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FHA Make Plans For Tea, Caroling

Widely discussed at the high school FHA meeting recently was the annual Christmas caroling. The group decided to invite the FFA to accompany the girls on the caroling this year. To make the group more uniform, it was voted to have each girl wear white boots, white bandanas and to carry a white candle. Committees chosen for the caroling night were: refreshments, Connie Heckman; songs, Sylvia Thiede; arrangements, Patsy Melvin.

The annual Mothers' Silver Tea was discussed but no definite date was set for it. Committee chairmen chosen for the tea were: refreshments, Kay Wells; entertainment, Patsy Melvin; decoration, Carol Roddy; invitations, Roberta Kimble; room arrangement, Patsy Melvin; clean-up, Roberta Wells.

—Lions Roar

Seabees Will Have 10th Birthday 28th

The Navy's Seabees will observe their tenth birthday on Friday, December 28, engaged in high speed construction at more than 30 overseas naval bases and stations from the Arctic to the Tropics.

In the 13th Naval District, comprising the state of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, there are 14 Organized and 21 volunteer Seabee reserve units in training.

As the Navy's youngest major component, the Seabee organization won fame in World War II by combat construction performed all over the world. Seabees have added to the "Can Do" tradition by their work in the amphibious assault at Inchon in the early days of the Korean fighting.

Ring out the darkness of the land
Ring in the Christ that is to be!

—Alfred Tennyson

Have Your Tree—Eat the Trimmings



Here's a novel way to decorate your Christmas tree this year. Make your own delectable decorations and hang cookie stars, wreaths, angles, and little "sugar plum" trees from the branches of a small tree. You can make up a big batch of decorations to replace those eaten through the day. You can move your cookie-decorated tree from hall to kitchen to catch the busy delivery boy, the mailman and holiday callers. It makes a safe, decorative centerpiece for your holiday dinner table, and best of all, it is lots of fun to fix.

To make the "trimmings," start with a good basic cookie dough and cut it into suitable shapes. But, before you bake, punch a hole in the dough 1/2 inch from the top of each cookie. A stout skewer or nail does the trick. Now bake, next frost, then decorate. Slip a bright ribbon through the hole, and tie it into a neat bow on the tip end of a needled branch.

If you wish to have more than "cookie" decorations, you needn't stop there. You can hang strings of popcorn, colorful candy and miniature fruit on the tree, too. Regular ornament hangers will

hold them securely. Or fashion your own hangers from paper clips.

CHRISTMAS CUT-OUTS

1 cup shortening (part butter for flavor)
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
3 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Gradually add sugar to shortening, creaming well. Mix in whole eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Add flavoring. Then stir in flour sifted with salt and baking powder. Chill dough for ease in handling. Roll 1/4 inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut into shapes. (If you don't have cookie cutters, make patterns from cardboard and cut around with a knife. Remember to make small hole in the dough 1/2 inch from the top edge if you plan to hang the cookies. Decorate with candied cherries, candied fruits and colored sugar. Bake on an ungreased baking sheet in moderately hot oven (375°) 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on rack. Makes about 5 dozen crisp cookies.

To make frosted cookies, bake without decorations. When cool, frost with Ornamental Frosting, plain, or tinted with a few drops of food coloring, then decorate as desired.

ORNAMENTAL FROSTING

1/4 cup water
2 tablespoons butter
3 cups sifted powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Heat water and butter until butter melts. Remove from heat, and gradually stir in powdered sugar. Beat well. Spread on cool cookies. This frosting works well on cakes, too, and can be kept in a covered jar in the refrigerator for several days and then thinned with cream until will spread easily.

CHRISTMAS JEWEL COOKIES

2 eggs
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 cup sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup coarsely cut gumdrops (omit the licorice gumdrops)

Beat eggs until foamy. Then add brown sugar and blend well. Stir in flour sifted with cinnamon and salt. Mix in walnuts and 1/2 cup of the gumdrops. Spread in well-greased 9" square pan and sprinkle top of batter with remaining 1/2 cup gumdrops. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 to 35 minutes or until top has a dull crust. Cut into bars, squares or diamond shapes while hot. Cool. Remove from pan and roll in powdered sugar. Makes about 18 rich, chewy cookies. To hang cookies from tree, use unbleached paper clips or regular ornament hangers.

FLYING TRAINING OPEN

Major General Earl T. Ricks, Chief of the National Guard Bureau's Air Force Division, Washington, D. C., announced recently that flying training, leading to second lieutenant pilots commissions in the Air National Guard, is still open to eligible young men between ages of 20 and 26 1/2.

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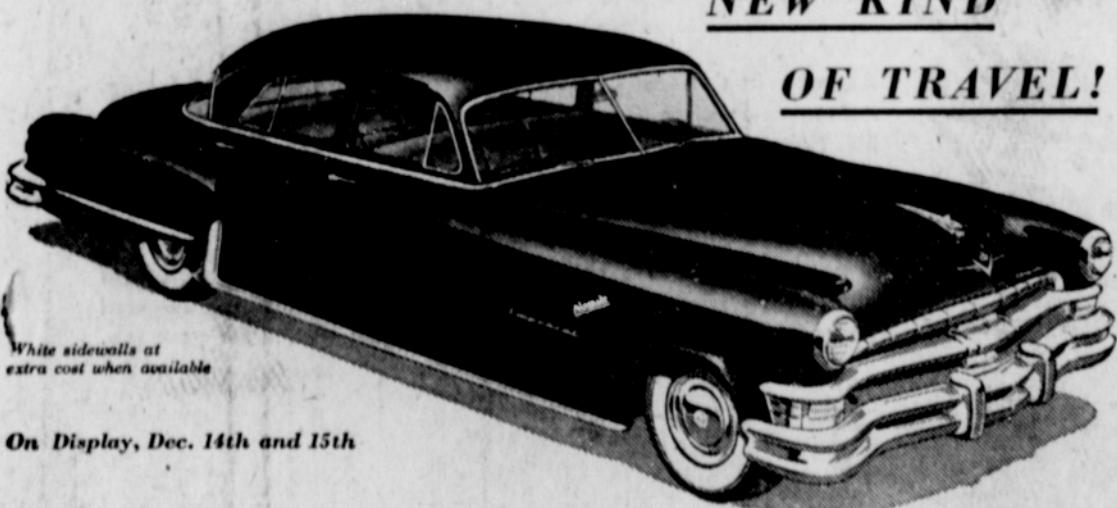
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