Junior Cooking Edition

Home on the Range

a date with California dates, using them in a variety of festive treats. Whole dates, date halves, pieces, or slices add a naturally sweetened touch to, breads, cakes muffins, and tortes.

The use of date pieces and slices is an important market for California dates. Research on date slices and pieces for use in baking and ready-to eat products was funded by a federal marketing agreement and order program through assessments on date handlers.

The marketing order covers four varieties of dates produced in California--Deglet Noor, Zahidi, Khadrawy, and Halawy. It is administered by the Date California Administrative Committee, composed of growers and handlers, which recommends to the Secretary of Agriculture regulations to apply under the order.

Dates must meet grade, 1 cup evaporated milk

For Information Write or Phone

Make A Date With Dates size, and inspection This holiday season make requirements under the marketing order to ensure the highest quality products for consumers. Import regulations require imported dates to meet comparable grade standards.

With an adequate supply of dates on hand, a little imagination and ingenuity can bring "oohs" and "aahs" from holiday guests enjoying delicious date-filled baked goods.

California dates can be used in other delights as well. Try a pumpkin-date torte, date cake (using dates in place of candied fruit), or date muffins. Whatever way you chose to use dates this holiday season, be assured that family, friends, and guests will return for more.

Brown Sugar Cookies Two-thirds cup butter or

margarine 1½ cups brown sugar firmly packed

- 2 eggs unbeaten 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon vinegar

2½ cups sifted flour 1 teaspoon baking soda ½ teaspoon salt

1 cup chopped walnuts Cream butter and brown sugar until light. Add eggs and beat well. Add vanilla and vinegar to milk. Sift dry ingredients and add alternately with milk to creamed mixture. Fold in walnuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls about 2" arart on a greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate until delicately oven browned. Let cool and frost with brown butter frosting

made from browned butter

and confectioners sugar and

garnish with nuts. Mary Oberholtzer age 15 Richland

XXX **Molasses Cookies** 3 cups shortening melted 4 cups granulated sugar

1 cup molasses 4 eggs 5 teaspoons baking soda

8 cups flour 1 teaspoon ginger

4 teaspoon cinnamon

2 teaspoons salt Form 1 inch balls and roll in sugar. Bake at 375 degrees.

Martha Smucker age 9 Lancaster

XXX **Chewy Peanut Butter Bars** One-third cup shortening ½ cup peanut butter

4 cup packed brown sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup granulated sugar 2 eggs

cup flour

teaspoon baking powder 4 teaspoon salt

1 can flaked cocoanut Cream shortening, peanut butter, eggs and sugar. Add vanilla. Slowly add flour, baking powder and salt. Mix in cocoanut if desired. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until light brown.

Mabel Hoover age 13 Myerstown

XXX Chopped Beef Potpourri 34 pound chopped ground beef

3 medium onions, sliced One-third cup barley 1 pint or 1 can tomatoes

1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon ground pepper teaspoon whole black peppers

3 carrots sliced 3 potatoes sliced 1 quart water

3 stalks of celery diced Brown ground beef and

saucepan. Add remaining ingredients, simmer and 1 cup sugar cover for one hour.

XXX **Pecan-Honey Balls**

Cream 1 cup butter with 1/4 cup honey adding 1 teaspoon salt, 34 teaspoon grated orange rind, 2 teaspoons vanilla, 3 cups flour and 1 cup chopped nuts.

Mix thoroughly, take small pieces of dough and make 2 eggs into balls. Place on greased cookie sheets and bake in slow oven till light tan. Roll 1 tablespoon flour in powdered sugar while warm.

age 11

XXX Gelatine Cheese Cake

Crumb crust: ½ pound graham crackers, crushed

1 stick butter or margarine 1 tablespoon sugar

Combine ingredients; reserving some for topping. Press remaining mixture into a 9 inch square pan.

Filling: 1 package lemon gelatine 1 cup hot water

1-8 ounce package cream cheese

sliced onions in large 1 large can evaporated milk. chilled

Dissolve gelatin in hot Shirley Nolt water and cool. Whip chilled age 11 milk until thick. Combine all Ephrata ingredients. Pour into crumb crust and sprinkle top with reserved crumbs. Chill until firm.

> Esther Stoltzfus age 13 Leola

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Best Pumpkin Custard

2 cups seived pumpkin

½ cup sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

½ cup ground cocoanut Mary Ann Brubaker dash of cinnamon and nut-

meg Leola 1 cup milk

8 marshmallows

Beat eggs in a baking dish add other ingredients in order listed. Mix well before and after adding milk. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour adding marshmallows the last 30 minutes. Delicious hot or cold.

> Marlene N. Shirk age 11 East Earl





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