

# 'Simmon Time' Is Coming Soon

By M. E. GARDNER

It will soon be "simmon time" and most of our native persimmons are astringent until fully soft ripe. Even then some of them may be a little "puckery." If you want to pre-ripen some this fall, try this.

Harvest the persimmons, with the caps attached, after they have begun to change color but before they begin to soften.

Place about 10 persimmons in a plastic bag with two ripe apples. Close the bag tightly and hold at room temperature

for about four days. The gas (ethylene) released by the ripe apples will hasten the ripening process and remove practically all of the astringency. The apples may still be used.

This is the same principle employed by super-market warehouses to ripen bananas except that commercial gas is used, along with relatively high temperature and humidity. During the ripening process, the starch in the bananas is converted into sugar.

I might remind you, too, that you should not store apples and Irish potatoes in the same storage compartment as the gas released by the ripe apples will cause premature sprouting of the potatoes.

If you have bunch grapes, which have not been damaged by insect or disease pests, you may wish to bag them for protection until ripe.

A No. 4 manila bag is about the right size. Place the bag over the bunch and close tightly as you can at the top. A heavy pin or a small finishing nail may be used for this purpose. The tighter the better in order to exclude water. In case water does get in the bag, cut a small hole in one corner at the bottom of the bag for drainage. Use scissors for a clean cut.

The rhododendron variety, Brandy Green, a Dexter hybrid, won first prize in its class at the annual show of the New York Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. If you would like to try this variety, see your local nurseryman for a source of plants. If he can not help you, let me know, and I will try to locate a source of supply for you.

# For Women—Mostly

By PAQUITA FINE

If you've already had that trip to the beach or the mountains but wish there were time and money for just one more vacation, why not try a "miniature vacation"? A miniature vacation is one that involves little more than packing a picnic lunch and the kids into the car and taking off for a day at any one of the number of unique places to be found within a 30 to 65 mile radius of Chapel Hill.

Less than an hour's drive, there is the Devil's Tramping Ground near Bear Creek (past Pittsboro) where you can picnic and regale the kids with the spooky tales of why nothing, neither a blade of grass nor a bit of paper, will remain overnight in this strange clearing in the woods. Right across the road is Dowd's Shetland Pony Farm. The kids will be completely fascinated by the hundreds of "baby" ponies, no larger than dogs, that come in to the feeding stations. For the more adventurous, there is a pony riding ring for the small fry, and horses and a bridle for the older generation. There is also a rustic store with clay floors which caters to the needs of the horse-and-saddle trade.

If it's the middle of the week when the "something-to-do" urge hits you, take off for the Fine Arts Center on the State College campus and turn the kids loose at nearby Pullen Park. While you're busy making some beautiful ceramic creations (no charge except for materials), the children can race all over the park with time-out for hobby horse and miniature-train rides. Since you will have to wait an hour or so for your ceramic figurine or vase to "set" in its mold, join the children for a picnic lunch under the shade of one of the big park trees. Later, spread a newspaper on the table, present the children with a handful or so of plastic clay from the art center, and give their creative instincts free rein. They'll love the idea, especially if you had the foresight earlier to "pour" them a few turtles, butterflies and flowers to decorate their amateur attempts.

Actually, this "miniature vacation" to Raleigh will probably turn into several trips before school opens: there's the museum downtown with its giant whale skeleton, shrunken Indian heads and live snakes. If this holds no particular appeal for you, there are exhibits of colonial life, Indian villages, Civil War

relics, ante-bellum carriages and dressed wax figures, and the engine of one of the earliest trains. Both you and the children will want to spend hours here just soaking up the "feel" and the history of another era.

At Umstead Park, located between Durham and Raleigh, are picnic areas under towering pine trees. The underbrush has been cleared out and the floor of the woods is covered with a smooth carpet of pine needles. There are cook-out stoves, picnic tables, water fountains, shelters, and clearings for impromptu ball games. A path leads down to the lake where you can rent a rowboat.

At Kerr Lake (Bugs Island), which is about 65 miles from here, one can go swimming, fishing, boating or water skiing. One section at the lake, owned by the University has a roped-off swimming area, a boat ramp, picnic tables and sheltered cook-outs. A trip to South Building and a dollar deposit for a key to the gate will get you in.

Despite the fact that many Chapel Hillians have lived for years near the giant tobacco factories in Durham, it's surprising how few have visited them. Guided tours are held 8-11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you'd like to make a day of it while you're in Durham, check with Bill Allsbrook at Duke Station about one of the Monday-through-Friday tours of the Duke campus.

