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SECTION C

Baking Bee Results In Flavorful Gifts

If all the Christmas cookies made by Mrs. Joseph G. Carr were laid end to end they would stretch a good distance—and so would a few more waitlines.

Mrs. Carr's husband, who fortunately is one of those rare people who can stick to a diet, says when he first met his wife he didn't think she knew which way to cut a tomato.

"Now," he adds with a grin, "I worry about my waitline."

A glance at the dining room table in the Carr home last week proved his wife's culinary ability. It was loaded to topping point, spilling over with cookies—all colors, shapes, flavors.

THEY RANGED from Mexican tea cakes to Jewish oatmeal cookies. They were frosted and decorated to a fare-thee-well and pretty enough to hang on a Christmas tree.

There were nut balls, nut bars, snowballs, pinwheels, horns, tarts, drop, rolled, filled cookies and even one topped with miniature jelly beans.

As if that were not tempting enough, favors included chocolate, coconut, apricot, spice, fig, almond, nuts of all kinds—just to begin.

AND BEST OF ALL, as far as some 20 friends and relatives are concerned, they wound up in boxes as "between Christmas and New Year's" gifts.

"That's when they're needed for holiday entertaining," said Mrs. Carr.

This year she spent well over a week—working several evenings until one o'clock—mixing and bak-

ing and decorating. On Thursday of last week she began the hour-long task of boxing the delicacies, some three or four dozen to a box.

"And I know just what our son Joey will say when I get through," she commented. "Every year he asks, 'Didn't you leave a box for us, Mom?'"

This year "I'll save a box full," she added.

THE CARRS have been Birmingham residents for 10 years, moving into their present home two years ago. They decided to "wait awhile" before remodeling the kitchen in the Pilgrim house—naturally a very important room to the lady of this house.

It is both functional and attractive, done in light moss green with picked woodwork and paneling. An attractive "French Quarter" scene lines the upper half of one wall.

All activity, of course, centers around the oven and cooking area with its cunningly contrived, two-tiered snack bar and work counter.

MRS. CARR BEGINS mixing batters well before Christmas, using recipes she has collected over a 20-year period. Many of them come from her collection of over 100 cook books—which fill one and a half shelves in the den.

Other recipes have been contributed by friends. The lucky girl-who mentions a good recipe for her own is soon parted from it—quite willingly, for Mrs. Carr can't resist the favor of the "nth" power.

She admits to an occasional back-mixing—but said they usually turn out well, as in the instance

of one cookie batter to which she inadvertently added a wrong ingredient.

"I JUST WENT ahead anyway and came up with a new recipe," she said.

The 23 basic recipes she uses at Christmas time with multiple variations—include an open faced filled cookie which she has been making since she was a very little girl.

"I had to stand on a chair to reach the table when I first made it," Mrs. Carr noted. The stretch was worth it for the recipe won a prize at a county fair in Nebraska, where she was born and raised.

A former teacher and secretary, she helps her husband as she is needed, likes to read and garden, "loves to attend auctions, especially when I can pick up French antiques." Her home is charmingly accented with many of her "finds."

BUT MOST of all she likes to bake and her 60 cookie cutters get quite a workout. The family bread box is filled with homemade bread which she makes daily.

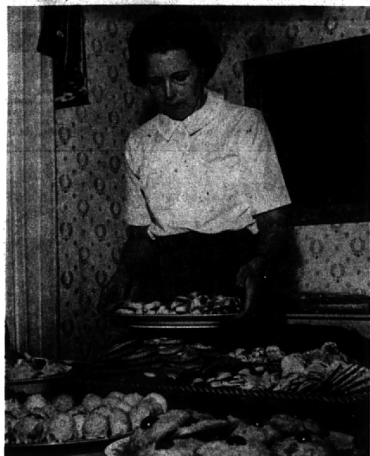
The refrigerator is almost always filled with pastries and batters ready to be shaped for the oven—a far cry from the days when Mrs. Carr was engaged to her husband.

She remembers an evening when he called for her and announced he was hungry.

"He opened the icebox and all there was in it was a half-grapefruit," she says with a laugh. "You know how working girls are."

Nowadays, however, the problem is finding room for just one more batch of batter.

Giving and receiving presents is concentrated largely at Christmas time; and that's all right, most of us think. Yet there is another form of the Christmas theme that is applicable to every day of every year... and much of this may be revealed in our individual attitudes towards all those we meet. It is stated in that Golden Rule: "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you!"



