



Recipe by Louise Ogilvie, Table setting by Edna's

Mincemeat pie is almost everybody's favourite Christmas and New Year's—and, thanks to modern methods, you can make up the tastiest one ever simply by using a half package of our crust mix and one tin of mincemeat. You'll have a truly delicious dessert, especially when it's topped with delicious hard sauce.

MINCEMEAT PIE

1 28-oz. tin mincemeat
Put contents from one of the two separate bags in your pie crust into a bowl. Add three to four tablespoons water. Mix very well with pastry blender. Divide dough into two equal parts. Roll out one part on floured board to fit a nine-inch pie pan. Roll out the other part of dough into pie pan and fill with mincemeat. Bake in 425° F. 35 minutes. Serve with hard sauce.

HARD SAUCE

**1 cup confectioners' sugar,
1 teaspoon vanilla extract**
Cream butter or margarine; add confectioners' sugar, creaming briefly. Add vanilla extract; mix well. Chill.

Rich Fruit Cakes, Goodies Part of Christmas Tradition

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year! The beautiful, the cheery decorations, the friends dropping in to say "Merry Christmas!"

Each a part of the Christmas tradition are holly and red berries, the rich, tempting cakes and cookies the wise man has baked to serve on holiday calls.

DAY FRUIT CAKE
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup butter or shortening
2 well-beaten eggs
2 T vanilla
Combine raisins, lemon rind, spices and water in saucepan. Cover and simmer gently for eight minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid and add water or coffee to make 1 1/2 cups, and reserve. Grind raisins and nutmeats.

Measure sifted flour and add baking powder, salt and sugar; sift 3 times. Cream shortening thoroughly, and add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla and reserved liquid. Stir until all flour is dampened. Beat vigorously for two minutes. Add raisin-nut mixture and mix thoroughly. Turn into two 9 x 4 x 3 inch pans which have been greased and lined with wax paper and greased again. Bake in a moderate oven (350 deg.) for one hour and 15 minutes or until done. When cool, remove from pan, leaving wax paper on until ready to serve. Wrap in clean cloth and store in a tin container to keep moist. Makes two loaves.

ST. NICK COOKIES

**1 cup butter cookie crumbs
1/4 T salt
1/2 T baking powder
1/3 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1 cup finely chopped pitted dates
1 cup black walnuts, chopped
1/2 cup sugar
2 beaten eggs
1 T vanilla
1/4 cup powdered sugar**
Combine cookie crumbs, salt, baking powder and flour. Add dates and nuts. Add sugar gradually to beaten eggs. Blend in crumb mixture and vanilla. Bake in greased and floured 9-inch square pan in a slow oven (325 deg.) for 30 minutes. While still warm, cut into 30 squares. Roll each square into a ball, turning the top, crusty portion inward as you roll. Place confectioners' sugar in a paper bag and shake balls in the sugar to coat evenly. Makes 37 balls.

**Yule Trees
Big Business**
The commercial harvesting of Christmas trees has become a major business in the Kamloops and Nelson forest districts during the months of October, November and December. In 1952 over 1,700,000 Christmas trees were cut in these two districts under special permit, and of these over 1,500,000 were exported from the province, most of them going to the United States. The f.o.b. value of the exported trees last year stood at over \$700,000. Total value for all Christmas trees cut in 1952, under Forest Service permits, was \$834,177.

This thriving industry has been kept under strict supervision by the Forest Service for the last decade. The Christmas tree crop is one that can be produced in perpetuity, thereby giving seasonal employment to those living in the areas for many years—if the harvesting and culture is carried out properly. In order to encourage the application of proper forestry principles, the service has issued a considerable amount of educational material aimed at those engaged in the business.

**CAN USE BROKEN
TIMBERS AGAIN**
Let that broken Christmas tree bulb get away with it! It serves its decorative purpose anyway—and without a hole in your budget!

Here's how: Pick up the fragments with a piece of wet cloth. Cut slits or other snazzy patterns from cardboard; then glue the cut-outs with shellac. The shellac is still wet, so the cut-outs with the slits, attach strings to the slits and hang on the tree.

Decorating Home, Inside, Out Half of Fun at Holiday Time

One of the cheeriest customs from year to year. Start with the Christmas season is sharing your Yuletide joy with others by decorating your home inside and outside. It increases the spirit of everyone who visits you or merely passes by your home.

The Jaycee light-up campaign is in full swing and prizes have been obtained for the contest, which officials hope, will attract a large number of citizens.

Your Christmas decorations can be simple or elaborate depending upon your taste and your budget.

Among the most effective decorations is dramatizing your front door so that Christmas season callers get a lift of spirits with your gay welcome before they enter your home. Rapidly becoming even more popular than the Christmas wreath is spray of evergreens highlighted with a gay motif.

To make such a spray, simply cut several well-shaped, small evergreen boughs and wire or tie them together. Then fasten your decoration to the front of the spray. You can use bright Christmas balls or pine cones in a cluster, or wrap a cane in red and white crepe paper to simulate a candy cane and place it diagonally across the evergreens. Finish your spray with a big, gay bow of red ribbon.

INTERIOR DECORATIONS
Next in importance to your beautifully-decorated tree is the decorative theme of your mantel. The ideas for mantel arrangements are varied and novel.

