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STATE COLLEGE HINTS TO FARM HOMEMAKER

By VERA STANTON
Assistant State Agent

When buying clothes or fabrics to make them, it often pays to be weather-wise say textile specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Here are some suggestions from the scientists for fabrics to suit different kinds of weather and why.

For protection against cold, good insurance is a combination of thickness and fuzziness in clothing fabrics. Thick fabrics, especially those of wool, hold in body heat better than thin materials. A fuzzy or coarse-textured surface on the fabric feels warmer than a smooth cloth of the same thickness because it makes less contact with the skin and encloses a layer of air warmed by the body. For clothing to be worn in hot surroundings, fabrics that are thin and flat are most comfortable. Sheer cottons and linens are most satisfactory for hot climates because they absorb perspiration readily and dry quickly.

For wind protection the construction of the fabric is important. A closely woven fabric slows up the flow of air whereas a loosely constructed material lets air pass through freely. On a cold windy day a person actually may feel warmer in a closely woven cotton coat or jacket than in a heavy, knitted wool sweater.

For rain protection closely woven fabrics which have been given special treatment to make them shed water are good choices. These may be bought by the yard or in ready-to-wear garments. Sun fabrics generally can be identified by a label.

Advice On Hay Making Given By Specialist

Protein is the most valuable constituent in hay and usually the most expensive to get, according to Dr. R. L. Lovvorn, professor of Agronomy at State College, and when making hay, especially legume hay, this should always be kept in mind.

The best time to cut hay is when the protein content is on the rise, the specialist said, adding that alfalfa gives the most in hay value if cut when approximately one-fourth in bloom. The first crop, in the bud stage, has about 23 per cent protein, but about 20 per cent when one-tenth in bloom, and only 17 per cent when in full bloom. The percentage of protein increases until one-tenth in bloom and then decreases until full bloom.

Where mixed hay crops are grown, especially those containing considerable clover or alfalfa, they should be cut during the most favorable time for whatever legume predominates. If the hay mixture contains a low percentage of legume, it is best to cut the crop at about the usual time for cutting the timothy or other grasses, he said.

38 Scouts Advanced In Court Of Honor At Carson's Chapel

Thirty-eight advancements in rank were made to Boy Scouts at a Court of Honor in Carson's Chapel near Franklin last week. Hugh Monteith, district chairman of advancement, presided over the Court in the absence of Bill Wood, assistant scout executive, who is at Camp Daniel Boone.

Eight troops were represented at the meeting. Adults attending from Sylva were W. C. Hennessee, district chairman; Edwin Allison, chairman of the local troop committee; Harry Ferguson, member of the local troop committee; and Mr. Monteith.

