

Is That So?

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Ranger-Naturalist

Noticed the changes lately in your carrots, string beans, broccoli and beets?

Perhaps not, because the restyling has been so gradual. But when you think back, say to 20 years ago, you'll recall how different some of these vegetables were.

Mostly, these changes were brought about by the frozen-food industry and the way those boys look at it, apparently there is no vegetable so good but what it can be made even better.

In this remodeling process so many of our basic vegetables have been redone that it is almost impossible to sit down to a dinner without enjoying at least

one outside. Now, after some 30 years, carrots are solid orange. Gives the cubed carrots more eye-appeal in the soup pot.

Habits Changed
You'd think this had gone far enough, perhaps. Not so. Because most fresh-frozen processing plants were located in the valleys—like the northwest where other vegetables were in season—these restylers went about changing the very habits of vegetables so they would grow in that area. Take corn. Corn normally needs long hot summer nights—which they don't get in the northwest. So a hybrid was developed which flourished in areas where nights became cool—but yet the kernel was kept soft and tender.

How has this horticultural magic been brought about, and so quickly?
Let's take a look at the carrot which had been growing the same way for a thousand years. Back in the '20s, the canned soup industry asked for a carrot which was orange all the way through—none of this sickly-looking core. So Frank Cuthbertson of the Ferry-Morse Seed Co., went to work to breed a strain with an orange core.

First he had to find one with orange "blood"—as he termed it. To find that one, he grew thousands. To get a peek at their cores, he took samplings of each root with a small glass tube. Whenever he found a darker-than-average core, he put a marker beside it and waited patiently for the seed. Then they were replanted and after repeating the tedious procedure 15 years he finally got ten carrots with no trace of pale yellow cores.

Furthermore, he selected them because of their size and shape, which was just what the soup-makers ordered. Success, after painstaking effort.

And so with broccoli. At one time it grew as many buds on a rather long stalk. Cuthbertson's job was to bring the buds together to make something of a cauliflower head.

Plant Restyled
Presto, within nine years he restyled it into an umbrella-head plant which the pickers could harvest with one swoop of the knife and the packers could put it up with a minimum of effort.

Some lima beans had an occasional one—perhaps one in a



one of these restyled foods.

Here are some of the changes: The carrot which tended to be top-heavy and often forked has been given an H look, slendered down from above and filled out from below to make it more cylindrical. Means much less waste when shot through a dicing machine for soup.

Remember the curved snap-beans? All very good, but that curve slowed down the French string bean cut. So what did they do? They took the curve out—and now it is straight as a string. Speeds slicing by 25 per cent.

The inside of beets, you'll recall, used to be of a palish color now and then. But no more; they are a beautiful deep red throughout. As for carrots, they often had a pale core with a bright or-

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Upholstery Academic Classes Start Monday

Courses in upholstery, academic classes, and arts and crafts will get under way Monday as part of the Medford public schools summer program.

The upholstery class will be held for two weeks, beginning Monday and concluding June 29. Classes will be held at the McLoughlin Junior High school gymnasium.

The course will include upholstering small projects and fabrication of slip-covers or draperies. The class, to be held from 9 a. m. to noon daily, will be instructed by Mrs. May Frye of Eugene. Registrations may be made Monday at the junior high school.

Academic Classes
Summer academic classes for students of Medford schools having recommendations from their teachers and principals, will be held from June 18 to July 20 at McLoughlin Junior High school. The program, school officials reported, is directed at students who have missed considerable time from school or who have barely met minimum requirements for promotion.

Registration will start at 8:30 a. m. Monday and classes will meet daily between

8:30 a. m. and noon. No tuition fee will be required for residents of school district 49.

Arts and crafts workshop for students in grades four through 12 will start at 8:30 a. m. Monday at the woodshop building directly north of the main building at McLoughlin Junior High school. Classes will be held Monday through Friday from 8:30 a. m. to noon and will conclude July 20.

Classes will begin June 25 in band and baseball. Already in session are adult driver training classes, which started June 13, and orchestra, which started June 12.

