

Handle Melons With Care To Avoid Losses

"Handle With Care" should be the motto of every Tar Heel watermelon producer at harvest time this year, according to H. R. Niswonger and H. M. Covinton, horticulture specialists for the State College Extension Service.

Careless handling of melons cost producers a good deal of money which they had to pay out in damage claims last year, the specialists said. Much of the damage was due to the carelessness of pickers, and more to

carelessness in loading and hauling the melons from the field. To help producers avoid similar disastrous losses this year, the horticulturists issued a check list of helpful hints in connection with melons harvesting. Their suggestions follow:

Harvest only melons, and do not pick green or over-ripe melons.

Do not press down on top of melons to determine ripeness. This practice often damages the fruit, bruising the rind and cracking the flesh.

Cut all melons from vines, leaving the stems as long as possible. Do not stand melons on end, since this practice also may bruise them.

Keep the bottom side of the

Cost Of Vacation Joins Bandwagon Of Rising Prices

MINNEAPOLIS (U.P.)—You can't win when it comes to vacations this year.

Take a trip, even a short one—nothing fancy—and it will cost from 20 to 100 per cent more than it did in 1940.

Maybe just stay at home and roast winners in the back yard? Nope. Wieners are nearly three times as expensive as in 1940 and weiners buns are up about 90 per cent.

That cruise from New York to Nassau, Havana and Miami is an example. A little pinching here and there, and the wanderer could scrape up \$120 for the 12-day trip in 1940. Now the same cruise costs \$218.50 minimum, an increase of 82 per cent.

Almost all the trips are the same way with one-third or one-fourth of the increase due to transportation taxes. The rest is just plain old inflation in summer clothes, according to the family economic bureau of North western National Life Insurance Company.

Accessories Soar
It not only takes more dough to get to the vacation grounds, but such things as sports cloths and fishing tackle and tennis rackets have zoomed skyward also.

The only major drop has been in the area of coverage of women swim suits—but the price still increased from 40 to 60 per cent.

Golf clubs have about doubled in price, with 1940's \$8 woods now retailing at \$10 and irons jumping from \$5 to \$10 in the eight years. A steel casting rod that sold for \$11 before the war is \$17 today, with lower-priced rods in about the same proportion.

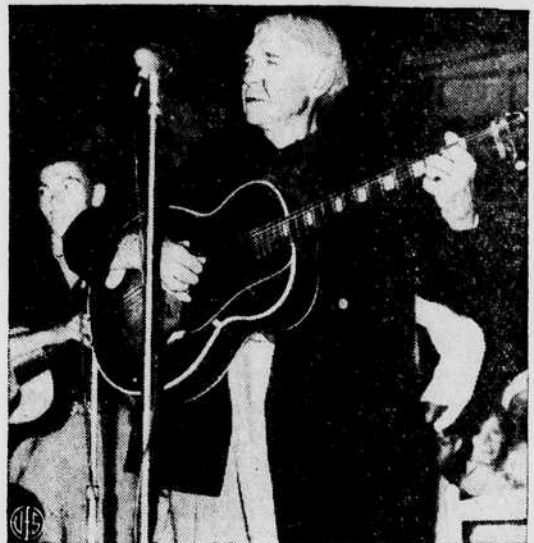
Luggage Expensive
Another place where inflation and taxes grip the traveler is a 100 per cent rise in the cost of luggage. Cameras have about doubled also, although camera film, along with auto tires, are two of the few items which have increases in price only through added taxes.

Senate group warns fuel-oil reserve is low.

melon down when the sun, and do not pile melons in the field. Handle carefully to avoid skin injury to the melons. Do not drop or jar them.

Carry melons to the shade or load them as soon as pick ed. But before loading, inspect truck or wagon for nails or cleat s with sharp corners which may injure the melons.

Finally, do not load melons more than five layers deep in the truck or wagon when hauling to railroad cars.



POET GETS HIS GITTAR—Poet Carl Sandburg joins in the fun as the mountain resort town of Hendersonville, N. C., stages one of its frequent community square dances. Taking over the microphone and strumming his guitar, the noted poet and biographer entertains resting dancers with ditties, from his collection of ballads.

Hollywood News

Betrice Pearson, who was under contract to David Selznick for a year without doing a lick of work, was snapped up by Roberts Productions for "Tucker's People" with John Garfield. Now she has been set by Enterprise for "Deborah," an original story by Dick Collins about a school teacher.

