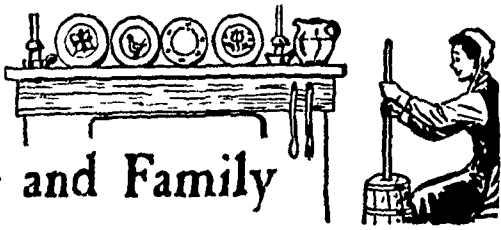


# For the Farm Wife and Family



## Sweets For Holiday Treats

By Mrs. Richard C. Spence

Youngsters delight in decorating Christmas cookies — especially those that tell a yuletide story. They'll be eager to help Mom with all the cookie baking during the holidays.

Start with a simple sugar cookie or ginger cookie recipe. Then let your imagination go to work for you. There'll be an endless line of clever Christmas cookies coming from the kitchen!

Roll out the cookie dough and cut seasonal shapes with cookie cutters. Bell, star, Santa Claus and tree shapes are common Christmas cutters. A doughnut cutter will make wreath cookies, and a large, round cutter will be handy for ornament cookies.

For more variety, make your own cookie cutouts! Trace Santas, angels, reindeer or stockings from greeting cards or magazines, and mount them on lightweight cardboards. Then place the cardboard cutouts on the rolled cookie dough and cut a round them with a sharp knife.

When you decorate cookies with frosting, do it the easy way — use a pastry tube or paper funnel. Add colorful finishing touches to cookies with jam, gumdrops, cinnamon candies, silver decora-

ettes, bits of chocolate, granulated sugar and shredded coconut red or green, candied fruit, raisins or currants.

Here is a cookie recipe that is excellent to use for decorated cookies.

### CRISP SUGAR COOKIES

- 1 3/4 cups sifted, all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup soft shortening
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons evaporated milk

Turn on oven and set at 375 (high moderate). Sift onto a piece of waxed paper the flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg. Mix shortening, lemon extract, vanilla, sugar, and egg in a 3-quart bowl until light and fluffy. Mix in 1/2 of flour mixture & milk. Add rest of flour and mix well. Put dough on lightly floured board. Roll 1/4 inch thick. Cut with floured cookie cutters and place two inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Decorate as de-

sired or sprinkle each cookie with sugar. Bake near center of oven 6 to 8 minutes, or until light brown. Take from sheet at once. Makes about 5 dozen 2-inch round cookies.

NOTE: If you prefer a softer cookie, roll dough 1/4 inch thick and bake 8 to 10 minutes, or until light brown.

### CHRISTMAS CANE COOKIES

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup sifted powdered sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 2 teaspoons grated orange rind
- 2 1/2 cups sifted flour

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 1/2 cups quick-cooking oats.

- 1 cup chopped pecans
- Powdered sugar
- Red sugar

Cream shortening and one cup powdered sugar. Add egg vanilla, orange juice, and orange rind. Fold in flour, salt, and nutmeg. Mix thoroughly. Blend in oats and pecans. Using a tablespoonful of dough form into slender roll 4 inches long. Curve one end to form into cane. With a spatula, place on a cookie sheet. Bake in a slow oven (325 degrees) 30 minutes. Combine powdered and red sugar and sprinkle on

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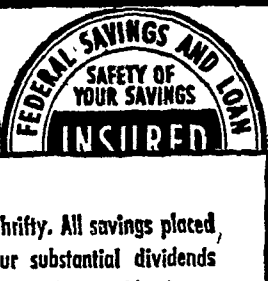
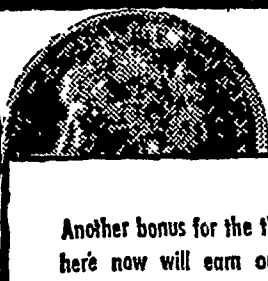
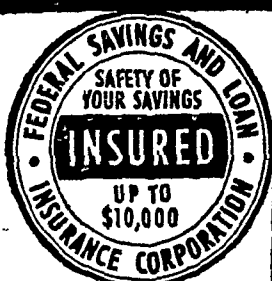
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