

## *Fruit Cake*

*(it is not a traditional fruit cake-it's better!)*

*Mix together:*

*2 cups of applesauce and 2 teas baking soda*

*In a large bowl cream together:*

*1 cube softened butter or margarine*

*1 cup white sugar*

*1 cup brown sugar*

*2 teas each cinnamon and nutmeg*

*1/2 teas each cloves, allspice and salt*

*Add the applesauce/ soda mixture and 1 teas vanilla*

*In a separate bowl, toss together:*

*2 cups flour*

*1 cup raisins*

*1/2 pound dates-cut in two*

*12-15 cut up big gumdrops (no black)*

*1 cup each pecans, almonds and walnuts*

*1 cup maraschino cherries (drained and cut in two)*

*Now mix everything all together and add 2 more cups of flour*

*The dough will be very stiff*

*Put into greased loaf pans (2 large or about 5 small) and bake at 300 degrees for 1 1/2 hours for the big size.*

*Place a pan of water in the oven while baking*

*Cover with foil if it gets too brown*

*After cooled, keep tightly wrapped to keep moist*