

# Family Favorites

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With the Christmas season well under way, parties and open house affairs will head the schedule in many College Station homes. We like to be fancy with our food selections as well as economical and simple preparation. Here are a few suggestions for your holiday season.

### PUNCH FOR 50 PEOPLE

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| 1 1/4 cups water   | 2 cups white grape juice,      |
| 2 1/2 cups sugar   | grapefruit juice or pineapple  |
| 1 cup lemon juice  | juice                          |
| 1 cup strong tea   | 1 cup maraschino cherries with |
| 2 cups fruit syrup | juice                          |
|                    | 1 cup charged water            |

Make a syrup by boiling for 10 minutes sugar and the plain ingredients (except the charged water) and permit to stand for 30 minutes or more. The fruit syrup is the hitch. Strawberry jam may be diluted and strained, canned raspberry or loganberry juice may be sweetened and boiled until heavy. Strain these ingredients. Add ice water to make about 2 gallons of liquid or add ice water to make 1 1/2 gallons of liquid and add at the last minute the charged water. If you find the punch lacking in sugar, add part or all of the reserved sugar syrup.

### DECORATIVE ICE CUBES

For an iced drink specialty, make the easy-to-prepare decorative ice cubes . . . wonderful for conversation pieces.

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| Maraschino cherry      | Prig of mint.               |
| Preserved strawberries | Piece of lemon or pineapple |
- Fill a refrigerator tray with water. Place in each section one of the above fruit. (You may flavor the cubes with 1 teaspoon rum, sherry or whisky.) Freeze the water and serve cubes in tea, lemonade, punch or other cold drinks.

### CHEESE DIP

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| 2 pkgs. cream cheese: 6 oz. | 1 t. Worcestershire sauce |
| 1 1/2 T. mayonnaise         | Toasted potato chips      |
| 1 T. cream                  | Apples                    |
| 1 t. grated onion, minced   | 1/4 t. salt               |
| garlic or chives            |                           |

Beat until smooth, all ingredients except chips and apples. Scoop out the center of several apples and fill with the mixture. Surround each with potato chips.

### CHRISTMAS POPCORN BALLS

A special treat for the small fry at Christmas parties are popcorn balls with peppermint handles.

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| 1/2 t. salt          | 1/2 cup light corn syrup |
| 5 quarts popped corn | 1 t. vinegar             |
| 2 cups sugar         | 1 t. vanilla             |
| 1 1/2 cups water     | 18 peppermint sticks     |

Keep popcorn hot and crisp in slow oven (300 degrees to 325 degrees.) Combine sugar, water, salt, corn syrup and vinegar. Cook to hard-ball stage (250 degrees). Add vanilla. Pour slowly over popcorn; mix well to coat every kernel. Press in balls, using fat on hands if necessary. Before mixture hardens, insert peppermint stick in each ball. For an added attraction, add Christmas bells on a red satin bow tied to stick. Makes 15 to 20 balls.

# CS Churches Prepare For Christmas

**A&M Christian Church**  
Disciples Student Fellowship will not be held at the church tonight. Choir practice will be held as usual at 8 p.m. Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Christmas Day but the other programs, including Sunday School, will not meet.

**A&M Methodist Church**  
"Jesus in the Heart" is the sermon-topic for services Christmas morning at 10:55. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship meetings will not be held.

**Bethel Lutheran Church**  
(Missouri Synod)  
"How Joseph Received The Message" is the sermon-topic for vespers tonight at 7:45.

Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas program will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday and 1:30 p.m. Friday. The program will be held at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. Christmas and morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

**St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel**  
Midnight service of choral Holy

Communion and sermon will be held Christmas Eve at the church. Holy Communion and sermon will be held only at 11 a.m. Christmas Day.

**Faith Evangelical and Reformed Church**

Choir practice will be held tonight at 7:30. Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m. Christmas followed by worship service at 10:30 a.m. Evening service will begin at 7:30 that night.