Taking off in another direction, head for Winston-Salem and a visit to the world-famous Moravian cemetery and recently restored Old Salem. Better dig out your encyclopedia first and bone up on the history of the Moravians so you'll know what you're seeing and can answer the kids' million-and-one questions.

Only a hop, skip, and a jump from Chapel Hill is historic Hillsboro, the County seat. See the sights there and then give the kids a treat and swim at Holiday Park. There are picnic tables too, so don't forget to prepare a lunch.

Last but not least is Chapel

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# Appointed To Commission

Governor Terry Sanford tomorrow will appoint 29 persons to the Historic Hillsborough Commission, which was authorized by the 1963 General Assembly for acquisition, restoration and preservation of historic sites in the one-time capital of North Carolina.

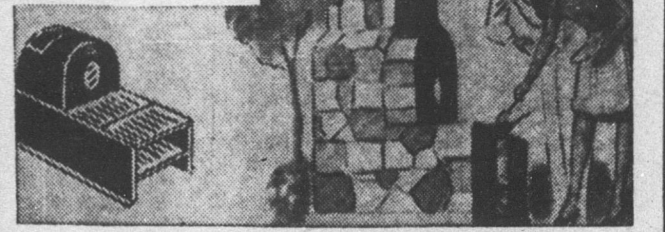
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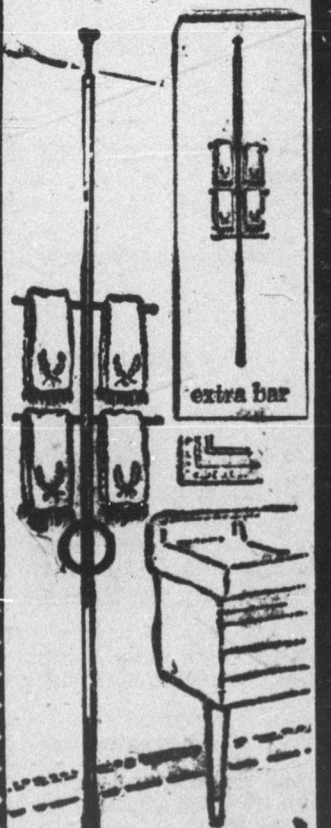
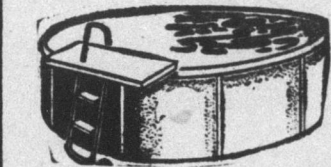
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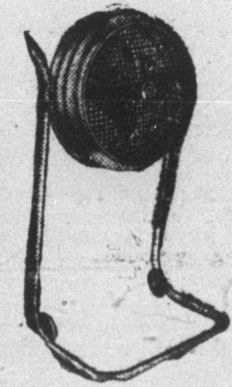
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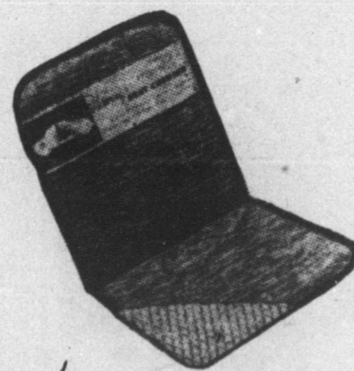
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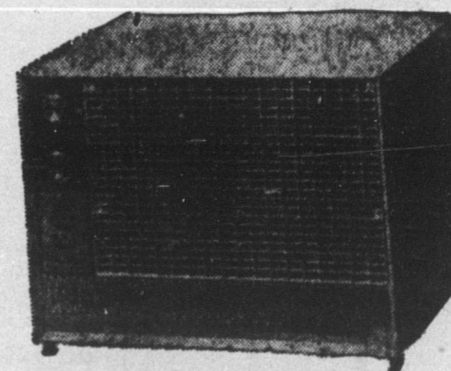
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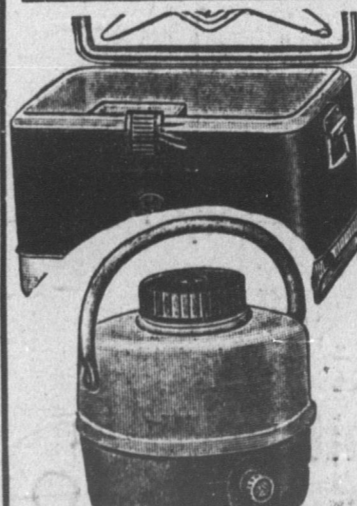
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