In every age and in every land children always have the tremendous problem of finding enough adults from whom they (the children) may be inspired to model their growing lives. Only the gardener who intelligently and lovingly tends his garden will have one that brings forth beautiful flowers.

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Technique of Candy Making Illustrated

Metropolitan Sweet Sale Features Holiday Goodies

By FRAN MAIER

"The pulling technique in making peanut brittle is as important in the end results as the cooking," remarked Mrs. Vernon Keener of Holland avenue, who is making candy for the Metropolitans' Christmas Sweet sale.

Sponsored by the Auxiliary to Metropolitan club, Spirit 9, the sale will be held for the second year in the lobby of the Birmingham's Detroit Edison Co. beginning at 9 a.m., Dec. 7.

MRS. C. J. Nunneley and Foster Raymond are co-chairmen of the sale assisted by committee chairmen heading the various projects.

They are Mrs. Harold Coldren, taffy making; Mrs. George Scott, fruit cake; Mrs. Glen Foltz and Mrs. Vernon Keener, peanut brittle.

Also available will be Christmas cookies, candies, popcorn balls, corsages, dishcloth dolls and candy jars.

Proceeds from the work of the ladies will go toward charity. They are the wives of policemen, firemen and postmen, and the organization is comprised of Birmingham and Bloomfield workers.

MRS. KEENER had her first try at making peanut brittle last year and admitted she struggled with the few batches before she achieved the proper technique. This year it was a "snap" she remarked.

The candy was made from an old southern recipe obtained from the co-chairman of the sale, Mrs. C. G. Nunneley of Holland avenue. It had been handed down from Mr. Nunneley's family in Kentucky. He recalls many times watching members of his family pour the mixture onto a large marble slab which was used for the cooling process before the pulling began.

For holiday candymakers Mrs. Keener is passing along her recipe.

PEANUT BRITTLE

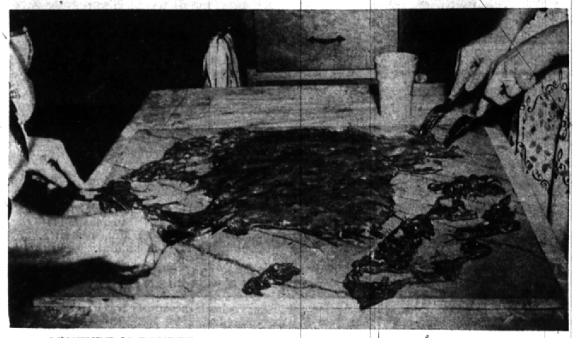
2 cups granulated sugar
2 cups dark corn syrup
½ cup water
1 teaspoon butter
2 cups raw spanish peanuts (not salted)
½ teaspoon vanilla
3 level teaspoons soda

MIX sugar, syrup and water and boil, without stirring to 250 degrees. Then add the peanuts, only a few at a time, and the butter, stirring continuously until it reaches a boiling degree of 300, for which Mrs. Keener tests with a thermometer . . . she feels it is only sure way. Remove from fire. Add vanilla. Stir in soda—don't beat—and while still foaming pour onto a greased marble slab. For best results the slab should be preheated—to prevent fast cooling—and greased with butter—putting more butter in the center, because there will be more candy there. As the candy begins to cool from the outside edge forks are used to stretch as thin as possible.

MRS. KEENER recommends a porcelain table top if a marble slab is not available. She suggests the forks for pulling a little at a time from around the edges, working toward the center. If the mixture is too hot, it will break instead of stretching.

Her recipe is now found in "The Best in Cooking in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills" a cook book published by the Metropolitan Auxiliary containing favorite recipes of its members.

INGREDIENTS, sugar, dark syrup, water, butter, raw spanish peanuts, vanilla and soda are all placed within reaching distance before Mrs. Vernon Keener begins her first step . . . mixing the sugar, syrup and water.



MIXTURE IS POURED onto a large pre-heated, buttered marble slab and the fluffing process is begun . . . forks are used to go around and around the outer edges to start the cooling. Working from the outer edges, pieces of peanut brittle are stretched and pulled away. The thinner the candy is stretched the crispier the results. (The extra pair of hands belong to co-chairman, Mrs. Foster Raymond.)

Sampling?

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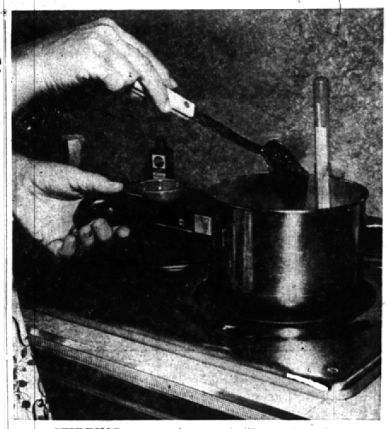
GIVING HER APPROVAL of okay for the "yummy," crunchy peanut brittle is Ruth Ann Nunnelley, daughter of co-chairman, Mrs. C. G. Nunnelley.



