

Cotton Keeping Flies From House

Raleigh.—As its single contribution to the health of the Nation, and with a profound bow to good neighbor Virginia, State News Bureau here presents, in full, the following story from the Hamlet, N. C., News-Messenger, C. A. Martin editor and publisher:

"Mrs. John Raby of Hamlet has just returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Russell Pri-vett, at Norfolk, and with her she has brought stories of a novel method being used by Virginia housewives to rid their homes of flies.

"Around Norfolk and Richmond they are using, believe it or not, wads of plain cotton to turn the trick. No, they don't catch the flies and smother them with the lint—they simply fasten the cotton on their door screens and that does the trick.

"Mrs. Raby reports that the method is effective. She says that cotton wads can be seen

on almost every front door in Norfolk.

"According to a story by Sara Reeves in the Virginia-Pilot, it all started in Norfolk after Mrs. Jack Caleo got the tip while visiting relatives in Richmond. It seems that housewives there have found cotton on their screens an effective weapon against flies.

"When Mrs. Caleo returned home, she tried the remedy and it worked for her. Neighbors who had scoffed at the idea also tried it and found it effective.

"I simply haven't seen a fly on the screen since I put that cotton up," Mrs. Caleo said.

"On other cloudy days like yesterday," she explained, "flies would hover on the back screen ready to pounce in three or four at a time when the door was opened. But not yesterday."

"The cotton miraculously seemed to change all that. The flies stayed away. Occasionally the bolder ones would fly over to see if the cotton were still there, and would then retreat. While they might pause on the side of the house, none stopped to rest on the door.

"How or why a hunk of plain absorbent cotton 'about the size of the palm of a hand'—with no chemicals on it—would drive away flies when pinned to a screen door, no one seems to have figured out.

"Housewives in Richmond were throwing away their spray guns as fast as they pined on the wads of cotton," Mrs. Caleo said. "But I wasn't quite that sure until I found out for myself that the scheme really works. I don't know why, but it must work every time."

"Mrs. Caleo said that the cotton can be placed anywhere on the screen and fastened by a safety pin, hair pin, bobby pin, or anything that will hold it on.

"The day after the first story about the cotton wad fly remedy appeared in the Virginia-Pilot at Norfolk, Dr. John Huff, head of the Norfolk City Health Department, said that he had tried the stunt and found it effective.

"A second article by Miss Reeves said that the cotton story also had turned up home methods guaranteed to get rid of water bugs, roaches and fleas.

"Oyster shells placed under the sink were reported as a sure cure for water bugs and roaches. And fleas are supposed to meet their downfall when they go after a small hunk of raw meat placed in middle of fly paper."

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Home Dry Cleaning Can Be Dangerous

Home dry cleaning is dangerous, especially during the winter months when the activities of housewives are more confined to the house, says Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service.

Records of the National Safety Council show that home dry cleaning with flammable cleaning fluids has disfigured or fatally burned many persons and has caused houses to be burned to the ground or demolished by explosions.

"It is much safer and more effective to have your cleaning done by a commercial dry cleaning establishment," the home agent declares. "Never, under any circumstances, should gasoline, naphtha, or kerosene be used for garment cleaning purposes," she adds.

Mrs. Greene explains that a fluid may be marked "non-explosive" and still be flammable. It is imperative that only a non-flammable cleaning fluid be used, she asserts.

For persons who must dry-clean at home, the National Safety Council recommends following these safety rules at all times:

Store cleaning fluids outside the house in a marked container.

Do the dry cleaning outside the house, where toxic and other vapors will be quickly dissipated.

Keep hands out of solvent—use a suction washer.

Avoid getting cleaning fluid on clothing or exposed parts of the body.

Dry garments or articles thoroughly outside before taking them into the house.

Keep children at a safe distance from the cleaning operation.

Observe these precautions even in removing spots from garments.

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Bulletin Discusses Growing Of Pullets

"Good pullets to fill the laying house should be the object of everyone raising chicks for layers," two extension poultry specialists at State College declare in a new bulletin which has just been published.

The specialists are Thomas B. Morris and C. F. Parrish, whose eight-page illustrated circular, entitled "Grow Better Pullets," is filled with practical suggestions for poultrymen.

"Usually too little thought and care are given to the young stock after the breeding period," Morris and Parrish say. "A well-planned chick raising program is essential in growing birds that will develop into profitable layers."

The authors discuss shelters, feeders, and waterers for use on the range. They also take up such points as grazing crops,

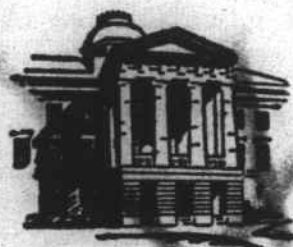
shade, vaccination for chicken pox, and housing of the birds.

Persons desiring a copy of "Grow Better Pullets," Extension Circular No. 341, may obtain one from their county agent or by writing to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

Mr. Lawrence Haywood Miller returned to State College in Raleigh Saturday after spending several weeks at home. He was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller.

A Surry County farmer, Hoyt Badgett of Route 1, Ararat, has reported a wheat yield of 47.8 bushels per acre to take the lead in the North Carolina wheat-growing contest for 1949.

A total of 423 North Carolina farmers have entered the 200-bushel corn contest for 1949, according to Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of agronomy for the State College Extension Service.



WHITEY STOPS AN EPIDEMIC

Whitey Fisher ran into some real trouble the other day just after he received his first shipment of baby chicks. "Bunch of them," he said, "started running around like crazy and going into convulsions."

Luckily, Whitey's a wide-awake boy. Without wasting any time, he isolated the funny-acting chicks, and sent a couple of them to the State College Poultry Division Laboratory for a check-up. Turned out they had Newcastle Disease. But—because Whitey was on the ball—the rest of the flock was saved.

It pays to keep your eyes open and act fast whenever you see a way to improve conditions. It's like the way the beer industry of this state is working with the Malt Beverage Division of the North Carolina ABC Board these days.

No matter what business you're in, it's best to keep a sharp lookout—make sure things are always up to snuff. That way you know your investment will "stay healthy."

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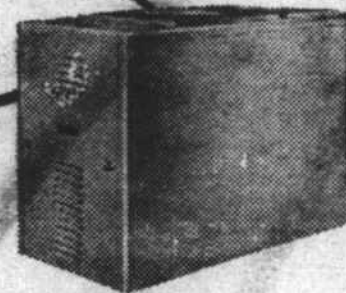
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