

Maintenance Dredging; Remove Shoals Is Underway In Wilmington District

Maintenance dredging to remove shoals at numerous points in Coastal Waterways is scheduled to get under way within the next sixty days, according to the Wilmington District of the Corps of Engineers.

The Norfolk Dredging Company was awarded a contract April 1 to remove some 113,000 cubic yards of shoals in the Inland Waterway from New River to Little River, S. C. to include the yacht basin at Southport. Major shoals in the waterway include the New River crossing, Howe Creek three miles north of Wrightsville, Carolina Beach Inlet and the Lockwoods Folly Inlet junction. This work is scheduled to begin in 30 days. Shoaled areas in the Waterway will be restored to 12 feet and the Southport basin to 10 feet.

Bids will be opened here April 12 to restore Wallace Channel to a 10 foot depth from the gorge in Ocracoke Inlet across Royal Shoals to deep water in Pamlico Sound. This contract will consist of removing about 112,000 cubic yards of shoals and will take about a month.

The Gerig, Corps of Engineers hopper dredge, is scheduled to complete dredging in Beaufort Inlet April 22 and depart three days later for a month's dredging in New England. At the conclusion of this work, the Gerig, according to present plans, will return to North Carolina waters for two weeks of bar channel dredging at the mouth of the Cape Fear River.

The ammunition terminal now nearing completion on the Cape Fear River near Southport has been officially named the Sunny Point Army Ammunition Loading Terminal.

It was ordered activated April 1, and Col. William A. McAleer, Commanding Officer, set up temporary headquarters this date, at Fort Johnson in Southport. A group of 10 Military Police have arrived to begin security patrol work and to train a staff of civilian guards. Preliminary figures of water-borne traffic at Wilmington and Morehead City show a slight increase for the first two months of 1955 against the same period in 1954.

Tonnage handled by the two deep water ports for January and February of 1955 totaled 786,402 tons and 789,240 tons for January and February of 1954.

Individually, Morehead City handled 68,134 tons in 1955 against 90,497 tons in 1954 for the two month period. Wilmington had 698,268 tons in 1955 and 678,773 tons in 1954 for the same period.

The loss at Morehead City is accounted for in main part by shifting of bunker oil distribution to Wilmington. The exporting of some 12,000 tons of scrap iron, cheese and butter accounted in great part for the 20,000 ton increase at Wilmington.

Duval Greer, who compiles water-borne commerce statistics, cautioned that these figures are subject to revision because of late reporting by shipping interests.

College Hints To Homemakers

Brighten Bric-A-Brac—Glass or china vases, bric-a-brac figurines and decorative pieces of a similar nature add their own inimitable touch of home to the rooms in which they are used if they sparkle and glow with immaculate cleanliness. A dusty film almost inevitably gathers on all such articles. To remove it, the use of baking soda is a simple, efficient help save time and work.

To clean decorative objects of glass, china or pottery, dissolve three tablespoons of baking soda in each quart of warm water used. Then dip a clean soft cloth into this solution and carefully clean. Rinse with a second cloth wrung out of clear warm water; wipe dry. If the piece is carved or embossed, use a soft brush; dip in moistened baking soda and brush gently. Rinse with cloth wrung out of clear water.

TODAY'S Menu

Buy Frying Chickens And Serve Them Baked

By ALICE DENHOFF

IF your family enjoys chicken, but gets a bit tired of having it served the same way, then buy some fryers and serve them baked.

Get 2 fryers (1 1/2 to 2 1/2 lb. each) and split them in halves. Rub well with garlic salt, and lightly with dry mustard.

Make a sauce by simmering together 1/2 c. boiling water, 1/4 c. butter or margarine and one tomato that has been peeled and sliced.

Brown Under Broiler
Brown chicken quickly on both sides under broiler heat. Place in open baking pan and roast in hot oven (400° F.) about 15 min. to the pound, until cooked through, basting from time to time with prepared sauce.

Mix 2 tbs. each chopped pecans and grated cheese. Sprinkle over cooked chicken; run under broiler heat to brown. Serve piping hot, 4-6.

Chicken Paprika
For Chicken Paprika buy 2 fryers or 4 lb. fowl.
Prepare poultry; joint and cut into serving pieces. Salt and pepper pieces.

Mince 2 large white onions quite fine; saute to delicate brown in 1/2 c. butter. Add 1/2 c. sliced mushrooms, 1/2 tsp. paprika, 1/2 tsp. celery salt, 3 c. water. Bring to boiling; add chicken pieces.

