

**WEEKLY CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- Infants
- Not costly
- Protective garment
- Rein
- Marahy meadows
- Fiscard
- Arid
- Adhesive material
- Kind of rock
- Fiscard
- Knock sharply
- Jewish month
- Chilling
- Inventor of the telephone
- Vacant
- Candy
- Mr. Lancaster
- Container
- Rough lava
- Dry, as wine
- Shade of brown
- Miss Keller
- Insane
- Attorney
- Dexterous
- Conscious of
- White poplar
- Howled
- Removed the center
- DOWN
- Destitute of hair
- Copier
- Sound, as a donkey
- Goddess of dawn
- Tin: sym.
- Shut
- Throng
- Came in
- Grow old
- Through
- Chummy
- Knapsack
- Cue
- Seaweed
- Excuse
- Warp-yarns
- Melancholy
- Hamlet
- Pas-sage under an arcade
- De-sirous
- Scoff
- Print off
- the edge of a page
- Cinder
- Circuit
- court:
- Old Eng. law
- River in Germany
- Feat
- Study room
- Milkfish
- Finnish seaport
- Electric current

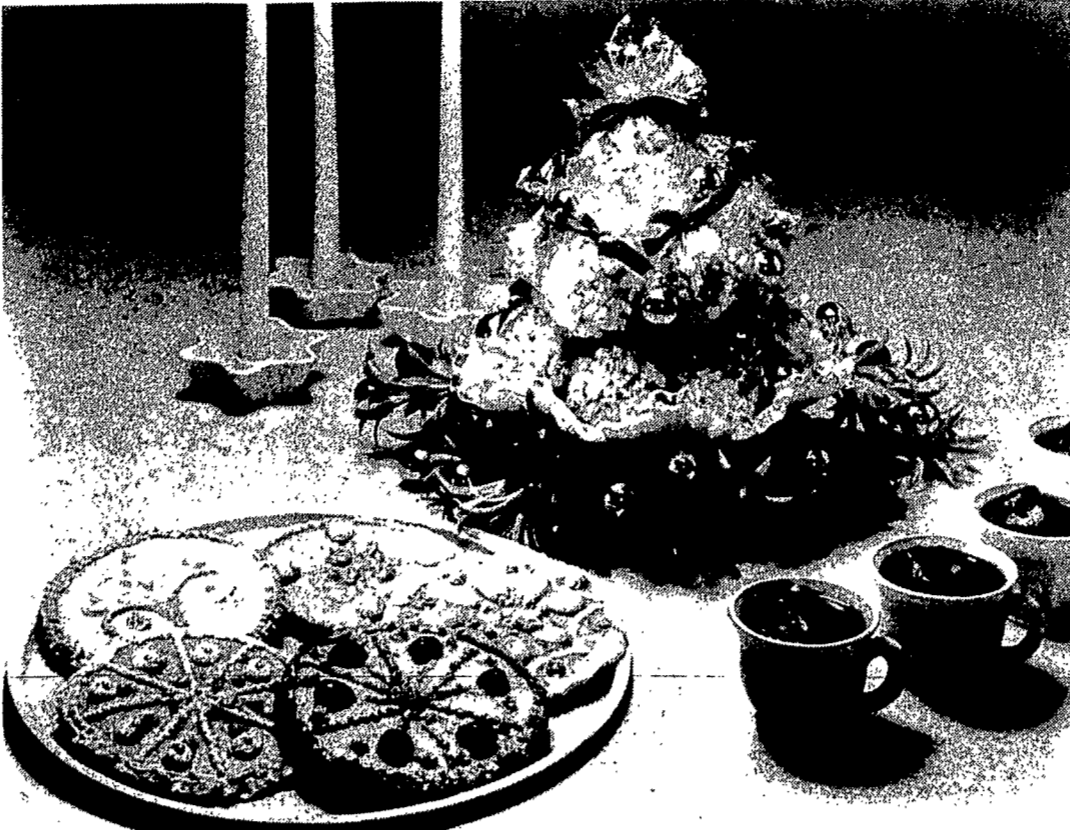
**Answer**

39. Feat  
40. Study room  
41. Milkfish  
42. Finnish seaport  
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**Plan a Pretty - as - a - Picture Party**

If you're planning to give a party for your teenage daughter, niece or grandchild, during the holidays, make it as pretty as a picture with everything done up as lovely and sweet as a young girl in a party dress.

Set the winter scene with mounds of snow white popcorn balls. Serve a Christmas red punch of cranberry juice and big saucerlike cookies decorated with fanciful designs. Recipes for the popcorn balls, punch and cookies are given below.



