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2 Tbsp. salt

1# ham, ham hocks or smoked sausage, chopped

1 large onion, chopped

1 large can tomatoes

Red pepper to taste

1 tsp. chili powder

Juice of 1 lemon

1 clove minced garlic

Salt & Pepper to taste

Wash beans thoroughly. Place beans in a pan or kettle, cover with water and 2 Tbsp. salt. Soak overnight. In the morning, drain, add 2 quarts of water. Add ham, ham hocks or ring of smoked sausage. Bring to boil. Simmer slowly 2½ to 3 hours.

Add onion, tomatoes, red pepper, chili powder, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper. Simmer another 30 minutes. Add contents of ham packet one or two minutes before cooking is completed.

Serve with crackers and green salad.

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