Mrs. Joseph G. Carr of Birmingham, has only one problem: where to put another tray of cookies on an already-laden table in the dining room of her home. For the past 12 years she has baked dozens and dozens of the delicacies—using almost two dozen basic recipes with variations. Lucky friends and relatives benefit from the annual baking spree after Mrs. Carr boxes the cookies as gifts for holiday week entertaining. The pastries range from traditional recipes to cosmopolitan varieties, representing a number of different countries.

Henry Booths To Host Gala On Twelfth Night

The 19th annual Twelfth Night Gala will be held Jan. 6 at Cranbrook House from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. with Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Booth as hosts.

Guests will include members of the faculty and staff of the Cranbrook institutions, members of the boards of trustees and directors of the Cranbrook institutions, with their husbands and wives, board members of Cranbrook Music Guild and St. Dunstan's Guild, choir members of Christ Church Cranbrook and heads of their various organizations and their husbands and wives.

Except for a Mummies play and the reading of the Christmas story from the Gospel of St. Luke by Mr. Henry S. Booth the plans are kept secret.

Piano accompaniment by Robert Bates, Christ Church Cranbrook organist and choir-master, for the traditional singing of Christmas carols will round out the evening.

Hold Reunion Today For Camp Nissokone

The Camp Nissokone Annual Reunion will be held today at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Ernie Harwell, Tiger sports announcer, will be the guest speaker. In addition, there will be camp songs, slides of the 1961 season, and staff and camper entertainment.

The reunion is primarily for last season's campers, but interested persons are invited to attend.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Camp Office.

B'ham Girl Named To Honor Society

Beverly Stinnett of Birmingham was recently invited to join the freshman Honor Society at Hillsdale College for outstanding high school scholastic achievement.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stinnett, 4448 Squirrel Road, Miss Stinnett is a graduate of Bloomfield Hills High School.



SANDRA STINSON
Sandra Stinson To Wed March 3

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stinson of Derby Road, Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra, to Robert Quay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Quay of Harper Woods.

The bride-elect is a graduate of University of Michigan, where she was affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega. Her fiancé graduated from University of Michigan, where she was a member of Delta Chi.

A March 3 wedding is planned.



'Happy Holidays'

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sanden exchange wishes for the holiday season at the annual Christmas Ball held Saturday night at Oakland Hills Country Club. Mrs. Sanden is the club social chairman for 1962.



JUDITH LEMESSURIER ANNETTE LEMESSURIER
LeMessurier Sisters Plan June Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman LeMessurier of Dorchester announce the engagements of their daughters, Judith Kay and Annette Langlois LeMessurier.

Judith will wed Jerry Probst Goebel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Goebel of Grose Pointe, on June 16.

Annette and Leonardo Pasquale Cercone will wed June 23. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Cercone of Detroit.

Judith is a graduate of Birmingham High School and the University of Michigan. She attended Wayne State University and San Jose State College in California for post graduate work. She is affiliated with Kappa Delta Theta.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and will begin work in February on his masters degree at the University of Colorado. He is a Phi Delta Theta.

Annette, a graduate of Birmingham High, and her fiancé are seniors at the University of Michigan. She is affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma and her with Lambda Chi.

Junior Women's Club To Meet Tuesday

The Birmingham Junior Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday at the Birmingham Community House. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Rustie Shaughnessy, a member of the department of Patricia Stevens Rustie School. Her talk will be on "Charts in a Capitalist Society."

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Alvie Smith, Mrs. Edward Donaldson, Mrs. Kenneth Carson and Mrs. Samuel Fatzick.

Joins Fraternity

David Lindley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Damon P. Lindley of 1172 E. Maple, was initiated into Beta Alpha Psi, national honorary professional accounting fraternity, at the University of Detroit.

Poplack Collection Stars as Couple Visits Birmingham

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Getlein of Washington, D. C., both authors of many books and articles on art, were the house guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Poplack of Lake Park Drive, Birmingham.

The Getleins were the guests of honor at the Poplack home Dec. 17 when the Birmingham couple entertained.

THE FOLLOWING evening, another event was held at the Standard-City Club honoring the Getleins and their latest publication, "Christianity in Modern Art." The painting, "Moses," from the Poplack collection of American art, graces the cover and frontispiece, in full color, of the new publication.

