

Public Demands Convenience Food Products

University Park, Pa. -- "Most families today buy foods with some degree of built-in-service," says Dr. Cooperative Extension Service Russell E. Larson, director of the Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension Service.

Such convenience foods come from bakery bread and canned fruits and vegetables to a complete frozen dinner ready to heat and serve. "No convenience foods are giving matter why we buy them us what we want. Each year we buy more and more of them," Dr. Larson adds.

Time is usually the biggest savings, he points out. One study showed that three ready-to-serve meals from family of four can be prepared in 1 1/2

hours, compared to 5 1/2 hours for the same foods prepared at home, Dr. Larson reports. These ready-to-serve meals saved about four hours that could be used in other ways.

In the same study, the meals prepared at home cost \$1.90 and the ready-to-serve form cost \$6.70. The homemaker worked four hours to save \$1.50.

Some convenience foods cost more yet some cost little if any more than regular foods, Larson explains. One study showed that 18 out of 52 selected convenience food items actually cost less than their unserved ingredients. Six items cost more.

Food scientists are working on new processes that will give to prepare American agriculture is playing an important role in convenience foods. It sees that we get the kind of food we want when we want it and in the most convenient form possible, Dr. Larson stated.

Beekeeping Short Course Is Scheduled

The sixteenth annual beekeeping short course of the Pennsylvania State University will be held August 13 to 17, 1962 on the main campus.

The five-day short course is open to any person 16 years of age or older. Individuals less than 16 years of age will be admitted if accompanied by a responsible adult.

The program provides much opportunity for participation by those enrolled since the group will spend three afternoons in one of the five University apiaries. Protective veils and clothing should be brought by those enrolled in the course.

Lectures, discussions and demonstrations will be presented on all phases of beekeeping. Instructors include Dr. Frank E. Todd, Chief, Agricultural Research Branch, USDA, Beltsville, Md. and Professors Edwin J. Anderson and W. W. Clarke of Penn. State.

The registration fee for the course is \$8.50 for Pennsylvania residents and \$13.50 for non-residents of Pennsylvania.

Additional information concerning housing, pre-registration and a daily schedule can be secured from the director of short courses, Room 211 Armbray Building, College of Agriculture, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.

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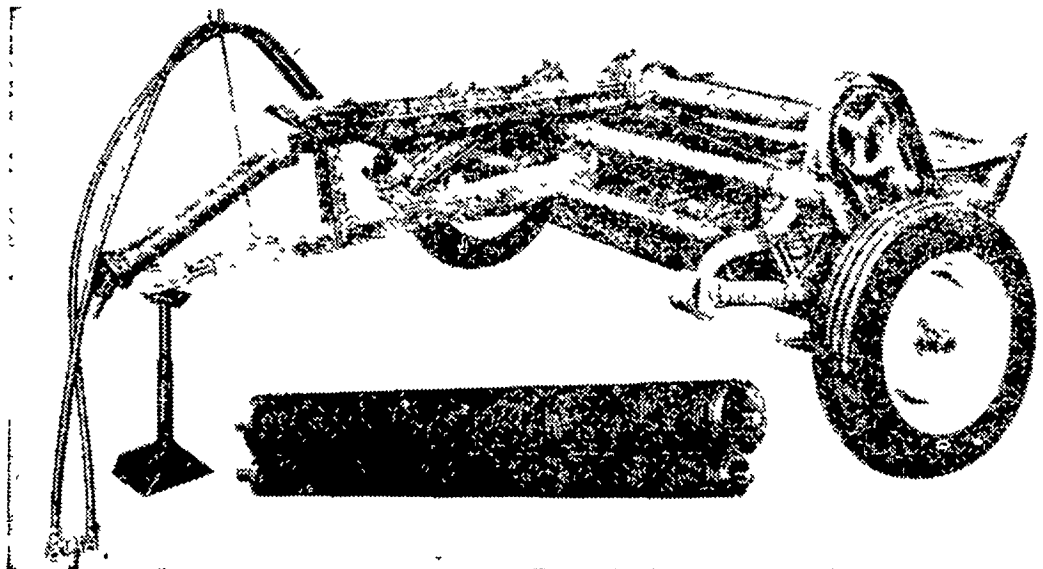


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