AWARD CONTRACT
Salem — (UP) — The Oregon State Highway Commission Saturday awarded a \$107,240 contract to Tom Lillebo of Reedsport for grading, and oiling on the Independence-Albany highway approximately five miles south of Independence. There were five higher bids for the federal aid project.

Washington — (UP) — The Navy's second super aircraft carrier, the Saratoga, went to sea Saturday for final builders' trials. It will run at full power for the first time.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling
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Where is the world's greatest hospital for the treatment of rheumatic diseases? Many rheumatologists claim it is the Royal National hospital for rheumatic diseases in Bath, England. In any event, this great institution was the first hospital in the world to devote itself entirely to rheumatic diseases.

Protection
The great ballet dancer, Pavlova had each of her toes insured for \$17,000. Paderewski, the pianist had his fingers insured for \$280,000. But wait, you haven't heard anything yet. Jimmy "Schnozzle" Durante has his nose insured for \$50,000.

hundred—with a bluish-colored seed. "Wouldn't do! So he began the difficult process of getting rid of this one-in-a-hundred black sheep. Starting with a lone plant or two, Cuthbertson developed a pure strain. And from this has developed a crop of more than 100,000,000 pounds a year. Without a blue one among 'em.

Has this remodeling of vegetables paid off? The fresh-frozen food packers respond with a thundering affirmative! Because the vegetables look fresher and more perfect—with lots of eye-appeal—the housewife buys them; and so, today, we have solid orange carrots; red-fleshed beets, uniform green lima beans, easy-to-process broccoli, and straight-as-a-string string beans.

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Death in Ring
In New Zealand a boxer who is knocked out is not permitted

to fight again for two months. Boxers with cuts that heal slowly are not permitted to compete. A boxer who has a jaw broken in a bout is suspended for life. This is all part of an intensive campaign to cut down the number of deaths in the ring. There should be similar legislation in this country.

Asides
Seventy per cent of transatlantic travel is now said to be by air. . . Grace Kelly and Marlene Dietrich have the same leg measurements. . . am asked what is the record for least weight of infant at birth. Smallest I know of is one recorded by British Medical association which weighed 10 ounces at birth and survived to be a healthy adult.

Please Note
Donna Waskaban, said to be the strongest woman in the world, includes among her feats of strength the tearing of a full pack of playing cards into halves, then quarters and then eighths. If you know a fellow who fancies himself as a strong man, ask him to try that.

Sidelights
The patron saint of pawnbrokers is St. Nicholas. . . discussing George Sanders, one of her former husbands, Zsa Zsa Gabor said, "I love him like a brother. But George only loves George". . . as to the country's oldest active registered nurse, how about Margaret Connelly of Bellevue hospital, New York? Margaret is 80. Has been a registered nurse for 56 years.

Briefly
How would you do on a quiz program with Irish music as your category? Did you know Beethoven wrote an Irish song titled "Kitty of Coleraine"? Maybe we can get Morton Downey to sing it the next time he appears on a television program. . . We indicate June 15, 1956, by use of "6-15-56." The British write it "15-6-56." That is date of day first, followed by number of month and year. Which is better?

Queries from Clients. Q. Is Dorothy Dandridge married? A. She was married to Harold Nichols, a dancer, but they were divorced in 1950. Dorothy has an 11-year-old daughter named Carolyn. Q. Am making a collection of records and sheet music of popular songs with curious titles. Any suggestions? A. How about that ditty titled "I've Got that Loving Bug Itch?"

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Chicago Youths Kidnap Four After Escape From Jail

Indianapolis, Ind. — (UP) — Three Chicago youths, one a 14-year-old, escaped from an Illinois jail early Saturday and idnaped four persons in an interstate flight in three stolen automobiles.

Two were captured here. The third, identified as the ringleader, eluded capture. The four persons seized in the flight all were released unharmed.

The three youths first overpowered turnkey P. N. Bandy and fled from the Montgomery county jail at Hillsboro, Ill. They took with them what firearms they could find.

