Ham and Swiss crescent braid

3/4 pound cooked ham, chopped (21/4 cups)

1 cup frozen broccoli florets, thawed (see note)

1 cup shredded Swiss cheese (4 ounces)

1 (4.5-ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained

1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing

1 tablespoon honey mustard

2 (8-ounce) cans refrigerated reduced-fat or regular crescent dinner rolls

1 egg white, beaten

2 tablespoons slivered almonds

Use an ungreased large rectangular baking stone or spray a cookie sheet with non-stick cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine ham, broccoli, cheese, mushrooms, mayonnaise and mustard; mix well.

Unroll both cans of dough. Place dough with long sides together on ungreased baking stone, forming a 15x12-inch rectangle. Press edges and perforations to seal.

Spoon and spread ham mixture in a 6-inch strip lengthwise down center of dough. With scissors or sharp knife, make cuts 1½ inches apart along long sides of dough to within ½-inch of filling. Twisting each strip once, alternately cross strips over filling. Tuck short ends under; press to seal. Brush dough with beaten egg white; sprinkle with almonds.

Bake in preheated 375-degree oven 28 to 33 minutes or until deep golden brown. Cool 5 minutes. Cut into crosswise slices. Makes 8 servings.

Note: To quickly thaw broccoli, place in a colander or strainer; rinse with warm water until thawed. Drain well.

Nutrition information per serving: 430 calories; 27 grams fat; 18 grams protein; 28 grams carbohydrates

ing is just icing on the bread

4¹/₂ to 5 cups all-purpose flour

6 tablespoons softened margarine ³/₄ cup granulated sugar Cinnamon

Stir 1 teaspoon sugar into ¼ cup lukewarm water until dissolved. Add dry yeast and let set while mixing other ingredients.

In a large mixing bowl, place ¹/₄ cup sugar, Crisco and salt. Pour scalded milk over ingredients. Stir until sugar and Crisco are dissolved. Add egg and beat. When mixture is lukewarm, stir the yeast mixture into the liquid mixture. Gradually add the flour until the dough is stiff. Place dough onto a floured bread board and knead 50 strokes.

Place in a large container that has been greased. Cover and let stand 2 hours. Cut dough in half and roll each half into a rectangle. Spread with softened margarine, granulated sugar and enough cinnamon to cover dough. Roll up as a jelly roll. Place on a greased cookie sheet, forming a circle by pinching the two ends together. With scissors, cut slits every 11/2 inch slices; cut from the outside of the ring almost to the center. While cutting, turn the cut portions so each shows a cut edge. Cover and let rise for 2 hours. Bake at 375 degrees for 15

minutes in a preheated oven. Remove from pan immediately and spread with a thin layer of butter. Cool to warm and then cover with butter frosting. Makes 2 tea rings.

Butter frosting

2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar 4 tablespoons butter or margarine About 3 tablespoons milk ½ teaspoon vanilla **Garnish:** Maraschino cherries Chopped pecans

Beat together sugar, butter, milk and vanilla until well blended. Frost each ring. Decorate with pieces of maraschino cherries and chopped pecans.

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Send your questions, and we'll contact the restaurant for you. Maybe it will share, maybe it won't. But we'll ask. Send your recipe or question to Recipe Swap, c/o Sharon Thompson, Lexington Herald-Leader, 100 Midland Avenue, Lexington, Ky. 40509. Or e-mail swthompson@herald-leader.com.

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Swedish tea ring

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PITA BREAD

1 cake or packet of yeast 1 cup warm water (100° F) 3 cups flour 1 tsp salt 1/4 cup olive oil

Dissolve yeast in water and mix thoroughly with other ingredients. Knead 10 minutes. Let rise until double 1 1/2 hours. Punch down. Let rest 10 minutes. Cut into 4 (or 8) portions and roll into balls. Flatten balls and roll into 8" circles. Plase on greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise at 80° for 30 min. Bake at 500° for 8 minutes. Cool on wire racks. Cut in half; fill with sandwich food.

TURTLE RYE BREAD Makes 12 animals RECIPE CAN BE CUT OUT AND IRONED ON A CARD 5 cups unsifted white flour (about) dough. Knead on floured board to form a 2 cups unsifted rye flour smooth ball, about 1 minute. Place in greased 1 tablespoon salt bowl; grease top. Cover; let rise until doubled, 1 tablespoon caraway seed about 45 minutes. 2 packages Fleischmann's Active Dry Yeast Punch down; turn onto floured board. Divide 1 tablespoon margarine, softened into 12 pieces. ď b 21/2 cups hot tap water (120°-130°F.) Cut off ¼ of each piece. Form large piece into 0 24 whole cloves ball for body; place on greased baking pan. 1 egg, beaten From small piece form head, 4 legs and a tail. 1 tablespoon cold water Place along body. Insert cloves for eyes. Make i Mix flours. Combine 21/2 cups flour mixture, salt, crisscross cuts on back. HERE caraway and yeast. Add margarine. Cover; let rise until doubled, about 45 minutes. Add hot tap water to dry ingredients; beat 2 min. Combine egg and cold water; brush over dough. at medium speed. Add 1 cup flour. Beat at high CUT speed 2 min. Stir in enough flour to make a soft Bake at 425°F. 12 to 15 minutes, or until done.

