



The Egg Crate



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Welcome

I want to welcome all of you to the 1st issue of the Betty MacDonald newsletter, The Egg Crate. I will give you a basic idea of what to expect in coming months. I hope you will enjoy the following stories, trivia, recipes, and our monthly contest begins with this issue. I do welcome suggestions, comments and contributions. I want everyone to become involved with the newsletters. So, Please, feel free to email me.

A word of thanks

Before I get this newsletter rolling I want to thank the following people, Chris and Dorothy Goldsmith, their daughter Brooke, and most of all Betty's daughter Ann. Although our contact has either been by email or phone, they have made me feel like an old friend. Without them I would not know half as much about Betty as I do.

FOBM

I am truly disappointed with the Friends Of Betty MacDonald forum these days. I have made several very interesting posts in the past couple of months but all

People do is come in and look. I have a feeling that Frank and his crew is eventually going to disband the site for lack of use. He more or less said this when we spoke on the phone during the setup of the family tree. It would be a sad day indeed, as there are very few, if none at all, free sites for Betty's fans to get together and discuss their favorite author. I even made a post about this newsletter but, other than the few people who responded to my emails, no one has expressed an interest. Oh well, it is their loss because I will be sharing some great stuff.

kimi

I recently made a phone call to Monica Sones. Who, we all know, and love, as Kimi in *The Plague and I*. Monica was a life long friend of Betty's and has a lot of interesting stories and anecdotes that I am hoping she will share with us as time goes by. Monica did tell me that Betty was just as funny in real life as she was in her books. Monica said that the nurses at Firland had a time keeping Betty quiet.

Q & A

Since I opened my family tree to people, I have received tons of email asking who was who. So I will try to answer your questions as best I can. Suzan wrote asking about Betty's sister Sylvia Remsen Bard. ***"Did you find out any more about Betty's infant sister who died? Do you know if she died at birth, or was she stillborn, or did she live a few days?"*** Suzan, there really isn't much out there on Sylvia except what was passed on to me. Sylvia was just four months old when she passed and the cause of death is unknown. Please keep your questions coming. I will do my best to answer all of them.

Trivia

As we all know "The Egg and I" began as a best selling book in 1945, in 1947 it was it became a hit movie with Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray But, did you know that two television shows were created based on the "The Egg and I"? The first one was released by CBS in 1951 and was titled "The Egg and I" and the second one came along in the late 1960's and was titled "Green Acres."

Happy Anniversary

May, 1943

"Goldsmith, Miss Bard Nuptials" Bouquets of white stock and calla lilies decorated the altar of St Teresa's Church for the wedding Wednesday morning of Miss Dorothea Darsie Bard, daughter of Mrs. Darsie Campbell Bard and, Melvin William Goldsmith son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Goldsmith of this city.

Father Arthur Wharton read the nuptial mass.

For her wedding, the bride wore a stunning powder blue dressmaker suit with brown accessories and a corsage of Talisman rosebuds and lilies of the valley. She carried a small white prayer book.

Miss Madge Baldwin, the maid of honor, chose a brown ensemble and her flowers were a corsage of yellow roses.

Earl W. Collins attended the bridegroom as best man.

Later a wedding breakfast was held for the immediate families at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Lieut. Commander and, Mrs. Clyde R. Jensen.

Mr. Goldsmith is on active duty with the United States Navy, is a graduate of the University of Washington and a member of Sigma Phi Sigma and Hammer and Coffin Society. (Seattle times 1943)



Recipes

What would a newsletter about Betty MacDonald be without recipes? I will kick things off with a Bard family favorite, Meatloaf! My Aunt, who lived during the depression, gave this recipe to me,

- 1 Small onion (chopped)
- 1 Egg
- _ bell pepper (diced)
- _ cup milk or ketchup (if you don't have or like milk)
- _ cup breadcrumbs or oatmeal
- 1.5 pounds of hamburger meat
- 2 Tablespoons ketchup

Preheat oven to 350. Mix all ingredients well. Shape beef mixture into a loaf and place in a metal baking pan. Cover with foil. Bake about 1 hour. When done top with ketchup, bake a few extra minutes (without foil). Serve with mashed potatoes. Save any leftovers for later that night to have with coffee and conversation.

Have a favorite recipe? Share it with the rest of us. I will be happy to include it in the next newsletter.

Contest

This issue will start off our first contest.

I will begin by stating the rules; these rules will apply to this and all future contests.

1). All entries must be emailed to me by the end of the 2nd week of the month. You must include the time and date in the body of your email, that way if more than one person gets the correct answer the one that was sent first will be the winner. You must also include your mailing address, as some prizes will be sent by US postal service.

I am going to begin this month's contest with a picture puzzle. If you are unable to view it after printing it, I would suggest that you look at the picture before you print off the newsletter.

WHO IS THIS?



Good luck, and have fun!

around to it but I will get to it this month.

Coming in July

Next months issue will be dedicated to Betty's 1st husband, Robert Eugene Heskett as, July will mark the 55th anniversary of his death. I have ordered from the national Archives and Records Administration, Bob's WW1 military records. Hopefully they will arrive in time. I will also be citing newspaper articles relating to his death, along with a surprise photograph.

The Essay Requests

Several of you have wished for a copy of the current essay on Betty by Beth Kraig titled, "It's About Time Somebody Out Here Wrote the Truth: Betty MacDonald and North/West regionalism." I will get it scanned and sent out as soon as I can. I know I have said this some months ago but, I have been rather busy on a special project relating to Betty, and just haven't had time to get

After thought

I hope that you have enjoyed my first attempt at a newsletter; I am expecting it to get better as my skill with newsletters improves. I will be adding more photos and other little illustrations. Again, your comments, suggestions and, contributions will be welcomed.

Until next month.....