Janet Leigh is a smart girl. While on the set, she makes friends of the working crew. When "Act of Violence" was finished recently, the crew gave Janet a lovely present.

Every time we turn around, another picture is set for Gregory Peck one of the busiest actors in Hollywood. The latest is "A Tale of Two Cities." He'll have a few weeks off when he finishes "Yellow Sky." Then he'll report to MGM for "The Gambler," in which he'll portray Russian Novelist Dostoevski. Next year, Peck will do the Dick's role which Ronald Coleman performed in the Selznick-MGM version in 1935.

Director Vincent Sherman believes he has another Bing Crosby in Gordon MacRae. MacRae is to be starred in "Into the Night," which will also have Ronnie Reagan, Edmond O'Brien, Dane Clark and Eleanor Parker.

Paul Lees, a Marine who was so badly wounded on Guadalcanal that he lost almost all of his vision, is finally getting a break in Hollywood. He will play a prize fighter with Alan Ladd in "One Woman," and Mona Freeman's husband in "The Heiress." Lee's wife reads his lines to him twice and he knows them perfectly.

After working with five men with beards in "Yellow Sky," Anne Batur went home only to find husband John Hodiak growing one for his next picture.

Harry James is planning an independent production, entitled "Downbeat for Two," which will star Buddy Clark and his own song-bird, Marian Morgan.

It always happens in Hollywood! June Allyson, a gorgeous blonde, had to dye her hair black for "Little Women." Elizabeth Taylor, whose a brunette, had a blonde role, but they decided to give her a wig. Wonder why they didn't reverse the parts and let each girl keep her own color of hair?

Esther Williams is really enjoying rehearsing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," with Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. She declares, "This is the part I've been waiting for."

After being in this country for fourteen years, Sabu plans to return to his homeland, India, where he plans to film his own production—a jungle picture to be shot in the wilds north of New Delhi.

We hear that Fred MacMurray and Claudette Colbert will be reteamed in "Genius in the Family," the story of a Pulitzer cultivates a faculty for absent-mindedness. Resulting complications are ridiculous.

Conscription Urged On Australians

CANBERRA (U.P.)—Conscription in Australia to help Britain, the empire and the United States is strongly advocated by Maj. Gen. Clyde F. Steel, engineer-in-chief of the Australian military forces from 1942 to 1946.

"Australia was very lucky in the last war," he said, "in having United States' aid in saving this country, but it would be stupid if we merely relied on having an ally to save us the second time."

Steele added that he hoped an adequate professional army would be made available to share occupation responsibilities throughout Europe.

Conway

Wardell Maddrey left Monday to return to work in Fayetteville.

Mrs. C. W. Vann left Friday to spend two weeks with her father in Wadesboro, N. C.

Mrs. Grady Ricks left Friday for a visit with her parents in McCall, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Long spent Sunday with Mr. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Long, in Murfreesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hoice Cousins and children of Norfolk visited her sister, Mrs. J. W. Collier Sunday.

Miss Ruth Gray of Suffolk returned home Sunday from a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. U. S. Grant.

Miss Hilda Bell of Rich Square visited Mrs. J. W. Collier Saturday.

Mrs. Simon Odum and children and Mrs. Julian Liverman were in Murfreesboro Friday.

East And West Swap Seafood

SEATTLE (U.P.)—What the governor of Maine over a governor of Washington said to seafood dinner last year started the whole thing.

"I'll swap our crabs for your lobsters," offered Gov. Mon C. Wallgren, reaching for the melted butter.

"Agreed!" replied Horace A. Hildreth of Maine.

The first shipment of fat Dungeness crabs has left here from warm Pacific beds for Maine's cool, lobster-ripped shores. A tank full of lobsters will make the return trip by train.

Lobsters in the Pacific are less frequent than sea serpents. And a Dungeness crab wouldn't be caught dead east of Puget Sound—except on ice.

For 50 years, previous administrations to Gov. Wallgren's have tried transplanting lobsters. It's never worked.

The job, once again, was dumped in the laps of each state's department of fisheries. One year's research revealed the swap might work, with air transportation and modern breeding tanks.

"Lobsters should thrive here," said Washington's Milo Moore. "Our inland sea is full of microscopic tid-bits that lobsters love."