Simmer Till Tender
Turn heat low, cover, simmer until tender.

Remove chickens to serving dish.

Add one c. sour cream to sauce in kettle. Reheat; pour over chicken and sprinkle with minced parsley. Serves 4-6.

For Deviled Crabmeat
Deviled Crabmeat, prepared as follows, is a little different from the usual recipe.

To serve 4, combine 2 1/2 c. fresh or canned crabmeat, 2 tsp. prepared mustard, 5 tbs. bread crumbs, 6 tbs. skimmed milk, 2 1/2 tbs. butter, melted, dash of cayenne, 2 tbs. chopped parsley, 1/2 lemon juice, 2 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce.

Place in individual, shallow baking dishes. Sprinkle 3 tbs. grated Parmesan cheese and 2 1/2 tbs. butter, melted, over top. Bake at 425° F. for 10 min.

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Feeding Cattle On Grain Despite Short '54 Crop

Farmers have observed the widespread differences between the prices paid for thin cattle and for fat cattle.

As a result there is more interest in grain feeding cattle before they are marketed. Even with the short bean bases his forecast partly on the following evidence.

1. Normal seasonal pattern points to an increase in price Grade A large eggs are usually 15 to 20 cents higher in October than in March in North Carolina. Other forces should make this season's prices greater than usual.

2. Hens started laying earlier in the fall of 1954; this means that they should moult or stop laying earlier this summer.

3. For each of the past six months, fewer pullets have been started for laying flock replacements than a year earlier.

4. More eggs may be used for broiler production the rest of the year than in 1954, thereby strengthening demand.

5. Consumers will have a little more money.

Many factors that helped demoralize buyer prices last fall will not be present this fall.

Soil Fumigation Demonstrations Are Being Conducted

Kenneth Edgerton of the Nahant community and Gordon Best who lives on the Seven Springs highway beyond Seymour Johnson Air Force Base are conducting soil fumigation demonstration from which they hope to get some good information that will help them and other people in their community.

Both of these men have experienced trouble with their tobacco in these fields in previous years. They thought their trouble was caused by nematodes but they did not know which kinds of nematodes were causing the trouble. Through the cooperation of the Wayne County

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agents office and the Plant Disease Department at State College these men had some analysis made to determine what kind of nematodes they had. Mr. Best's report showed that he had several nematode counts of all three groups that attack tobacco root knot, meadow, and stunt.

Mr. Edgerton's report showed that he had stunt and meadow nematode but no root knot. There was no preference to fumigants as far as the research people at the college were concerned in these two cases.

Mr. Best and Mr. Edgerton are using both DD and EDB (EDB is sold as soilfume 85, Dow W-85 and Nemex 88) in these fields to see if they can tell any difference in the results from these two fumigants.

Prospective planting reports show that North Carolina farmers will plant slightly fewer acres this year.

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Cleaning Cooking Utensils—Cooking utensils and beverage makers of various kinds are subject to stain formation. Thus, dried on foods form hard to remove rings on baking dishes and casseroles. Coffee and tea leave brown stains in the pot or in cups in which the beverage is brewed or served. In the same way, containers used for growing ivy or house plants in water of ten acquire stubborn green rings and discolorations. The use of the basic baking soda cleaning solution (3 tablespoons of soda to 1 quart warm water) is a safe, simple, easy to use remedy.

To remove dried on stains from casseroles, baking dishes or glass or enameled ware cooking utensils in which food has been cooked, put three tablespoons of baking soda into the dish, fill with hot water and let stand a few minutes. Then wipe off the stain, wash and rinse.

Garden Time

It should be safe now to plant most warm season vegetable crops anywhere in the state east of the mountains. It is true that I have had tomato plants killed by frost in Wake County as late as April 25th but that is unusual. Also, if the plants have been well hardened a light frost will not harm them. Tomato, eggplant, and pepper plants should be hardened before transplanting to the field by withholding their water supply; this is, by keeping them on the dry side for a few days.

Try some of the new bean varieties this year. Wade and Contender are excellent varieties and they are almost impervious to mosaic which sometimes reduces the production of Tendergreen considerably. Improved Stringless Blue Lake is an excellent pole bean, especially for canning and freezing, and it is absolutely stringless.

