

Mrs. Brackbill Makes Christmas Cookies by the Dozen



Mrs. Brackbill admires some of her 100, or more specimens of African violets.

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She does housework for a Millersville couple two half days a week. She also does five laundries for other families. At times she did as many as 15. She used to sew but doesn't have time now to do much sewing.

Rhoda, the daughter of Jonas and the late Minnie Sheitzer, grew up on a farm in Manor Township and lived on the farm 15 years after marriage. She and her husband farmed six years for her parents. They raised hay, wheat, corn and grew four acres of tobacco. They kept a few cows. For two years they grew a lot of strawberries.

Mr Brackbill always had the desire to drive a truck, so 18 years ago he had the opportunity to get a truck driving job for Raub Supply Co in Lancaster

and has been doing it ever since. His runs are mostly in the county now.

Brackbills have five children. The oldest are twins—Maurice and Marvin. Maurice is married to the former Arlene Greenwalt. They live on Franklin Road in Manor Township. He is a custodian for Penn Manor School and drives a school bus. They have a son and a daughter.

Marvin is married to Doris Ebersole and they have two sons. They live on Nissley Road in Landisville. Marvin works for Vernon Martin Printing Associates.

Anna, married to Elmer Hess, has three sons. They live on the New Holland Division of Spery Rand Corporation's experimen-

tal farm, Lititz RD3. They fatten 200 steers a year.

Janet graduated from Penn Manor High School last June where she was enrolled in the Academic course and majored in Spanish. She wants to take a business course and has been accepted at one college. Presently she is employed at the J C Penney Co store in Lancaster. She does a lot of sewing for herself and plays the accordion.

Bobby is a Junior at Penn Manor Sr High School, taking the Academic course. He also plays the accordion. He plays baseball in the summer for Millersville Recreation Association. He has two trophies for being the most valuable player. He is a catcher for the team.

Brackbills belong to the Mil-

lersville Mennonite Church where Mr Brackbill teaches the men's class in Sunday School and Mrs Brackbill is a substitute teacher. Janet goes to the Junior sewing circle and she and Bobby take part in the youth group. Mrs Brackbill has helped pack clothing at Akron to be dispensed where needed.

Brackbills have been entertaining Drexel Institute students from International House sponsored by their church for several years. They room them and give them breakfast and lunch. Then they go to the church and five church people sit around the table with them and explain how the Mennonite church operates and all about it.

I'm sure everyone is anxious to get some good old fashioned cookie recipes from Mrs Brackbill who bakes them by the hundred dozen.

1/2 pound black walnuts
Put cream of tartar in egg whites. Beat 10 minutes at highest speed. Add sugar gradually and beat 10 minutes more. Fold in nuts with rubber spatula. Line 2 cookie sheets with aluminum foil. Drop by teaspoon on baking sheets and bake both sheets at one time. Bake 1/2 hour at 200 degrees.

LACE or SCOTCH COOKIE
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup light Karo (red label)
Combine in sauce pan and place on medium heat, stirring until it comes to a full boil. Then pour over:
1 cup sifted western flour
1 cup flaked coconut or ground nuts
1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix well. Cool. Line cookie sheets with aluminum foil. Drop by scant teaspoonful three inches apart. Bake at 350 degrees about 10 minutes or until golden brown. Makes approximately 5 dozen. Let cool a few minutes.
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WALNUT KISSES

3 egg whites (room temperature)
1 cup granulated sugar
pinch of cream of tartar (1/4 teaspoon)

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