

Marchant Recipes Cause Munchies

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Staff Reporter

A good pie is hard to beat. It may either be plain and simple or elegant yet either way it makes a great dessert. The crust if it is the pastry type is always the hardest part of any pie. Using graham crackers, vanilla wafers or swieback crackers is the easiest and most delicious way to avoid the difficulties of making a pie crust. Certain pies are not compatible with these kinds of crust and require the pastry kind. A short cut to pastry crust is the pre-prepared or boxed mix. Pre-prepared crusts are easiest but I find the boxed mix to be closer to a real crust and not that difficult. They also usually turn out perfect every time.

This is an old Southern pie and this recipe has been in our family. It is one of my all time favorite pies.

CHESS PIE

3 eggs
2 cups sugar
1/3 cup melted butter
1/3 cup cream (half & half)
vanilla to taste and tsp. nutmeg
unbaked pie shell (pastry kind -- may use pre-prepared or make your own)

Beat eggs well, add sugar and beat until light (in color) yellow. Add butter and cream and vanilla. Put nutmeg on top. Bake at 375 until custard sets and is brown.

PINEAPPLE PIE

This pie is great to make ahead, even better the second day. It is also a pretty pie with lime green color.

1 egg
1 cup sugar
1 1/4 cup pineapple juice
1 lime jello (or lemon)
1 large can evaporated milk

Chill milk ahead of time. Beat egg and sugar well. Add juice and jello. Mix well. (This may be done with electric mixer or by hand mixer) Cook and stir over heat until it comes to a boil. Remove from fire and cool. Whip chilled milk and add cooked mixture. Use vanilla wafers (whole) for crust. Add a little green coloring if desired. For crust—simply line pie pan with whole vanilla wafers.

She left Ohio University and came to North Carolina for a job as a member of the Southern Regional Educational Board. Her job involved traveling over the Tarheel state to establish programs between the different universities and communities and tap the expertise of the professors. Her travels, though, did not bring her to Winston-Salem. A former associate at Ohio University became president of Newton College, a women's liberal arts college of about 800 students. He interested her in serving at Newton as Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs.

While serving at Newton Ms. Somerville met Dr. Chandler, who is a member of the college's Board of Trustees. She discovered an exciting Ph.D. program at Duke University at that time, and when Dr. Chandler offered her the directorship of the Institute for Curricular Reform at Salem, she confirmed her plans to return to North Carolina.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday afternoons she spends at Duke as a full time graduate student. She hopes to complete her classwork by this fall, leaving only her dissertation.

Ms. Somerville's field of study is the philosophy of education. She hopes to gain an intellectual perspective on the task of education by applying some methods in the study of history and philosophy to the development of education. The remainder of the week Ms. Somerville spends at Salem advising freshmen and working with the Institute.

When not occupied by her busy schedule, Ms. Somerville finds listening to classical music, particularly classical guitar, a renewing experience. She is also an outdoor enthusiast; she enjoys walking and admiring the physical beauty of her surroundings. She said that her first visit to Salem was during the spring, and the loveliness of the campus was a definite factor in her decision to come here. Ms. Somerville feels Salem has more advantages than being a beautiful campus. She feels Salem has "an able and committed faculty." She is enthusiastic about the Institute for Curricular Reform and expresses admiration for the school and the administration.

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