile-ups. At the blast of a whistle they reverse, still in convoy, for about half a mile as if to avoid an artillery



Left-Over Ham

-----and what to do with it

(BY DOROTHY GREIG)

The ham we get these days is much different from its old-time brother. It has been "tenderized." It requires no long soaking, no parboiling. In fact, if you do use the old-fashioned method of cooking, your ham will only be over cooked and crumbly.

Another good thing about these up to date hams is that they cook in much less time. All of which means that we can serve a ham as easily as we can serve a roast of beef or a leg of lamb.

Then on the second or third day when that fine ham is getting down close to the bone, we can do interesting things with the tender pieces of meat that still cling to it — and thereby bring the ham to a grand and glorious finish.

The dishes I give you here are very good indeed. Ham is one of the most flavorful and tender of all meats and it keeps its fine flavor right through the left-over stage.

Here's the first one:

Open Grilled Ham Sandwich
1½ cups grated cheese
¾ cup ham, finely ground
1 can condensed tomato soup
1½ teaspoons prepared mustard
1½ teaspoons grated horseradish.

Combine ingredients, mix thoroughly. Spread generous amount of mixture on slices of bread, or toast as preferred. Grill open sandwiches under broiler until lightly browned. Garnish with parsley or water cress. Makes twelve to fourteen servings.

Shortcake offers another possibility for utilizing left-over ham:

Ham Shortcake
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
½ cup milk
¾ cup diced ham
3 eggs, hard cooked.
Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan, mix well, then add the milk and heat. Next add the diced ham and sliced hard-cooked eggs. Heat 5-10 minutes to blend the flavors.

Dough For Shortcake
2 cups flour
¾ teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking powder
4 tablespoons butter
2-3 cup (approximately) milk.

Sift the flour, measure, add salt and baking powder and sift again. Cut the shortening into the flour, then add the milk by mixing in a small amount at a time until a stiff dough is formed. Roll out the dough and cut into individual short-cake biscuits about 2½ inches in diameter. Place on buttered baking sheets and bake in a hot (450 deg. F.) oven for 15-20 minutes.

Split the baked shortcake, butter while hot, and put one spoonful "Creamed Ham and Egg" mixture over the bottom half of the biscuit. Replace the top and put one spoonful of the mixture over the top. Garnish with parsley. Serves five to six.

Then for a savory casserole I suggest this:

Ham and Mushroom Casserole
1 cup cooked carrots, diced
1½ cups cooked potatoes, diced
1½ cups ham, boiled or baked
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
¾ cup milk
2 tablespoons buttered bread crumbs.

Cut the carrots and potatoes into small dices, about 3-16 inch. Chop the ham in coarse pieces. Arrange alternate layers of carrots, potatoes, and ham in a buttered casserole. Pour over all the condensed cream of mushroom soup, to which the milk has been added. Sprinkle with the buttered bread crumbs and bake uncovered in a 350 degree (moderate) oven for 45-60 minutes. Serves six.

Open Grilled Ham Sandwich is a savory way to use left-over ham

WINNING CONTRACT

By the Four Aces
(David Bruce Burnstone, Merwin D. Maier, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken, world's leading team of four, inventors of the system that has beaten every other system in existence.)

GUESSING

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ J 4
♥ A Q 8 3
♦ A 9 6 2
♣ Q 10 5

♠ K 9 8 6
♥ 5 2
♦ 9 7 4
♣ J 8 3

North
West
South
East

♠ A Q 10
♥ 6 2
♦ K 10 7 5 3
♣ A K 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
3♦ Pass 6♦ Pass
Pass Pass

The play of the cards at Contract involves a great many guesses. While the expert usually has some shrewd reasoning to minimize his guess-work he cannot be infallible. For example, West, who is one of our leading experts, decided on a spade opening against the Slam contract. Now leading from the King against a Slam contract is very often effective, for if partner holds the Queen, a trick is immediately established before Declarer can set up the side which is usually available. However, this time the spade lead should have proved fatal, except that Declarer also made a wrong guess. After winning the first trick he led a trump to dummy's ace. Next a small trump was led from dummy, and after considerable thought Declarer went up with the King. Of course this was the wrong play and now, since the heart King was adversely placed, Declarer was forced to go down a trick.