Warner Yates, 14, and Raymond Schneider, 20, were nabbed by sheriff's deputies manning a blockade west of here. Norman P. Kelly, 20, the ringleader, ran to freedom again.

Authorities said two frightened hostages were in the car when it was stopped. Miss Selma Richter, 27, and William R. Horton, 28, both of Pana, Ill. They were the second couple kidnaped by the trio as they fled Hillsboro.

Earlier, the fugitives commandeered the auto of Mr. and Mrs. Don Fogler, also of Pana, at Irving after the first auto they stole ran out of gas at that point.

Sheriff Clem Neely said at Hillsboro that the trio overpowered Bandy as he took a prisoner to the cell block. Bandy, 65, said the cell door struck the heel of the new prisoner and flew open, allowing Kelly the opportunity to jump out and overpower him.

Bandy later said the escapees threatened to kill him if he called out, and choked and tried to gag him until he couldn't speak. Then they threw him into the cell block and locked the door.

A machinegun, a shotgun and two rifles were taken from the jail by the three youths.

Above Normal Rain Seen for Northwest

Washington — (UP) — The Weather Bureau's 30-day outlook for mid-June-mid July calls for cooler than seasonal weather west of the Continental Divide, in the North Atlantic states, and in the Gulf Coast region.

But elsewhere, the Weather Bureau said, "above normal temperatures are predicted with greatest departures in the Midwest."

The outlook calls for greater than normal rainfall in the Northwest fourth of the nation and in the southern half of the Mississippi Valley.

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood—(UP)—The United States has run out of beautiful chorus girls, so the gambling capital of Las Vegas, Nev., has been forced to go next door to Europe and borrow a dozen.

Jack Entratter, boss man of the beauties at the Sands Hotel, takes off for Europe in two weeks on the town's first international chorus girl search. Entratter and Frank Sinatra, one of the hotel's owners who's in Spain for a movie, will have the job of looking over Europe's lovelies.

The winners get to parade on a stage during Sinatra's show at the Sands beginning Sept. 12. It's television, sighs Entratter, that has used up all the pretty girls.

Advertisement Placed
"On my last audition in Hollywood I looked over 1,000 girls and only found two I could use," he explained. "I've run ads in every big city in the country."

"TV is eating them up. The real pretty ones quit to do commercials on television. Those who can dance would rather dance on TV—only one night a week to work. And many become actresses or models."

This dreadful state of affairs have Entratter and Sinatra down to their last 12 chorus girls, and their contracts end in a few months. Most leave to get married or work in other jobs.

Qualifications Listed
But by then Entratter and Sinatra will have run ads in the newspapers, in Paris, Madrid

Rome, Brussels and London. The ads will read: "All you have to do is look beautiful. You don't have to dance or have any experience to work at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas."

Entratter got the idea of raiding Europe when he worked for showman Cliff Fisher, who imported French girls for his show at the Chicago World's Fair in 1939.

Other hotels in Las Vegas are scrambling for chorus girls, too. A Sahara spokesman says one chorus has been graduated to a singer so auditions are being held for a replacement. And a man at the Flamingo says, "The pretty ones don't last more than a few months—they quit for better jobs."

Suggests Breaking Red Relations

Berne, Switzerland — (UP)—A former U. S. congressman has suggested diplomatic relations with Iron Curtain countries to cripple their espionage activities.

According to Charles J. Kersten, former representative from Wisconsin, the Communist countries are using diplomatic immunity to conceal their assault on the free world.

Kersten is here attending the trial of four Romanian refugees who seized the Communist Romanian delegation headquarters last year.

The Communists "are using the diplomatic immunity of their diplomatic missions as a cloak . . . to assault the free world in accordance with their long

range plans," Kersten said. "I came to Bern from my home in Wisconsin as an individual U. S. citizen. I have some experience in investigating what happens to nations and people when Communists take over."

He said he considered the trial of world wide importance on the issue between freedom and slavery.

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