

Government To Assist With Vegetable Dehydration Plan

Under The Plan, Present Facilities Would Be Expanded To Meet The Increasing Need For Dehydrated Fruits And Vegetables

NEW FIRMS INVITED TO ENTER FIELD

Increased Needs For Lend-Lease Program Necessitate Expansion Of The Program

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The Department of Agriculture on May 26th announced a program of vegetable dehydration facilities to meet increased needs for Lend-Lease, military purposes, and civilian consumption and to help alleviate the increasingly serious situation with respect to containers and transportation of foods.

Under the program, existing vegetable dehydrators will be invited to expand their present facilities and canners and processors with experience in food processing will be assisted wherever necessary in converting part or all of their plants for dehydration operations. Processors partici-

MISTAKE BIG BEAR FOR A BLACK COW

Mrs. W. T. Malpass, and her sons, Bill and Dick, along with Mrs. Earl Robbins, all of Whiteville, were returning to the city yesterday afternoon from Holden's Beach, where they had been spending several days, when they were surprised to see what resembled a big black cow standing squarely in the middle of the road.

"Slow down, don't hit that cow," cautioned Mrs. Malpass, to her son Dick, who was driving. Closer observation revealed the animal was not a cow but a big black bear.

"Speed up son" advised Mrs. Malpass.

Participating in the program will be approved by the Department of Agriculture. Plans have been made to furnish technical assistance to firms newly entering the dehydration field to help them gain experience. The program will be worked out in cooperation with the War Department and the

War Production Board.

As a practical means of increasing dehydration facilities the Agricultural Marketing Administration will contract with processors meeting the requirements of the program to purchase that part of their dehydrated vegetable production that is needed to meet domestic, Lend-Lease and military requirements, on both a current and future delivery basis. Purchases will be made on the basis of specifications prepared by the Department of Agriculture.

The Department also will assist in seeking priorities for materials needed to expand or convert existing facilities for firms selected to participate in the program. Conversion of existing food processing facilities to production of dehydrated commodities will be accomplished with a minimum use of critical materials.

Through the program, increased production of dehydrated white and sweet potatoes, onions, cabbage, carrots, beets, and rutabagas will be sought.

Substantial savings in shipping weight and space are expected to result from the dehydration program. Generally speaking, reduction of weight through dehydration results in about 10 pounds of fresh vegetables equaling one pound of the dehydrated product. Volume reduction is about 4 to 1.

Plants now engaged in vegetable dehydration or other processors of perishable foods interested in the expansion program, are urged to contact the Fruit and Vegetable Branch of the Agricultural Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. They will be sent, on request, application forms to participate in the program.

TOO LATE TO MOP FOR BOLL WEEVIL

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Make preparations to meet the imminent menace. The loss of the cotton crop would be a disaster of the first rank.

Complete information on methods of controlling boll weevils are contained in Extension Circular No. 258. This publication is free to citizens of North Carolina upon request, by letter or card, to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh, or at offices of county farm agents of the Extension Service.

"Make boll weevil counts," Dr. Metcalf advised. "Pick 100 squares from each of the four corners of

the field, and 100 squares from the center of the field. Keep them in separate pockets. Count the number of punctured squares in each pocket, and if as many as 10 damaged squares are found in any one batch, start spot dusting in that section of the field. When the percentage of damage is less than 10 percent, stop dusting."

WOOL NEEDED FOR U. S. FLIERS

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Sheepskins are also better able to stand up under the heavy wear the fliers give them, the skin part of the felt being treated in such a way as to make it flame-proof, wind-proof, and acid-proof.

In view of these facts, Case said, it is no secret that the Army is in the market for sheepskins or "shearlings," pelts with wool from three-eighths of an inch to an inch in length. North Carolina sheep growers, now giving more time and attention to their important animals, are afforded a real opportunity to make American fliers more comfortable by the production of larger numbers of these sheepskins, Case declared.

As a matter of fact, the shearlings have become so important in the job of winning the war that the War Production Board has ordered all sheepskins sold to the Government for use by the armed forces.

To encourage the production of pelts, the Office of Price Administration has placed a high ceiling price on the raw skins. Present prices range up to ten times what they were in more normal times.

PUBLIC DISTURBED OVER REJECTIONS

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ly disqualify the selectee for all military service, and the second part of which sets forth those non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify for general military service, but qualify for limited service. The local examining physician has no alternative but to follow this list specifically. With these limitations, the examining physician can reject little more than the obviously unfit.

Another reason for the large number of rejections is that local boards no longer have the authority to disqualify registrants who are below the minimum literacy standards for military service. Prior to January 1, 1942, they had such authority and did not send to the induction station registrants who were below such standards. Regulations now provide that all such men, otherwise qualified for military service, must be sent to the induction station for final check and rejection by the Army.

