Recipe for Abraham’s Favorite Bean Soup

2 to 3 tablespoons butter 8 cups stale homemade bread cubes
3 quarts milk 1 cup cooked navy beans
Salt to taste

Brown butter in saucepan; add milk and bring almost to a boil. Add salt and enough bread to thicken. Cover and let set for 10 minutes before serving. Add beans and heat thoroughly.

Recipe for Naomi’s Blueberry Buckwheat Pancakes

2 cups buckwheat flour 1 egg
1 teaspoon salt 1 cup sour milk
3 teaspoons baking powder ½ cup water
1/3 teaspoon baking soda ½ cup blueberries
¼ cup oil

Combine all ingredients. Fry in a greased skillet. Turn over once. Serve with butter and honey, maple syrup, or jelly.

Abraham’s Quick Root Beer

1 teaspoon yeast
1 ½ cups sugar
4 teaspoons root beer extract
Warm water

In 1-gallon jar, dissolve yeast in 1 cup warm water. Add sugar and root beer extract with enough warm water to dissolve thoroughly. Stir until dissolved. Fill jar with water and set in the sun or a warm place for several hours or until strong enough. Cool. Note: Root beer can be made in the morning and be ready to drink by noon.
Recipe for Caleb’s Mom’s Shoofly Pie

2 cups cane molasses
2 cups warm water
1 tablespoon baking soda
4 (9 inch) unbaked pie shells

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine molasses, water, and baking soda. Divide mixture equally into unbaked pie shells. Divide crumbs and sprinkle evenly on top of filling pie shells; let stand for 10 minutes. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until done.

CRUMB MIXTURE
4 cups flour
2 cups sugar
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons shortening
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¾ teaspoon nutmeg
¾ teaspoon ginger
Pinch of salt

Blend all ingredients until mixture forms crumbs. Note: butter and shortening tablespoon measurements should be level. Crumbs will be dry.

Recipe for Fannie’s Baked Pork Chops

Pork Chops
Salt
Hickory smoke salt
Barbeque seasoning
Worcestershire sauce
Lemon juice
Parsley flakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sprinkle each pork chop with salt, hickory smoke salt, and barbeque seasoning on both sides. Lay flat in baking pan and pour 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce and 1 teaspoon lemon juice over each pork chop. Sprinkle with parsley flakes. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes and then at 400 degrees for 20 minutes.

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