

## FIRESTONE FAMILY LIVING

## Cookies From Afar At Christmastime

The custom of Christmas cookies is as world-wide as the singing of Yuletide carols. Shop carpenter Bernard Alm, reminiscing on traditions of the homeland of his ancestors, suggests the idea that a sampling of goodies from afar would lend a universal flavor to your Christmas baking this year.

Mr. Alm's mother, who lives in Hinckley, Minn., has preserved several recipes from the Fatherland. A favorite hardy sweet of Germany is the Lebkuchen. For many, thoughts of this spicy honey cookie will bring to mind a portrait of women bending over the ovens, while children clamor for samplings of every goodie batch.

Living in the meeting place for many cultures, we in America bake cookies from almost every nation. Most of them have lost their origin by a process of handing down recipes from mother to daughter.

Here are some originals, any one of which can lend a colorful and exciting character to your Christmas baking.

### German Lebkuchen

1½ cups sifted, enriched flour	¼ cup chopped citron
1 teaspoon soda	½ cup chopped almonds
½ teaspoon salt	1 cup quick or old-fashioned uncooked oats
¼ teaspoon cinnamon	¼ cup milk
¼ teaspoon nutmeg	Confectioners' sugar
¼ cup sugar	frosting
½ cup honey	Slivered almonds
¼ cup chopped, candied orange peel	

Sift together flour, soda, salt and spices into bowl. Add remaining ingredients; blend thoroughly. Chill dough for ease in handling.

Roll out dough to about ⅛ inch thickness on board or canvas sprinkled with confectioners' sugar. Cut cookies in 1 x 2-inch strips. Place on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 F. about 10 minutes. Remove from sheets immediately. Frost while warm. Sprinkle with slivered almonds. Makes 5 dozen.

### Scandinavian Cookie Crescents

⅓ cup butter or margarine, soft	½ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar	1½ teaspoons baking powder
2 eggs	1 cup quick or old-fashioned, uncooked oats
1 teaspoon vanilla	Red and green sugars
1 cup sifted, enriched flour	

Beat butter or margarine until creamy; add sugar gradually and beat until fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Sift together flour, salt and baking powder; blend with butter or margarine mixture. Stir in oats.

Spread ½ cup butter or margarine mixture evenly to form a ⅛-inch-thick square on greased baking sheet. Sprinkle with red or green sugar. Bake at 350 F. 12 to 15 minutes. As soon as removed from oven, cut square in half, then cut each section into 8 strips of 1 x 4 inches.

Remove each strip with spatula and immediately place it over a rolling pin to shape and cool. If cookies are too brittle to shape, soften by returning to oven for about a minute. Makes 64 cookies.

### Finska Kakor (Finnish Cookies)

Mix thoroughly	1 teaspoon almond flavoring
¾ cup soft butter	Stir in:
¼ cup sugar	2 cups sifted flour

Mix well with hands. Chill dough. Roll out ¼-inch thick. Cut into strips 2½-inches long and ¾ wide. Brush tops lightly with 1 egg white, slightly beaten.

Sprinkle with mixture of 1 tablespoon sugar and ⅓ cup finely-chopped, blanched almonds. Carefully transfer, several strips at a time, to ungreased baking sheet. Bake until cookies begin to turn delicate golden brown, or about 18 minutes at 350 F. Makes 48 cookies 2½ x ¾ inches.

## Picture Grouping For Holiday Settings

Time lends many a change to styles of interior house decorating. Gone are the days of Victorian clutter, characterized by mantels and piano tops loaded with silver-framed portraits. Family portraits and other photographs are now being framed in sizes larger than they were a few years ago, and they're being hung on the wall in groups. They are arranged in a family collection or mixed with other works of art.

Making the most attractive grouping of a set of framed photographs is a matter of patience. You may arrange them many times before you find a composition that is best suited for your room. The easiest place to work this out is on the floor, right in front of the wall you intend to decorate.

In arranging the framed portraits, have all subjects facing center, or all in the same direction. When you have an arrange-

ment that appeals to you, take the outside measurements of the group and make light positioning marks on the wall. It will help if you place a small mark on the wall for each frame.

Photographs in simple arrangements can be used for attractive holiday settings.

Inexpensive variety-store frames sprayed with gold paint are attractive over a buffet in the dining room, when draped with a garland of decorated Christmas greenery. The same

Any day is a good time to take stock of your own eye health scorecard.

When did you last have a thorough, professional eye examination?

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness recommends an examination every two years, especially for persons over 40 years of age.

frames when sprayed a bright pink, become a smart Yuletide mantel decoration when used with a wide banner of red and pink ribbon with gilt lettering and a sparkling all-pink Christmas tree.

## NCRS Leaders Take Office

Plant recreation director Ralph Johnson was installed last month as the 15th president of the North Carolina Recreation Society, at the organization's 14th annual meeting in Winston-Salem.

