

Goodfellows Drop Paper Sale; Have Cash On Hand

Members of the Board of Trustees of the Birmingham Goodfellows announced this week that the usual campaign to raise funds through the sale of newspapers will be abandoned for this year. Their statement follows:

"Because the Birmingham Goodfellows for the past year has found a great decrease in the need of underprivileged families in this area for direct assistance, and because we have on hand sufficient funds to carry over for another year, we have decided to abandon the annual campaign for 1943.

"As the public knows, these funds are raised through the sale of newspapers one day each year, generous response to which always has been made. We have found that the manpower needs of war industries in this area have provided employment for a minimum of heads of families, so that the number of underprivileged families has decreased here.

Besides, we believe that the public, patriotically responding to the many various campaigns for organizational support, will welcome at this time curtailment for current support of the Goodfellows fund—small, in comparison, as it is.

"Therefore, assuring the public that we will carry on with our available funds to the end that no local family will be without customary Goodfellows' support at Thanksgiving and Christmas times, we thank them for their support in the past, next year, of course, if conditions suggest the need for a 1944 campaign to raise funds, we shall do so.

"We want to thank all members of the Goodfellows organization for their personal contributions, both in time and money; we are aware of the manpower problem in business, and believe that abandoning the 1943 campaign will greatly aid them in attending their own various businesses too."

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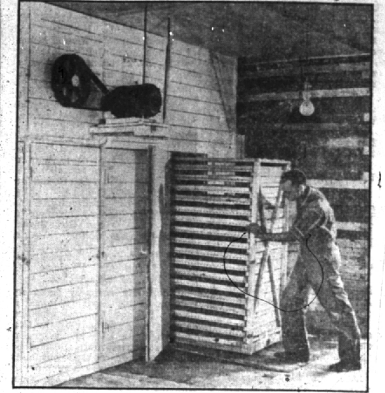


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Sheer Gumption Is Providing Food Dehydrating in 54 Towns



Exterior view of 50-bushel community dehydrator at Clarksville, Ga., with doors being pushed through one door. Fan shaft extends through dehydrator as shown.

DEHYDRATED foods, of which you've heard so much since war put the squeeze on space and transportation, are not only making their bid for a place in the American kitchen—they are in it now!

Already 54 towns in nine southeastern states are 'dehydrating' fruits and vegetables on a community basis.

In Georgia alone 37 communities are operating dehydrators. The energetic southerners are turning to the scrap piles for construction materials. One of the usual materials bottlenecks is the difficulty in obtaining heat radiators—on which metallic fins are mounted—to assure a regulated flow of air among the drying trays. Wood won't do.

But community ingenuity solves these problems.

Welcome, S. C., made a dehydrator from a scrap fan, an old factory control valve and thermostat and a fan-type radiator coil, the last item being used to warm the airstreams produced by the fan, i. e., the heat radiator.

A good deal of credit for the community dehydrating movement goes to the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station's Division of Vocational Agriculture and Agricultural College, and to the TVA. They co-operated to produce five model dehydrators for the interested folks to work from. The fans in the models were of plywood, eliminating 95 per cent of "non-available" metals.

Thirty-eight communities are now using such fans, all made by local mechanics or vocational agricultural shop workers. Others, like Welcome, are using "recycled" fans.

Careful construction is important. A shoddy job, while it might work all right, costs extra in operation expenses and is a complete waste of time.

Another thing, best results are obtained when the product is of best-grade quality, harvested, ripened and dehydrated at once.

Very likely the Georgia agriculturalists would be delighted to issue complete instructions if any one else feels ambitious.

Michigan Mirror

Retailers: Because of the serious shortage of manpower, the necessity for war supplies, and the growing scarcity of merchandise, Michigan shoppers who wait until mid-December to buy and mail Christmas gifts are due for abrupt awakening and fearful disappointments. This warning comes from the Michigan Retail Institute at Lansing this week, and it is supported by official statements from Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, Chairman Paul V. McNatt of the War Manpower Commission, and Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation.

Facts: Michigan retailers are in a jam. They lack adequate labor to handle the normal December buying rush. Many types of merchandise are not available or cannot be replaced readily when present supplies are depleted. Postal service is hardly bogged down, but is not assured of delivery before Christmas—even if they. Moral: If you want to avoid disappointment, managing director: "How can any man for yourself and for others man in business hope to understand all the various rulings and restrictions which have been designed to control his business?" Result, says

Inflation: Purchase of other than essential merchandise by Christmas shoppers is frowned upon by Messrs. Walker and Eastman who emphasize the peril of inflation in a wild buying spree. Michigan consumers have more money to spend than ever before. Farm crops this year are valued at \$500,000,000, highest in recent while industrial payrolls are at all-time peaks.

