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Running Up The Cost

By packaging fresh corn on the cob in a neat cellophane pack of six instead of marketing the corn in husks, growers in some markets have received a price double the market value.

The neat and sanitary packaging of food for market has increased sales, no doubt, but there is a decided trend toward an extreme in that direction. When consumers complain about high food prices and producers complain about low prices, it is about time to do something in the middle. If the consumer can pay double for corn wrapped in cellophane, well and good, but too often the consumer is not able to double his expenditures and when the old style of marketing is discarded the consumer turns to other foods without the fancy wrappings.

It has been estimated in some quarters that fancy wrappings and super packaging have increased food prices in some instances as much as thirteen to fifteen per cent. And a bad feature about it all, the producer ordinarily is called upon to bear a greater portion of the packaging cost. Some say the cost is added to the retail price, but when the producer is selling a product for less than cost of production, it would appear that he is paying all the freight.

Housewives, while appreciating the bright and enticing wrappers on various food packages, will do well to forget about the beauties and center her attention on a plainly marked grade.

The history of liberty is a history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it.—Woodrow Wilson.

Dealing With Pirates

Christian Science Monitor.

The relatively calm response of American opinion to news of the brush between the Destroyer Greer and a submarine en route to Iceland adds to the evidence that there may be some shooting at sea without America declaring war. Yet the public undoubtedly supports the occupation of Iceland and the action of the Greer in answering a torpedo attack with depth bombs. Indeed, many Americans would like to see their warships relieved of the command to shoot only when attacked, possibly ambushed.

For Nazi submarines and surface raiders are nothing more than pirates. They have no shred of legal or moral right to range the seas, lying in wait for neutral and merchant ships, leaving women and children to drift for days in mid-ocean, as did the people of the Robin Moor, or subjecting civilian neutrals to gunfire without identifying their ship, as in the case of the Zamzam.

On the meager information now available it is possible to believe that the assailant of the Greer mistook her for a British destroyer. Ordinarily the American ship would be easily distinguished by her four funnels close together, but since the fifty destroyers traded to Britain are also of that type the U-boat commander may have had only the flag to go by. Yet he must have known American ships are carrying mail and supplies to Iceland and that his target might be American. This makes it probable that the attack was deliberate, and the fact that the torpedoes went wild may mean that they were meant to hit not the ship, but American opinion.

Of course any such purpose will be unsuccessful. The American people recognize the necessity of maintaining British-American control of the seas. Even those who are opposed to sending troops to land on the European Continent recognize the value of keeping the Nazis away from approaches to the Western Hemisphere. And most Americans support the President's policy of furnishing supplies to those who are holding back the Hitler war machine. They prefer to send materials rather than men to hold back Hitler. They see the effective supplying of Britain and Russia as the best hope of ending the war and keeping America out.

Many other Americans are convinced that the struggle in the world today is one in which the ideals and interests of America are vitally concerned. They believe that the American case against Hitlerism stands on its own feet and might be even clearer if Britain were not in the picture. They feel that the United States must help to hold crime in check in the world community and that it fortunately has today aid from Britain, China and Russia. They would like their country by feasible action to take advantage of that present help. They would welcome more active measures against Nazi pirates.

It is necessary to the happiness of man that he be mentally faithful to himself.

ANOTHER TENTACLE



Thanks Red Cross



Official representative of the British Red Cross, Lady Mountbatten is shown as she visited American Red Cross headquarters in Washington to express her thanks to Norman H. Davis, U. S. chairman, for the war relief supplies being sent to Britain. Her husband, Lord Louis Mountbatten, is in the U. S. to assume command of the British aircraft carrier *Illustrious*, which is now undergoing repairs.

Staple Farmers Get New Test Service

North Carolina cotton growers are getting "another good break" in the U. S. Department of Agriculture's cotton testing service, designed to improve the quality of southern cotton, says Tom Cornwell, Cleveland County cotton farmer and member of the state AAA committee.

The Cotton Service Testing Act, passed by the 77th Congress last April, provides that the department shall begin immediately a program of testing the various qualities of fibers and yarns submitted by farmer-growers and breeders of cotton. Fees for the tests, which will be conducted at Clemson College, S. C., Texas A and M, and in Washington, D. C., will range from 20 cents per sample for fiber length analysis to

\$40 for a complete fiber-yarn spinning test of material submitted.

The service is scheduled to begin immediately but necessary preparations for the new work may cause some delay in full-schedule operations, Mr. Cornwell says.

In the past cotton breeders have had little or no information of a technical nature relating to the quality of the cottons they have developed. Years of commercial use have been required in the past to show definitely whether the cottons had qualities asked for by manufacturers.

The new testing service will be set up to give growers and breeders the desired information quickly through the use of small samples of lint. The service also is expected to be open to cotton mills for testing yarns in the future. Several mills already have asked permission to submit cotton samples, the AAA committee adds.

Market For Cord Wood Is Expected To Be Very Good

With the rising price of coal and fuel oil, the market for cord wood in Durham County is expected to be unusually good this year, says James L. Huff, assistant farm agent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Woolard spent the week-end in Greenville.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon the undersigned Trustee in that certain deed of trust bearing date June 16, 1939, executed to the undersigned Trustee by James Henry Roberson, and recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book X-3, at page 266, default having been made in the payment of the debt for which said deed of trust was given as security, and at the request of the holder of said note and deed of trust, the undersigned Trustee will on the 6th day of October, 1941, at twelve (12) o'clock Noon, at the Courthouse door of Martin County, at Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

"A certain parcel or tract or lot of land lying and being in Martin County, State of North Carolina, and defined and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at Wheeler Rice's corner, and running down a lane about 51 feet to Thom. Nichols' corner; thence a line perpendicular to

the lane about 105 feet; thence a line parallel with the lane about 68 feet; thence a line about perpendicular with the lane about 105 feet to the beginning. Some being a house and lot located in the town of Williamston, North Carolina."

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Hugh G. Horton, Atty.

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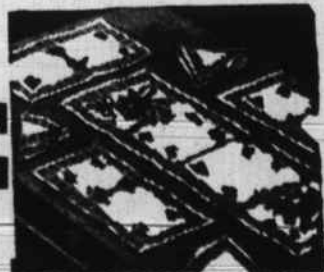
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