Assistant plant recreation director, Bob Purkey, was named secretary of the industrial division, and chairman of the civil defense committee of the Society.

Among speakers at the Winston-Salem meeting was Thomas Ipock Jr., Industrial Relations director at Firestone. He addressed the group on "An Industrialist Looks at Recreation."

## 'Voice' Yule Program Set

The Voice of Firestone annual Christmas program will be presented December 22 over the American Broadcasting Company network. Singing soloists Dennis Day and Frances Wyatt, and the Vienna Choir Boys are scheduled for the program.

Harvey S. Firestone Jr., company chairman, will present his annual Christmas message during the program.

The Voice of Firestone is televised in the Gastonia area each Monday at 9 p. m., over WLOS-TV, channel 13, Asheville.

## WARP AND FILLING

# Of The Passing Scene

The Oneida, N. Y., Youth Bureau published in one of its reports "The Ten Commandments of Sports" by Hugh S. Fullerton. Now that the winter sports-recreation program at the plant is in full swing, maybe you'd like to keep these commandments well in mind as you play.

1. Thou shalt not quit. 2. Thou shalt not alibi. 3. Thou shalt not gloat over winning. 4. Thou shalt not sulk over losing. 5. Thou shalt not take unfair advantage. 6. Thou shalt not ask odds thou art not willing to give. 7. Thou shalt always be willing to give thine opponent the benefit of the doubt. 8. Thou shalt not underestimate an opponent or overestimate thyself. 9. Remember that the game is the main thing, and he who thinks otherwise is no true sportsman. 10. Honor the game thou playest, for he who playeth the game straight and hard, winneth even when he loseth.

## Among Top 10 Of Industries

The textile industry is one of the ten largest manufacturing industries in the United States. It ranks eighth in size by employment, and tenth by assets and sales. The industry includes more than 8,000 plants in 40 of the 48 states, and consumes products made in every state.

In the closing months of 1958, the number of persons employed in the textile industry is approximately 920,000. This is six per cent of all United States manufacturing workers.

Total earnings of these employees amount to approximately \$3.3 billion annually. And annual net sales of textile products exceed \$13 billion.

The textile industry was established in this country in the

18th century. Over a period of years, it spread widely throughout New England, the Middle Atlantic and Southeastern states.

As a major modern factory operation, textiles pioneered the way for the Industrial Revolution in America. It remains one of the key elements in the American economy.

## Christmas Parties

For Children  
Of Employees

Gastonia: December 20

Webb Theatre  
9 and 11 a. m.

Palace Theatre  
10 a. m.

Persons who volunteer their services to church and charity enterprises and incur travel expenses in connection with the volunteer work, may count it as a "contribution" and deduct it for income tax purposes. This is provided for in a new ruling by the United States Internal Revenue Service.



An Accident

today

will spoil

your plans

for tomorrow

Americans have the best health, medical education and medical skills of any nation in the world, because these could flourish only under a democratic system of free enterprise. So declared Dr. I. S. Ravdin, one of the country's leading surgeons. In a recent talk, he warned that government control of medicine would inevitably lead to socialized control of the other professions, and of industry.

Dr. Ravdin is professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, and chairman of the board of regents of the American College of Surgeons. He declared: "It was only through complete freedom of medical research and practice that America could control tuberculosis in 20 years, develop antibiotics after their discovery by a British doctor, develop the Salk vaccine for polio, the heart-lung apparatus, and reach other medical milestones."

It is said that in Europe during the 16th century, printing house craftsmen solved their proof-reading problems by having public readings of their galley sheets. Printers would nail proofs to the village bulletin boards, with the offer of cash rewards for errors spotted in the copy.

This footnote to history recalls the editorial blunder which crept into Firestone News for November. In the page 7 headline "H. T. Aldridge Stars In 'The Sunfish's Cook,'" initials should have read "T. E." H. T. Aldridge is overseer in Twisting (Synthetic). He is a cousin of T. E. Aldridge, submarine hero of "The Sunfish's Cook".

## To Help You Obtain Safety Eyewear

Need safety glasses? For several years now, the company has been helping employees obtain them. Your employer pays \$5 on each order, and you pay the remainder of the cost for the glasses, examination and fitting.

To order this protective eyewear, you do not need an application from the company. All you do is tell your doctor at the time you have an eye examination. Then you work out details, such as frames, and costs, with the optical supplier at 322 West Main avenue in Gastonia.

If you have had an eye examination recently, it may not be necessary to have your eyes re-examined. In that case, you can have a pair of safety glasses made to the same prescription as your present glasses.

The safety glasses you order are delivered to Firestone First Aid, so you may have the privilege of paying your portion of the cost through the payroll deduction plan.

Cost of glasses does not include the doctor's fee for examination. The \$5 paid by your employer is applied to the cost of the glasses themselves. This amount will be paid only for prescription-ground safety glasses ordered by employees of Firestone Textiles.