



USDA Detains Suspected Meat

ATLANTA, Ga. — More than 135,000 pounds of suspect meat were detained in North Carolina by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) during the fiscal year that ended June 30.

The detentions resulted from increased efforts by federal and state agencies to protect the consumer from unwholesome, adulterated or misbranded meat and poultry products.

The Compliance Staff of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has the responsibility for making detentions and is the investigative arm of USDA's meat and poultry inspection program.

Of the 135,037 pounds of meat detained in North Carolina during the 12-month period, individual amounts detained ranged from 488 pounds in one instance to 39,861 pounds in another.

APHIS compliance staff is authorized to make these detentions of (1) nonfederally inspected meat or poultry products found in interstate commerce or in a state that does not have an inspection program, (2) USDA-inspected meat and poultry products which may have become wholesome or adulterated after passing inspection at an official plant or has been found to be misbranded and (3) any meat

or poultry product found to be in violation of a state law.

Compliance officers make unannounced visits to firms which sell or transport meat or poultry. In essence, they act as a second line of defense to prevent unfit products from reaching the consumers table.

Bobby Lott, officer-in-charge of the Southeast Area compliance staff office at Atlanta, Ga., said, "The main concern of our compliance officers is to assure the American consumer of a wholesome, unadulterated, truthfully labeled meat and poultry product. The officers also try to prevent irregularities and violations of meat and poultry laws before they actually occur."

To give further strength to the enforcement of meat and poultry inspection in North Carolina, the N. C. Department of Agriculture signed a cooperative agreement with APHIS which gives state officials the authority to take action under federal as well as state laws.

In addition, APHIS has assigned a compliance officer to work full-time in North Carolina.

You can't beat this statement: "An honest man is the noblest work of God."



BEDDING DOWN—Campus life youths prepare for the night at Sandy Point Beach after another full day of biking. Edenton was one stop in their journey from Orlando, Fla., to Huntington, N. Y.

Long Bicycle Journey Includes Stop In Edenton

By FLYNN SURRATT

Shadows had begun to lengthen and U.S. 17 took on the appearance of a long, gun-metal gray serpent shimmering in the waning afternoon sun. It was then that the flags began to appear. They were orange day-glo, over 40 in number, bouncing and swaying up the roadway in an unusual procession. And attached to each flag was a bicycle and a bone weary biker anxious to call the day quits after about 120 hard fought miles.

The young men, totaling 42 strong, were part of a Christian organization, Campus Life, operating out of Suffolk County, N. Y. They were passing through Edenton on the last half of a 1,200 mile odyssey from Orlando, Fla. to Huntington, N. Y. They wound up the eight day journey on Saturday when they returned home to hot showers and comfortable beds.

About 30 minutes prior to their arrival in Edenton, Rev.

George Holmes was contacted concerning lodging for the group. After a few calls arrangements were made to camp out at Sandy Point Beach. They logged in their final few miles down to the Albemarle Sound and prepared for the night's stay.

Several self-appointed spokesmen stated that it began with a 22-hour bus trip from Long Island to Orlando arriving there on July 16. The following day, they were met by another group from Nassau, N. Y., who traded their bikes for the bus.

The first day of the bike trip included a trip to Disney World. Moving up the coast they spent most of the nights in churches but included a Highway Patrol station, garage, and service station in the list. The bikers were accompanied by a truck which carried food, supplies, parts, and casualties. As well they had a full time mechanic to handle all repairs and a motorcyclist for scouting up the road. Each day they averaged

about 120 miles of travel.

Supervision was handled by counselors who are seasoned veterans of biking and have all pedaled cross country.

The trip was not free. With the cost of bus and bike rental, parts, food, lodging, and insurance, the tab amounted to \$120 per person.

Although few denied a little homesickness, all seemed enthusiastic and energetic. In the years to come, they will certainly have some stories to tell their grandchildren.

Women accounted for 31.9 million of the 82.8 million persons employed in all industries in March 1973, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports.



Talk Planned On Area History

Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library and Historic Edenton are sponsoring the appearance of Miss Doreen Bolger on August 7, at 8 P.M. in the Municipal Building Auditorium. She will give a slide talk on the research being done in the area, with emphasis on furniture and other decorative arts in the Edenton area.

Miss Bolger is from Long Island, N. Y. and a graduate of the University of Delaware; her degree being in American Art

History. In the fall she will be attending the City College of New York to work on her doctorate in American Art.

Since June 1 she has been a field representative of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, doing research on decorative arts prior to 1820 and covering an area from Tarboro and Roanoke Rapids to the Coast. Her findings will be used to set up a study file at the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts at Winston Salem.

Her talk will be of interest to many people in our area and we hope that they will show their interest and support to Miss Bolger when she visits Edenton.

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Pollution Control Award \$2.6 Million

A \$2.6 million contract for installation of an air pollution control system for a power generating plant has been awarded to American Air Filter Company, Inc., by Kentucky Utilities Co., Lexington, Ky.

The contract is to design, furnish and install a system to remove sulfur dioxide and flyash from the flue gas of three existing coal-fired boilers at the utility's Green River Generating Plant in western Kentucky.

Fennell Earns Army Promotion

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii—H. J. Fennell of Gilmer, Tex., was promoted to lieutenant colonel July 16 during ceremonies here at Pacific Command (PACOM) Headquarters.

Fennell, the 40-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fennell, also of Gilmer, was promoted by Maj. Gen. Ralph H. Spanjer, USMC, the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations at PACOM. A graduate of Harmony High School in Gilmer and Tyler

Junior College in Tyler, Tex., he joined the U.S. Marine Corps in February, 1955.

Fennell is a member of Battle Staff Team 2, Communications Center Command and Control Division. He arrived at PACOM two years ago.

Fennell and his wife, the former Allison Campen of Edenton, N.C., live in nearby Pearl City, Hawaii.



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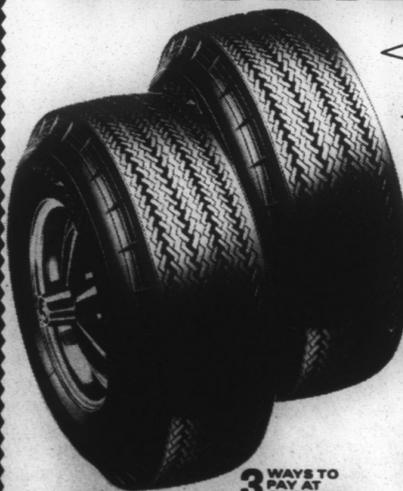
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