

In These United States

Bought Alabama Farm in '39; Has Mortgage All Paid off Now

FLORENCE, ALA.—They all said Louis Olive could never get out of debt if he bought that old 120-acre farm in the Fairview community. But he bought it anyway, back in 1939, and the mortgage is now paid off!

Mrs. Mabel Anderson, associate farm security administration supervisor, recently told Mr. Olive's story in an article published by the Florence Herald. She wrote:

"In July, 1939, Mr. Olive filed an application with the FSA for a loan to purchase a farm, a farm that had been under mortgage for the past 43 years. A loan of \$4,000 for purchase of the land and construction of a house and other buildings was granted."

"The year before the purchase, only 22 acres were in cultivation, 7 in cotton and 15 in corn, but during the first year of Mr. Olive's ownership he terraced the farm, planted 13 acres in soil building crops, cleared a good portion of the land to get in a fairly good crop and put out a nice orchard. The plan called for a "live at home" program and this was followed always with a surplus produced for market."

"This year, when food has been a problem, the Olives have 1,450 pounds of meat, 500 quarts of canned fruit and vegetables, 200 bushels of potatoes, 10 bushels of sweet potatoes, 1 bushel of dried fruit and plenty of milk and eggs. Besides food for home use they have 600 bushels of corn, 17 tons of hay, hogs for another year, 4 cows, 5 heifers, 150 leghorn hens and 3 head of work stock."

"Plans have been made for another year by planting 4 acres in clover and rye, 10 acres of vetch, and 8 acres of hay, according to soil conservation plans."

"Howard Olive, the oldest son, has studied vocational agriculture at Central high school and with the aid of his teacher has landscaped the home and is maintaining the grounds as part of his school program."



VET BUYS FARM . . . John Dunn, World War II veteran, is now the owner of an 88-acre dairy farm near Manchester, Md. His purchase was made through the aid of the Farm Security Administration. Above, he is shown looking over his acres.

"Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES

FLY DURING VACATION
Cliff and Mary Rowland and John and Marion Lawson, two Bronxville, N. Y., married couples, wanted to learn to fly, so they took lessons during their two weeks' vacation. During that time all four of them soloed, and all declared it was the finest vacation they'd ever had. You can guess what they'll do this year when vacation time rolls around.

Name Your Price And You Can Buy Alien Properties

By **WALTER A. SHEAD**
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WASHINGTON.—James E. Markham, alien property custodian, has a job for the government which is probably one of the most varied in the world. . . he sells patent licenses . . . he operates farms, forests, camps, apartment houses . . . he operates a 69-million-dollar film company . . . he is a detective, corporation operator, wine dealer, rent collector, custodian, collector of royalties, diplomat, and has taken over household possessions and personal property of aliens in the U. S.

How about buying a farm? Just name a price in a sealed bid. These farms are scattered all over the country. The custodian has over 46,000 acres of rural lands. Included



CUSTODIAN . . . James E. Markham operates farms, forests, camps and apartment houses, all because he is alien property custodian.

In these tracts are 24,800 acres of agricultural land valued at \$475,000; 460 acres of extractive and oil lands valued at \$111,000; 14,070 acres of wooded lands at \$88,000 and unimproved land, 6,290 acres, valued at \$12,000.

There is some concentration of these lands along the Pacific coast and the middle Atlantic states. For instance, 70 parcels are in California, 33 in Texas, 61 in Missouri, 24 in Ohio, 33 in Pennsylvania and 75 in New York state.

The alien property custodian has vested rights to total real estate holdings in this country, including both rural and urban, valued at \$3,622,000. The custodian employs real estate brokers to collect rents, which at the end of the last fiscal year totaled \$174,000. He is disposing of the property as expeditiously as work of preparing for sale can be completed and purchasers found.

The custodian recently sold real estate owned by the German-American Bund, consisting of several parcels of real estate comprising some 200 acres, for a boys' camp.

