

Last-Minute Fruitcake Begins with Date Mix

Making goodies is a wonderful way to Christmas-shop at home. And happily for the time-limits of the season, there's nothing old-fashioned about this fruitcake except the flavor. Start with Date Bread Mix, finish soon after with a homemade loaf that's perfect for giving — or serving. You can turn out individual Miniature Fruitcakes, or a Fruitcake Ring for a buffet—both are just as speedily made as the traditional loaf. All are wonderfully delicious ways to say, "Happy Holidays."

Date Fruitcake
1 package Date Bread mix
1/2 cups chopped candied fruit
1 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup raisins
Prepare Date Bread Mix adding candied fruit, nuts and raisins with the dry mix. Turn into 8x4 or 9x5-inch loaf pan, greased and floured on bottom only. Bake at 350 degrees for 70 to 80 minutes. Glaze with warm corn syrup and garnish with candied fruit. Cool thoroughly before slicing.

Miniature Fruitcakes: Bake in 24 paper-lined or greased muffin cups for 30 to 35 minutes.

Fruitcake Ring: Bake in 9 or 10-inch tube pan, greased and floured on bottom only for 55 to 65 minutes.

Christmas Chocolate Pie Features Canday, Cereal

Whatever the dessert at holiday dinner, it must be of a spectacular nature — and one of the handsomest is Christmas Chocolate Pie. The chocolate chiffon goes into a crust of mellow corn flake crumbs. The pie derives its chocolate flavor from semi-sweet chocolate morsels, the same candy-like pieces the children love for out-of-hand nibbling. And thanks to the presence of reliable unflavored gelatine, the filling requires a little cooking — only the few minutes necessary to dissolve the unflavored gelatine and melt the chocolate morsels. For the rest, Christmas Chocolate Pie simply chills until ready for serving.

Christmas Chocolate Pie Crumb Crust:
4 cups corn flakes, crushed, or 1 cup corn flake crumbs
2 tablespoons sugar
1/3 cup butter or margarine
Put corn flake crumbs, sugar, and butter in a 9-inch pie pan. Place in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) 5 minutes or until butter melts; remove. Mix well and press mixture evenly and firmly around sides and on bottom of pie pan. Chill.

Filling:
1 envelope unflavored gelatine
1/2 cup sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups milk
1 6-ounce package (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
Mix together unflavored gelatine, sugar and salt in caucepan. Stir in milk and semi-sweet chocolate morsels. Place over medium heat, stirring constantly, until morsels are melted, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; beat with a rotary beater until chocolate is Chill, stirring occasionally, until mixture mounds when dropped from a spoon, about 15 minutes. Fold in whipped cream. Turn into prepared pie shell. Chill until firm. If desired, make wreath on top of pie with circle of additional whipped cream; garnish with pieces of candied cherries and citron. YIELD: 1 9-inch pie.

Marianist Dance To Benefit Priests

Marianist League of Southern California will sponsor a dance in the gymnasium at Serra High School, 14830 Van Ness Blvd., Gardena, tomorrow evening. Proceeds will be used for a scholarship fund to assist in the education and training of Marianist priests and brothers.

Inv. Hossman will furnish music. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening and door prizes will be awarded during the dance.

Mrs. Bob Sawyer, chairman of the committee making arrangements, will be assisted by Mrs. Harvey Haslam, in charge of refreshments, and Mrs. John Kane who is taking care of door prizes.

Members of the Marianist League and their friends are cordially invited. Tickets may be obtained by calling Art Finaidi, OS 5-9411, or they may be obtained at the door.

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DRESSING DOLLS for Christmas are members of Redondo Beach Dianas. After display at the Salvation Army doll tea set for Dec. 4, the dolls will be distributed in ensembles made by Dianas members and Las Palmas School girls to 50 hospitalized children. Doll

clothes include party dresses, coats, play outfits and accessories. Pictured are, from left, Mmes. Joseph Carrier, Philip MacBride and Arthur Colleen, philanthropy chairman.

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Aquarium Club to Study Guppy

Harbor Aquarium Society will meet at 8 p.m. today in the recreation hall at Mc-Masters Park, Artesia and Yukon Ave, according to June Teuchert, president.

Program will feature a question and answer session with James Marshall of Redondo Beach as monitor and a Walt Disney film on fish. Showfish of the month will be the Lebiates Reticulatus, commonly known as the Guppy. Door prizes will be a five gallon aquarium with hood. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Tropical fish fanciers are invited to attend.

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ALUMNI DANCE

The eleventh annual Banning Alumni Dance, sponsored by the Wilmington Junior Women's Club, will be held tomorrow at the Lafayette Hotel, Grand Ballroom, Long Beach. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. with music provided by the Roe King Orchestra. Donation will be \$2 per person. The Wilmington Juniors

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Holiday Box Social New Idea for Teens

Looking for a new way to entertain the high-school set? Try a Holiday Box Social, and share the fun of hostess-ing with your guests!

Have each young lady prepare a lunch or late-evening snack for two, wrapped in fancy Christmas dress with her name identified on the package top. Have the guests, on arriving at the party, place all the pretty Christmas surprise lunches under the Christmas tree until refreshment time.

In the meantime, write the name of each girl on a small piece of paper; roll up the paper with name inside and fasten roll with a bit of transparent tape. Insert each name in a balloon.

At serving time, each young man can choose a balloon and blow it up until it pops, revealing the name of his lunch partner.

Lunch boxes may be made from old cereal, shoe or candyboxes. Gummed lace paper edgings and decorative designs pasted on the boxes

give them a handsome appearance. "Paste-on" letters can be used for the girls' names. Ribbon, sequins, small glass "Jewels" and tiny Christmas ornaments are other package trims that can be used.

To make a wreath on the party box, wrap cookies in saran and fasten them to box securely with double-edged transparent tape. Flower spray decorations can be made by individually wrapping cookies and candy tightly in saran and fastening them together with wire. Use ribbon and artificial leaves to transform the "flowers" into a corsage.

And here's a hint to the girls who are preparing the lunches — wrap the party foods in transparent saran film to keep foods at their freshest and to display your handiwork with a real holiday sparkle.

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