There is a great deal of simple dignity and charm to the ceramic figurines of the holiday season. You can arrange them with candles or Christmas berries in many lovely groupings. A large Madonna head flanked by candelabra, a grouping of choir boys, or the shrine effect figurines and burning candles all create beautiful effects.

More and more people are using their Christmas cards as part of their holiday decorations. They can be fastened to a Christmas tree cut out of green paper and placed above the mantel. Or they can be hung on red ribbons and suspended above the mantel. It is always effective to use holly and Christmas greens on the mantel to finish this decor.

**Judges Named
By Pulp Firms
For '53 Contest**
Judges have been named for the 1953 Annual Pulp and Paper Essay Contest sponsored by the Western Division of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

Essays will be graded for accuracy of information by Mr. E. W. Campbell, Pacific Mills Limited; composition and originality by Howard T. Mitchell, publisher of "Canadian Pulp and Paper Industry" magazine; and presentation and appearance by Dr. G. S. Allen, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia.

Excellent response has been received from students again this year. Preliminary judging is progressing, and indicates a high calibre of essay.

Winners are expected to be announced this week.

A SCANDINAVIAN TALE
The original of the little elf who helps Santa Claus is said to be white-bearded Jul Tomten, who lives in Scandinavian legends. It was he who left gifts for good boys and girls who would set out a bowl of porridge and milk for him.

Many gay outdoor effects can be achieved with Christmas lights. If you have an evergreen tree in your yard, string colored lights in it. Another lovely Yuletide decoration is to outline your door or your porch with Christmas lights. Your home will take on a lively holiday air.

The possibilities for interior decorations are endless. All you'll need is holiday greens and berries, bright, red candles, a few Christmas figurines, and lots of imagination!

It is fun for the whole family to make a tradition of decorating at Christmastime and collecting and saving your decorations.

Post-War Ship Building Boom Lifts Holland Into Fourth Place

By DAVID SHEARS

ROTTERDAM, Holland. (Reuters)—Holland's post-war shipbuilding boom in the last two years has lifted her from sixth to fourth place among the world's shipbuilding nations and has made her the world's leading exporter of ships.

Making Own Snow Guarantees White Yuletide

It's going to be a white Christmas this year whether the weatherman co-operates or not. Instead of counting on the fickle forecaster to provide a Christmas atmosphere, Prince Rupert homemakers can create wintry settings indoors with handy decorating aids that spray synthetic snow at the touch of a finger.

Packed in pressure-powered metal containers, these push-button aerosols can be used with striking results on Christmas trees, holly wreaths, parcels, table decorations, windowpanes and mirrors. And there is no danger from fire.

A Christmas tree can be gaily decorated or completely blanketed with the snowy material. The ingenious will quickly discover that a few squirts will transform such simple materials as pine cones and boughs, sprigs of holly or short lengths of birch logs into attractive table and mantle decorations.

With a little more patience anyone can "paint" a Christmas scene or "write" a season's greeting on a windowpane or mirror. To "paint" a scene, just prepare a simple cut-out cardboard mask and spray around it. Keep the design simple by using broad areas rather than fine lines, because the fluffiness of the resinous snow doesn't have quite enough adhesion to hold in fine lines when the mask is removed after spraying.

To "write," spray within an inch of the surface. To duplicate closely Nature's downy flakes, stand at least 24 inches from the object being decorated. The greater the distance, the fluffier the deposit. Allow five minutes to dry before handling in all cases.

Only the United States, Britain and Germany now send more ships down the ways today than Holland.

Holland's 300 shipyards are now fully booked with orders up to 1956, for vessels ranging from big passenger liners down to Rhine River barges. Roughly half the shipping now under construction goes for export. Last year, the industry brought in 375,000,000 guilders (about \$103,000,000).

The main reasons for Holland's shipbuilding success are a tradition dating back hundreds of years, relatively low wages for long hours and the fact that strikes are almost unknown.

COSTS LOWER

But although wages are low here, so is the cost of living, and the riveter or welder in Holland lives as well or better than those in other European shipbuilding countries.

The Dutch shipyard worker enjoys a vacation bonus of one week's wage as well as his two weeks' vacation with pay. Many of the big yards run a profit-sharing plan under which the men can earn up to three per cent of their annual wage.

Prefabricated parts are used on a fairly wide scale, particularly for superstructure. But traditional building methods are generally followed.

Speed, both in shipbuilding and repair, is perhaps the biggest inducement which Dutch shipyards offer to the foreign owner, as well as high standards of material and workmanship.

LACK OF MATERIAL

More than one-third of Holland's shipyards are concentrated in the Rotterdam harbor area, while other main centres are Amsterdam and Flushing.

One serious handicap to shipbuilding in The Netherlands is the lack of home-produced materials. This has been eased, but only partly, by the opening of a new rolling mill at IJmuiden which supplies the shipyards with steel plates. These had hitherto to be imported.

Altogether, taking dependent industries into account, nearly 20,000 people earn their living directly or indirectly from the Dutch shipbuilding industry.

At the end of last June, 75 ships totalling 304,251 tons, were being built for 16 foreign countries, compared with 74 ships totalling only 146,432 tons for Dutch buyers.



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