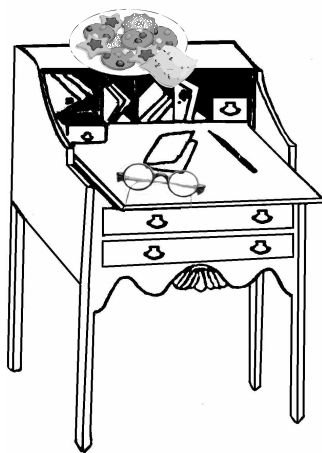


From: Her Desk Drawer

Double Chocolate Cookies

A great recipe for a cookie exchange. Try them warm too.



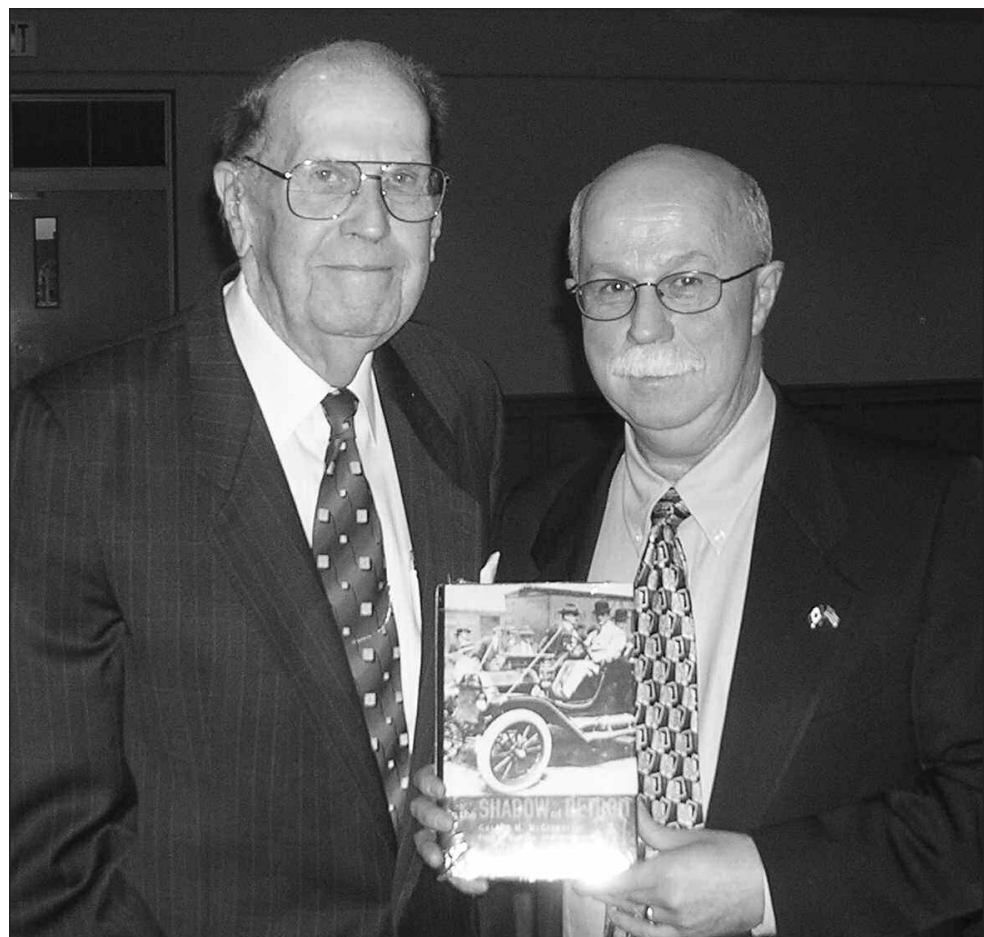
Variation

Vary the kind of chocolate and nuts to suit your taste.
Preheat oven to 375° F
Cookie sheet, greased.

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| 1 2/3 cups | Robin Hood All-Purpose Flour |
| 1/3 cup | cocoa powder |
| 1 tsp | baking soda |
| 1/2 tsp | salt |
| 1 cup | butter, softened |
| 3/4 cup | packed brown sugar |
| 1/2 cup | granulated sugar |
| 1 | egg |
| 2 tsp | vanilla |
| 2 cups | chopped semi-sweet chocolate |
| 1 cup | coarsely chopped pecans |

Stir together flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt. Cream butter in large bowl on medium speed of electric mixer until light. Gradually beat in sugars, egg and vanilla until smooth. Blend in dry ingredients on low speed. Mix well. Stir in chocolate and nuts. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls about 2 inches apart on prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until set. Cool 5 minutes on sheet, then transfer to rack and cool completely.

- News Canada



Auto historian David Roberts and Gordon McGregor descendant, Colonel Walter McGregor of Kingsville, hold a copy of "In the Shadow of Detroit", recently published by Wayne State University Press. Colonel McGregor remembered playing in Gordon McGregor's palatial Victoria Avenue home as a 5-year-old youngster.

Lecture offers new perspective on early Ford presence in Canada

BY BILL GAY

David Roberts' "In the Shadow of Detroit" was the focus of the Essex County Historical Society lecture held last week at the Freed-Orman Centre at the University of Windsor.

With many members from the Detroit Algonquin Club and the Windsor Museum Group as guests, Roberts outlined the life of the founder of Ford of Canada, Gordon McGregor. From humble beginnings at McGregor's

failing wagon works in Windsor in 1904, his Ford assembly line was turning out 25 units a day by 1913. These were heady times for the new auto industry. The 1911 census reported that cars had overtaken patent medicines as the city's leading industry.

Gordon McGregor attached himself to Henry Ford's stunning rise and, until his death in 1922, was Windsor's leading industrialist. Ford needed a Canadian subsidiary to avoid taxes at the border,

and McGregor was happy to fill the bill. Even then, Ford was a good employer and McGregor made it a habit to take his people to outings in Detroit to see Tiger games.

Roberts noted in his remarks that Ford products were very popular in Essex County's rural areas, especially Cottam, Woodslee and Essex. This allegiance would grow over the years, and many farmers became "Ford Oval Blue" purchasing both Ford cars and tractors.

Voter's input needed on Ontario electoral reform

In the year 1792, we elected our first parliament. Some people say the way we vote in Ontario has stood the test of time. Others say it's time for a change. What do you think?

The Ontario Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform would like to hear from as many Ontarians as possible: those who know a lot about electoral systems, and those who are just beginning to think or learn about the subject.

Register online or by phone to make a presentation to Assembly members

or just come along to learn more about electoral reform. Written comments must be received by Jan. 15, 2007.

The Citizens' Assembly must recommend to the government whether Ontario should keep its current electoral system or adopt a new one. If the Assembly recommends a change, it will be put to a referendum at the next provincial election on Oct. 4, 2007.

The Citizens' Assembly is made up of 104 Ontarians appointed by the government: 103 randomly

selected citizens – one from each of the province's electoral districts – plus the chair.

A public meeting will take place in Windsor on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the YMCA, 500 Victoria Ave. All are welcome.

To register to make a presentation, or to obtain further information, contact the Citizens' Assembly Secretariat at 1-866-317-3208 or visit www.citizen-sassembly.gov.on.ca

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