

## Evergreens Add To Spirit of Christmas Decoration Scheme

### Care Should Be Taken To Protect Trees In Taking Evergreens

A few evergreen decorations, brightened with splashes of red here and there, will help give the home a holiday atmosphere during the Christmas season.

"You can make your own decorations if evergreens are growing in woodlands near your home," said Miss Pauline Gordon, State College extension specialist in home management.

In most North Carolina woodlands can be found holly, laurel, cedar, pine, running cedar, southern smilax, mistletoe, pine cones, spruce cones, and many varieties of colorful berries.

When gathering these greens, Miss Gordon cautioned, be careful not to uproot the plants or disfigure the trees. In places, evergreens are becoming scarce as a result of thoughtless destruction.

Holly is an unusually slow-growing tree, she added, and especial care should be exercised to protect the trees. Snip off only small branches, and don't cut away more than one-fifth of the tree's leaf surface. Cut the branches, never break them off.

In making decorations, one needs wire for wreath foundations, wire cutters, pliers, twine, a sharp knife, and a pair of garden shears.

It is necessary to have a frame to make a wreath. It may be made of wire and one of the evergreen vines, such as smilax and running cedar, or bought may be entwined about the wire. Such bows must be long and flexible.

Then clip the evergreens into even-sized pieces and fasten them to the frame until the entire wreath is formed. It may then be trimmed with pine cones, red berries, mistletoe, cranberries, tangerines, kumquats, grapes, apples, lemons, or other bright colored objects.

## Well Managed Flock Lays Well in Winter

The December and January slump in egg production experienced by most North Carolina poultry flocks cuts heavily into the profits that should be made during the winter.

This abnormal slump is not found in good flocks that receive the proper care and management, said C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist at State College.

In making a study of North Carolina flocks, the extension poultry department found reason to believe that much of the slump is due to poor housing conditions and to errors in feeding and management.

The two most common mistakes in housing are: failure to provide adequate space for the birds and failure to protect them from cold and drafts, Parrish pointed out.

There should be at least four square feet of floor space for each bird to be housed, he continued. Houses may be kept warm by making them draft-proof, and providing means of drying the fronts on cold days and nights.

The most common mistake in feeding is that of trying to economize, Parrish stated. Many growers feed no mash, with the result that egg production is cut in half.

Birds should be fed liberally on a balanced ration consisting of mash and grains, or on an all-mash ration, he went on. Keep the feed before the birds at all times in waste-proof hoppers.

The birds should also have plenty of fresh, warm water. It will also help to give them a supplementary feed of young, tender green feed when this is available.

Another common mistake is that of trying to make inferior birds produce a profitable number of eggs. It just can't be done, Parrish declared. Get rid of cull birds and concentrate on good ones.

### Possible To Cure or Corn Lamb Just as Beef or Pork

It is possible to cure or corn lamb as one cures pork and beef. The shoulders and legs are the cuts most frequently corned. To each 10 pounds of lamb use one and one-half cups of salt, one-half table-spoon of saltpeter, and three-quarters of a cup of brown sugar. Rub salt thoroughly into the meat, covering every portion, and allow to stand with the salt on it for 24 hours. Then pour over the meat the other ingredients dissolved in a small quantity of lukewarm water. Add water enough to cover the meat and allow to stand in the brine for three or four days. Since lamb absorbs more salt than beef, special care should be taken not to use more than the quantity specified.

## Only Good Egg Will Produce Good Chick

Some poultrymen are more optimistic than businesslike in their methods, but they assemble all kinds of eggs, good or bad, for hatching purposes, said Roy S. Detrynne, head of the State College poultry department.

This is especially true of those methods. "You can't get more out of your incubator than you put into it," he declared in urging poultrymen to be more careful in selecting eggs for hatching.

Hatching eggs should come only from high quality, healthy, vigorous birds. They should be normal in shape, have well calcified shells, and weigh more than 23 ounces to the dozen.

They should be gathered several times a day and stored in a warm place to avoid chilling, he said, as eggs that have chilled too much will not produce good chicks. A temperature of 30 to 60 degrees is best.

Hatching eggs should not be kept in storage for more than seven to ten days, he added.

The incubator should be carefully cleaned, disinfected, and tested before the eggs are placed inside. Likewise, the brooder and brooder house should be cleaned and tested before any chicks are put in to grow.

Detrynne advised that the brooder should be started in operation at least 24 hours before the arrival of

the chicks, so as to give it time to become warmed throughout.

Destroy subnormal or cull chicks. Do not brood more than 300 chicks in one unit, and allow a square foot of floor space for every two chicks. Watch the temperature closely; overheating is worse than a slight chilling, he warned.

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