

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Let your Kitchen say, "Merry Christmas" (See Recipes Below)

Kitchen Gifts

WHEN YOU SIMPLY can't face the ordeal of shopping among the crowds anymore, why not do your Christmas shopping right in your own kitchen?



Thoughtful gifts to fit almost anyone on your list can be made right in the warm and cozy kitchen. Children will adore confections that are tasty and colorful; neighbors and relatives will love your jellies; and any bachelor will appreciate a box of cookies to nibble over his favorite book on a long winter evening.

Containers for all these can be cheerful and full of Christmas spirit. Cover a cereal box of the cylindrical shape with gay wrapping paper and line with foil or waxed paper. This is excellent for cookies if you don't want to put them in tins.

Jelly glasses can be tucked in small baskets, or even muffin tins and the whole wrapped in colorful cellophane, then tied with gay ribbons. Confections can be wrapped individually and then placed in clear plastic containers which can be used for freezer or refrigerator use later.

Here are several jellies which can be made from canned juices if your own canning shelves do not provide enough for gifts.

Pink Apple Jelly

(Makes 5 6-ounce glasses)

- 3½ cups sugar
- 2 cups canned apple juice
- Red coloring
- ½ bottle liquid fruit pectin

Add sugar to juice in saucepan and mix well. For a pink color, add a few drops of red coloring. Place over high heat and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. At once stir in fruit pectin. Bring to a full, rolling boil and boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, skim and pour quickly into glasses. Cover jelly at once with ½ inch hot paraffin.

Grape-Grapefruit Jelly

(Makes 7 6-ounce glasses)

- 1½ cups grapefruit juice
- 1½ cups bottled grape juice
- 3½ cups sugar
- 1 box powdered fruit pectin

Squeeze and strain juice from 2 medium-sized grapefruit. Measure 1½ cups juice into a large saucepan. Add grape juice and mix well. Heat juice over high heat. Add powdered fruit pectin and stir until mixture comes to a hard boil. Stir in sugar. Bring to a full, rolling boil and boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, skim and pour quickly into glasses. Paraffin at once.

Pinecot Jam

(Makes 10 6-ounce glasses)

- 1 pound dried apricots
- 2 No. 2½ cans broken pine-apple slices
- Sugar

Wash apricots and cut in pieces; soak overnight in syrup drained

LYNN SAYS: Use these Short-Cuts During Busy Holidays

Cut square biscuits from baking powder dough using the ice cube divider from a refrigerator tray. It's quicker than using a round cutter.

When you don't have time to make white or cheese sauce for vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower or brussels sprouts, simply melt some processed cheese in the top of the double boiler and pour over the vegetable.

LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

- Fried Oysters Tartar Sauce
- Buttered Broccoli
- Mashed Potatoes
- Lettuce Wedges
- Blue Cheese Dressing
- Crusty Rolls Beverage
- Canned Peaches Cookies

from pineapple. Dice pineapple and combine with apricots; measure and add ½ cup sugar for each cup of fruit and juice. Cook over low heat until thick and transparent. Seal in hot, sterile glasses.

Christmas Star Cookies

(Makes 1½ dozen 3-inch cookies)

- ½ cup mixed, candied fruit
- ½ cup seedless raisins
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tablespoon orange juice

- ½ cup shortening
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1½ cup sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup corn flakes

Chop fruit and raisins into fine pieces; mix with sugar, water and orange juice. Cook until a soft paste is formed.

Blend together shortening and sugar. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together and add alternately with water and vanilla to first mixture, then stir in finely crushed corn flakes. Chill thoroughly. Roll dough thin on lightly floured board. Cut with star cutter. Put small amount of filling in center of each star. Cover with another star cookie with center cut out with a smaller star cutter. Bake on a greased baking sheet in a moderately hot (425°F.) oven for 8-10 minutes.



Deluxe Candied Orange Peel (Makes 6 navel oranges)

- Water
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup
- Sugar decorations

Cut the peel from oranges, then cut the peel with small cutters into star, tree or bell shapes. If you have no small cutters make a pasteboard pattern and cut around it. Place these designs as well as any left-over strips into saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil and boil 5 minutes. Drain and repeat this 3 times to prevent bitterness. Drain water and then add brown sugar, 1 cup water and corn syrup. Boil gently, stirring constantly, until syrup is thick and almost absorbed by the peel. Drain and roll peel in sugar or decorations.

Pink Popcorn Balls

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup water
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon red food coloring
- 6 cups popped corn

Combine sugar, water, vinegar, corn syrup and salt. Cook to a very hard ball stage (265°F.). Add butter and coloring. Pour over popped corn. Shape balls.

When muffins bake before the rest of the meal is ready, loosen them from the pans and tip them in the pans slightly and keep in a warm oven until the meal is ready.