**Christian Science Society**  
Evening service will begin at the church at 8 tonight.

The ever-present power of the Christ, Truth, will be emphasized at 11 a.m. services Christmas Day. Matthew's account of the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem at the time of the nativity of Christ Jesus will be featured in the responsive reading. "Christian Science" will be the topic of the Lesson-Sermon. Passages will be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy at the services.

**Church of Christ**  
Mid-week services will be held tonight at 7:15 at the church. Sunday School on Christmas Day will begin at 9:45 a.m. followed by morning service at 10:45. Evening service will start at 7:15 Sunday.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Services will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. in the YMCA Chapel.

**St. Mary's Catholic Chapel**  
Mass will be said at 9 a.m. only on Christmas Day.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Confessions will be heard from 4-6 p.m.; 7-8 p.m. and 10-12 p.m. Saturday. Midnight mass will be held Christmas Eve. Services Sunday will be at 7, 8:30 and 10 a.m.

**College Heights Assembly of God**  
Services will be held at 7:30 tonight at the church. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. Christmas Day and worship service will follow at 11 a.m. Services will be conducted that night at 7:30 p.m.

**A&M Presbyterian Church**  
Family Christmas Service will be

held Sunday. Members will meet Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. for roll call and a short morning worship will follow immediately.

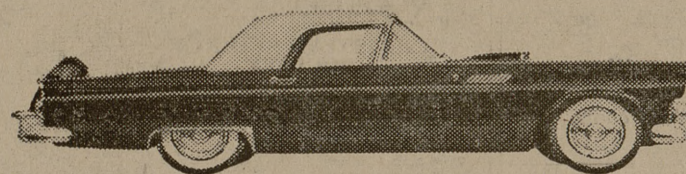
**First Baptist Church**  
"Israel's Greatest King" will be the sermon-topic for the service Christmas Day at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Miss Sylvia Williams will be the

soloist for morning worship service. **Church of the Nazarene**  
Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

A short Sunday School service will be held at 10 a.m. Christmas Day and morning worship services will follow immediately after. (See CS CHURCHES, Page 6)

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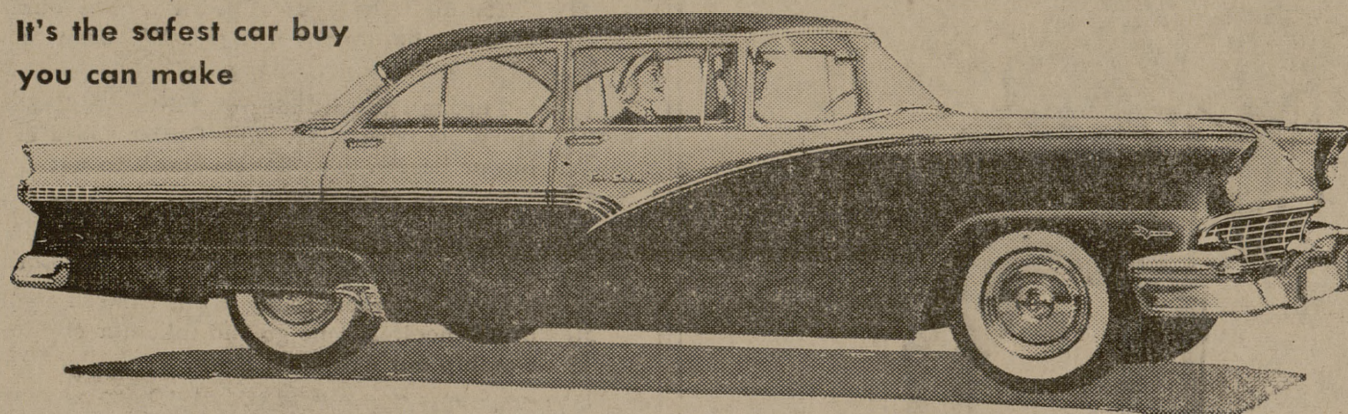
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