

BOARD & BATTEN

Keeping the home fires burning

Glenda's Kitchen Kapers

BY GLENDA BENTON



So did you try the pumpkin pie from last month's Kitchen Kapers? Somewhere, somehow the 1 cup of sugar was omitted. Reid said to blame the editor but I won't do that. So do add the 1 cup of sugar if you intend to try that recipe. Hopefully I'll do better this time. I got my *Country Woman* this week and realized t'was the month before Christmas and time to think of Christmas goodies.

Mincemeat toffee bars

- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup lightly packed brown sugar
- 1¼ cups all purpose flour
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup strong coffee
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup mincemeat (I like Maple Leaf)
- 1 cup flaked coconut

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cream together butter and ½ cup sugar. Work in one cup flour. Spread over bottom of a 13x9x2 inch pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Beat eggs with remaining ½ cup sugar and coffee.

Stir in remaining ¼ cup flour, baking powder, mincemeat and coconut. Spoon over crust. Bake for a further 20 minutes or until top is set. Cool. Cut into bars.



Christmas squares

- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup sifted flour
- ½ cup cut up dates
- ½ cup condensed milk
- ½ cup red & green maraschino cherries, cut up
- ½ cup raisins
- ½ cup chopped nuts

Mix butter, sugar and sifted flour together and put in buttered 8" x 8" pan. Mix the rest of the ingredients together and put on top. Bake at 350°F for half an hour.

CHRISTMAS 1999

Our wish for you and your home –
"God bless the master of this house
The mistress also,
And all the little children
That round the table go;
And your kin and kinsfolk
That dwell both far and near;
I wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a happy New Year."

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The last Christmas season of the millennium is upon us, and it has every sign of being a very special one.

The shoppers are out testing the integrity of the mall floors, the decorators are visiting parts of the house not seen in 10 years, and the bakers are dusting off recipe books from people they read about in Shoebox Memories. We get so caught up in the season that often we forget the added risks involved in a world spinning so fast.

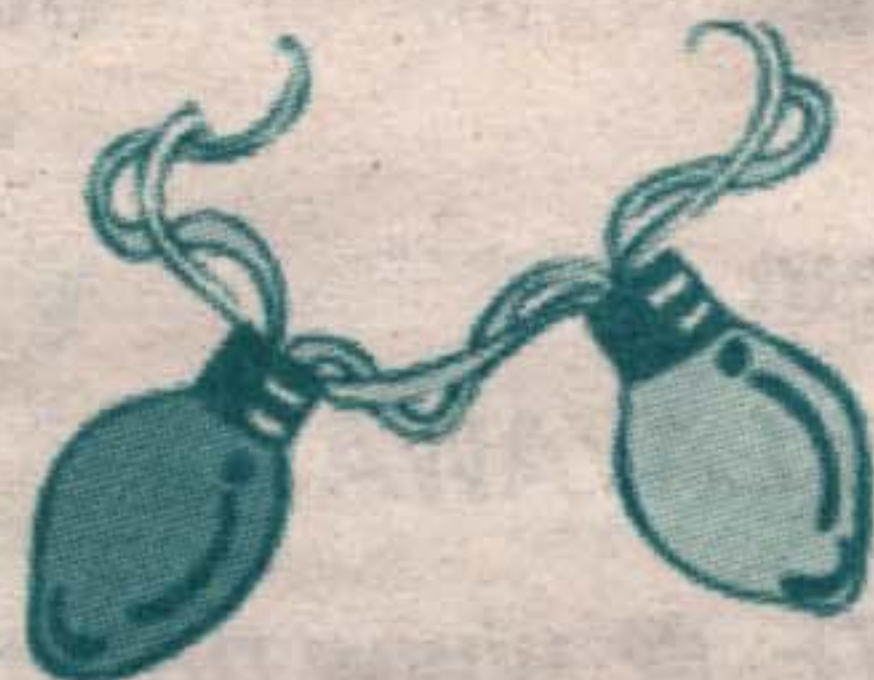
Christmas trees, garland, lights, candles and wrapping paper are all wonderful ways of enhancing the Christmas season if treated responsibly but can lead to disaster if left unattended, or in the wrong hands.

Christmas trees and natural garland should be watered regularly, lights and candles not left unattended, and presents not propped up against the baseboard heater under the tree. Wrapping paper, plastic, scissors and tape are best left out of the hands of infants and put away before Sylvester or Rex include them in their diet.

It seems unfortunate that in a time of celebration we can't let down our guard, but reality is that an ounce of prevention deters the criminal element.

Keeping your shopping cache locked in the trunk, out of sight, keeping your house locked when not at home, and keeping irregular traffic and room lighting patterns avoids developing a routine others to notice. Indoor Christmas lights are for you to enjoy, leaving them on in your absence only increases the risk of fire.

Christmas is such a wonderful time of year and with a little care and foresight we can all make this the happiest yet. From our homes to yours, we wish you all the best and please have a safe and very happy holiday season!!!



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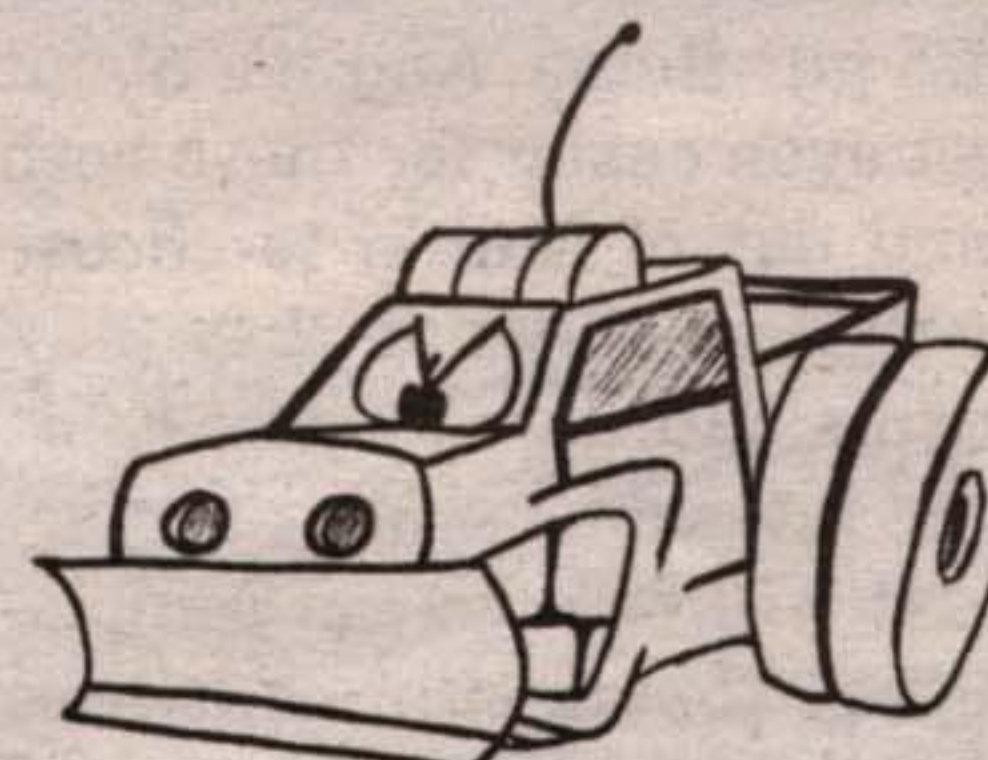
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