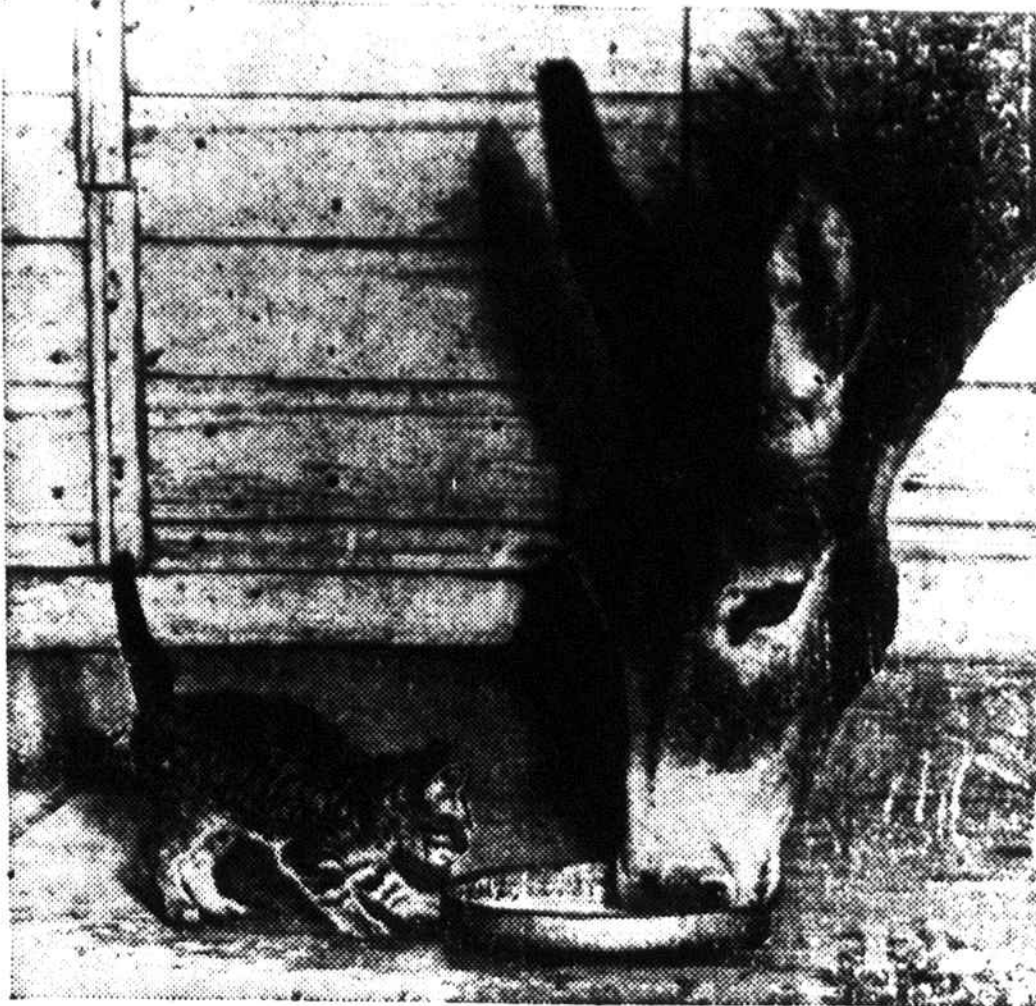
Awards made by the Court were tenderfoot, second class, first class, merit badges, and one star.

The district committee will meet this Friday night at the Jarrett Springs Hotel in Dillsboro. The next Court of Honor will be held in the Methodist Church in Sylva on the second Thursday night of July.

East Sylva Church Is Having Bible School

Beginning Monday morning with 59 children enrolled, a Daily Vacation Bible school will be in progress each day this week at East Sylva Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. Edgar Willix is principal with the following able corps of assistants; beginners, Mrs. Furman Shuler and Mrs. Alvin Hoyle; primary, Mrs. Love Dillard and Mrs. Lee Dillard; juniors, Mrs. Ralph Dillard and Miss Helen Guffey; intermediates, Mrs. Earl Payne and Miss Marie Beasley.

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THIS KITTEN is at a decided disadvantage as she attempts to get her fill of food from a plate shared by her pal Thunder, an imported Mexican burro. The animal friends are owned by David Holstrom, a farm boy of Geneseo, Ill., who makes them eat together.



LOOKING AHEAD

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Why Is It Coming?

Many observers are of opinion now that the nation may expect a considerable business recession by August or September. It is expected that this recession will be reasonably severe and might last for six months. Some expect it to bring bankruptcy to a good many businesses that are weak financially, create unemployment, and maybe interrupt production seriously.

President Truman is so much alarmed that he is asking industry to reduce prices of commodities in order to help cushion the expected recession. Fears are that it might develop into a real depression. In view of our huge national debt and the fact that we must maintain a high national income, this prospect is rather serious. Naturally, we are asking ourselves: "Why must it come?"

Washington Fable

It is on the way because everything is entirely too high. Homes are too high, manufactured goods are too high, food is too high—everything is too high. People are refusing to pay the prices. They are going to continue to refuse until something is done about it. Now, why do not the industrialists just immediately lower prices until there would be no talk of depression?

That's impossible. Prices are regulated by costs. In manufacturing a price is charged that covers the cost. Big item in cost is usually labor, which averages 50 or 60 or 70%, and as much as 85%, of a finished article. Now the fable. When the war was over the President's Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Henry Wallace, recommended that in the automobile industry wages could go up 30% without increasing the prices of automobiles at all.

Spiral Again

If that could have happened in the automobile industry, of course, it could have happened also in many other industries. Labor was encouraged to demand a 30% boost, which they were told should bring no price increases. The facts, however, were on the other side of the fence. After an 18% cent increase was granted auto workers, and even before OPA died, automobile prices had to be increased an average of 22%. Other industries granted similar raises and prices went on moving upward. Labor soon realized that it had lost all its gains in the higher costs of living. When we get far enough from the present problems to size them up more accurately and when a correct history is finally written, it will probably be explained that wage boosts in the fall and winter of 1945-46, more than any other one thing, were responsible for the inflated prices that followed. This is what now threatens to make depression inevitable.

