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A Wartime Recipe

10 During the Second World War, rationing (particularly of eggs and
22 sugar) meant that creative bakers had to find ways to adapt recipes
35 to allow them to still enjoy tea and cake at this difficult time.

37 Honey Cakes

38 Ingredients:

42 • 6 ounces self-raising flour

45 • 2 teaspoons honey

48 • 1 teaspoon sugar

51 • 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces margarine

55 • 1 level teaspoon cinnamon



56 Method:

63 1. Beat sugar and margarine until it becomes
67 a soft, creamy consistency.

76 2. Sieve flour and cinnamon; add it to the mixture.

86 3. Mix with a wooden spoon to bind the mixture together;
94 knead with fingers until the dough becomes soft.

101 4. Roll between floured palms into 16 balls.

109 5. Place the dough on a lightly greased baking
114 tray, flattening the rolls slightly.

123 6. Bake in a medium oven for about 15 mins.

128 Enjoy your delicious honey cakes!

Quick Questions

1. How many Honey Cakes would this recipe make?

2. Which word means the same as 'change'?

3. Why was this a difficult time?

4. Why does the author describe bakers as 'creative'?

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Extension:

The Role of Women During the Second World War

10 Life for most women before the war was quite different
19 than today. Typically, most women stayed at home and
24 did not go to work.

34 When the war started in September 1939, the role of
37 women changed rapidly.

49 With men called up for active service, there was a need for
59 women to undertake the jobs that the men had previously
67 done, giving them the opportunity to become patriotic
76 heroines. During the war, women were employed in a
83 range of positions including: munition factory workers
91 (making weapons); working in the armed forces (army,
102 navy and air force); working as Land Girls; driving buses or
110 trains; working as nurses or ambulance drivers; building
113 ships; becoming searchlight
116 operators and becoming
119 air raid wardens.

124 In 1943, almost 90% of
128 single women and 80%
132 of married women were
134 in employment.



Quick Questions

1. Find and copy two words related to 'working'.

2. What percentage of married women were working by 1943?

3. How did life change for women during the Second World War? Give two examples.

4. Why does the author use the phrase 'patriotic heroines'?
