

# The Kitchen Celebrates Halloween Special Treats

By Mildred Huskins  
The fall nip is in the air and the days are shorter. It will soon be time for "All Hallows Eve" to bring little goblins to your door.  
For most children in our country, Halloween is an exciting night of costumes, masks and big bags of sweets collected trick-or-treat fashions from neighbors. Some parents, however, prefer to entertain their children's friends at

home on alloween night. And for that group, why not have a nutritional party menu, featuring a mix-it-yourself pop corn bar to begin with and end up with a cookie-decorating contest, cider or canned fruit juice and fresh fruit?  
We've all been to tasty salad bars, where a fit-it-yourself array of enticing tidbits await choosing. Jolly Time's Pop Corn Bar works the same way with

nutritional treats children love individually as possible combinations with pop corn.  
Pop large bowls of non-seasoned pop corn and set out individual dishes for each child to use. Arrange a variety of treats in attractive serving dishes, and allow each child to mix his or her own concoction. Some suggestions: raisins, chocolate chips, peanut butter chips, salted or dry peanuts, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, flaked coconut, chewy sandy pieces. Set out salt, a buttery flavored seasoning and a combination of cinnamon-sugar in shakers. Now, watch what imagination kids have!

You could let the little goblins have fun with a Create-A-Pumpkin Oatmeal cookie. Witches and ghosts alike will enjoy decorating these delicious cookies with raisins, semi-sweet chocolate pieces, red cin-  
**Mrs. Toppin  
Named  
Representative**

Mrs. E. C. Toppin, dispatcher at the Edenton Police Department, will represent Albemarle Presbytery at a three-day consultation on criminal justice, to be held at Montreat, October 26-28, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina.

A deacon at the Edenton Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Toppin will be accompanied at the conference by the Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Carlson.

In Mr. Carlson's absence, the Edenton pulpit will be occupied on Sunday by Mrs. Winifred J. ("Winnie") Wood of Camden, a member of Albemarle Presbytery's Christian Education Committee.

Earlier in the week, Dr. Carlson will be participating in the fifth annual Philadelphia Conference on Teaching the Lessons of the Holocaust. This conference is open to teachers in the Philadelphia public school system, one of a growing number that are attempting to integrate material on the Holocaust into social studies curricula.

namon candies and candy corn. Make the cookies the easy way.

**Create-A-Pumpkin Oatmeal Cookies**  
1 pkg. (18 oz.) oatmeal cookie mix  
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted  
2 tablespoons water  
1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

For cookies, combine all ingredients; mix well, shape to form 1 1/2 inch balls. Place on greased cookie sheet about 3 inches apart and 2 1/2 inches from edge of cookie sheet; flatten with bottom of glass coated with sugar to form large cookie. Bake at 350 degrees for 9 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack for cooling. Cool thoroughly. For frosting, combine 2 cup confectioners' sugar, 2 tablespoons butter or margarine (softened) 2 tablespoons orange juice or milk, six drops yellow food coloring, 3 drops red food coloring and beat until smooth. Spread cookies with

frosting. Decorate as desired.

Before the party bake up several batches of big round cookies and some smaller shapes such as cats, crescent moons, ovals and pumpkins. The day of the party, be ready to set out bowls of vanilla and chocolate frosting and assorted cake decorations. Allow a time limit and let the kids go. After the judging, serve up the cider, fruit juice or steaming cups of hot chocolate and the gang can dig into their creative Halloween Cookies.

**Witch's Hat Cookies** could be made by this recipe with the homemade taste.

**Witch's Hat Cookies**  
1 cup butter or margarine  
1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed  
1 egg  
1 1/4 cups quick-cooking oats  
2 1/4 cups whole wheat flour  
2 teaspoons grated orange peel  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon orange extract

Sugar wafer ice cream cones

**Creamy chocolate frosting**  
Cream together butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and blend well. Stir in dry ingredients and orange peel, orange extract and cinnamon. Cover with plastic wrap and chill one to 2 hours, or until very firm. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Roll dough into 3-inch balls; place on cookie sheet and press flat with the bottom on a glass that has been dipped in granulated sugar. Bake 7 minutes; remove from oven. Press one sugar wafer ice cream cone into each cookie, dipping cone on a slight angle to resemble witch's hat. Continue baking 3 to 5 minutes longer, or until cookie is done. Cool completely on rack. If cone has come unraveled slightly, press back together, or bend slightly to snap off any edge. Frost with Creamy Chocolate Frosting.

**Creamy Chocolate Frosting**  
1 tablespoon butter or

margarine  
1 square baking chocolate  
1 1/2 tablespoons hot water  
2 tablespoons heavy cream

1 cup confectioner's sugar  
Melt butter and chocolate in small saucepan. Add hot water, cream and sugar; blend thoroughly. Spread on cookies with small spatula or brush.

"Double, Double, Toil and Trouble..." calls to mind a spicy hot brew at Halloween or at most any time during the cold weather. This quickie came to us recently and we pass it along to you. Pumpkin soup, you know, is a speciality of Old Salem Tavern but they sort of guard their recipe. This one might fill your need.

**Spicy Pumpkin Soup**  
3 cups milk  
1 lb. can pumpkin (2 cups)  
1 tablespoon butter or margarine  
1 tablespoon maple syrup  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon each nutmeg and ground ginger  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
2 tablespoons toasted

pumpkin seeds  
In a large saucepan, heat milk just until the simmering point, about 7 minutes. Stir in pumpkin and remaining ingredients, except seeds. Heat mixture thoroughly, but don't boil. Serve immediately, topped with pumpkin seeds. Makes 6 cups.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
I would like to express my grateful appreciation for all the cards, visits and phone calls and all other expressions of sympathy at the time of the death of my sister, Frances F. Proctor.  
Mrs. Vernon F. Barrow

## Assigned

**U.S. FORCES, Germany**  
— Spec. 4 George W. Downing, whose wife, Gener, lives in Columbia, S. C., recently was assigned as an administrative specialist with the 84th Field Artillery in Neckarsulm, Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie L. Downing, live at 106 Tyler Lane, Edenton, N.C.



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