

HOMEMADE COOKIES SAY 'MERRY CHRISTMAS' OVERSEAS

Dear Cece: My boyfriend is in the service and won't be home for Christmas. I'd like to send him a box of homemade cookies. How can I pack them so they won't crumble?

Linda.

Dear Linda: For shipping, forget the fragile butter cookies and



select a bar-type cookie, such as brownies or chewy fruit bars. You might ship two different types such as a Chocolate Chip Bar Cookie and Butterscotch or Date Nut Squares. These cookies pack and ship well. For maximum protection, start with a sturdy box and line it with paper towels. A bright yellow or turquoise paper towel will add color to the gift. Cut the cookies into bars and wrap individually in Cut-Rite Wax Paper or Plastic Wrap. The new plastic sandwich bags with the self-sealing flaps are ideally sized to hold a number of the bar cookies. Put a layer of shredded paper toweling in the box and lay the packaged cookies closely together on the paper. Alternate layers of cookie packages and shredded paper toweling and finish with enough shredded paper filling over the top of the cookies to act as padding. The box should be so full that you have to press

down on the lid to get it on. Don't forget to wrap the box tightly with heavy paper and cord and please address it plainly.

Dear Cece: Do your other readers know that colorful cookie ornaments make charming edible placecards for a Christmas luncheon or children's party? I bake jumbo molasses or sugar cookies a few weeks before Christmas and freeze them. Before the party I decorate them with tinted frosting to resemble an oversized Christmas tree ornament with the name piped on, and package them individually in a plastic sandwich bag with a seal-tite flap. They serve as a place card and as a little "extra" dessert, or guests may take them home and decorate a tree by tying the cookie



to the branches with a bright red ribbon, held on with transparent tape. Carol.

Dear Readers: Are you looking for some party ideas for Christmas? Send me a postcard at the address listed at the end of this column. You will receive a free copy of "You're Entertaining—America's Junior Miss Party Planning Guide." Merry Christmas to you all. Cece

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New Books Listed By Regional Library

By: Ashton Chapman

Listed here are a few of the timely, interesting new books acquired for you by your Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library. They may now be borrowed at the public libraries in Bakersville, Burnsville, Newland and Spruce Pine or any of the bookmobiles operated in the three counties.

OUR VIET-NAM NIGHTMARE by Marguerite Higgins. The story of the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam-meses tragedy, with thoughts on a future policy.

THE BARRIOS OF MANTA by Rhoda and Earle Brooks. A personal account of the Peace Corps in Ecuador, with photos.

SO THE HEFFNERS LEFT McCOMB by Hodding Carter. What happens to an innocent family when violence goes unchecked.

THE AUTOMATION AGE Pauline Arnold and Percival White discuss how society is—all will be—influenced by automation.

THE STORY OF NURSING by Bertha S. Dodge. The heritage and promise of a great profession in America.

A NEW WORLD HISTORY OF ART by Sheldon Cheney with many pictures. This rewritten and completely reset edition is longer but in

more compact format and with nearly 100 new pictures not included in the 1937 edition of Cheney's original **WORLD HISTORY OF ART**.

THE STORY OF DESIGN by Marion Downer. Illustrated with numerous museum photos. For students, and for the layman, too, the author's commentary accompanying the pictures will lead toward a greater enjoyment and understanding not only of this book but of all other art books.

FOLK AND FESTIVAL COSTUME OF THE WORLD by H. Turner Wilcox, with over 600 drawings by the author. A survey of traditional dress all over the world.

COSTUMES FOR SCHOOL PLAYS by Barbara Shook, with many line drawings by the author. Although prepared primarily for school play-production, there are few amateur societies which will not also value this expert and stimulating handbook.

McCALL'S NEEDLEWORK TREASURY—A Learn and Make Book. Photos, drawings, patterns and designs; 379 stitches and needlework techniques, embroidery, knitting, quilts, rugs, crochet, tatting and hand-loom weaving.

McCALL'S DECORATING DOOR takes you from the initial planning stage in major or minor decoration through the innumerable details and decisions that accompany any decorating project. Profusely illustrated, in color.

THE BOOK OF DIAMONDS by John Younger Dickinson. The history and romance of diamonds, from ancient India to modern times. More than 200 pictures, with practical guide to selecting cuts and carats.

PART OF THE TRUTH; an Autobiography of Granville Hicks, critic, novelist, essayist and one-time polemicist, who holds a significant and secure place in contemporary American letters.

THE SUN IN SCORPIO by Margery Sharp. In spanning more than three decades, which include two World Wars, this novel shows Cathy as an unwilling symbol of the "average" Briton's endurance of years of radical change.

FATHER HILAR'S HOLIDAY; a novel by Bruce Marshall. After winning the national lottery, tarrying with a rebel general during several suspenseful attempts to escape, the good Father winds up making a most extraordinary bargain and winning a last-ditch point of principle.

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