**HOLIDAY PUNCH**

1 quart cranberry juice cocktail  
1 1/2 cups orange juice  
1 cup light corn syrup  
1 cup water  
3/4 cup lemon juice  
Mix all ingredients. Chill. Serve with ice cubes. Makes about 2 quarts.

**HOLIDAY COOKIES**

3 cups sifted flour  
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1/2 to 1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup margarine  
2 eggs, slightly beaten

Cookies decorated in a traditional manner, gay popcorn balls and cranberry punch help to make this party a festive one.

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and spices into mixing bowl. Cut in margarine until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in eggs and extract until smooth dough forms. Chill.

**Decorator's Frosting**  
(Butter Cream Type)  
Combine 1 cup softened margarine with 1 pound sift-

ed confectioners sugar, beating until smooth. Chill 30 minutes. Mix in desired coloring. Use in decorating tube. If frosting becomes too stiff, blend in a few drops of water. Flowers, leaves etc. can be held for several weeks if covered with plastic wrap and stored in refrigerator or freezer.

**QUICK CANDIED POPCORN-BALL**  
3/4 cup light or dark corn syrup  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 quarts white popped corn

time, to 1/8-inch thickness on floured board. Cut into 5-inch rounds. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 375 degrees F. (moderate) oven until edges are very lightly browned, 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 1 1/2 dozen 5-inch cookies. Frost with Decorator's Frosting.

Roll out dough, 1/8 at a

Mix corn syrup, sugar and salt in heavy saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil, and boil two minutes. Gradually pour syrup over popcorn, stirring constantly until evenly coated. Shape into balls, using as little pressure as possible.

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**Symbolism of Christmas Eating**

As North Americans sit down to eat their traditional Christmas dinner, few will know the history and religious significance of the food they eat and the form in which they eat it. For the most part, the symbolism of Christmas feasting has been perverted to the point of it becoming a Roman holiday after the fashion of the Caesars.

For instance, the plum pudding we enrich further with hard sauce, and sometimes flaming brandy, was originally a food penance served before going to church on Christmas morning. A custom started in England, it was known as "frumenty" or "furmenty" — a bland porridge made from hulled wheat, milk and eggs. Human nature being what it is, English cooks slowly began adding spices, raisins and currants to the concoction until, in the 18th century, the name itself had to be changed to plum or plum pudding for what had become something less than a gastronomic sacrifice!

Christmas feasting was originally of Christian intent. It was of reality, and was launched by King Alfred in 878 when he decreed that the feast of Christmas be marked by 12 days of feasting among noblemen and clergy. It was not until 1248 that King Henry the Third added the ingredient of Christian charity by planning the first public banquet for the poor people of London. Held at Westminster Hall in the city, the King found it necessary to hire 2,000 extra cooks to prepare the food for what wound up as 10,000 ragged guests.

In other parts of Europe, fish is the main course and the spiritual symbol of Christmas, particularly in Italy, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, where a great favorite is carp served with lingonberry sauce.

In some rural parts of Italy, still bake special Christmas loaves of bread shaped to resemble the books of the Old and New Testament. In Bulgaria, a favorite was roast goose served on a bed of sauerkraut. In Poland of pre-Soviet days, Christmas feasts included dishes of soup, fish, cabbage, mushrooms and a delicate poppyseed. Barley porridge is a Christmas favorite in Finland, while nowhere in the world do we find anything as delicious as India's Christmas sugar cake filled with rose leaves.

Spanish explorers in Mexico and Central America discovered the bird in the early 16th century, where it had been domesticated by the natives. In 1519, some of these birds were taken back to Europe where they were cross-bred between 1524 and 1541. Later, they were brought out from England by settlers in Jamestown, Virginia, though it must be acknowledged that the Plymouth Pilgrims also discovered a species of wild turkey which had probably found its way overland from Mexico.

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New York—While millions of Americans give gifts ranging from golf balls to diamonds (by gosh!), few among those who give and receive the gifts this Christmas realize what a long and lightful history the custom of gift-giving has.

It was the Three Wise Men who gave the first Christmas gifts in history, although earliest Christians refused to exchange presents. To the custom was a heat one — because gift-giving played a prominent role in many pagan festivals.

In time, they accepted exchange of gifts as an expression of rejoicing in legends about the bringer of gifts began to grow.

The jolly gent we know as St. Nick, for example, based on the real-life Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Asia Minor (modern Turkey) in the fourth century. Legend even in his own time for his generosity, and love of children, he is said to have gone on many a tedious journey carrying cret gifts to the poor.

Giving to the poor remained a vital part of Christmas c

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