GAZPACHO

3 cups tomato juice

1 cup peeled, chopped tomatoes

1 green pepper, diced

1 small carrot, diced

1 large cucumber, diced

1 onion or 1/2 bunch of green onions, chopped

1 small zucchini or yellow squash, diced

1 rib celery, diced

1 clove garlic, minced

2 tablespoons fresh snipped parsley

2 tablespoons fresh snipped chives

1-2 tablespoons good olive oil (extra virgin)

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1 tablespoon lemon juice or red wine vinegar

Make sure all vegetables are diced very fine. Combine all ingredients and refrigerate a few hours before serving. Serve cold. Makes 6 servings.

This recipe comes from the Farm Journal Cookbook, now out of print, but a favorite of farm cooks back in the 1970's. It starts with a jar/can of tomato juice, and adds fresh tomatoes and other fresh vegetables. Many cooks try to use the shortcut of a blender to dice the vegetables, but I promise you that—like preparing salsa--you will be rewarded if you do the chopping by hand.