

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

The other evening I decided to forget responsibilities and go fishing. One reason was because my husband was away for two days in order to fish for trout at his brother's cabin.

Walking down through our meadow to the Conestoga River, I found the way was blocked as our cottagers have put fences and gates with locks around their buildings. So, I had to climb down a small ravine and then climb over a fence. Immediately, I caught a

small sunfish which I threw back. Then my line got caught and I pulled and pulled and finally tore the whole thing loose. Next job was replacing the sinker and hooks.

Now I decided to find a new spot as I hate to replace everything when it snags. So, I climbed a hill and pulled myself "under" a high livestock fence rather than take a chance on catching my clothes on

the wire. There was a dock nearby and I fished there. A few more small fish were returned to the river and then a big fish took my worm, but just as I lifted him from the water, he tore himself loose and got away.

The wild flowers were very beautiful. I enjoyed the large grouping of Virginia Bluebells with their blue and pink blossoms as they made a spectacular show. The delicate Dutchman's Breeches with their white, pantalooshaped flowers were in full bloom too. And, a large patch of a dandelion-type flower was also blooming near the bank of the river.

In a recent article I mentioned white water rafting and named the wrong river. We rafted on the Lehigh River in the Pocono Mountains in the spring when the water was eight feet above normal level and flowing very rapidly.

Peach Blossoms Ablaze In Gloucester County

CLEMENTON, NJ — Spring is here as blazing pink blossoms abound throughout Gloucester County. "Peaches, the largest individual cash crop in the state are centered in Gloucester County with 7,000 acres," said Jerry Frecon, agricultural agent with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County. Mr. Frecon said acreage has declined in recent years due to a depressed agricultural economy and poor prices for peaches but growers are more optimistic about 1994. "We have a beautiful crop of peach flowers now that we hope will mature into a crop of large attractive flavorful peaches," said Frecon. "Unfortunately many things can happen between now and harvest that can reduce the crop like low temperatures during bloom," he stated.

Low temperatures to minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit hurt many

peach orchards in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and throughout the upper Midwestern states but southern New Jersey peach growers were lucky because the trees were well asleep, and temperatures as low as minus 11 degrees Fahrenheit did only slight thinning of the blossoms said Frecon.

"Occasionally a grower's disaster is a way of helping another grower get a better price," emphasized Frecon. "The peach market is very sensitive to the law of supply and demand."

One Gloucester County grower very active in peach marketing is Dan Haynicz of Monroeville in Elk Township, Gloucester County. Haynicz serves as chair of the New Jersey Peach Promotion Council. "Our council is responsible for developing a cooperative promotional program for the New

Jersey peach crop," said Haynicz. "I have nearly a full crop of peach flowers and most of the growers I have talked to in the southern part of the state where 98% of the peach acreage is expect a nice crop," he stated.

"Our peach bloom is just about on schedule and if we don't have a frost we will be in good shape," said Haynicz.

Dessert

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STRAWBERRY PIE

1 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups water
4 tablespoons cornstarch
3-ounce package strawberry Jell-O
1 quart strawberries, sliced
Cook sugar, water, and cornstarch in a saucepan until thick and bubbly. Take off heat and add Jell-O. Let cool completely and fold into strawberries, whole or sliced. Pour into 9-inch baked pie shell. Chill. Serves 6 to 8.

May serve with whipped cream.
Bunny Bankert

PEANUT BUTTER PIE

3 ounces cream cheese
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1/2 cup milk
9-ounces whipped cream topping
9-inch graham cracker crust
Beat together cream cheese, butter, sugar and milk. Stir in whipped topping with spoon. Pour into graham cracker crust. Freeze. Serve frozen.

Joanne Weaver
Lancaster

PECAN PIE

1 cup Karo syrup
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup pecans
1 unbaked pie shell
Beat together syrup, sugar, salt, butter, and vanilla. Add eggs. Stir in pecans. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Joanne Weaver, Lancaster

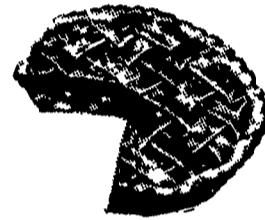
PEACHES AND CREAM CHEESE PIE

1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 small package cook-n-serve vanilla pudding (about 3 1/2 ounces)
1 egg
1/2 cup milk
Sliced peaches, fresh or canned
Cream Cheese Layer:
8 ounces cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
3 tablespoons peach juice or water

Combine first six ingredients. Mix together. Pour into pie plate. Cover with a layer of sliced peaches.

Combine cream cheese layer ingredients. Beat together. Spread over peaches, keeping 1-inch from edge of pie plate. If desired, combine 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle over cream cheese layer. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

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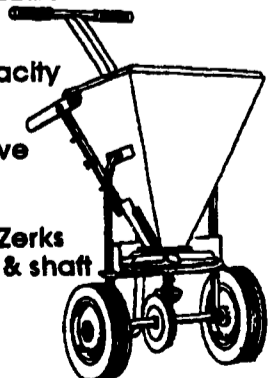
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