## Burn potatoes? New cook book lists other ideas

By JEANNE WHITTAKER

Whenever I see a newly produced ok book I am reminded of how many people there are who quite regularly stumble over the simplest rules of food

preparation.

Trust us to boil away the water before the rice can be added, or leave it to us to bake the potatoes to a sooty

It to us to take the power crisp.
Fortunately, for both the novice cook and experienced chefs, the Holy Name Church Wornan's Council has spent the past three years preparing in cook book form a banquet of tastey foods tax will help anyone look like an expert in the kitchen.

The book is titled "Holy Name Woman's Council Recipes," which is

not a very original name for 355 pages of kitchen tested contributions the council members have collected from among themselves and their friends.

among themselves and their friends. There are also individual contributions from many of the area's best known restaurants, including Bedell's Bananas Maison Flambe (for two), and Charley's Chowder from—where else?—Charley's Crab. The council has also added a number of convenient and helpid features, including a plastic cover for easy care, a discussion of wines, and color coded chapters to coincide with the seasons.

ACCORDING TO co-chairperson Marcia Tournay, each council mem-ber put in a minimum of three hours work per week over a three year

## Kids call Santa in his workshop

About 600 local boys and girls had the opportunity this year to speak with that jolly bearded man in the red suit who lives at the North Pole, thanks to the Farmington Hills Recreation

will be set the total For warm for the Farmington Hills Recreation Department.

In its third year, the Santa Claus call-in lines at 478-TOYS were buzzing last week with the chatter of tots putting in last minute requests for Constance.

ting in last minute. Christmas. Publicity for the special holiday event was minimal so that local youngsters received top priority instead of busy signals.

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intercepted by senior citizan men who took active part in the Recreation-sponsored senior adult program at the Mercy Conference Center.

Santa stand-ins, who took calls last Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., were prepped beforehand on vital information—like the names of Santa's reindeer and elves. (Non-believers like to know that the phone Santa has some credibility.)

Farland said it is also important that the Santa not promise to deliver certain gifts or push commercial products.

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"Frequently, Santa would get on the line with a child and when the list of 30 toys was read, the phone would be passed on to four or five more kids in the family. The 15-year-old would have to talk to Santa to reaffirm his belief to the 4-year-old."

While many squealed with delight during their conversations with Santa, others remained entrenched in disbellef.

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"They would ask to speak to Mrs. Claus, or one of the elves. Or they'd want to know if the call was made from the North Fole. After listening to a long speech about Cristmas, one kid said he was Jewish. So Santa wished him a Happy Hanuka."

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chips, we made her tell us what size package or how many chips."

- Marcia Tournay cook book co-chairwoman

Advice on wine is delivered by Dr. Robert Clark, who notes, "While it is true there are well-founded general rules—light before heavy and dry before sweet—the final blending of a wine with a food can, and should, be a very individual choice based on continuing experience and trial."

In addition to the Bettisworth and Clark contributions, individual chair-persons, Ellen Potter, Hilary Callag-han, Sarah Koval, and Sara Paterson, were responsible for compiling the book according to the seasons.

Not content to be a co-chairperson with Bette Stephenson, Mrs: Tournay has also created dozens of attractive sketches to illustrate the book.

period to collect, sample and cate-gorize the extensive collection of reci-pes. Included is everything from the usual to the extremely unusual, with, indexes for each section and an easy reference directory at the end of the book Each recipe is also accompanied by the name of its donor.

NO MEMBER of the family has been ignored, Mrs. Tournay explained. That also includes Fido, for whom there is a recipe for home made dog biscuits.

"Every recipe was tried and tested and clarified," said Mrs. Tournay, "If someone said that the recipe called for a package of corn chips, we made her tell us what size package or how many corn chips. We also checked to make sure that the recipes are published in the right sequence of ingredients."

Much of the credit for the accuracy of the recipes goes to home economist Toni Bettisworth, a former food editor with the Detroit Free Press. Mrs. Bettisworth is the recipe editor for the cook book.

## The initial printing of 1,000 editions went on sale for \$8.50 per book following Thanksgiving at the church's annual antique sale. The council, said Mrs. Tournay, hopes that sales will take the book into a second printing, which will enhance the contributions

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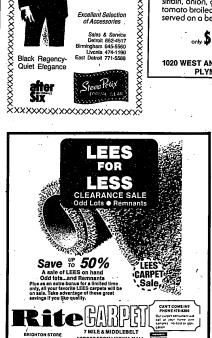
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