Woman's World Boost Blouse Supply By Making New Ones from Old Dresses

By **Ertha Haley**

Black Wool Crepe

NO WOMAN ever has enough blouses, the most economical item in the wardrobe. If you have a skirt with a choice of two, three or even four blouses, you can always be sure of going about well dressed without giving the impression that you are always wearing the same clothes or operating on a limited wardrobe.

Most blouses require two yards or less of material, and they may be made from all sorts of material. In fact, the sky is the limit as far as fabrics for blouses are concerned. Many a woman with outmoded dresses or evening gowns can put together several blouses and give the impression of a brand new wardrobe.

Taffeta evening gowns make particularly attractive blouses. Since taffeta blouses are now popular, those outmoded gowns should now be taken out, overhauled, cut and made into something as usable and pretty as a blouse to give you an alternate for that new spring suit.

Any style may be chosen for taffeta blouses as seen in draped and tailored styles. They are cool and feel well under a wool suit. They are dressy enough even when you remove the jacket to your suit.

Fitting is as important in a blouse as in a well-tailored suit. Take a look at some of the handsome, expensive blouses in the stores and you will see what I mean. Notice that there are at least four tucks at the waist of the blouse, two on each side in both back and in front. In some styles you will find even more tucks to give that "nipped" at the waist look, and prevent too much fullness under the skirt.

Details are Important In Making Blouse

Another important detail which we are beginning to see more often in blouses is the deep dart right underneath the arm. This is used to get away from the flat-looking bust



A smart black wool crepe dress with a matching hood is modeled by Martha Vickers, now appearing in Warner Brothers' "The Big Sleep." The hand-crocheted peplum is of black chenille.

giving good lines to the blouse. The more expensive pads seem to cup the shoulder rather than pad it, and they are not so heavy as the stuffed ones. They may be used in several blouses.

Another type of pad now being made is attached to a net vest. This is designed to be worn underneath the blouse, and of course, it eliminates sewing pads in each blouse.

Still another solution to the pad problem is to use the taffeta itself. The pads, which need not be stuffed, since the material is stiff, will also match the blouse perfectly.

If you are fond of cuffs on the blouse, taffeta makes beautiful pleated cuffs. The pleats should be placed evenly and pressed and basted in place before sewing. Pay particular attention to the line or print of the material. Piping may also be used if you are fortunate in finding some that matches or contrasts perfectly with the material you have on hand.

If you are making long sleeves on the blouse, you will want at least two darts at the elbow to allow for freedom of movement. Sometimes patterns will call for only one dart, but it has been found best to make two small rather than one deep dart. The finished garment will also look much better.

It is always wise in making darts of this type to come to a sharp point. You can best guide your sewing if you will baste first. Always tie the threads on the inside—and do tie them firmly so that the dart does not come open later. It's much easier to sew them right the first time than to try to repair them later when they are sewed on the garment and you no longer have a flat working surface.

Home Sewing Hints

Just a word about patterns for those of you who do a lot of home sewing. If the tape measure around the bust reads 42, please buy a pattern in that size, not in a 38. The size of the individual is much better concealed in a correctly fitted garment, than one which is too small.

If the pattern must be altered, it is much easier to alter one that is too large simply by taking tucks in the pattern. If too small, the pattern must be slit, and this is much more difficult to do than taking in tucks.

Avoid over-sewing if you want the garment to look nice. Use the type of finished edge most suitable to your material and make this as neat as possible.

Good table space, good light and a place for the ironing board are among the essentials needed for home sewing. If it is not possible to have a sewing room, have all these items conveniently on hand when you do sew.



If you have a taffeta evening gown . . .

and to give more attractive, fitted lines to the garment. Even if the pattern which you happen to be using does not show these darts, fit them into the garment after the shoulder seams are sewed and you are ready to fit these side seams. Then baste them in, press, and try on. You will see how much they do for the figure.

Darts are used plentifully on the blouse, as are gathers. In making the blouse, gather at the shoulders first, using very tiny stitches so that the gathering will be even. If the blouse has a yoke and an action back, make sure that the blouse is gathered, as at the shoulders, and basted carefully in place before sewing.

