

Candy Cane Coffee Cake great gift

Christmas comes but once a year, and it's a great time to let your imagination go, especially when doing your baking! This sweet yeast bread, shaped like a candy cane, will delight everyone on your gift list! And best of all, you can bake Candy Cane Coffee Cakes ahead and keep them in the freezer until you're ready to give them.

This basic yeast dough features enriched corn meal which adds a great grain texture. Enriched with B-vitamins, corn meal has a unique taste appeal. A filling of chopped almonds and semi-sweet chocolate chips makes this fun eating for everyone. Leave your coffee cake plain or frost with almond flavored icing. Either way, a big red ribbon and a card are all you need to say Merry Christmas with love with Candy Cane Coffee Cakes.

CANDY CANE COFFEE CAKES

- Dough:**
- 2 pkg. active dry yeast
 - 1/4 cup warm water
 - 1 cup milk, scalded
 - 1/4 cup butter or margarine
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 4 1/2 to 5 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup enriched corn meal
 - 2 eggs
- Filling:**
- 1 cup chopped almonds
 - one 6-oz pkg. (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
 - Icing (Optional):
 - 2 cups confectioners sugar

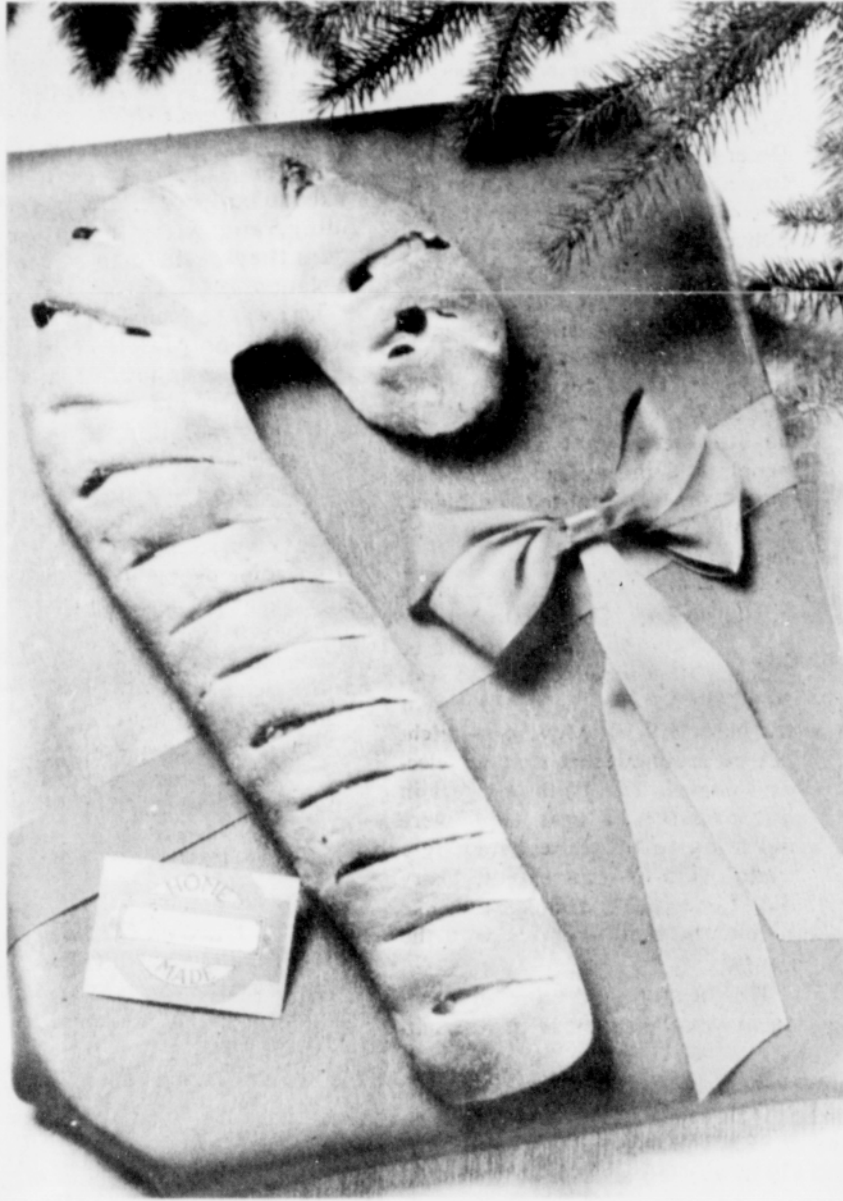
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine melted
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoons almond extract

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Pour milk over butter, sugar and salt in large mixing bowl; stir until butter melts. Cool to lukewarm. Add dissolved yeast, 1 cup flour, corn meal and eggs; mix at low speed on electric mixer about 30 seconds or until ingredients are blended. Continue mixing at medium speed about 1 minute. Add 1 cup flour; continue mixing at high speed about 2 minutes. Stir in enough additional flour to make soft dough.

