

News of Servicemen



Good Clothing Care Is Advised

"Good clothing care can be as easy as saying your ABC's," according to Mary Em Lee, State College extension specialist in clothing.

Good clothing care merely implies the kind of simple care that everyone can easily put into practice at home.

Air your clothes frequently and properly. Moths and other pests hate fresh air—so air makes a good preventative. Airing also relaxes fabrics and banishes ordinary wrinkles and creases. Clean clothes also give longer service since moths rarely attack clean garments.

Quick and direct attention is needed for clothes that get wet, and that's a good point to bear in mind this time of the year. Miss Lee cautions against draping a damp coat or dress over a radiator or hanging it in front of a fire. The fabric will buckle and actually get out of shape if you do. Instead, keep it in a cool dry place and away from other clothes. When dry, brush the fabric with the nap, not against it.

It will be to your advantage to have a knowledge of spot and stain removal. Know the stain or spot and follow directions for its removal. Fresh stains are much more easily removed than old ones. Avoid application of heat on any spot—the heat may set it. The way you put on and take off your clothes can prolong their life. Don't struggle and push yourself into suits and coats. You will strain the seams and stretch the fabrics. After each wearing, a suit or coat needs a brisk brushing. If dust and dirt is allowed to remain, the fabrics will be damaged and the finish will become dull.

WORLD WAR I VETS DIVIDEND

The Veterans Administration has announced it would pay a regular dividend of \$21,000,000 next year on 375,000 Government life insurance policies held by World War I veterans. The payment will go to those with permanent plan policies. About 24,000 World War I veterans, who have term insurance, will not share in the payment.

RESTS IN JAPAN

Hakata, Japan — Army Pfc. Ted M. Barnett, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Izard Barnett, Boone, recently spent a seven-day rest and recuperation leave in Hakata, Japan.

ABOAR DESTROYER

Norfolk, Va. — Three Atlantic Fleet destroyers are scheduled to return here from the Mediterranean. Abroad the USS Owen is Henry C. Beshears, pipefitter fireman, USN, of Route 3, Boone. The ships have been training this winter as part of a Navy hunter-killer attack unit attached to the Sixth Fleet. Hunter-killer groups are composed of destroyers and a light aircraft carrier. Their mission is to hunt and destroy enemy submarines.

Farm Notes

The index of prices received by United States farmers declined two points, or eight-tenths of one per cent, during the month ended March 15, 1954. Total United States acreage planted to feed grains in 1954 will be above 1953 and the 1948-52 average if farmers carry out their March 1 intentions. As of January 8, 1954, the Commodity Credit Corporation had outstanding loans on 5,739,512 bales of 1953-crop cotton. The all farm products index of prices received by North Carolina farmers at local markets decreased two points (less than 1 per cent) during the month ended March 15, 1954. The U. S. and Bonn Governments aid Berlin industry. Indications point to a total United States corn planting of 81,037,000 acres, 0.4 per cent less than the 1953 acreage. Prices received by North Carolina farmers increased less than 1 per cent during the month ended February 15. With the smallest United States fats and oils output since 1949 in prospect, soybean prices have risen to support level. Ten and one-half quarts of rich milk are needed to provide the four pints of rich cream necessary to make one pound of butter.

Household Hints For Homemakers

PRACTICE RELAXING—Twisting your handkerchief, a lock of hair or other personal articles indicates self-consciousness, nervousness. This self-conscious habit can be overcome without too much trouble if one will exercise a little will power. Practice constantly letting the hands lie relaxed and really be relaxed. One must develop a feeling of muscular control and poise. It makes other people around you have the "hebe jebies" to see someone twisting, pulling, or fidgeting with some article of clothing, fussing with hair, face, or clothing accessories. These are indications of emotional insecurity.

Make the habit of letting the hands lie relaxed in your lap, on the arm of a chair or desk, or wherever you sit down.

ORANGES — BUYING DO'S FOR BEST VALUES—Choose fine fruit, heavy for its size, skin should be smooth, waxy, and thin. There are different kinds of oranges—juice oranges, Valencia and Navel. The Navel orange is perfect for sectioning, slicing, and eating out of the hand (perhaps a bit higher in price). They are seedless. Valencias are excellent for juice and sectioning. Juice oranges often come in bags. Sometimes color has been sprayed on their bright skin. The coloring does not change the flavor or eating quality. The coloring is a harmless vegetable coloring that makes the fruit colorful and bright. In an eight pound bag of large oranges (10 to 14 oranges) you could expect to get about eight, eight-oz. glasses of juice. In a five pound bag of oranges (six to nine large oranges) you get about five glasses. Be a good consumer buyer.

Home Safety Hints for Youngest Age Group—The normal, average child of pre-school age, is an active, vigorous bundle of untiring curiosity, wanting to touch and handle everything within reach, and trying to put everything small enough into his mouth. During this period of development, matches, cigarettes, marbles, pins, money and similar objects should be out of his reach. Store detergents, poisons, cleaning fluids should also be out of his reach. Never leave a young child alone in the house; teach him as soon as he can to understand the dangers of playing with fire.

The Oldest Age Group Needs Protection Too—Their protection should be unobtrusive, thoughtful, loving consideration. If living by themselves, they must learn to ease up, slow up, and plan their environment—furnishings, household equipment, gardening supplies—to be free of hazards. Falls and burns are the major types of accidents for the older person, so: (1) Form the habit of holding onto the rail when going up and down stairs. (2) Turn on the light before moving around, if a room is dark; a small night light at head of stairs and in the hall would greatly help in avoiding falls. (3) Never smoke in bed or when lying down.

About Your Home

Walls, windows and floors are the background for your decorating. They are as important as furniture, perhaps more important. Walls and windows create the type atmosphere you want. Their height, stateliness and formality, or quaintness and informality set the theme of a room.

Smaller houses and smaller rooms demand that we make our walls work for us by holding the added conveniences of built-in furniture, shallow closets, drop leaf desks and the like. Scenic wallpapers, or those in scenic effect are among the most beautiful and formal of wall decorations. They were used first to replace mural decoration and have gradually become a definite type.

Floral wallpapers in delicate colors are lively in bedrooms. The light, airy prints are particularly lovely for a young girl's room. Painted walls of a solid color in varying tones from light to putty, cream, rose and blue are used as backgrounds. Figured rugs and draperies give pattern to this room. Paneling is popular in an informal room and even for modern

kitchens. Jacobean paneling of oak or mahogany is beautiful for the more formal homes. In such rooms draperies may be a rich damask in yellow or red or a hand-blocked Jacobean figure. Oriental rugs and needlepoint coverings for furniture will complete a picture of elegance. Mexican-U. S. Trade Fair will open in October.

FREE HEAD FROM FURNACE—Flint, Mich.—Mrs. Marie Wilson, 51-year-old housewife, put her head in her coal-burning furnace to try to retrieve a baffle plate (gas collector) which had fallen from the back of the furnace interior. A second plate fell on her head, pinning her down. About 40 minutes later, she managed to free herself. She was taken to a hospital for treatment for face and arm burns and a bruise on her head.

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Democratic County Convention
The Democrats of Watauga County are asked to meet in convention at the courthouse in Boone Saturday, May 15, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of perfecting a county organization, naming delegates to the State convention in Raleigh on May 20, and transacting such other business as may be pertinent.
Chairmen of the various townships are notified that precinct meetings are to be held Saturday, May 8, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of setting up the precinct organizations and electing delegates to the County Convention.
A full attendance is urged at these meetings.
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