Amelia Earhart Flies for the Fun of It

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After all, that's reason enough for doing anything. Miss Earhart believes that most reasons are illogical anyway—that the greatest power comes because you want to do that very thing and do it well. Miss Earhart came to the campus as the first speaker on the 1934 Star Lecture Series.

"If you worry about the money you will make from it, or what people will say about you, or whether you will stub your toe or bark your shins, then you are frittering away that power—that inner concentration on the goal itself," writes Miss Earhart.

A MELIA EARHART—a lady after our own hearts, is a most modest, unassuming and winsome young woman. She is a charming woman, a good sport, and a steadfast workman.

In all of her flights, publicity has been restrained. For two reasons this is true. One is that she doesn't care to have her name exploited, and the other and most important, she doesn't want people to be expecting her flight to come off as planned. She reserves the right of a woman to change her mind; if she decides that she doesn't want to take off, she doesn't have to. It can wait until that is the thing that she wants to do.

A MELIA EARHART'S flying began in California in 1920, where she earned the money for flying lessons by working with a telephone company. She had another job too, that of delivering sand and gravel. She says that she was "simply nobody," ostracized by right thinking girls.

In 1928, with Stultz and Gordon, experienced men flyers, she flew across the Atlantic, the first woman to do this. On May 20, 1932, flying from Newfoundland to Ireland, she made the first flight across the Atlantic by a woman alone. She was both the first woman to fly the ocean as a passenger and the first to fly across alone.

Preparations were comparatively short, but thorough. She took only the clothing she wore, and about $20. Not a lot of incidenitals to worry about—for such things would not be needed in Davy Jones' locker, if that was to be her fate. But she was successful! Of all the congratulations she received, it is said that she liked most the one from the cleaners who did her work in New York. The telegram read: "Congratulations! I knew you'd do it. I've never lost a customer."

In her career of flying Miss Earhart has established many records for women. She is the first woman to make a transcontinental air flight, and the first person, man or woman, to take an autogiro across the continent. Among other firsts, she soloed an autogiro, and holds the autogiro altitude record. She established also a new time record for a woman flying across the United States.

Pumpkin Cookies

NOVEMBER days suggest pumpkin. For a change try these pumpkin cookies.

1 c. sugar 1 tsp. cinnamon
1 c. molasses 1 tsp. ginger or cloves
1/2 c. water
1/2 c. cooked pumpkin 2 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. salt 6 c. flour

Cook the sugar, molasses and water together for about 6 minutes. Pour over the butter and pumpkin. Blend together well and sift in the dry ingredients. Mix thoroughly. Mold into roll. Chill. Cut into slices and bake in a moderate oven 350° F. for about 10-12 minutes. When cool they may be iced with boiled frosting.

AFTER her lecture here, Amelia Earhart Putnam was interviewed on her way to her hotel by Hazel Moore. Hazel learned that AMELIA EARHART:

1. ... really can sew. In fact, she used to make all her own clothes from her own designs. This was before her flying days, when she had more time than she has now.
2. ... got started in commercial design because she and other women pilots had difficulty in buying flying togs that were cut well or fit well. From this start she was lured into designing sport wear in general.
3. ... believes she looks best in tailored clothes and buys or designs this type for herself.
4. ... is completely unassuming about herself. Actually believes that she is rather "funny" looking and thus has to be careful in her selection of wearing apparel.
5. ... professes a strong belief in women's capabilities. "Women should do things until proven to be unable to accomplish them. Individual aptitude should be the criterion of one's work."
6. ... likes to read, rides horseback, enjoys music, and loves to write.
7. ... can cook and keep house—and likes to do it as much as her time permits.
8. ... took a pre-medic course at Columbia University and had serious intentions of studying medicine, but her affairs took another angle and she did not continue.
9. ... believes that it is our problem to make it possible for all trained people, with ability, and with the desire to succeed, to have the work for which they are fitted.
10. ... runs her hand through her "bangs" when thinking. Is absolutely unstudied, is dramatic in her gestures and sincere and serious in her thought.
11. ... Grins with whole hearted, infectious pleasure.

Mold a Grape Salad

Grapes tempt housewives in the market both because of reasonable price and deliciousness. Have you ever served them as molded grape salad? White grapes which have been skinned, cut in halves and seeded are added to cooled grape gelatin. The fruit gelatin is poured into molds and allowed to harden, and then turned out on a lettuce leaf and garnished with mayonnaise. The flavors and colors are distinctive.