A small jar of softened butter or substitute kept on a kitchen table is a big time-saver for such things as buttering bread or toast and mixing with cooked vegetables.

As soon as you remove food from cooking utensils, put water in them. They will soak while you eat, and will be easy to wash quickly.

Early Americans Had No Difficulty With Yule Candle

Christmas candles have come a long way since the days of the Pilgrims when each householder made his own.

It was a simple matter for early Americans to make candles. They simply dipped a long wick into a pot of hot tallow, drew it out to cool and harden, then dip it into the melted wax again and again in the same way. The results, however, were unimaginative. The candles



were all thick, plain, and practical. Today Yuletide candles have surprising shapes and forms—chubby Santas, slender church spires, snowballs covered with frost—almost any shape desired. One designer even created a small wax tree that, when lighted, gave off the scent of pine.

The growth of the Christmas candle industry is typified by the factory at Hyannisport, Mass., which began as the hobby of one man and then busily began filling orders for fancy candles to decorate Christmas trees in millions of homes across the nation.

Christmas Celebration Shows Great Differences From That of Ancestors

Time changes everything. The celebration of Christmas as we know it, for example, is much different than the way our grandfathers celebrated, as was theirs from their ancestors. Changing times and customs bring about changes in the way a holiday is realized.

The use of Christmas adornments follow the same pattern. Decorations that adorn our Christmas trees change with every new Yuletide. Year in and year out, the most popular tree decoration is the little colored glass globe. While the globe is almost a tradition and does not change, other adornments of constantly surprising shapes spring up each year.

Among the new items are oddly shaped little men in various peasant dress, rotundish dwarfs, and a little plastic bird that clamps his feet on the tree limbs and lights up.

And, who knows? Perhaps this year someone will put on the market a pre-decorated tree. All one will have to do is plug it in like the family toaster and there is the family Yule tree.



The sale of Christmas seals in the United States was a success from the start. However, it took some time for the public to become conscious enough of the great work for which the seal was instituted. Early purchasers were mostly made by those whose friends or relatives had been stricken with tuberculosis.

Leigh M. Hodges, then a columnist for a Philadelphia newspaper, helped publicize the first sale in 1907, when he watched a Philly newsboy purchase one of the first seals with these words, "Give me one. Me sister's got it." Hodges wrote: "That settled it. If a street boy could get the message, the message is the kind we need."

For 44 years Christmas Seals have successfully carried the message to America that tuberculosis can be wiped out if we fight it together—by purchasing Christmas Seals.



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Early Puritans Scoffed At Famed Mince Pies

The term mince pie was given to Christmas pie in derision by the Puritans, who would have none of it. Once, while in prison, Bunyan was in dire need of a comfortable meal. He elected to starve, however, before he would "injure his morals" by partaking of an offering of mince pie.

The ancients considered the pie a delicacy, and baked it in the form of a manger.

DOING BUSINESS ON MAIN STREET

—A Weekly Newsletter

● First reports of Christmas business should be pleasing to merchants on Main Street. Even pre-Thanksgiving started with a bang and while consumers are wary and price-wise, they are buying.

● Bureau of Labor Statistics indicated average primary market prices showed little change during past week, with some exceptions due to Thanksgiving holiday. Daily index of prices on spot markets and organized exchanges, after steady three-week decline, advanced 0.7 per cent. Index was 23.8 per cent above pre-Korean average, but 14.8 per cent below level on January 24, 1951, and 15.9 per cent below all-time peak of Feb. 16, 1951. Principal price increases were for print cloth, cotton, flaxseed and silk. Grains, with exception of barley, increased -- corn by 2.7 per cent and wheat at Kansas City and Minneapolis by 1.8 and 1.5 per cent respectively. Biggest decrease was in hides, 8.4 per cent which dropped to 25 cents per pound. In four weeks of continuous decline, hide prices fell a total of 25.4 per cent which is reflected in decreased costs in some makes of shoes.

PLENTY OF CHRISTMAS TOYS

● There appears to be plenty of Christmas merchandise, including toys, which have been on lowest rung of the expendables.

● Television sets which have been a drug on the market for some time, are beginning to move again. Reason is Federal Communications Commission has finally put color television on postponement shelf for indefinite time.

● With outlook for another big year, inventories in both retail and wholesale jewelry stores are large. Wholesale inventories reached \$256,000,000 in October and outlook for 1951 total retail sales, helped by Christmas business, may well top \$1,176,000,000 of 1950.

RETAIL SALES IMPROVE SLIGHTLY

● Retailers of electrical goods and fixtures reported increased sales last month of about 14 per cent over September and cumulative sales to date about 10 per cent higher than in 1950. Sales of retail radio and appliance dealers were estimated at \$245,000,000 for month as compared to \$236,000,000 for previous month and \$357,000,000 for September 1950.

