city girl, it's said they go sailing. Bus drivers ride buses and postmen take long walks. But somehow you don't expect a professional chef to devote his free time to cooking after catering to the special needs and desires of 250-500 people every day.

Executive Chef Joachim (Fritz) Hillebrand of Pacific Grove trained for his profession in the time-honored European system, starting as a "kitchen boy."

His career began in the small Rhineland town of Aachin, and he held progressively more responsible positions in leading hotels there, and in Nurenberg, Bad Nauheim and Augsberg. For six years he was a member of the armed forces of Germany, "a time of trouble for all of us," as he remarked when discussing his early life recently.

In 1957 he emigrated to the United States and from then until 1961 he

Club at the Presidio where his international cuisine earned him the acclaim of the military community. Since that time Chef Hillebrand has been in charge of the culinary functions at the Mark Thomas Inn, which includes catering for huge gatherings at the Fairgrounds as well as the regular functions of the luxury resort hotel.

Not content with his ordinary "busman's holidays", Chef Hillebrand spent his entire vacation this spring in Europe, visiting the places where he had trained and worked and checking on new developments in the world of haute cuisine.

Back in his home town of Nurenberg, he visited the Grand Palace Hotel where he had once worked and discovered that the same chef who was in charge in 1938 is still busy among his pots and pans in the same old kitchen.

"Not a thing had been changed," Chef Hillebrand recalls, "and I could have walked right in and gone to work without having to look for a single item. It's all just as it was when I left."

On the local scene, Chef Hillebrand was awarded top honors at the 1966 Heart Fund Cocktail Party for his hors d'oeuvre table. Interpreting the party's theme, "The Year of the Frenchman", in an international manner, he prepared veal pate with a whole loin of veal, stuffed with a mixture of ground veal, truffles, pistachio nuts and fat bacon, poached in a simple stock and glazed. It was then ornamented with artichoke hearts, celery root, goose liver paste and truffles.

To complement the simplicity of the pate, Chef Hillebrand assembled a "spezialplatte" with such widely assorted tidbits as stuffed smoked salmon with hor horseradish, chicken breast garni, thinly sliced English roast beef rolled around fresh vegetables, cherry tomatoes stuffed with chicken salad, pickled beef tongue and eggs



Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hillebrand admire the sweepstakes award which he received from former White House Chef, Rene Verdun during the Heart Fund cocktail party. The Hillebrands are standing by a German made credenza which is nearly 300 years old. Hand carved at the top is the legend "Have God always before your heart and eyes."

stuffed with bite-sized Swedish herring.

A proper seafood accent was introduced by the use of two shellfish cocktails — shrimp in a sauce of homemade mayonnaise, cream, tomato ketchup, sherry, horseradish and lemon juice. The sauce for the lobster cocktail was similar except that it uses Madeira wine and whiskey.

One of the Chef's favorite dishes is Speisebraden, an absolutely sumptious roulade of beef, which is slowly grilled to perfection while being basted with its natural juices and red wine. It is served with jaeger sauce, lots of crusty bread and a tossed salad. A sharp red wine traditionally is served.

Speisbraten

Top round steak, cut ½ inch thick; chopped onion; paprika; bacon; prepared mustard; and dill pickles.

Trim all fat from round steak and pound with edge of plate or meat mallet, pulling lengthwise to produce a long, relatively narrow strip.

Spread surface of meat with mixture of chopped onion, paprika, prepared mustard and chopped dill pickles, varying proportions to suit individual tastes. Lightly fry bacon and place strips lengthwise on meat (or reserve bacon for step two below).

Starting at the small end of the meat, roll tightly. If bacon has been included in filling, roll may be tightly tied with twine. The more authentic method is to sew the roll tightly, using a large larding needle and the bacon, and passing bacon strips completely through roll. Insert rotisserie skewer through center of roll and broil until done to personal taste.

Speisbraten is usually cooked outdoors on a rotisserie with a vertical firebox and basted with its own juices, to which a little red wine may be added if additional volume is needed.

If cooked in an oven-rotisserie or electric rotobroil or similar device without a drip pan, occasional basting with red wine will improve flavour and prevent dryness.

When cooking is complete, roll is sliced diagonally for serving and each portion topped with

Heat together:

Jaeger Sauce

1 qt. brown gravy stock; 1 tsp. tomato paste; 1 bayleaf; 1 clove; 3 tsp. cranberry sauce.

Simmer five minutes to combine flavors, then remove bayleaf and clove.

Stir in 3 tablespoons sour cream and thicken as desired with flour.

Add: ½ lb. (about 115) Pfifferling (European mushrooms). Keep hot, but do not boil.

An Education

Ann Landers Has Answers

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I are the proud parents of two beautiful children — a little boy three years old and a 10-month-baby girl. We adopted these youngsters through the Tennessee department of welfare.

Not a week goes by that someone doesn't say, "It certainly is wonderful of you to take those poor little children into your home. God will bless you some day for your kindness."

The remarks are invariably made in the presence of the children who are too young to understand, but one day soon they will.

How can we make people realize that these children have made our house a home and that God has already blessed us a hundredfold? Please provide us with an answer that will assure our children that we love them and we did not take them into our home because we felt sorry for them. Thank you.—MRS. FURIOUS

Dear Mrs.: Children are given the warm feeling they are wanted and loved by the way they are treated and not by listening to their parents talk to friends.

I do feel that you should respond to your ignorant acquaintances, however, not to reassure your children, but to educate the clods. Tell them—as you told me in your letter—that God has already blessed you, and that the children have enriched your lives beyond your ability to describe it.

Dear Ann Landers: I am going with a very fine young man who has a habit that drives me out of my mind.

Whenever we sit down to eat my finance reaches for the salt and pepper and sprinkles his food for five minutes. I've asked him how he knows the food needs seasoning without tasting it. He says, "Oh, it's never spicy enough to suit me."

I plan to marry this man one day and I'd like you to tell me if I should speak up now or wait until we are man and wife. — ANN NOID.

Dear Noid: Be quiet and learn to live with it. Consider yourself fortunate if the guy reaches no further than the salt and pepper shakers for the spice of life.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Spiher of Richmond have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joey-Sue, to Clement Higby, the son of Mrs. Warren C. Higby and the late Mr. Higby of Carmel Valley.

Miss Spiher is a graduate of Richmond High School and secretary to the purchasing agent of California Ink Co. in Berkeley.

Mr. Higby is an alumnus of St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., and is supervisor of research and development at the same firm.

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