

Just Chattin'

Sight of Custard Pie Revives
An Old Quandary

By W. W. EDGAR

EVERY time I walk into a restaurant and cast my eyes on big, creamy pies with coconut covering and egg white I am in a quandary.

Isn't that I don't know which choice of these delicious pies I want. My quandary goes much, much deeper than that.

"Did they use my Mother's recipe—or did they steal my Mother's instructions for baking outstanding pies and custards?"

There's good reason for the quandary, too, and it has gripped me in my travels north, south, east, and west.

You see, back in the days of my youth, my folks operated what was called a "lunch counter" in our little town in Eastern Pennsylvania. It was in reality a six-stool counter in the days before our modern hamburger houses.

The one big feature of our lunch counter was that we served "home made" pies that actually were made at home. In those days Mother would slave for hours to bake a sufficient number of pies to satisfy the customers including the many, many traveling salesmen that made it a regular stop-over for lunch.

A SIDE from spending most of the day baking, Mother had to take time to raise a large family and providing dessert was not the least of her tasks.

On baking day, though, we always looked forward to a treat—known only to my Mother and her Pennsylvania Dutch instincts and sayings. On these days, when she finished with the baking for the "shop" as we called it, she would gather all the scraps of pie crust, mould them into one and then gather the scraps of the ingredients she had baked, place them in the pie crust and bake what she affectionately called a "slop pie."

We kids were raised on "slop pie."

One day, in looking over her scraps, Mother noticed that she had some vanilla pudding. There was only one thing to do with it—put it in the pie crust for our "slop pie." She spread egg white over the top, then, for a nice touch, she added a bit of coconut and browned it in the oven.

A T dinner that evening, my Dad asked what it was and how she had baked it. She was lead to wonder because all custard pies in those days were watery affairs and looked anything but appetizing. Strawberry and cherry were particularly watery. The same wasn't true of apple, because the bakes what was known as a tart and which, today, is known simply as an "open face" apple pie.

"Why don't you bake one of this new type custard for the shop?" Dad asked. "At least we could try them."

Next day Mother met the challenge. She baked about a half dozen of these "new fangled" custards. It so happened that it was the peak day for traveling salesmen to call. What they didn't do to the new pies—or custards was something.

Dad frantically sent word "we are out of custard" and Mother had to bake on into the evening.

Within the next week folks were coming from all sections to try this "new" custard pie, as the Dutch called it. And the more they came the scarier became the supply of the old watery type custard.

Now, the trend among all pie bakers, is to use the custard type my Mother started with as "slop" pie for her youngsters. That's why I am in a quandary as to how they got her recipe.

impressions

by sue shaughnessy

A raft of press releases arrive in each morning's mail. Most of them are promptly filed in the circular file that stands next to the desk, but one arrived this week that was saved from that fate simply by its content.

The handout asserts: "A new hobby—fascinating—exciting—challenging—unique—An outlet for those with an urge to talk. A chance to express your own opinions. A chance to learn the thoughts and feelings of others on a variety of subjects. You can take part in lively discussion, air your own views, learn the views of others and never reveal your identity as a member of the intellectual club."

It seems that this "intellectual club" publishes some sort of monthly bulletin and members (the fee is \$2 a month) can expound on favorite topics without having their names released.

The money-making schemes to fill people's leisure hours have hit a new low.

Intellectuals aren't afraid of expressing their opinions and known for them. This should be true for everyone. If you have an opinion and want to express it then people have the right to know who is responsible for the idea.

I say the stand SHOULD BE TRUE for everyone. Unfortunately, it isn't.

Letters-to-the-editor often arrive unsigned. They land in the circular file without a second thought.

This is unfortunate because sometimes they have a point. (A general rule of thumb, however, is that unsigned letters to the editor are either character assassination or entirely incorrect as to the facts.)

The Observer tries to print all the letters it receives. Its policy will withhold the name of the sender if requested, but demands that the people have enough gumption to sign their name so that we know who's writing. This is a necessary rule for the paper's protection.

Whether or not it is completely proper or just to withhold the names at all is a subject of debate among the editorial staff, but that's the rule.

However, enough of the tangent. The Intellectual Club idea is about the silliest project ever devised by mankind.

If the club does provide an outlet for those who must mail unsigned letters and those who would like to see Graham Bell's invention to berate, but not identify themselves, then maybe it will serve a useful purpose.

As the circus man said "there's a sucker born every minute."

Hey Baby, Where's The Love-In?



