

## Baking Your Own Christmas Goodies

Baking your own Christmas gifts is one good way to solve your Christmas shopping problems and please your friends this holiday season. Area good cooks suggest several of their favorite recipes.

**CHRISTMAS CHERRIES**  
 Red and green crystallized cherries  
 2 c. flour  
 2 sticks butter or margarine  
 2 egg whites, unbeaten  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 2 tsp. orange rind  
 1 tsp. lemon rind  
 2 tsp. lemon juice  
 1/2 c. sugar  
 Pecans, chopped  
 Cream sugar, butter and vanilla. Add orange and

lemon juice and rind. Make into small balls, dip in egg whites and roll in nuts. Press down and add small portion of cherry. Bake 20 minutes at 325 degrees.

**COCONUT BALLS**  
 1 box (1 lb.) vanilla wafer crumbs  
 1 stick margarine, melted  
 1 c. nuts, chopped  
 1 can (8 oz.) undiluted orange juice  
 1 box powdered sugar  
 1 can flaked coconut  
 Mix all ingredients, roll into small balls. These may be rolled in coconut, if desired.

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# Christmas Is 18 Days Away, Kids Can't Wait

Today is December 7, just a short 18 days 'til Old Santa Claus makes his long and busy trip down little folks' chimneys.

For the little folk, it is very, very hard to wait. For the older folk, it seems impossible that yet another Christmas season is already arrived, and that Christmas itself is quite close.

December is a busy and expensive month. It is a definite time of the year to be on good terms with the banker or some other source of money supply, unless you're one of those smart folk who put a year ahead of itself and joined a Christmas Club. Incidentally, a lot of folk did, and today they'll be patting themselves on their backs as the postman brings those beautiful and timely Christmas club checks. Why didn't I join?

Enter December with numerous parties planned by clubs and citizens.

Kings Mountain Cotillion Club members will dine and dance at the traditional party Dec. 11. The formal affair will be held at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The annual Christmas dinner-dance of Kings Mountain Country Clubbers will be held Dec. 17 and a band will provide music for dancing until midnight. Hosts are Alice Anne and Chuck Adams, Virginia and Josh Hinnant, Marlene and Joe Neisler and Jewel and John Warlick.

Post 155 Legionnaires and their wives and members of the American Legion Auxiliary will hold the traditional dinner-dance on Dec. 1 with dinner from 6:30 until 8 p. m.

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and dancing to "Bits and Pieces" until midnight. The Auxiliary will conduct a drawing for a 10-speed bicycle.

Neisco office employees and their husbands and wives will dine and dance at the traditional yule party Dec. 22 at the Country Club.

A free "egg nog" party open to the membership of Kings Mountain Country Club will be served on Friday evening, Christmas Eve, says club manager Jerry King.

**PARTY FOR BRIDE-ELECT**  
 Miss Laura Plonk, whose wedding to Gary Ball of Raleigh takes place Jan. 1 at 8:30 p. m. in Central United Methodist Church, was honored Friday evening at a "German Party" at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Entertaining together were Charlie and Marion Carpenter and Arne and Fred Withers.

The 57 guests were served ham and sauerkraut with German party pick-ups carrying out the German

theme. Dining tables were overlaid with red-check gingham cloths and arranged with fall flowers in wooden centerpieces.

Miss Plonk was presented a bronze mum corsage which she pinned to the shoulder of her party pantsuit and was given a wedding gift from the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Plonk, parents of the bride-to-be, were special guests.

**COMINGS AND GOINGS**  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Nolen and son, Perry, spent Thanksgiving weekend in Bethesda, Maryland with his sister, Mrs. Mildred Sykes, and family, returning home Sunday. The Nolens toured and made pictures of the area.

**SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY**  
 Annual Christmas luncheon of the KM Woman's Club in honor of Senior Citizens will be held Friday, Dec. 10, at noon at the Woman's Club. A covered dish luncheon will be spread and the club dining room will be festive with Christmas decorations.

**MRS. MCCLURE HONORED**  
 The Kings Mountain Senior High Choir took the occasion of the November meeting of the KM Woman's Club to surprise their director, Myrtle (Mrs. J. N.) McClure with a birthday cake and red roses.

Members of the Choir presented a program of music at the November meeting of the Woman's Club. Mrs. Edward Hine introduced the young people and Mrs. Philip Baker presided over business of the meeting.

Co-hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. W. S. Fulton and Mrs. Jennings Campbell.

## Schiele Museum Plans 'Colonial Yule'

"Colonial Christmas, 1776" will be presented at Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium on Dec. 19 from noon until 5:30 p. m.

Have you ever wished you could turn back the pages of time and celebrate Christmas as it was 200 years ago?

You can do just that at this free program open to the public.

A program of 18th Century Christmas customs will be presented at the Museum's Log Cabin from noon until 4:30 p. m. From 4:30 until 5:30 p. m. you are invited to attend the "Colonial Candlelight Service" on the hillside. As darkness gathers, a candlelight procession will begin through the forest. You are asked to bring a candle so you can participate in the 200-year-old tradition of "Sharing the Light of the World."

Music for the outdoor service will be provided by the Handbell Choir, Brass Ensemble and Youth Choir of Parkwood Baptist Church.

