## Household Hints

If you spread the meringue on the pie so that it touches the crust on each side and bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees, it will not shrink.

If you desire a rich golden brown pie crust, brush cream over the crust and sprinkle lightly with sugar before placing in the oven.

Simple but festive desserts during this season include small cups of custard which have been well chilled and decorated with candied fruit. Serve with thin slices of fruit cake.

Do you throw out a lot of old coffee in your home? Don't waste the beverage, sweeten and add some plain gelatin, then mold and you have a perfect and simple dessert. Serve with cream.

To keep berry or fruit pies from running over, insert a strip of cloth, one and a half inches wide around edge of crust.