2-tone fruit is a true blend of citrus flavors

When I first saw the two-toos fruit piled high in a grocery bin several years ago, I was momen-tarily stunned. I picked up a couple, looked them over like a new toy, glanced at the sign in dis-belled, dropped them and walked on. Unfortunately, Herman Lucerne has had that kind of luck trying to win over

of luck trying to win over the public to his freak of nature.

nature.

In 1971, the South Florida grower stumbled on
the fruit in the rotting
tangle of a lemon patch
in the research area
where he was attempting
to develop a lime with an
extended shelf life.

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Lucerne walked over
to what he believed was a
healthy, deep green, Persian lime tree. "But when
I cut one of the limes
open, it had the texture of
a lemon.

CLOSER EXAMINA-TION revealed that the roots of a "rough lemon" tree and the lime tree had fused, trying to survive drought conditions that had decimated much of

the citrus crop.
The lem'n time was born.

year,

"We have a hearty, him-skinned fruit that is much juicter than either a lemon or a lime," Lincerne explains. "The lem's lime can be used in place of either fruit and the tante is very similar to the lime."

However, the lem's lime is not as tart as a lime nor as sour as a lemon.

Since Lucerne was granted a patent in 1973, the patch to success has been clogged with thorns.

A DEAL with a major of the company to purchase 100,000 cuttings to promote its lemonline drink fell through. Dreams of steady marbon and the company to promote the lemonline markets, for the last several years much of the lem's limes were un picked, preventing many new buds from maturing

Lucerne air-grafted 100 new plants from the mother tree and began cultivating them. "It was sold outside Florida beamaning. The cuttings started bloom and some bore fruit the first year.

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"It's rather funny. We

do a little blending on their own, thanks to the falthful lemon and the prolific lime.

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it it's rather funny. We sell so many to New York and even Japan."

The fruit also is shipped to buyers in Texas, Colorado, Ohlo, Mass achusetts, Mississipi and achusetts, Mississipi and canada.

But Lucerne isn't giving up. "We need several more years under commercial conditions to be sure what they'll do."

Consumers unable to purchase lem'n limes can drink up.

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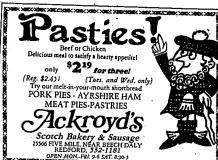


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