The crabs and lobsters will stay for a while in special tanks. Once rehabilitated, the displaced crustaceans will be dunked in the ocean to start producing the makings of many excellent seafood dinners.

Both Reed and Moore figure it'll be about six years before shellfish fanciers of both coasts will be eating lobster or Dungeness crabs at a reasonable price.

Busy Beaver Gets Even For Loss Of Sticks

NEWBURGH, N. Y. (U.P.)—John Orth, director of the Trailside Museum at Bear Mountain, tells a story about a beaver and some boys.

Each night the beaver deposited a pile of sticks on a lake dock near a boys' camp, he relates. Each morning, the boys used the sticks for their camp fires.

That went on for some time, until one morning the boys looked for the expected pile of sticks, only to find their dock floating out in the lake.

The beaver took his revenge by gnawing away the pilings under the dock.

Northampton Will Wage Campaign Against Rats

Jackson—A campaign against rats will begin in Northampton County Tuesday, August 3, when the County Health Department and the Extension Service agents join hands in a rat eradication program. Every community in the county will be visited.

Northampton County Agent P. H. Jameson said that the campaign should be good news to farmers in the county and called on them to join in the warfare. An estimated \$400,000,000 of American grain crop is lost each year through ravages of rats and chickens and livestock are murdered in great numbers, the agent said in his appeal to agriculture men.

The agent said that rat poison would be made available to farmers at central places posted before August 3. Red Squill is the poison his group intends to use. He said it is highly recommended by the Department of Agriculture.

Jameson called the rat public enemy No. 1, and said that a valuable reward of thousands and thousands of dollars in savings would be won if all citizens cooperate in the move. An estimated one hundred and fifty million rats run loose in the United States today, the officer pointed out.

Town Attorney Reappointed

Warrenton—William Jaylor Jr. was reappointed town attorney by the Board of Town Commissioners at a meeting of the board held Friday, July 9.

Jaylor's reappointment is in line with a new ruling which advocates the appointment of town attorneys to serve for two years, the same period that town commissioners are elected.

Taxpayers Get Break On College Buildings

AMHERST, Mass. (U.P.)—The University of Massachusetts, state-owned and operated, will have almost \$3,000,000 worth of new building by 1969, and all for nothing.

The gift will come from the Alumni Building Corporation, a private concern organized by university graduates, which has built or is planning to build \$2,859,600 worth of buildings on the school's 700-acre main campus.

By 1969 the buildings, providing living quarters for students and faculty, will have paid off their original cost and current upkeep by a self-liquidating process and will become the sole property of the state without cost to the taxpayer.

Public works of 120 billion charted for possible job slump.

Hand Out In Church Produces A Handout

MILWAUKEE (U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gallitz were unable to sit together in church, so Mrs. Gallitz sat in an empty place and motioned for her husband to sit behind her.

When the collection began, Mrs. Gallitz found she had no money. She held out her hand, palm up, behind her, and a coin was dropped into it.

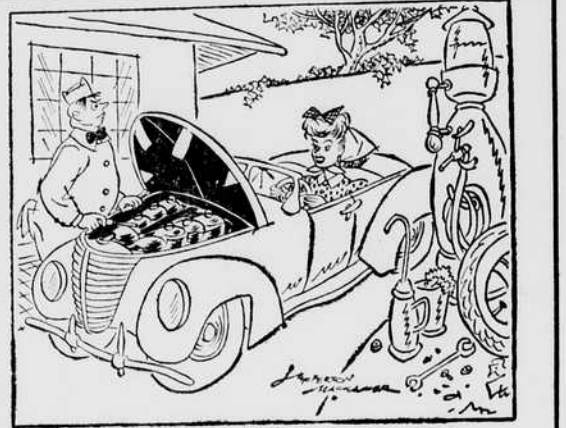
Hard-Earned Bicycle Vanishes With Thief

GREEN BAY, Wis. (U.P.)—Young Wilbur Kuske worked hard and saved his money to get the motor bicycle he wanted.

He took jobs in stores after school and on Saturday. He did a slate of evening chores and ran errands by the dozen. At last he had saved up enough.

But today Wilbur's back doing the same dinky stint, trying to earn reward money. While he was in school his new, hard-won bicycle was stolen.

The Old Harvard Spirit
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (U.P.)—To attend his Harvard class reunion, James J. Pates traveled 13,328 miles from Java.



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