● Office of Business Economics of Department of Commerce says retail sales improved slightly in October, generally in all lines, but relatively small changes have taken place since March. Despite lack of significant pick-up in retail trade, retailers have managed to reduce inventory bulge that developed in second quarter of year. This has been accomplished by policy of severe curtailment of open-to-buy accounts and strict supervision of schedule of merchandise receipts. Retail inventories are now about 10 per cent below peak reached in May.

● Of interest to tire dealers is prospect of a price cut by next January. Tire manufacturers meeting in Washington with OPS, questioned tailored dollars and cents regulation for industry, called original equipment tire and tube manufacturers, and reported industry now was selling below ceilings established under GCPR. Prices, they said, were reduced Oct. 1 in anticipation of further government reduction in price of natural rubber which has not materialized.

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ARMED SERVICES

QUESTION BOX

(Send your questions about the armed forces or any aspect of military service to: Walter Shead, Armed Services Question Box, 1057 National Service Building, Washington 4, D. C. Answers will be given in this column.)

WORLD WAR II veterans who have returned to active duty and who were disabled after the outbreak of Korean hostilities, may be eligible for vocational training under a recent law, even though they might have already trained under the GI Bill or Public Law 16, should their disability require it.

Q. About a year and a half ago, I filed a claim with VA for disability compensation. Circumstances that came up made it impossible for me to report for a physical examination, and I dropped the whole matter. Now, I'd like to follow through on my claim. Is it too late? J.B.B., Thomasville, Ga.

A. It is too late to follow through on your original application, but you may file a new one. Since VA did not hear from you within one year from the time you were ordered to report for a examination,

it may not take action on your original application.

Q. I am drawing disability compensation from VA, and I expect to be recalled to active military duty in the near future. Will the VA payments continue even though I'll be in uniform? G.B.E., Dayton, Tenn.

A. No. VA compensation payments may not be made to persons receiving pay for active military service. Your compensation will be suspended while you are in the service.

Q. May I still apply for my first National Service Life Insurance dividend, the one covering the period from the time I took the insurance to the anniversary date in 1948? W.L.G., Thayer, Ill.

A. Yes, you still may apply. Write to the VA district office that has your NSLI records, giving your full name, present address, the number of your policy or policies, and your service and serial numbers.

Q. Will VA pay for the medical care of my dependents? J.R.M., Johnson, Fla.

A. No. Under existing laws, only veterans are eligible for medical care from Veterans Administration.

Navy May Use Underwater Television

Underwater television may be used by the Navy to protect as well as aid human divers in their work.

Television cameras can explore underwater areas to help divers spot and prepare for dangerous situations. In addition, the cameras may be used to observe the work of divers, making possible shipboard coordination of underwater activities. This process, which has been developed over the last three years, is expected to reduce the number of divers which divers must face when working at great depths.

To increase the mobility of Army forward surgical hospitals in Korea and to accelerate screening of casualties, a new, portable field X-ray unit and 60-second developer will be put into use there soon, according to a recent announcement by the Army. This unit will be used as soon as shipment to the Far East can be made.

SEWING CIRCLE PATTERNS

Duplicate Copies Fun to Sew



YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

You'll be glad you took this piece of advice. This Christmas give the cigarette-smokers on your list cartons of Camels... and the pipe-smokers and "roll-your-owners" Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco. You'll be glad for two reasons: first, they're gifts that are sure to please—they're by far the most popular cigarette and smoking tobacco in America. Second, they're gifts that are so easy to give. Camels come in bright and cheery Christmas cartons this time of year, all ready to give. There's a space right on the top where you just fill in your personal greeting. The big one-pound tin of Prince Albert ("The National Joy Smoke") comes in a festive Christmas box and it, too, is all ready for Christmas giving, with a built-in Christmas card. Don't put it off. Go right to your dealer today while he still has plenty of these time-saving, money-saving gifts... mild, flavorful Camels, by far America's most popular cigarette... and Prince Albert, America's largest-selling smoking tobacco. "The bite's out and the pleasure's in!" —Adv.

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KIDNEYS MUST REMOVE EXCESS WASTE

When kidney function slows down, many folks complain of nagging backache, loss of pep and energy, headaches and dizziness. Don't suffer longer with these discomforts. If reduced kidney function is getting you down—due to such common causes as stress and strain, over-exertion or exposure to cold, minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages. Don't neglect your kidneys if these conditions bother you. Try Doan's Pills—a mild diuretic. Used successfully by millions for over 50 years. While often otherwise caused, it's amazing how many times Doan's give happy relief from these discomforts—help the 15 miles of kidney tubes and filters flush out waste. Get Doan's Pills today!

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