This hand serves to demonstrate the fallibility of all Bridge-players. If

West had made any lead but a spade, the contract automatically would have been set. As it was, Declarer threw away the opportunity presented to him by failing to guess the trump division.

Neither side was vulnerable yesterday. You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and held:

♠ K x x
♥ A x x
♦ x x
♣ K Q J 10 x

The bidding:
Burnstone Maier You Jacoby
1♠ Pass Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct response is two clubs. This bid forces your partner to make some rebid; you can then make a strong bid on the second round. A response of three clubs is a definite Slam invitation that your hand does not justify.

Score 100% for two clubs, 70% for two notrump (it is preferable to show your suit), 50% for three clubs, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION No. 117

Oswald Jacoby is your partner today. Both sides are vulnerable and you hold:

♠ Q 10 x
♥ x x
♦ A J x x
♣ K x x x

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby Maier You
Pass 1♠ Pass Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN OFFER THEIR SERVICES

JOHANNESBURG, April 26 — The keenness with which women are enrolling for national service here in time of emergency continues unabated.

The committee of the South African Women's National Service Legion reports hundreds have offered themselves for service.

A register of householders, especially in the less crowded districts, who are willing to accommodate child "refugees" in time of emergency, is being considered. This in itself would be valuable form of national service, Legion officials said. Women would also be required to look after the children.

"Character building must be made to fit the day of the great corporation and gigantic organization." — Alfred M. Landon.

MONGREL DOG SAVES MINER

KIRKLAND LAKE, April 26. — Teddy, a mongrel dog, saved the life of Wilfred Leblanc here this week.

The dog jumped on the bed where Leblanc was asleep and awakened him when fire broke out. Leblanc opened the window of the bedroom and jumped out, the dog with him. Leblanc's hair and left ear were singed by the flames.

The house, owned by William Kramp, was burned to the ground. The flames spread immediately to a hotel next door and it was razed. Total loss was about \$10,000.

The hotel guests were awakened by neighbors and escaped.

CHINESE GIRL MACHINE-GUNNER

SHANGHAI, April 26 — Some surprise was caused here by the publication in Chinese newspapers of the story of a Chinese girl from Hunan province who joined the Chinese army as a man eight years ago. Now, at the age of 24, she is a machine-gunner in the 92nd Division.

During the fighting last autumn at Tungkuling on the west shore of Poyang Lake when Chinese forces resisted the Japanese advances on Tehan, the amazon, whose name is not revealed, was wounded in both feet and arms. After her recovery from wounds, she petitioned her commanding officer to return to the front. Other soldiers treated the machine-gunner as a man, and her sex was only accidentally discovered several days ago.

Bush pumpkins and cucumbers are being developed for small gardens. They bear fruit close to the center of the plant and take much less room in the garden.

Cosmos Orange Flare is a true cosmos but of a different species from the familiar pink and red cosmos. Orange Flare is a tropical plant which refuses to germinate in cold soil, but grows very quickly when the soil warms up.

I'M PLANTING EXTRA ACRES THIS YEAR

BECAUSE," Farmer MacDonald explains, "the chain stores are selling more of my potatoes in the Upper Provinces every year!"

Local producers of such products as potatoes, fish, pork, poultry, butter, fruit and eggs fully appreciate what the chain stores are doing for them. They value their opportunity to sell to the chains increasingly large amounts of produce for cash.

Local consumers, too, appreciate their opportunity to get at the chain stores fresher, newer merchandise, later styles and a thousand and one helps to a higher standard of living—all available at a price the average family can afford to pay. We think you'll agree that provincial producers need the hundreds of thousands of dollars annual income they get from the chain stores; and that consumers need the opportunity afforded by the chains to live better and at the same time, spend less.

Any special chain-store taxes are really taxes on your every-day necessities. They tax YOU as both producer and consumer.

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