

# Worthington society holds apple pie contest

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**Who:** About 75 residents who attended an apple pie contest, sponsored by the Worthington Historical Society, plus 18 pie-bakers.

**When:** Saturday afternoon.

**Where:** Worthington Town Hall.

**What:** An apple pie-baking contest was part of a day-long celebration to mark the 200th anniversary of postal service in town.

Following a ceremony to commemorate a new flagpole, a look at work completed on the historical museum, and a harvest bazaar at the Russell H. Conwell School, residents headed to Town Hall, where 18 apple pies entered in the contest sat waiting to be judged.

Residents enjoyed free popcorn, donuts and cider, and the swinging sound of the infield-based Horse and Main Jazz Band, which played while the appointed three judges sampled each pie.

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Gordon Hertel, of Old North Road. He said he tended to give higher scores to pies that "had a little nuance" and could be distinguished from the rest.

"The pie I liked best had a sugary top crust, not a regular crust," Hertel explained. "It also seemed to have a little hint of lemon juice."

In fairness to the contestants, Hertel and the other judges, who included Bradford Fisk, of River Road, and Albert Nugent Jr., of Huntington Road, had no idea who baked which pie. In fact Hertel wasn't sure if the pie he placed at the top of his own list proved to be the final winner.

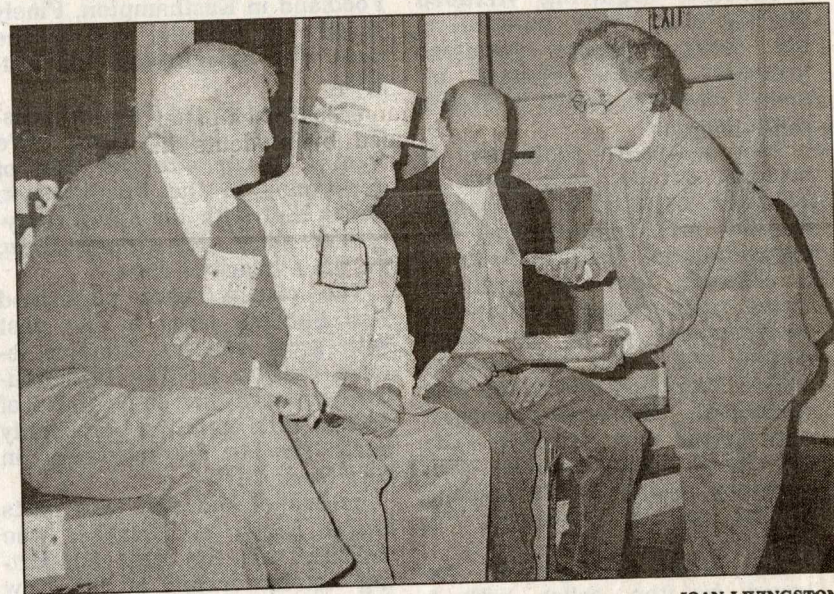
First prize went Cynthia Tebo, of Buffington Hill Road, who said her pie had a crumb topping.

The pie was long gone by the time Hertel and Tebo got around to talking, but Hertel said he seemed to remember a crumb topping on the pie he chose.

Tebo said it was a family recipe passed down by from her mother and her aunt. Her pie was baked with Cortland apples, cinnamon and a hint of vanilla.

"My pies are sweet, and not everyone likes a sweet pie," she said.

Apparently, the judges did.



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**Judy Fisk, offers a piece of apple pie to judges, from left, Bradford Fisk, J. Gordon Hertel and Albert Nugent Jr. during the Worthington Historical Society's pie contest.**

And during the pie-eating that followed the pie-judging, residents gobbled up Tebo's and the two runner-up pies in about ten minutes.

## Why:

According to Historical Society president Edward Clayton, the Historical Society wanted to give town something in return for the generosity of many residents

who made donations or helped out with the Worthington Museum's construction.

Dubbed the Historical Society's first annual Apple Pie Day, the event was an all-American way to say thanks, noted Hertel.

"It was some nice, clean, wonderful fun," Hertel said. "Next year I think we may do cherry pie."

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