## **TEXAS STEW**

6 servings

1 c small shell pasta

1 lb extra lean ground beef

1 med sweet onion, chopped

1 med green pepper, chopped

1 t minced garlic (refrig kind)

3 sm cans (5 1/2 oz each) V8 tomato juice

1 can (15 oz) vegetarian style baked beans, undrained

1 can (14  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz) southwestern style diced tomatoes (or green pepper/onion diced tomatoes undrained

½ c frozen corn, thawed

1 t chili powder (orig recipe called for 1 T chili powder)

½ t salt

¼ t pepper

Cook pasta according to package directions

Meanwhile, in soup kettle, cook the beef, onion, green pepper and minced garlic over med heat, until meat is no longer pink; drain excess liquid

stir in remaining ingredients (except pasta) and bring to a boil

Reduce heat; simmer uncovered for 10 min, stirring occasionally

Add pasta into stew and stir to combine completely

Serve immediately [Sides could include salad, and corn bread]

1 serving= 1 1/3 c 307 cal 7 g fat 886 mg sodium 37 g carbs 7 g fiber 22 g protein

