## It's Almost Cherry Picking Time at the Haases' Fruit Farm

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pollinate the blossoms Haases hire 250 hives of honeybees every spring If you get a lot of rain during blossom time, this prevents the bees from working se pollination is poor and not many cherries form Excessive rains during the time the cherries are ripe causes them to split and to rot

All signs point to a bumper crop this year, but rain and storms could still change this picture.

There are 200 acres in their combined New Danville Pike farm and their Long Lane farm with 150 acres of orchards Besides the 100 acres in cherries, they have pears, apples and peaches. They have 20 acres of pears of several varieties and produce more pears than any other orchard in Lancaster County. They have five acres of neaches.

They maintain a good producing orchard by replanting trees regularly. They just replanted 16 acres of new trees They planted 1,000 trees this spring, of which 900 were peach trees Last of orchard trees last year and that he took a 50 per cent cut in She and her husband are three or four years from the time for cherries.

a few red raspberries.

and Southern Markets in Lan-here nine seasons By the third caster where they sell all of their year he started here as foreman. fruits in season, candy apples, He was manager five years becider, apple butter, sweet corn, fore they bought the farms. putting apples in cold storage, Pennsylvania State Horticul- ville. There are from 10 to 20 they can supply apples all year tural Association and serves on children from 4 to 12 years of in because they are tree ripened. He serves as chairman of their cherries for these markets They three times a year. do not sell cherries wholesale.

Their roadside stand opens for around November or later. One sociation and served as their and also has many annuals such the peach season and closes variety of peaches follows an- president two years He is also as coleuses, geraniums, petunias other variety all season. It is Formers Association open every day except Sunday. Farmers Association. They sell fresh fruit, homemade If he had a hobby, his interest, bery and they enjoy the old fashjellies, apple cider and their own after orchard and church, would ioned blooming shrubs Cherry Hill Brand homemade be in economics and politics He Mrs. Haas can knit, crochet, apple butter which is made by a also likes antiques, old houses embroider and sew. She made neighbor. It is most delicious and old furniture.



Joy Haas holds the cover for her cookbook "Fruit Recipes From The Friends of Cherry Hill Orchards" and is typing and assembling the pages for the printer.

an agricultural research techni- was 12 years old and does some fall, they planted cherry and cian for a chemical company He solo work. She also plays the pear trees. They took a census wanted to be on a farm so much piano.

there were 12,000 tiess. It takes wages to work at an orchard. members of Calvary Independent He worked at orchards and Church in Lancaster. Almost all of planting for peach trees to they lived near Gettysburg, near of their extra curricular activiproduce and five years or more Allentown and near Lancaster, ties are with the church.

but they like it here better than Mr Haas is on the Board of They also grow some sweet anywhere Mrs Haas says, "We Calvary Fellowship Homes, a recorn. tomatoes, pumpkins for love it here When we came to tirement home, and serves as pies and for jack-o'-lanterns and Lancaster County we liked the Treasurer of the board He subpeople, the country and liked stitutes as a Sunday School Haases have a stand at Central this orchard" They have lived teacher.

tomatoes and pumpkins. By Mr. Haas 1s a member of the Good News Club in New Dan-

At the markets the price of their their legislative committee He age in it. She says, "One reason cherries is somewhat cheaper is a member of the Pennsylvania we have nothing but fruit on than at supermarkets and they Apple Advisory Council, having our farm is so we don't have to are better than cherries shipped been appointed by Gov Shafer. work on Sunday." A few pickers are hired to pick legislative comittee It meets den" She used to have a vege-

> He is a member of the Lancas- flowers. She has planted spring ter County Fruit Growers As- flowering bulbs and perrenials

Mrs. Haas teaches eighth grade in the Sunday School and fifth grade in the summer Bible School In winter she teaches a

Mrs. Haas says, "I love to gartable garden, but now just has golds. He has planted shrub-

curtains for her house and some says they have the best cider in tired when their children came She is just completing a recipe along Richard say, "The kids book entitled "Fruit Recipes From the Friends of Cherry Hill fruits which they grow Included She says, "I love to sing." She This cookbook will be sold at

Mrs Haas says, "I love to 4 cook I love to try new recipes. I can and freeze everything we 1 grow but my favorite thing is to make jelly I never did any 1 of that in the city. I freeze different varieties of peaches, strawberries, cherries, fresh tomato juice and apple sauce"

Speaking of cherries, she says, and can the light ones I make winter'

Mrs. Haas helps at the sales tes. stand, runs errands and pitches in wherever she can She also used to graue apples before the children were born She is a Crust: ieal partner in the business, as vou can see.

good for salads, pies, to eat evenly in 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake Mrs Haas says, "Cherries are fresh, frozen hors d' ceuvres ir to at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. float on punch.'