It can readily be appreciated by those who understand the regulations in force that a higher percentage of the men forwarded for induction may be expected to be rejected for the reasons above given and local boards and examining physicians should not be criticized for a condition over which they have no control. They have no choice but to send the men to the induction station even if they have reason to believe that a large number will be rejected on account of their physical condition or lack of educational qualifications.

MEN 18 TO 37 MAY BECOME PILOTS

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previous flight experience will be eligible for assignment to advanced courses.

All courses will be conducted on a full-time basis and all will cover a period of eight weeks. Subsistence and health and accident insurance will be provided. Trainees will be housed in the dormitory at the college. Flight training will be given concurrently at a nearby field.

High School teachers may take the Ground School Instruction offered by Civilian Pilot Training beginning about July 1, 1942. This

will enable them to teach aviation courses in the "Air Conditioning Program" to be set up next year in the nation's high schools. The government will provide the money for the instruction, which will continue for eight weeks. All interested teachers should wire Presbyterian Junior College for further information and come to Maxton on July 1, or as soon thereafter as possible.

ANNOUNCE TOTAL ON REGISTRATION

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This registration was for boys between the ages of 18 to 20 year. Leading all other points in the county in total number of registrants was Shallotte, with 93. Next came Southport with a total of 58, followed by Leland with 65; Ash with 47; Winnabow with 39; and Bolivia with 21.

Gasoline Registration Now Going On In County

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tion book, or basic allotment. Any requirement above this minimum allowance may be detailed on an application form for supplementary allotment, available at places of registration. These applications will not be passed upon by the registrars at the place and time of registration, but will be referred to the Rationing Board for final action.

Truck owners also may receive a form at the registration places upon which they can detail their necessary driving. This, too, will be turned over to the Rationing Board for final action.

In both instances ration cards will be mailed to applicants, and it will be unnecessary for them to call in person at the board. One other form that will be of interest to registrants is for making application for gasoline for use in stationary engines, boats, etc. These, too, may be filled out at the time and place of registration, but must go to the rationing board for final action.

Gars Are Called Worst Enemy To Freshwater Fish

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the line of bait.

Usually they merely take the bait with the tip of their beaks and as this beak is about as tough as armor, it is rather difficult to hook them. If you do hook one, and your line is not equipped with a wire leader, it is goodbye to your hook. The gar merely snips off the line and continues the robbing of other hooks that may be offered. With a wire leader, it is possible to catch one.

Morris Ackerman, publisher of Ackerman's Fishing and Hunting guide, got a nine-pound garfish

on a plug in Orton Pond two years ago. Famous for his knowledge of fish and fishing, Ackerman declared it was the first time he had ever heard of a garfish being taken on an artificial bait. The saltwater sharks are credited with having very tough hides. The hide of the gar is twice as tough and is reinforced by scales that make it a very tough and knife-dulling job to cut it open.

At various times I have encountered negroes who rated the gars along with catfish for food. To anyone who knows the fondness of the colored brother for catfish, that is high rating, indeed.

There must be several thousand garfish in the 1300-acre Orton pond or lake near Southport. In the summer time they are a great nuisance to sportsmen, and probably destroy a large amount of food fish.

Any Remedy Offered
If any person has ever discovered a preventive or remedy against garfish, the Orton owners would probably be glad to hear of it. So would I. They are a destructive nuisance, without a single redeeming quality that I know of. When I do catch one I have no compunction about killing it on the spot.

My personal opinion of the only relief from the garfish in Orton and other ponds is to drain most of the water off and then make an effort to eradicate them by seining, shooting and spearing. This will not be effective for any length of time, if enough water is left to insure plenty of parent stock for food fish there are also

bound to be plenty of garfish parent stock left. In a dozen years they will be just as numerous as ever.

Outside of destroying most of the gars and other predatory fish, there are a lot of other benefits to come from the partial draining of ponds every few years. In some of them enormous quantities of fine food fish can be obtained. A relatively small amount of parent stock left will quickly replenish the game fish supply. For instance, authorities have said that one female perch will restock a three-acre area. A couple of bass will restock about eight acres, and so on.

In addition, the partial draining of ponds and removing of objectionable fish has a very pronounced good effect on the fish that remain. Left undrained for years, a fish pond collects much matter detrimental to fish life and to the production of fish food. It is now generally recognized that the release of most of the waters and the fishing of ponds every few years is necessary, if one is to have the maximum production of fish for sport and food.

OPENING DATES ARE FIXED AT RICHMOND MARKET
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August 6; Eastern Carolina August 25; Middle Belt September 1; Old Belt October 1, and dard... Virginia December 7.
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Earlier in the meeting, A. Carrington, of Durham, had been named as head of the association.

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