COOKING BY REBA MITCHELL

I am finding many interesting things about the apple. We do not know if the first apple was grown in Asia or Europe. Evidence has been found to show Switzerland was the first to dry them for winter use.

Apples have been so well liked that selective development and improvement of apple varities goes back as far as 800 B.C. For example, the Greeks had already written about budding and grafting methods necessary for apple ee production.

Oat Meal Apple Cake

¼ cup margarine
¾ cup brown sugar
2 eggs
¼ tsp. vanilla
½ cup all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped apples
¼ tsp. soda
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 cup oatmeal
¼ cup water

TOPPING ¼ cup sugar 1 tsp. cinnamon ¼ cup chopped nuts (Mix together) Put margarine in large mixing bowl. Microwave 20 seconds on roast or until soft. Beat in brown sugar, eggs, and vanilla until fluffy. Add flour, soda, salt, cinnamon, and oatmeal. Mix well. Stir in water and apple. Pour in 9-in baking dish. Sprinkle with topping. Microwave 7 min. or Sim. then 4-5 min. on high or until tooth pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Let stand 2 min. Serve warm or cold. TIP FOR DIETERS

Substitute diet margarine and Sweet and Low Brown Sugar.

FOR THE TOPPING Substitute ¼ cup dry oatmeal for ¼ cup chopped nuts and substitute Sweet Low Brown Sugar for sugar and cinnamon.

CONVENTIONAL OVEN Bake at 350 degree for 20-25 minutes or until tooth pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Memorable Macaroons 1 1/3 cups Flaked Coconut 1/3 cup sugar

1/3 cup sugar 2 tbs. All-purpose flour

1/8 tsp. salt 2 eggs whites

1/2 tsp. almond extract

Combine coconut, sugar, flour, and salt in mixing bowl. Stir in egg whites and almond extract. Drop from teaspoon onto lightly greased baking sheet. Garnish with candied cherry halves. Bake at 325 degree for 20-25 min. or until edges of cookies are golden brown.

For variety, before baking add one of the following to the prepared cookie mixture above.

1 square chocolate melted 1/2 cup raisins 1/3 cup nuts

1/3 cup chocolate chips



A QUICK SUPPER CASSEROLE Good, hearty casseroles are supper favorites when the weather is brisk and cold.

This Mexi-Chili Casserole will surely become one of your family's favorites with its south-of-the-border flavor. Preparation time is short, so it's a time saver for you too! Serve with a green salad, buttered rolls or French bread and mugs of milk. Ole!

MEXI-CHILI CASSEROLE Yield: 6 servings 1 pound ground beef 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce

 1½ cups water
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 1 package (1.5 oz.) enchilada sauce mix
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 1 tablespoon instant minced onion
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 1 can (15 oz.) red kidney beans, drained
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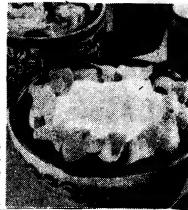
 package (6 oz.) corn chips
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 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese
 1

 cup dairy sour cream
 1

Brown ground beef; drain off drippings. Add tomato sauce, water, enchilada sauce mix and onion. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Simmer and stir 10 minutes. Stir in beans, 3 cups corn chips and 1½ cups cheese. Pour into a buttered 2-quart casserole. Bake uncovered in a preheated 375 degree F. oven 20 to 25 minutes or until heated

through. Spread sour cream over top and sprinkle with remaining cheese and corn chips. Return to oven an additional 3 to 4 minutes or until cheese melts. (PRN)



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