Living Fisher, noted economist, warned a few days ago "the general public and many of our Congress have not been waked up to this fact: Inflation is already upon us."

Fisher cautions that continued financing of the war "raising money not by taxes, not by loans out of savings, but by the 'invisible greenbacks' issued by the banks," is a certain path to "terrible inflation." His recommendation: Save more, spend less. Best Christmas gift: A U. S. war bond!

Revolt: The Michigan Retail Institute reports that the numerous directors of the OPA, containing 11,000,000 words as used by 857 lawyers, had flooded merchants with an epidemic of confusing orders. Statement by Otis Cook, managing director: "How can any man for yourself and for others man in business hope to understand all the various rulings and restrictions which have been designed to control his business?" Result, says

In Your Home, in Your Neighbor's...



"Thanksgiving is like this even in war. For America is the land of plenty now far more than when the Pilgrim Fathers first gave thanks 300 years ago. But there are empty chairs now, waiting for Americans who are detesting America with their lives. Be sure you are worthy of them."

Cook: 32,000 retailers are in revolt against government controls.

"Hoax. When town officials and merchants of Sparta made an exodus for the north weeks this month, H. J. Kurtz, newspaper publisher, printed a special edition which featured this startling headline: 'Crime runs rampant as back fever gets mayor. Moonshiners display wares on street corners as police chief and other city officials vacate city hall. Slot machines block traffic when Spartans line up for chance at jackpots. Gamblers have Roman holiday.' Pictures of the mayor and police chief illustrated the sensational story. Actually, the edition was hoaxed, printed after the regular issue and given a limited distribution."

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Invasion: Slow progress of American and British troops in Italy and further reports of German morale tend to substantiate the viewpoint of U. S. military authorities, as expressed recently to Michigan leaders at Fort Knox, Kentucky, that collapse of Germany is not yet in sight. The government conference sought to curb (1) German hopes that Americans will become the weary victor; (2) the over-optimism of war workers which has reached serious proportions, according to a national survey by the OWI; and (3) overoptimism that war will end in a few weeks.

Excessive: The OWI of war plants revealed that it is necessary today to hire 17 workers to get a total increase of three for every 100 employed. Here are the highlights: More women than men are quitting jobs. In September 800,000 women left their jobs, a total exceeded during 1942 only in August. Reasons given for change to "better and more essential jobs": "Because of unsuitability for their work, because of excessive losses and because of home duties." Summary: "The present excessive rate must be substantially reduced or the whole pattern of war production will be jeopardized. WMC officials

Bonus Talk: While Governor Kelly renewed his pledge for a Michigan soldiers' and sailors' bonus, Congress has been asked to approve uniform payments of \$12 to \$15 a week for 26 weeks to a total of \$312. The bill is now in committee. When Germany fails to find jobs in 1944—such is the Allied war timetable—Michigan war plants may expect some scaling down in government contracts.

Production for air and sea forces will be maintained at high levels. Land forces today are taking only one-third of our total war production, and factories in a general ordnance—tanks, guns and shells—may be about large enough to carry war against Japan. End of the war in Europe will have a limited deflationary effect. That's the hope as the experts see it.

League of Nations: The resolution by the National Grange in convention at Grand Rapids last week, endorsing American participation in a world court or league of nations, has been interpreted as another illustration of how public opinion has changed since the days of Woodrow Wilson. The Foreign Policy Association in a booklet, "American Foreign Policies" written by Prof. Thomas A. Bailey of Stanford university, puts a new light on our recent post-war isolationism.

Bailey says that Wilson by his refusal to accept re-entrance to the peace treaty, defining our obligations under the Covenant of the League of Nations, "actually" defied the League and that even Harding had favored an Association of Nations. If Wilson had accepted the reservations, the United States would have been in the League and post-war history might have been different, so the author concludes.



Three Birmingham youths who have recently started their training as naval aviation cadets are H. Ross Mack, Jr., 11606 Lake Park, Albert Monroe Rogers, 971 Westwood, and Bradley Maynard Zimmerman, 615 Vinewood. Mack is at Ohio Wesleyan College, Delaware, O., and the others are at Wooster College, Wooster, O.

They were among the last youths accepted in October at the Southern Oklahoma County Naval Flying Squadron headquarters in Royal Oak, which has enlisted 300 Southern Oklahoma county boys for naval aviation since June, 1942.

The quota for November has been greatly stepped up and boys in the upper two thirds of their senior high school class, rather than the upper half only, are now eligible.

The first group from Southern Oklahoma County went to Pensacola, Fla., and Corpus Christi, Texas a year ago and will receive their wings and ensign's commissions before Dec. 1.

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