STIRRING constantly to a boiling point of 300 degrees . . . the thermometer plays a major role in the process, which is the only sure way to determine when the proper temperature is reached.

Suburban Scene

by BARBARA GANSCHOW

Wedding Guests Travel by Bus

A unique way of getting out-of-town guests to a wedding turned up this week in Birmingham. Two enterprising gals, Mrs. Fred M. Harley and Mrs. E. J. Barney formed a "non-profit organization, the Barney-Harley Girls, to promote an enjoyable and social bus ride among friends, so their husbands will be relaxed and happy at the McGraw-MacGregor wedding Saturday."

Some 33 guests will board the chartered bus for the "matrimonial motorcade" taking them to Bucyrus, Ohio, for the Saturday afternon marriage of Molly McGraw and Bob MacGregor. They'll pack box lunches to eat enroute and stop for dinner on the homeward journey.

Open House Fetes Ottos' Guests

There was somewhat of an international flavor at the open house last week at the Rudrick Ottos on Redding road. The party was for Nick and Jim Boase of Toronto, Ont., week-end house guests of the Ottos.

Skip Dowd brought along three gentlemen from South America, who came home from Michigan State university with him to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, the Arthur B. Dowds of Overhill drive.

The Dowds' guests are in this country as part of the federal point four program, getting advanced training in special fields and teaching techniques, so they can go back and apply what they've learned to help raise the standard of living in their own countries.

Alfredo Carrasco of Columbia and Paul Gutierrez of Costa Rica are studying agricultural economics and Leo Claure of Bolivia is concentrating on chemistry.

Also at the party were Paul Garlick, home from U. of M., Kitten James, who attends Mary Washington, Marie Lindquist from the University of Colorado and Everill Fisher, a student at Phelps school in Pennsylvainia. The Ottos' son, Rudrick, invited several of his friends from U of D and young Gretchen and Walter Otto also took part in the festivities.

Junior Woman's Club Dresses Dolls

Birmingham Junior Woman's club's traditional guest night and Christmas program will get under way at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. C. A. Hall, 29730 Kennoway. Members and guests will sing Christmas carols and highlight of the evening is to be a display of 30 Goodfellow dolls, dressed by club members, under direction of Mrs. Harold Melin, chairman.

The dolls will be judged for originality and style with prizes awarded. Southfield Goodfellows will distribute them to needy children.

Mrs. Melin and Mrs. J. E. Maxwell will assist Mrs. Hall.

Parties Honor Linda Loomis

Bride-elect Linda Loomis is having an exciting time fitting parties and showers into her schedule of classes at Eastern Michigan college.

During Mrs. Covert Robertson's recent visit to Michigan from Santa Barbara, Calif., she and her daughter, Virginia, a senior at the University of Michigan, gave a supper party for Linda at Ann Arbor. Last week, Mrs. Graham Shinnick, her daughter, Mrs. Gary Knapp, and Mrs. Howard Liverance were hostesses for a tea and kitchen shower honoring Linda, at the Shinnicks' home on Lake Park avenue.

A December 22 wedding, in the Universalist Unitarian church in Farmington, is planned by Linda and her fiance, Patrick Fischer. They were feted at an evening party Nov. 24 by Mr. and Mrs. Norman B. Weston of Kennesaw street. Out of town guests at this event were Pat's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fischer of Ann Arbor and Mr. and Mrs. Avery Macalester Schultz and son, Howard, of Flint.

Linen gifts will be presented to Linda at a shower planned Saturday by Mrs. Berrien C. Ketchum of Suffield road.

Linda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Loomis of 1648 Dorchester, will greet guests at a home reception after the wedding.

Father And Son Fly Round-the-World

BY BARBARA GANSCHOW

From watching the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, to being caught in Bierut when war broke out, and riding the surf at Honolulu, William Patrick Hill stored up a heap of memories and material for his diary.

Accompanying his father, Walter P. Hill, on a five-week, 35,000 mile round the world trip was an exciting and educational experience for this 12 year old lad. Pat just got in under the wire on the half fare plane ticket . . . celebrated his twelfth birthday at the Club Lido in Paris.

THE JOURNEY proved to be an educational one for Dad, too . . . with Pat along, he had to concentrate on the tourist attractions instead of the night clubs.

In England, seeing the guards at Buckingham Palace warm up to "Tiger Rag" and marching to "The Stars and Stripes Forever", in swingtime, really took him by surprise.

After five days in England they were off for Paris where trips to the Eiffel Tower and down the Seine were on the agenda.

In Madrid, they viewed a spectacular state parade when Franco came in to meet the Cuban ambassador . . . all the horses and crack guards providing a magnificent sight.

