JACKSON GREEN SALAD

(a specialty at Brennan's - New Orleans)

SUPPLIES:

3 quarts (12 cups) packed mixed greens 1 ¹/₂ cup hearts of palms, cut up 1 ¹/₂ cup artichoke bottoms, cut up ¹/₂ cup chopped hard boiled egg ¹/₂ cup fried bacon drained and crumbled 1 cup bleu cheese, crumbled

DRESSING: prepared day before if desired

2 egg yolks 2 tsp. dry mustard ¹/₂ cup red wine vinegar 1 ¹/₂ cup salad oil 1 tbsp. lemon juice ³/₄ tsp. salt ¹/₂ tsp. white pepper ³/₄ tsp. Worcestershire 1 ¹/₂ cup Ricotta

Rinse, dry and crisp the greens in the refrigerator. Prepare French dressing; put egg yolk and dry mustard in stainless steel mixing bowl; add vinegar and gradually whisk in oil and Ricotta.

Sprinkle in salt and pepper, add lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce; Mix thoroughly, cover the bowl and allow dressing to stand at room temperature for about 30 minutes before serving.

Toss greens, hearts of palm and artichoke bottoms in a large salad bowl with dressing. Put salad into 7-8 individual bowls, and sprinkle with 1 tbsp. each of chopped egg, bacon, cheese and chives.

Serve with remaining toast squares and olive oil.