

PULVERIZED FISH IS LATEST THING IN FOOD FOR HOGS

Scrap Left After Oil is Extracted from Menhaden to Be Utilized as Tankage Substitute.

Fish crushed in an immense cider press and then dried and ground is the government's latest found cheap hog food.

E. Z. Russell of Washington, government hog expert and formerly editor of the Twentieth Century Farmer, was in Omaha on business last week. Mr. Russell has just returned from a trip to Reedville, Virginia, where he has been making investigations regarding this new feed.

A small, inedible and extremely bony fish called the menhaden, is caught on the Atlantic coast in large numbers. At Reedville, a little town of 400 to 500 inhabitants, the fishing boats land and the catch is put through big presses, much like cider presses, and the fish oil extracted. The balance, called "scrap," has been used for fertilizer in the past, but there has not been a very large demand for it and the price has been about \$30 per ton. Since the war, with an increased demand and a decreased output, the price has risen to \$85 per ton.

"I talked to a meeting of all the menhaden fishermen in town," said Mr. Russell, "and they explained that after the war they feared the price would go to the old level, making it inexpedient for them to spend money in enlarging the industry."

As Good as Tankage. The government has been making exhaustive tests and finds that this fish scrap, after being ground, is just as valuable a feed as tankage, which is now used in large quantities and is a by-product from the packing houses. Tankage costs about \$105 per ton. Efforts will be made to have the menhaden industry enlarged and to use the scrap as hog feed in the eastern states. This will release the entire output of tankage and decrease its price, for the use of the middle states.

Mr. Russell expects to pay a visit to the western coast in the near future with the view of arranging for the manufacture and use of fish scrap as hog feed there. This arrangement will decrease the amount of hog feed that has to be shipped, making animal matter available for feeding purposes in the vicinity where it is manufactured.

"Reedville is a very interesting little place," said Mr. Russell. "Everybody in the town makes his living from the menhaden, either directly or indirectly. While small, this village furnishes 20,000 tons of fish scrap a year, or about three-fourths of the entire output of the Atlantic coast. Reedville is 90 miles from a railroad, and there are two boats a week from Baltimore. A daily mail is carried by auto."

The signal corps was the first branch of the United States army to utilize the automobile in any capacity. This was in 1899.

All Sons of the McCrann Family Now in War Work



Lieut. W. J. McCrann



Major Harold H. Elarth



Dr. P. M. McCrann



Cadet Ronald Featherstone

Prominent among local patriotic families is that of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. McCrann, long noted as Omaha's big family, because of the distinction of having 11 girls and 3 boys.

All of the sons have enlisted with the colors. Dr. William J. McCrann is a first lieutenant in the medical corps. He is stationed at the base hospital at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. P. M. McCrann, like his father and elder brother, has chosen the medical profession. He graduated at Creighton Medical college in June, now holds rank of junior lieutenant in the navy. He is at the naval training school in Washington, D. C.

The third son, who was the eldest child, died in the service in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands in 1913.

Maj. Harold H. Elarth, who is married to Dr. and Mrs. McCrann's oldest daughter, formerly Miss Eileen McCrann, has won many distinctions in

the army. He has just been made camp adjutant at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky. He served for several years in the Philippine constabulary, when General Pershing was department governor and commander of the department which included Maj. Elarth's district. Before his recent promotion he was commanding officer of the 7th battalion, 159th depot brigade. He is a native of Omaha.

A fourth member of the household to serve with the colors is Ronald Featherstone, a nephew of Mrs. McCrann's who has made his home at the McCrann residence for the past several years. He is a flying cadet at the Fort Omaha Balloon school.

His brother, Walter Featherstone, is sergeant major with the signal corps now in France. Another brother, William, is secretary to Maj. Elarth at Camp Taylor. James and Herbert Hannan, cousins, who formerly lived in Omaha, are enlisted at Camp Taylor.

Ray McNamara Gives Chalmers Car Tryout

Expert testimony is always given great weight in a court of law, and therefore the findings of an expert in driving should be real evidence in motor tests of any kind. So, when it was recently decided to try out a Chalmers for economy, the driver chosen was Ray McNamara, famous road en-

gineer, who has probably driven a motor car farther than any man who ever lived. His records show that he has driven far more than 800,000 miles and, by the way, he has never had an accident nor broken a traffic regulation.

Using a Chalmers car with no special adjustment, McNamara submitted it to a test of 154 miles, every mile of which was through congested city

traffic in Detroit. No special effort was made toward economy, every-day conditions were maintained in every way and, with three passengers, the result, 14 miles per gallon, was strikingly good. Even so, McNamara was not satisfied and he determined to make some single-gallon tests, also in city streets. He maintained a steady 20-mile an hour speed and the average was between 18.1 and 18.6 miles to

the gallon. These tests were made by driving as the average Chalmers owners would. No trick driving was resorted to.

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