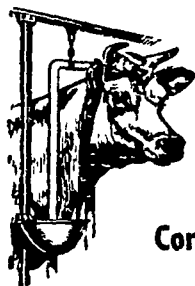


Bamboo Raft
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there is, even among the native

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raftsmen, for he poles the raft the seven miles downstream (and it's tough work at times), but re- and the best rafting trip of all They too stressed that the Titch- field was not open for business

One, however, said he would lead us up the street by bicycle to the boarding house Its appeal was lacking. A little urding and he took us on to the Titchfield, closed in part for renovation, but accommodations were available.

After a good breakfast the next morning, the Titchfield sent along a driver as we took off for the Rio Grande, wandering up turns by bicycle, while a sub- sidiary agent poles the raft back upstream for perhaps a 10 per cent commission — an hour and 45 minutes downstream, four hours back against the current, pulling, pushing, poling

It's a silent world as you are poled out to midstream, or guided close to the banks Some rocks probe above the water, others may lie 35 feet below the sur- face Your raftsmen know the river like a book, its currents, its rapids, its shoals, channels, deep spots and sandbars

Green bamboo soared from a setting of banana trees and palm and sugar cane Occasionally a

Economists Say Farm Income May Shrink

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more laying flocks are brought into production

With federal and state price de- termination in this area, the dairyman can expect about the same returns for milk in 1958 as in 1957, the economists said. How- ever a new support price for fluid milk is due to be established soon by the U. S. Department of Agr- iculture. The present rate is \$3.25 a hundred weight

Record feed supplies coupled with an expected heavy spring farrowing are likely to drop hog

native youngster in birthday suit held out his palm when he saw your camera rise Farmers wash- ed a horse along shore, others fished, a dugout crossed the river a short ways ahead.

Soon the dock hove into view — the trip was over, several rapids had been navigated with only a minor splash. There await- ed the Prefect and hotel driver This was the caravan that parad- ed through sugar can field and banana plantation to the turnoff west — where the hotel driver debarked to catch a bus back to Port Antonio Not far behind was the raft poleman, bouncing back by bike

Keystone State Maintains Lead In Christmas Tree Production

Pennsylvania's national leader- ship in the production of planta-

tion-grown Christmas trees should pay off for tree buyers this sea- son, according to the State Depart- ment of Agriculture.

More than 60 million trees of all sizes and species presently are growing on over 2,000 Christ- mas tree plantations in the Key- stone State, the Department esti- mated Monday.

Approximately three million trees have been harvested from the groves for sale during the current Christmas season. They differ from wild or naturally seed- ed forest trees in that they are planted and grown in open fields with sufficient space between trees to provide for an even growth and well-rounded shape, nurserymen and experienced Christmas tree growers say.

The successful growing of Christmas trees requires skill, training and patience, plus con- siderable work in planting, care, and annual trimming, according to the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Assn.

Pennsylvania plantation - pro- duced Christmas trees this year are of high quality and should be available to consumers at favor- able prices, the Department said.

prices considerably, they said The spring pig crop is now ex- pected to be seven per cent great- er than last year which will set up nearly the same conditions that caused the big pork price slump in 1955.

A voluntary pig crop reduction by producers could avert part of the price drop, but this is not ex- pected to happen.

For the beef producer, the pic- ture is somewhat brighter. Al- though there are now some 96 million head of cattle in the na- tion, many of these animals will be held as Western ranchers re- build their depleted herds. Heavy feed supplies will also tend to keep many of these animals on the farm longer than normal.

Johnson, Birth and Kelley also brought out the agricultural para- dox of today—farmers must in- tensify their operation in order to keep their net income the same while all the government control programs are aimed in reducing production

As a matter of fact, increasing production from each animal and land unit is the only suggestion offered for the farmer who wishes to increase his income next year

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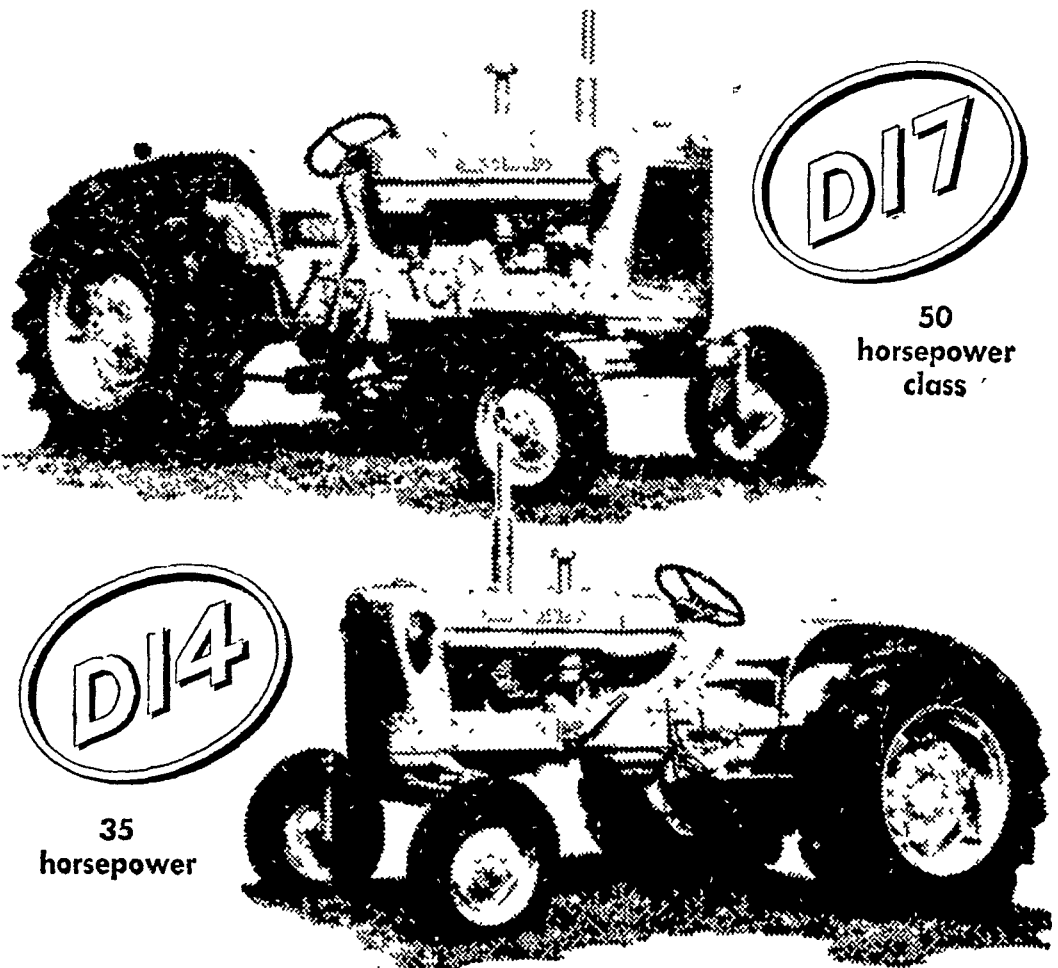
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