Another detail which is important in the blouse is the shoulders. A tiny basting stitch is run around the upper part of the sleeve, and this is used for making the small gathers which enable you to ease in



Make a crisp blouse.

the sleeve when you are ready to stitch it into place on the blouse. Most of the fullness is allowed on the top of the shoulders and the back. Make sure that no gathers are allowed underneath the arm, as this will make the blouse uncomfortable to wear.

Many types of shoulder pads are now available which will also aid in

Spring Fashion Notes

Gray is a most popular color for summer wear. Gray chambray trimmed with white eyelet is exceedingly popular.

Delightful cotton eyelet is perfect for cool, short, street-length dresses. These can be dressy and sophisticated and need not look as though they were borrowed from daughter.

Scarf prints are worked into the bodice or scarf treatments in ingenious ways that bespeak a decided play of imagination. They are worn around the head like a little draped turban. Hoods are the plaything of designers who are creating scarflike affairs to wear in connection with new spring dresses.

SEWING CIRCLE PATTERNS
Gay, Scalloped Two-Piece Frock
Cool Shirtwaister for Summer



New Columbia Sheep—Made-to-Order Breed

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The need for a breed of sheep that would produce both wool and meat efficiently resulted in work being undertaken by the USDA about 1912 to find such a breed.

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The breed has been developed to such a point that it has its own registry organization, the Columbia Sheep Breeders' association. It is primarily a range sheep but is being used to a moderate extent in farming areas.

Columbia sheep are free from wool-blindness and skinfolds. The body is long, but is symmetrically proportioned with a good balance between width and depth. In 12



An Idaho Columbia ram showing the desirable characteristics of this newer breed.

months a typical Columbia ewe grows a fleece weighing about 12 pounds, which contains approximately 50 per cent clean wool about 3 1/2 inches long.

New Corn Ear Worm Control Recommended

A new contact insecticide has recently been developed for the control of corn ear worm on sweet corn and hybrid seed corn, as a substitute for pyrethrum.

The spray is a liquid solution of styrena dibromide in a mineral oil and is applied to the corn silks as soon as their ends appear brown. It is necessary to treat more than once as all ears do not show brown at the same time. The spray is applied with a hand applicator which measures a 20 drop dosage from a half pint container.

Feather Fabric Will Add to Farm Income



The washed, stretched and dried fibers are wound on spools.

America's poultry industry can produce 35 million men's suits annually. A new feather fabric that looks like wool but is warmer, softer and lighter, has been developed by USDA specialists.

Feather protein is converted into fiber by treating the feathers with a reducing agent and a special type of wetting agent, or detergent, in water solution, then forcing the resulting spinning solution, or "dope," through the tiny holes of a spinnerette into an acid-and-salt solution that sets the streams of dope into fibers. The fibers are then stretched and dried and treated to remove the detergent so that the regenerated protein is left in true fiber form.

It is not expected that feather fabrics, due to small volume available, will ever prove a serious economic threat to cotton or wool, nevertheless feathers do offer additional revenue for the poultryman, and will compete more with higher priced fabrics.

Cultivation Increases Bermuda Grass Yields

Oklahoma experiments have proved that disking the grass sod of bermuda lightly every other year will cause an increase in yield of about 26 per cent. The tests were made on a thin or poor stand of grass.

It was found that bermuda would respond to heavier disking than the common native grass. Tillage seemed to prevent the grasses from dying in the center of the clumps.



Gay Two-Piece

A **GAY** and delightful two-piece dress to give your wardrobe a lift. Scallops make a striking finish for the jacket, the gently flared peplum tends to minimize your waist. Grand for year-round wear in almost any fabric.

Pattern No. 8855 is for sizes 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20. Size 14, short sleeves, 4 1/2 yards of 36-inch material.

Smart Shirtwaister
HERE'S a frock you'll just about live in all summer—the smart and versatile shirtwaister. Dropped shoulders are cool and comfortable, the graceful gored skirt fits to perfection. Try it in a brightly striped fabric, with the stripes contrasting in yoke and sleeves.

Pattern No. 1358 comes in sizes 14, 16, 18, 20; 40, 42, 44 and 46. Size 16 requires 3 1/2 yards of 36-inch material.

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