It is time to talk about sweet corn again. There are a few gardeners who still plant early varieties of field corn for roasting ears because the ears are large and there are not many earworms. However, once you have given real sweet corn a fair trial you will not be satisfied with field corn. There is

no comparison in edible quality. Recommended varieties for both fresh use and for canning or freezing are Seneca Chief, Golden Cross Bantam and Iona. These are all yellow varieties. Corn is mostly wind pollinated and therefore it is best to plant in blocks of two or three rows rather than in a single row. Sweet corn is of best quality if used as harvested. If it cannot be used immediately, it should be kept on ice or in the refrigerator, otherwise, it will lose a large part of its sugar content in a few hours and will taste like field corn.

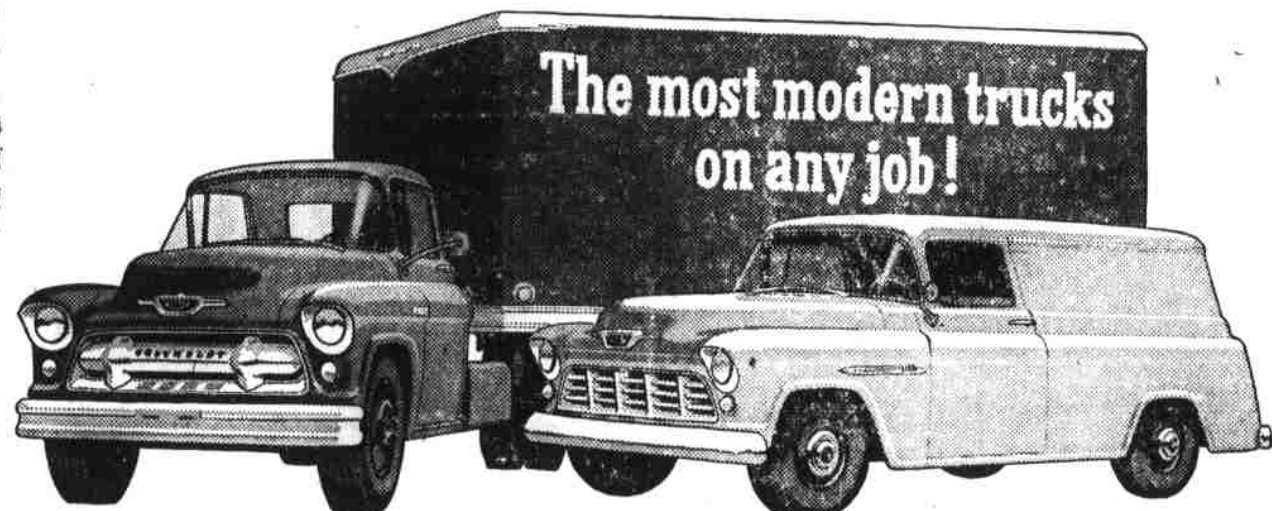
The emphasis is still being put on icebox size watermelons. The New Hampshire Midget variety which grows to the size of a cantaloupe has become quite popular in the home garden. Hills may be spaced as close as five feet apart. A fault of this variety is that it becomes ever ripe very quickly. The best of them all, in my opinion, is the Japanese Seedless melon. It will average from eight to 12 pounds in weight, and is of excellent quality. There are seldom more than a dozen mature seeds in a melon. The rest of the seeds are undeveloped and may be eaten with the melon. Seeds for planting are quite expensive—four to five cents per seed this year, but the results are worth it. The only retail source of seed that I have listed is the Joseph Harris Seed Co., Rochester 11, N. Y.

Commercial Egg Outlook Bright

Commercial egg production in North Carolina is one of the more attractive farm enterprises at the present time, according to C. P. Libeau, poultry and egg marketing specialist, State College Extension Service.

Small farms and part time farms are in a particularly good position to take advantage of this favorable poultry outlook, Libeau says, since poultry is one of the most suitable enterprises on such farms.

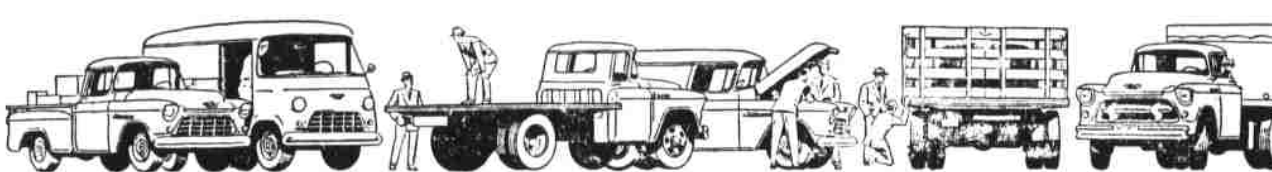
As the peak production of eggs is left behind, egg prices in the next few months are expected to strengthen and move up, he reasons. Li-



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