

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

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On cold winter nights, nothing can beat "sleeping warm" under a good blanket. And this is one article in such good supply that homemakers shopping for blankets may find a number in the stores from which to choose.

To help those buying blankets to get the most for their money, textile specialists offer these suggestions.

Read labels carefully. If the blanket is marked "wool", the label must give the exact percentage of wool fiber. As a rule, the more wool, the warmer the blanket. It takes at least 25 per cent wool to make much difference in warmth, or to give any of the characteristics of a wool blanket, such as fluffiness, elasticity, and ability to absorb moisture without feeling damp.

Sometimes the label gives additional information, such as the breaking strength of the lengthwise and crosswise yarns. For most purposes, high strength of the crosswise yarns is the more important of the two. Since these yarns are soft and loosely twisted, they are apt to be weakened by napping.

The label may also tell the weight of the blanket. In choosing between blankets of the same size and fiber content, the heavier one contains more fiber and therefore is usually

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Corn Yield Is Increased By Legumes

Winter legumes will provide a good source of nitrogen for the corn crop. A series of tests run by the N. C. Agricultural Experiment station served to prove this point, although Dr. B. A. Krantz, research assistant professor of agronomy at State college, who conducted the work, hastens to add that, to get the maximum yields from a corn crop, the legumes need a little help in the form of extra nitrogen applied to the corn.

In one of his experiments, conducted on a Norfolk fine sandy loam soil, Dr. Krantz found that a good growth of Austrian winter peas increased the yield of corn that followed the peas by about 40 bushels per acre. The winter peas, he said, made about 2,100 pound per acre of top growth.

The yield increase obtained from use of the legume was about the same as that which was obtained from the use of 60 pounds of nitrogen per acre on the corn crop.

In another experiment, at the Upper Coastal Plain station, corn that followed a crop of

the better buy at the same price.

Before buying a blanket, hold it up to the light and inspect the nap. Thick napping adds to warmth, because the fluff forms little air pockets that act as insulators. But be sure that the nap is even all over. Do not choose a blanket that shows thick and thin in spots. Some blankets are over-napped. If a gentle pull on the nap loosens it, it is a safe bet that the nap will soon wear off.

Still holding the blanket to the light, study the underlying weave. For good construction yarns should be smooth, even, regularly spaced, and fairly close together. Check, too, to see that the blanket is cut straight, with the ends parallel to the crosswise thread.

Many blankets wear out before their time because they are too small for the beds they are used on, say the textile specialists. A blanket should tuck in at the foot and still come up well around the neck. Otherwise, the sleeper will tug at it and weaken the fabric. For a double bed, choose a blanket at least 72 by 84 inches; for a single bed, at least 63 by 84 inches.

FARM AGENCIES CONSOLIDATED

Ramsey Is Supervisor Of New Farmers Home Administration

The Farmers Home Administration, as authorized by congress, began operation in North Carolina November 1, Albert L. Ramsey, explained on his return from a meeting at Asheville of personnel who will direct the affairs of the new agency. Mr. Ramsey, former FSA supervisor in this county, becomes supervisor for the new FHA.

FHA replaces both the Farm Security administration and the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of Farm Credit administration, and takes over the personnel and assets of both agencies. J. B. Slack, state director, said that, for the time being, FHA offices will be maintained with the same personnel at all points where FSA and ECLF have operated. Both agencies have made loans to small farmers and the new agency will continue to serve this group.

Attending the meeting at Asheville were Miss Daisy Caldwell, home supervisors with FSA, now transferred to FHA, and Ray F. Hemphill, field supervisor of Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of Farm Credit administration who had the following counties: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania. Mr. Hemphill is now a supervisor with FHA. Discussions were led by J. B. Slack, state director, Vance E. Swift, assistant director, and A. E. Rosar, assistant director.

Two types of loans will be made by Farmers Home admin-

istration, Mr. Ramsey said. Farm purchase loans will be made to tenants, sharecroppers, farm laborers, and veterans with agricultural experience and training. Loans can be made for the purchase, development and improvement of family-type farms. The interest rate is 3 1/2 per cent and loans are repayable over a 40-year period. A variable repayment plan will make it possible for borrowers to make larger than average payments in years when farm income is high or above normal, and less than average payments in years when farm income is below normal.

Production and subsistence loans, the second type, will be made to farmers and stockmen for the purchase of livestock, farm equipment, seed, fertilizer and other farm and home needs. Such loans can be made to either owners or tenants who live on and operate family-type farms and who derive the major portion of their income from farming. These loans carry an interest rate of 5 per cent and are repayable in from one to five years.

To be eligible for an FHA loan, an applicant must be unable to get adequate financing on reasonable terms from other credit sources available in the community where he lives, such as banks, insurance companies and the Federal Land bank. "FHA is not in competition with any existing credit source, private or federal," Mr. Ramsey said. An applicant must be certified as eligible by a committee of three individuals residing in the county where he lives, at least two of whom must be farmers.

North Carolina has 1 1/4 million acres of cleared land that is now idle, much of it severely eroded.

Methodists Attending Meeting In Waynesville

A group of Macon County Methodists were in Waynesville last Thursday attending the Waynesville district one-day institutes on home for aged, world service and conference benevolences, Christian stewardship, and stewards' set-up meetings. Among those who attended were the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor, and W. S. Katenbrink, chairman of the board of stewards, of the Franklin church; the Rev. D. P. Grant, of the Franklin circuit; the Rev. V. N. Allen, Macon circuit; and the Rev. P. E. Bingham, West Macon circuit.

Why produce a good crop of corn and then let the weevils eat it? The loss from this cause is about 2 1/2 million bushels a year.

James B. Wild, 77, Native Of Macon, Dies In Colorado

James B. Wild, 77, of Cripple Creek, Colo., a former Macon County resident, died at his home there October 18, it has been learned by his sisters, Mrs. Robert Ray, of the Flats section, and Mrs. Kate Ray, of Franklin, Route 3.

Mr. Wild, who was born in the Burningtown community, had been a resident of Cripple Creek since 1892, seeing virtually all of the development of the Cripple Creek district since the discovery of gold. For many years he had served as county commissioner.

Latest information on establishing a lawn may be obtained by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh, for Circular 292.

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