SOMETHING not usually seen by tourists was included on their tour of Rome. A friend guided them to a church two doors from the American embassy, where, in a centuries-old subterranian burial ground, are buried 4,000 priests. After 10 years in the ground the corpse's bones are exhumed and stacked up around the wall like cord wood, and the name of the deceased placed on a plaque for posterity, making room for the burial of more priests.

They arrived in Athens on Ohea Day . . . the celebration of the day the premier had to give Hitler and Mussolini an answer on whether or not they would capitulate . . . he came out on the balcony and said, "Ohea", meaning "no".

Stranded in Bierut, Lebanon, when the war broke out over there, they took a motor jaunt down as far as they could toward the borders of Jordan and Israel, coming to within 30 miles of the hostilities . . . Americans were being evacuated from Cairo, through Jordan, to Beirut . . . people were sleeping all over, in lobbies and anyplace they could find room, waiting for transportation out . . . residents there were doing everything they could to help the Americans. A cab driver drove the Hills all over the city in their efforts to line up space for the two of them, and wouldn't take a nickel for his time.

THEY FINALLY got a plane out to Istanbul, where gasoline became a problem . . . all planes that normally went through Cairo for refueling, came to Istanbul. After many hours of waiting while gasoline was garnered from several sources, a full tank was finally arrived at and they were among the passengers on the last Pan American flight out of Istanbul.

After stops in Burma, Thailand, and India, they landed in Hong Kong . . . then on to Japan where they were treated royally as they traveled the full length of the country.

When asked to comment on interest in the far east on our presidentional election, Hill related that over the Arab radio, the people were instructed to pray for the election of Eisenhower.

In estimation, Americans have reached a new high in the eyes of the people of the world . . . they feel ours is the only nation which can be trusted . . . and go out of their way to give assistance to Americans. To him the Japanese are the most gracious in the world and he couldn't say enough in praise of their hospitality.

AS THEY continued their trip, their plane was forced to return to Wake Island after two hours out, when an engine became useless . . . and just at landing, the other engine caught fire and ambulances, fire trucks and other equipment greeted them as the plane set down safely at the airport. During their six hour layover they found Wake to be a desolate place, where no effort has been made to erase the destruction of war.

Pat did his first water skiing in Honolulu, and first time out, rode the waves like a veteran.

SOUVENIRS, a diary, stamp collection and money from all the countries on the itinerary will serve to preserve the memory of this fabulous journey for Pat and were used to good purpose as he related his experiences to his seventh grade classmates at Bloomfield Hills high school.

Mr. Hill, whose company, Walter P. Hill, Inc., manufactures special machinery for several corporations, has made many trips abroad, but, none, we can guarantee, that covered so many tourist attractions and general points of interest as the one in the company of his son.

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

MR. AND MRS. Walter P. Hill and children, Pat and Nancy, admire a dress, fashioned of gold metallic cloth, brought back from Hawaii for Mrs. Hill by her husband and son. Mr. Hill and Pat returned recently from a five-week round the world trip. Nancy was not forgotten during the souvenir shopping . . . she's wearing a Japanese costume, complete with walking shoes and fan.

Players Plan Childrens' Party—Original Play

A CHILDREN'S Christmas party and an original play written by a member of Birmingham's Board of Education will highlight activities at the Village Players' Chestnut street playhouse on December 15.

The children's party, from 3 to 5 o'clock, will begin with carol singing, with Mrs. Michael Remondino at the piano. Mel Snyder, local balloon artist, will blow up balloons into various animals and perform tricks. There will be a short film cartoon and Santa Claus (William L. Martin) and Mrs. Santa (Mrs. William L. Martin), assisted by Santa's helper (Marc J. Parsons), will distribute gifts.

IN THE evening, curtain time is 9 o'clock for the original play, "Space on Earth," by Mrs. Alec Parnie. The play, with a cast of 25, will run about 45 minutes. It's the story of what a disappointment Christmas on earth is to a space man until Santa shows him the happy side of Yuletide.

Dyke G. Dwelley plays the role of the space man while W. L. Martin, fresh from his chores of the afternoon, again takes the part of Santa. The show is directed by Mrs. Frank N. Mosher, assisted by Mrs. Howard J. Thomsen. In charge of decorations for these affairs, which includes an Afterglow, are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Manley and Mrs. Andrew F. Butt. Mrs. Ralph Skinner Jr. is in charge of refreshments.

Gift Wrapping Demonstrated

Birmingham alumnae chapter of Delta Delta Delta met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Elmer G. Fremont, 931 Fairfax. Mrs. E. Sedgwick Stagg was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Ona Sieloff, known to TV viewers as "Lady Do It," presented a demonstration of Christmas decorations and gift wrappings.

Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Neil Nyde, Mrs. Richard Mavis, Mrs. Floyd G. Sease, Jr., and Dorothy Ray.

Girl Scouts Sing On Radio Program

Sings in Glee Club

Margaret Blinn is a member of

p.m. Dec. 16 in the hospital's education building. She's the daughter of the F. D. Blinns of 363 George