If our government could have found in 1945 enough backbone for a firm stand against increases in wages and prices, urging instead a high productivity to get the nation back on its feet as quickly as possible, then the present feared depression would have been mere talk. But when the general inflationary rise in wages and a corresponding inflationary rise in prices came, all thinking people agreed that finally a depression would probably come. We may get back to a reasonable level that way, but even yet we could use a much better way, which this column will outline next week.

Sugar for home canning of fruits, fruit juices and for preserving will be made available to institutional users, and to household users who intend to sell their products, according to an announcement from the USDA.

Oce Chapter Plans Anniversary Meet

Oce Chapter No. 139 Order of the Eastern Star met in regular session in the Masonic Hall in Dillsboro Wednesday night, June 11. Mrs. Juanita Ferguson presided over a business session, during which plans were further discussed for adding equipment to the kitchen in the Masonic Hall in cooperation with the Masons. In addition plans were made for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Star to be held jointly with the Masons in celebrating Mr. Frank Jarrett's sixtieth year as a Mason.

Mrs. Herbert Brede was a visitor at the meeting. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday night, June 25, at eight o'clock. At that time a degree will be conferred on Miss Mary Hensley.

Thirteen purebred Hampshire pigs have been bought to be used in a pig chain that has been started among 4-H Club youth in Union County.

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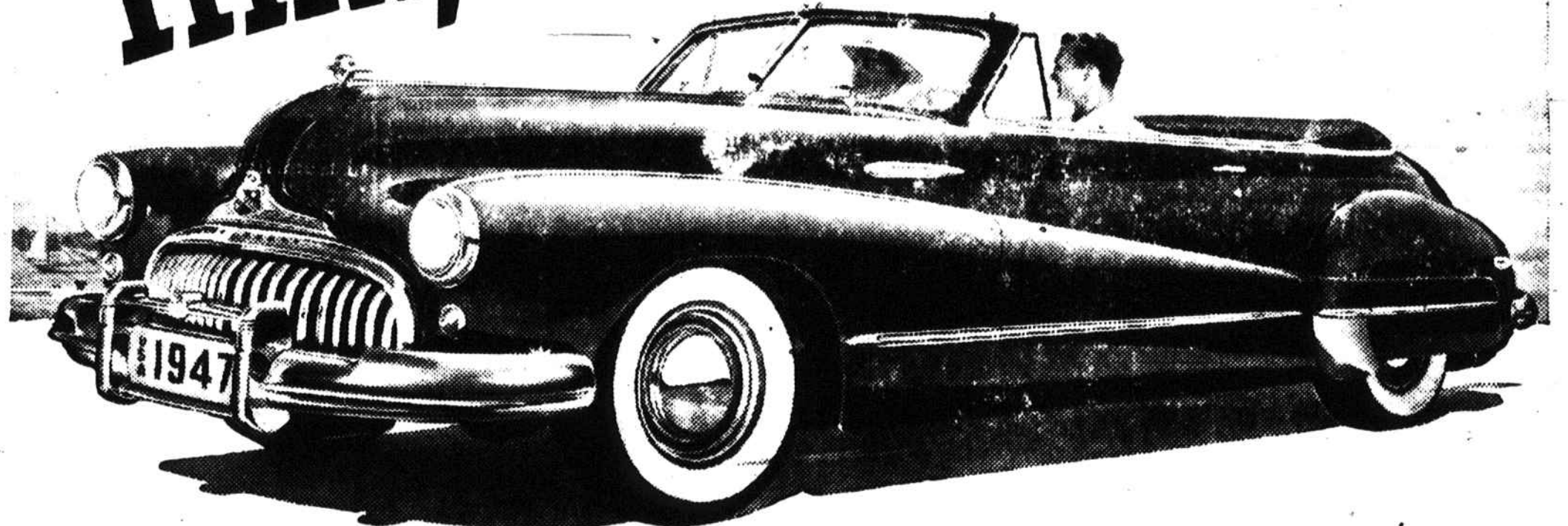
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