Here are some of her favorite\_ recipes for cherries.

## SWEET CHERRY PIE

FILLING (Mix together and let stand while making crust).

- cups pitted sweet cherries. crushed slightly
- cup sugar 1/3 cup flour
- teaspoon lemon juice Dash of salt

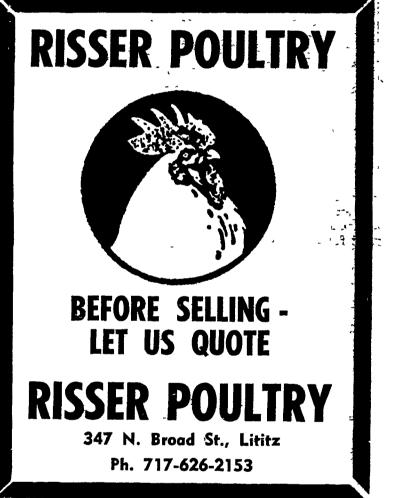
Make crust for 9 inch pie. Line pan. Fill with filling. Dot with 2 tablespoons butter. Top with lattice crust or crumb "I like to freeze the dark ones topping Bake in a 450 degree preheated oven for 10 minutes. thousands of candy apples in Reduce temperature to 359 degrees and bake about 45 minu-

## FRESH FRUIT CHEESE TORTE

2½ cups flour 1

cup butter or margarine Cream together and press Cool.

- **Creamy Cheese Layer:**
- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese can condensed milk 1
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- teaspoon vanilla
- Combine. This mixture will'
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Mr. Haas is very particular in Joy is a registered nurse, hav- of her clothes and is going to making his apple cider He ing trained at Philadelphia Gen- make shorts for their boys. She uses certain amounts of differ- eral Hospital She worked six too likes antiques. They have ent varieties of apples which are months as a nurse in Philadel- several Currier and Ives pictures washed and no rotten ones Mrs phia and three years at the Lan- and are acquiring several pieces Haas may be prejudiced, but she caster General Hospital. She re- of furniture.

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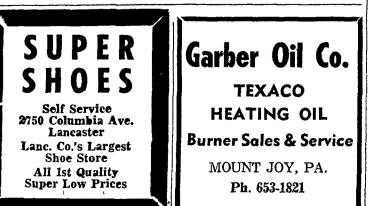
Mr Haas's aim is to produce are our number one crop." absolutely the best grade of Haases have two sons. Tommy Orchards" which has about 50 fruit, not necessarily the most 15 4½ yeargs old. He was in pages. Besides her own favorite

He also tries to make it as nursery school this past year recipes, it will have favorite easy as possible to pick the fruit. two days a week and will be recipes of her friends and neigh-He just bought a new pruner three days this year Matthew bors All of the recipes contain which trim the tops and sides 15 two years old of the trees so as to make the Mrs Haas has a BS degree will be recipes which use aptrees within easy leach for pick- from the Philadelphia College of ples, cider, apple sauce, peaches, ing. Many of the cherries can Bible and was in their choir. pears, cherries and pumpkins be picked from the ground

Richard and Mrs Haas (Joy) has sung in a choir since she their sales stand.

were both born and raised in Philadelphia, but his uncle was a fruit grower and as a boy he went up to his orchards, "Overlook Orchards", to help him So ever since he was seven years old, he wanted to have an orchard. He received a degree in horticulture from Delaware Valley College in Doylestown

Joy was introduced to the farm for the first time when he took her to the Pennsylvania Farm Show at Hayrisburg. They lived in Philadelphia when first-married and he was





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