The candlelight service will end with a giant bonfire and the "burning of the green," a Christmas custom of our area 200 years ago.

### Shopping Spree

Keenagers of the Bethlehem Community are in Charlotte today for shopping and sightseeing.

The large group of citizens, age 55 and over, depart from the church at 9 a. m. this morning and after a "dutch treat" lunch will return about 1:30 p. m.

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# Gold Star People Honored

Nine Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, Sisters and Wives were honored by Kings Mountain Unit 155 American Legion Auxiliary, at a Christmas dinner Thursday night at the regular meeting of the Unit at the Post Home.

Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Al Graham, Mrs. Bertha Ellison, Mrs. Stacy Huffstickler, Mrs. Pauline Kimbrell, Mrs. Bertie Lockridge, Mrs. Rosa Medlin, Mrs. Lillian Mitchem and Mrs. Jean Nash.

A covered dish dinner was spread from a table spread with white cloth. Tables for guests were overlaid with white cloths and decorated with red and

white Mr. and Mrs. Santa. Carl Hunt, visiting artist with Cleveland Technical Institute, entertained the group with musical selections on his five-string banjo featuring numbers spanning the period 1776 to the present time and including songs from the Stephen Foster and Civil War eras and closing with a medley of Bicentennial selections, country music, and Christmas songs.

Mr. Hunt, who has played the banjo since age seven, had a weekly radio show at the age of 13 and worked professionally for Arthur Smith, A&R Promotions and several groups in Nashville, Tenn. His artist skill is enhanced by the fact that he plays music from all areas, from folk through the classics.

The visiting artist program at Tech is sponsored each season by the N. C. Arts Council and the Department of Community Colleges to offer the community an educational and cultural experience through a performing artist.

Mrs. Jackie D. Barrett, program chairman, introduced Mr. Hunt. Mrs. Malle Parker, chaplain, conducted the devotional. Mrs. Orangel B. Jolly, unit president, presided.

It was announced that the joint Christmas banquet and dinner-dance of the American Legion Post and Unit 155 will be held Dec. 18 with dinner from 6:30 until 8 p. m. and dancing from 9 p. m. until midnight. Tickets are \$2 for singles, \$4 for couples, all widows in Unit 155 will be admitted free. The Auxiliary will conduct drawing for a 10-speed bicycle and all proceeds will benefit veterans projects.

Members of the Unit will decorate the Post Home for the holidays on Sat., Dec. 11. Heading the committee on decorations are Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, Mrs. Charles Hampton and Mrs. Jackie Barrett and all members are invited to participate. The Post has recently purchased new green and red Christmas decorations.

Co-hostesses for Thursday's meeting were Mrs. Jackie Barrett, Mrs. Harold Ledford and Miss Elizabeth Stewart.

The Unit welcomed Mrs. Gene Tignor, Mrs. Bonnie Myers and Mrs. Bertha Ellison as new members.

### Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas Bell have issued wedding invitations to friends and relatives to attend the wedding of their daughter, Vicky Carolyn and Jerry Dean Ruppe.

The wedding will take place Saturday evening, Dec. 11, at 7 p. m. in Bethlehem Baptist Church.

### LEASING SERVICES FOR SALE LEASED CARS

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1975 Ford Grand Torino 4-Door. V-8. Automatic. Air. Stereo. Cruise control. Tilt steering wheel. \$2750.

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Highway 150 at East Marion Street in Shelby behind Tillman's HandiMart. Phone 482-2491.

## Miss Plonk Honored At Hamrick Coffee

Miss Laura Plonk, whose wedding to Gary Ball of Lenoir, takes place New Years Day, was honored last Friday morning at a Coffee at the home of Mrs. Larry Hamrick.

Entertaining with Mrs. Hamrick were Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. George Klepper and Mrs. S. R. Suber, Jr.

Forty five friends of the bride-elect, including a number of classmates from Meredith College in Raleigh, called from 10:30 until noon.

Mrs. Hamrick welcomed arriving callers and introduced the receiving line which included the bride-to-be, her mother, Mrs. John Plonk and her sister, Miss Ashley Plonk. The bride-to-be wore a grey and blue party dress and a wristlet of white daisies from the hostesses.

The refreshment table, highlight of decoration, was overlaid with white linen and lace and held a central arrangement of white baby's breath and daisies. Mrs. M. H. Robertson of Raleigh, mother of Mrs. Larry

Hamrick, presided at a silver coffee service from one end of the table. Mrs. Joe Smith and her daughter, Miss Jodi Smith, and Mrs. S. R. Suber, Jr. assisted in serving party refreshments. Mrs. George Klepper said goodbyes.

Yellow fall flowers were used throughout the house. The hostesses took the occasion to present Miss Plonk their wedding gift.



LAURA PLONK

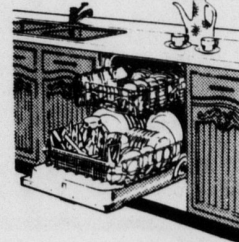
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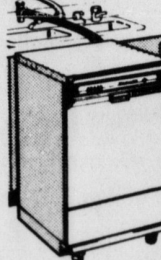
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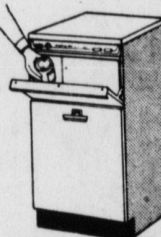
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