The painting was exhibited throughout the United States last year in the American Federation of Art's Rattner Exhibition, sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

GETLEIN is currently the art editor for the Washington Evening Star as well as being the art critic for the "New Republic."

His books include "Christianity in Art," "Abraham Rattner," "The Bits of the Print" and "Modern Demography."



The art collection of the William J. Poplacks of Birmingham played a part in the newest publication by Frank and Dorothy Getlein who visited the Poplacks recently. In front of the painting, "Moses," which was used on the cover of "Christianity in Modern Art," stand (from left), Mrs. Poplack, Mrs. Getlein and her husband.

Suburban Scene
By Shirley Adams Society Editor

Maryann Ogur to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Ogur of Jonathan Lane, Bloomfield Hills, announced the engagement of their daughter, Maryann Carol, to Carl Gunnar Karlstrom, at a family dinner in their home on Friday evening. Miss Ogur attended Western Michigan University and Stephens College. She was affiliated with Chi Omega Sorority.

Her fiancé is the son of Mrs. Gunnar Karlstrom of Colonial Court, Birmingham, and the late Mr. Karlstrom.

strom. A graduate of Cranbrook School, Carl attended the University of Wisconsin where he was a member of the A Cappella Choir and the Haresfoot Club. Presently he is a senior at Wayne State University. His fraternity is Pi Kappa Alpha.

Christmas Spirit

A Christmas Advent wreath was the luncheon table centerpiece as members of the Pine Lake branch WNFCA met for their Yule party at the home of Mrs. Harold Schneider, 2594 Pine Ridge Road. House plants were exchanged for a truly green present. Members wrapped gifts to give to a needy family, a project right in the spirit of the season.

Holiday Delight

Moppets at the Pine Lake Country Club Christmas party were zoggle-eyed and delighted with the very special visitor, Sagebrush Shorty, who arrived from California and a round of movie-making, to delight small fry. Windup for the club's 1961 social season includes several gala holiday parties, suitably climaxed by a delightful New Year's Eve Ball.

The Young in Heart

The young set at Red Run Golf Club were feted at the third annual high school and college Holiday Dance Tuesday evening. Semi-formal and fun, the party was sparked by the music of Johnny Titus and his Orchestra.

And, talking about the young in heart, the BOPOFOR Inter-Club dance will be held at Forest Lake Country Club this evening with the Jerry Fenby Five doing the musical honors. Dancing will be from 9 until midnight.

Good Wishes for the New Year

Wish we could say an individual thank-you to the many lovely Christmas cards—one of the nicest things about this time of year.

This season's array was quite the prettiest—from the lovely golden Japanese print to the abstract Yule design in muted greens, blues and red.

There were the gay carolers to remind one that children all over the world benefited from UNICEF cards, to say nothing of mentally retarded youngsters and others who were helped by thoughtful senders who chose their cards to help their favorite charity.

Two gay little cherubs tote a big NOEL sign on another card while on yet another, four little tots bring home the Christmas tree.

Well, as we said, wish we could describe them all. Put a Sub Scene right in the mood to wish you all the very best for the coming year.



Committee at Work

Giving consideration to one of the many cases presented to the Tribute Fund, a committee of the United Community Services, are (from left) members of the committee, Mrs. Paul J. Shine of Yosemite Drive, Mrs. C. Theron Van Dusen of Bennington Drive

South Oakland's Concert Group To Hear Singer

Phyllis Curtin, an American who is an international prima donna, will sing at the Oak Park High School auditorium Wednesday for the South Oakland Community Concerts Association.

In a short span of six years, her repertoire includes more than 40 operas. She holds the honor of having created more premieres of modern operas than any other soprano now before the American public.

During the first three months of 1962, Miss Curtin will tour the United States in solo recitals, operatic appearances and engagements with several noted orchestras. She is now a member of the Metropolitan Opera.



PHYLLIS CURTIN

and Mrs. Frederick Warner of Greentree Road. The fund, which marks its 21st birthday in '62, gives emergency aid to persons recommended by social and government agencies.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MACDONALD
Celebrate Anniversary

At a family dinner party, Mr. and Mrs. George MacDonal, 572 Henrietta, Birmingham, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Married Dec. 20, 1911 in Canada, the MacDonalds have a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Anderson of Waterford and two grandchildren, Jimmy and Mary Alice.

Mr. MacDonal, now retired, was employed by the city of Birmingham for 18 years. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham and lived here for 30 years. Fourteen guests attended the dinner.