Knead on lightly floured surface 8 to 10 minutes or until smooth and elastic. Shape dough to form ball. Place in greased large bowl, turning once to coat surface of dough. Cover; let rise in warm place for 1 to 1 1/2 hours or until double in size. Punch dough down. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

For filling, combine all ingredients except butter. Divide dough in half; roll out each half to form a 20x9-inch rectangle. Brush with 1 tablespoon butter; sprinkle 1/2 of filling over rectangle to within one inch of edge. Roll up tightly lengthwise; pinch together ends to seal. Place on 2 lightly greased cookie sheets, seam side down; curve one end to make candy cane shape. Score diagonally 1/4 through top surface of dough at 1-inch intervals to simulate stripes. Cover; let rise in warm place about 45 minutes or until nearly double in size. Meanwhile heat oven to 350°F.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until



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golden brown. Remove from cookie sheet; cool on wire rack.

For icing, combine all ingredients

mixing until smooth; drizzle over cooled coffee cakes. Makes 2 coffee cakes.

Northeast crisis coalition forms

By Carol Page

As of December 9, 1980, there have been three Northeast Neighborhood Crisis Prevention meetings. The Northeast Neighborhood Crisis Prevention is made up of Northeast Community agencies concerned with up-coming emergencies like a winter ice storm, or other natural disasters. The committee would like to deal with such events unitedly.

The first meeting was held on November 25, 1980. The areas targeted were available resources, shelters, and agencies able to assist in an emergency crisis.

The meeting was hosted by the Urban League, the House of Exodus, Red Cross, Albina Human

Resources Center, Health Help Center, Life Center, Neighborhoods Against Crime, American Association of Blacks in Energy, RUNT, The Indochinese Center, and other concerned individuals were in attendance.

The second meeting was chaired by Barbara Sanders from the House of Exodus, who was elected as Head Coordinator to further develop the Crisis Prevention Committee. Ms. Sanders first action was to set up a Task Force to research needed information and to further develop channels for the committee to work with in the future. The third meeting carried on plans of locating shelters and food.

The Northeast Neighborhood Crisis Prevention Committee needs

as many volunteers as possible to interact in case of an ice storm or other disasters. There will be classes set up by the Red Cross for training in Shelter Management, and mass feeding, interviewing and case work. Churches and oil companies are being asked to assist in donating their resources to the community, and an emergency phone bank is also being set up.

Those interested in assisting the committee can attend the next meeting to be held on December 16, 1980 at the Albina Human Resources Center, Vancouver and Alberta Street from 12:00 to 1:30, or call Barbara Saunders at the House of Exodus 284-7997; Carol Page at OSPIRG 222-9641, or Meg Roland at RUNT 288-4504.

MRG holds birthday party

By Paul McCoy

It will be a party, and you are invited.

Remember the organization that gives away money to groups interested in social change; groups like the Black United Front, the C.R.I.B., and the Community Professionals to name just a few? Well, the name of the organization is the McKenzie River Gathering or for short, MRG, and they are having their 4 year party on Saturday, December 13, 1980.

On hand as both supporters and participants will be Portland's Black Repertory Theatre, who will give sneak preview readings from their up-coming fall productions, "Blues in Z Sharp," by Nyewusi Askari and "Are They Really Dreams," by Lois Berry (both are local playwrights of the Black Repertory Theatre), and of course, no party would be complete without some good ol' "Red Beans & Rice."

In addition, there will be a no-host bar and Mexican food, Thara Memory and his Jazz All-Stars in concert, poetry by a native Alaskan, performances by the students of Jefferson High School and the Black Educational Center.

Featured guest speakers will be a MRG caucus member, an inherited wealth consultant and Portland School Board President Herb Cawthorne.

It all takes place this Saturday, December 13, 1980 at 7:00 p.m., at Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall, located at 1410 S.W. Morrison in the 2nd floor ballroom. For ticket information call 228-7009. Advanced reservations are \$4.50. Tickets at door \$5.00. Don't miss it!

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