CANDY CANE COOKIES

1 cup shortening (half butter-half Crisco 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar

1 egg

1 1/2 tsp almond extact

1 tsp vanilla

Mix above ingredients thoroughly Stir into above -

2 1/2 cups sifted flour

1 tsp salt

Divide dough in half-blend into one half 1/2 tsp red food colouring.

Roll 1 tsp. of each colour dough into a four inch strip, place strips side by side press lightly together and twist gently into a rope. Place on ungreased cookie sheet, curve top down to form handle on cane.

Bake 8-9 min. or until lightly browned in moderate oven at 375 F.

While still warm sprinkle with finely crushed peppermint candy stick HOLIDAY WREATH COOKIES

1 1/3 c. butter, softened

3/4 c. sugar 1/4 tsp. nutmeg

1/4 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. ground cardamom(optional)

egg, separated 1/4 cup brandy

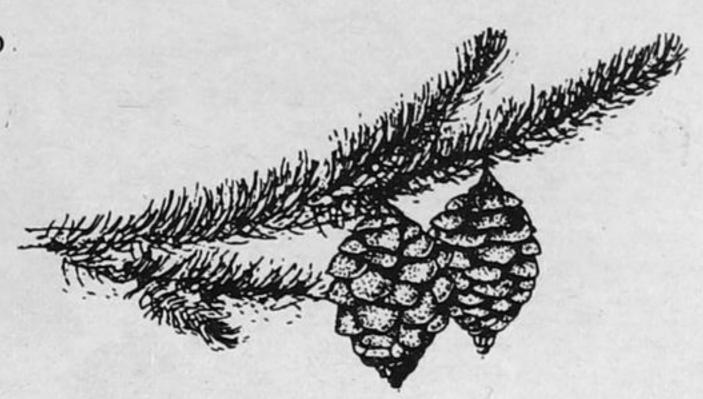
2 1/4 cups unsifted all purpose flour

green sugar crystals (1/4 cup)

dough. Bake 8-10 minutes

glace cherries

Cream butter and sugar well, blend in nutmeg, salt and cardamom, beat in egg yolk and brandy until light and fluffy. Gradually add flour until well blended. Divide dough into three equal parts. Wrap each well and chill 1-2 hrs. Preheat oven 3250 F-grease two cookie sheets; Roll 1 tablespoon of dough on floured surface into a 5" rope, place on cookie sheet form into ring. Brush with beaten egg white -sprinkle with green sugar, decorate with slivers of glace cherry to form bow. Repeat with remaining



THE BONWILL COLUMN

Want to set up a Christmas gift for next August? Or the August or September of the year after that?

Trim yourself an old apple tree, then sit back and watch and wait for the results.

If you have a tree that bears good apples occasionally, or whose apples you have tested for flavour, give it a good look-over, then start in with saw and snippers to see what you can do to bring it back into bearing.

December is not the ideal time to trim a fruit tree, but it is the ideal time to SEE how and where it should be trimmed - and if you do the job now, it will be safely behind you, and the tree can get started on its primary job - growing good fruit.

Here are some ideas we have culled from advice given us over the years.

1. Open up the tree, so that a pigeon could fly right through it. (And so the sun can get in, too.)

2. The most desirable limbs come out at right angles from the trunk. Be sure a good strong one points south. Try to have a good limb in each direction.

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3. Head back a tree, even an old one, so it is not more than 10 - 15 feet tall. (This will result in lots of watersprouts next year, but trim those off, annually, and you will gradually get results.)

4. Feed your tree. Put a good fertilizer (preferably organic) in holes, 1 foot deep, located just within the "drip line" of the branches. Water this in, then mulch well. Pull the mulch away from the trunk. Phosphate makes fruit; nitrate makes leaves.

5. Watch out for incipient unwanted branches. When these are in the bud stage, you can remove them with thumb and finger. (Be sure you are not removing fruit spurs - those fat blossom bearing buds)

6. To spray, or not to spray? The choice is yours - but we have good apples without doing much about it, except trimming, and harvesting. There ARE new kinds, which are pest resistant. Look for these, if buying new trees.

7. Make cuts smooth; they can be painted over, if desired.

8. Remember, you are doing a good deed for the future, perhaps even for much farther in the future than you can forsee. Well-cared for trees can continue to bear for generations. Do your part to help a tree to help you in the future.



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