The Observer will pay \$5 a line for an alert Observer for any picture used on their staff's snapshooter of a feature page. The above was alert (2).

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Keogh Plan A Possibility

(Mr. Wysong, stockbroker for Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis, welcomes all inquiries on investing. Send your questions to THE OBSERVER, "Investing Inquiries," 33050 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The answers are the opinion of Laurence A. Wysong who is considered highly qualified on the subject.)

Q—Sometime ago you discussed the Keogh Plan. I in turn talked with my accountant about it. He said that the plan would no doubt benefit me but that he is a little hesitant about it because of the size of my income, my earnings vary from \$7,000 to \$10,000 a year from my shop.

A—I wouldn't let the size of your business or your income affect your thinking about the Keogh plan. The main reason for the creation of the Self Employed Individual Plan is to give small business people like yourself a break. The plan provides you an opportunity to develop your own personal retirement plan plus complete for employees near the same level as the larger corporations. I would recommend you call a local investment firm to gather more information.

Faculty Aides Approved by Wayne Board

Elementary school teachers at the Schweitzer and Washington kindergarten classes will get some help in the form of teacher aides.

The Wayne Community Board of Education, whose district includes most of Westland, approved last week the hiring of three teacher aides following a grievance by the local teachers' organization.

In a report to the school board, Superintendent Harry Howard said that the grievance, filed in February, concerned the overloaded classes, including the kindergarten room.

"In settling the grievance, we were not able to provide additional teachers because of no available classrooms in one instance and adding a teacher would bring the pupil-teacher ratio down below acceptable level," Howard said.

"As an alternative, we offered to put in three teacher aides to assist these teachers with heavy loads. Since this time, we have worked with office personnel, curriculum department and teachers in order to develop criteria and job descriptions for this program."

"Prospective candidates have been interviewed and screened by the principals and teachers involved."

The cost of the program for the April 10-June 18 period would be \$1,880. Howard reported recommending the program to the school board.

Training Completed

Pvt. Keith K. Mallory, 22, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. James K. Mallory, live at 36505 Roycroft, Livonia, has completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

People to People

Laws Do Not Make People

By DR. A. E. KATZ
Dr. Katz is a Child Psychologist and Research Director at Hawthorn Center in Northville. He is a member of the Livonia School Board and was a founding member of the Livonia Citizens for Better Human Relations.

"YOU CAN'T LEGISLATE LOVE!"

This has been the cry of the bigot down through the ages. It has increasingly become the cry of the moderate, particularly here in the North, as the pressure by Negroes for jobs of opportunity in jobs, education and housing has continued to mount.

They are right, the bigots and the others. You can't legislate love—or any other emotion; you can only make laws governing the limits and patterns of acceptable behavior. Through such laws a society may protect itself from the upheavals which would result if each of its citizens were free to pursue his own personal goals without regard to the needs and rights of others.

There have been a wide variety of approaches to the governing of behavior recorded in history. Some have granted different rights to different classes, in monarchies for example. The approach taken by our society has been based on the premise of equality before the law for all of its citizens.

We have moved, through the years, from a form of democracy in which the franchise was quite limited to a more universal franchise.

Many among us do not remember how recently women were granted the right to vote.

But equality before the law means that those laws which limit your behavior must also limit mine, and that those rights which are approved for you must also be approved for me.

Thus, for example neither you nor I may use our property in such a way as to present a hazard or substantial nuisance to each other.

Nor do we have any legal say as to who will purchase the property next door to ours or even down the street.

We cannot legally impose restrictions on others which are not imposed equally on ourselves, nor can we be granted privilege which are withheld from others.

This is one of the beauties of our democratic system—the protection of the rights of others is always in our own long-term interests.

Under these circumstances, the cry that you can't legislate love is totally irrelevant.

Our system of government can demand only that we respect the rights of others; only our religious and philosophical systems can demand that we love our neighbor.

Mothers Invited to View Co-op Nursery in Action

The Wayne Nursery Incorporated is holding its annual Open House Thursday, May 4. The nursery is located in St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 South Wayne Road, Westland.

The nursery will be open and having regular classes during Open House. There will be a class from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday morning and from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

Mothers are invited to drop by the nursery with their children. The children will be able to visit in the nursery class and some of the officers of the nursery will be on hand to answer any questions which the mothers may have.

As usual there will be three classes beginning in September: three-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11 a.m., four-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-2:30 p.m., four-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Anyone desiring further information may obtain it at the Open House or by contacting Mrs. Thomas Perdue at 728-2364.

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