YEAST BREADS Unusual breads with unusual appeal.

Mix together.....

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Perfect for serve-yourself midnight sna is and buffet suppers. Cold ham, sharp cheese, pickles, etc. enhance the flavors of these breads. Bernice Anderson of our Staff likes to serve Swedish Linpa on a shiny Swedish copper tray.

SWEDISH LIMPA CARAWAY RYE

Dough with rye flour will be sticky. Add enough flour so it handles easily.

Crumble in... Stir until dissolved. Add.....

Mix in with spoon, then with hand ...

Add, if desired

Knead and let rise twice. (See pictures, p. 90.) Shape into 2 round loaves. Place on opposite corners on lightly greased baking sheet. Let rise until double (45 to 60 min.). Bake until brown and tests done.

Pumpernickel Bread is a dense, dark, coarse bread. It requires coarse rye meal (not generally available) instead of rye flour.

11/2 cups lukewarm water 11/2 cups 1/1 cup molasses 1/2 cup 1/3 cup sugar l thsp. salt 1 tbsp: finely grated rind of 2 tbsp. cara-2 oranges way seeds 2 cakes compressed yeast 3 cakes 2 tbsp. soft shortening 2 tbsp. 21/2 cups sifted rye flour 23/4 cups 21/2 to 3 cups sifted 31/2 to 4 cups **GOLD MEDAL Flour** 1 cup raisins

POTE: These breads can be made with only 1 rising before shaping but will have a litt'e heavier and coarser texture.

TEMPERATURE: 375° (quick mod. oven).

TIME: Bake 30 to 40 min.

A MOUNT: 2 loaves.

CHEESE PIMIENTO BREAD

"Marvelous with just butter!" says Jean Banzhaf (Mrs. Christ Banzhaf, Jr.) of Chicago, known for her artistry in table-setting and the selection of properties for photography.

Combine in large saucepan . . .

- 2 thsp. soft butter
- 3 tbsp. flour
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. salt

Stir in . . .

11/4 cups milk

Cook, stirring over low heat until thickened. Add . .

1/3 cup grated sharp flavored cheese 2 to 3 tbsp. minced pimiento

Stiruntil cheese is melted. Cool to lukewarm.

Mix together and add . . .

1/4 cup lukewarm water

1 cake compressed yeast

Mix in . .

3 to 31/2 cups sifted GOLD MEDAL Flour

Knead and let rise twice. Shape into loaf (9x5x3" pan). (See pp. 90-93.) Let rise 11/2 times its size (about 30 min.). Bake.

TEMPERATURE: 375° (quick mod. oven).

TIME: Bake 45 to 50 min. AMOUNT: 1 loaf

+ HERB BREAD

Serve warm for its delightful aroma. Duncan Hines always asks for it since we served it to him at a guest luncheon a few years ago.

Follow recipe for White Bread (p. 91) for mixing and handling dough, but use:

l cup lukewarm milk 2 tbsp. sugar

- 11/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cake compressed yeast
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- I tsp. crumbled dried sage

2 tsp. caraway seeds

2 thsp. soft shortening

3 to 33/4 cups sifted GOLD MEDAL Flour

Let rise only once. Shape into loaf (9x5x3" pan). Let rise double (50 to 60 min.). Bake. TEMPERATURE: 375° (quick mod. oven). TIME: Bake 45 to 50 min. AMOUNT: 1 loaf.

BOHEMIAN RYE BREAD

Follow recipe for Caraway Rve Bread above—except use 2 cups water, 3 cups rye flour. Omit molasses, use 1/4 cup sugar. Add 2 tbsp. fennel and use 1 tbsp. caraway seeds.

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Basic pasta 2 c unbleached flour 1 c whole-wheat flour 4 eggs 11/2 Toil

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ingredients are moistened. sake in a preheated oiled waffle iron just until crisp. yield 12 Finch woffles.

Irish oat scones

1 cup quick-cooking oats 1 cup all-purpose flour 4 teaspoons baking powder ¹/₂ teaspoon salt ¹/₂ cup butter, in small chunks ²/₃ cup milk

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Lightly grease a cookie sheet.

Cook the oats in an ungreased skillet over moderate heat for 5 to 6 minutes, or until lightly browned. Set aside.

Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl. Add the butter and work it into the flour mixture with your hands or a pastry blender for 1 to 2 minutes or until the mixture resembles meal. Alternatively, you may use a food processor; pulse quickly about 36 times to obtain the mealy texture. Stir in the oatmeal. Pour in the milk and stir to make a soft dough.

Knead the dough briefly on a floured surface, then press the dough into a circle ³/₄-inch thick. Cut circle into 8 wedges. Place wedges on the cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Serves eight.