

Theda Pease' Diary, 1971 - Making Bread & Donuts for the 4th

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For several years, Ma made donuts and bread and baked some beans to sell at the 'Food Table' when the Fire Dept. sponsored the 4th of July celebration in Orford. She also asked other folks to make mostly baked goods to sell. I can see cupcakes, pies and eggs on the table in the 1976 photo. If I got the math correct, she made 335 donuts, 16 large loaves of bread and 5 small ones. Below are her diary entries about this:

- 6/8 Got flour, sugar and yeast for 4th [*for bread and donuts to sell @ food table on 4th.*]
- 6/9 I made two batches of donuts for 4th, got part fried before dinner, had 88, finished frying after dinner.
- 6/11 Made bread for 4th, had 6 regular loaves and 5 little.
- 6/16 I made two bowls of donuts, about 5 cups milk, got 84 fried before dinner. Cut out and fried rest of donuts, 54. . . I froze 7 doz. and 8 1/ doz. bags of donuts, makes 18 doz. so far.
- 6/17 Made bread for the 4th [*I assume 5 and 2*]
- 6/23 I made and fried 135 donuts 9-12 but didn't do anything else [*Slacker!*]
- 6/26 Made some donuts for the 4th and fried them before dinner, had 53.
- 6/29 Made bread for 4th, had 5 loaves and 2 small ones.
- 7/2 Did a little calling for 4th this morning [*to solicit donations for the Food Table*] this forenoon and most of rest of it in p.m. Gete [*Thomson*] is doing some.
- 7/3 Finished up telephoning for the 4th.
- 7/4 Took all but little bread and 1/2 doz. donuts out of freezer tonight. Baked beans for 4th, about 6 hrs.
- 7/5 Sugared 5 jars of donuts and got some things together before breakfast. Got everything into car and left about 20 of 10. Gete helped all forenoon, baby was good. Had a lot of food brought in. Dot Pierson helped me a little while, took what we had left over to big booth.

This photo is Theda and her granddaughter Janet Pease at the 4th Food Table in 1976. Ma has her old-fashioned dress on for the Bi-Centennial.



96 Regular Donuts Ready To Fry, in Pease kitchen, May /2000

