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CARE OF FEATHER PILLOWS ADVISED

Expert Gives Information On Plumage Selection and Renovation.

While pillows are usually taken for granted as an article of household furnishings and given little thought after once acquired, the feathers as well as the coverings do wear out, and need renovating about once every 10 years or oftener, says Mrs. Eileen Buxton, extension specialist in clothing at Oregon State college.

The natural fall in the feathers dries out after a while, and the quills then become brittle and break, she says. When pillows are no longer soft, elastic and light, they probably need new feathers.

Although goose feathers are much better for pillows than the feathers of turkeys, ducks or chickens, the latter can be used if the fowl has been dry picked or cleaned, but scalding impairs the quality of the feathers, Mrs. Buxton says. Geese may be plucked as often as every six weeks through the spring, summer, fall and winter, up to the mating season. Care is necessary, however, with feathers obtained in this manner to see that they are of the proper ripeness, which means that the quills appear dry and do not contain blood.

In plucking the entire plumage of a fowl, the tail and wing feathers are removed first. These are of no value for feathers to be used in pillows. The ammonia content of wet feathers causes them to deteriorate rapidly. Dirty or bloody feathers may be sprayed with water and the moisture then extracted by squeezing or putting through a wringer, first putting the feathers in a muslin bag. They are then dried thoroughly in a warm place, with an occasional shaking. A warm, breezy day is best, keeping the feathers in the shade most of the time.

If the fowl has been dry picked and the feathers do not need washing, they are put in a muslin bag and hung in a dry, warm place for about a week, being stirred thoroughly once a day. This will leave them in a sweet, dry condition, free from odors and ready for use.

News of 4-H CLUBS

An achievement day program was held at the Days Creek school Friday, May 27. At the opening of the program a demonstration from the Busy Needle Sewing II club was given by Betty Lou Wiseman and Violet Goin on "How to put bias tape on." There was also one on the "Way to put on a pocket," by Edna Mae Poole and Josephine Wright.

Maxine and Marjorie Wright gave a demonstration on "crocheting." They are from the Busy Bee Sewing I club.

Josephine Wright represented the poultry club with a speech on the work of the club since it was organized February 2, 1935.

The rose and flower gardening club had for their part of the program a demonstration on "transplanting of small plants," by Dolly Widrig and Mildred Spore. The plots of ground the members have been working were highly praised by Mrs. Britton. He thinks it would be a grand idea if this was carried out next year. Although the club exhibit for rose and flower gardening wasn't complete, the following members exhibited: Marcel Moore, Mildred Spore, Marjorie Wright, Wilhelmina Hutchinson, Willine Laellan, Henrietta Ulam, Susie Crispen, Violet Goin, Dolly Widrig and Josephine Wright.

When the sewing was judged Mr. Britton gave out medals and points which will be of value on judging teams. Those having their projects completed and getting ribbons were: Edna Mae Poole, class A; Betty Lou Wiseman, class A; Violet Goin, class A; Josephine Wright, class A, and Gene Rhoads, class B.

The gardening club projects haven't been completed enough, only one vegetable and a scrap book were exhibited. Those exhibiting were Wayne Taylor, Don Miller, Jayne LaChance and Melvin Welch.

Only two members of the Busy Bee Sewing I club had their projects completed. They were Marjorie and Maxine Wright, and each received a ribbon.

All members of the cookery club completed their work and made an exhibit. In cooking I were the following: Betty Lou Wiseman, class A; Lole Ellen Matthews, class B; Violet Goin, class B; Alice Mae Welch, class B; Gene Rhoads, class A; Jean Matzie McGee, class A; Maxine Wright, class A; Marjorie Wright, class A. In cooking II was: Rosie Young, class C. In cooking III was Josephine Wright, class A.

The hobby club had six exhibitors: Betty Lou Wiseman, class A (art); Marjorie Wright, class A (doll clothes); John Wright, class A (art); Gene Rhoads, class A (art); Violet Goin, class A (art). The projects that were judged and awarded ribbons will be taken

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THE HOOPLE BOOSTER LEAGUE RUNS SHORT OF GAS

to the Community fair in Canyonville some time in August. Those already awarded ribbons will take their exhibits and collect the prize money. Such projects as gardening, rose and flower gardening, canning, and poultry, will be judged for the first time in August.

E. A. Britton, who spoke at the eighth grade graduation, was a guest at the J. A. Rhoads home that evening for dinner.

The Days Creek Cookery I club held its last meeting Friday with a potluck luncheon. Each one told how they prepared the food they brought, making a demonstration for each.

The club plans to start early next fall and carry cooking II through before such projects as canning, poultry and gardening start in the spring.

All of the members but one brought an exhibit for achievement day.

Those enjoying the luncheon were: President, Betty Lou Wiseman; vice president, Violet Goin; secretary, Maxine Wright; Marjorie Wright, Henrietta Ulam, Lole Ellen Matthews, Alice Mae Welch, Gene Rhoads, Jean Matzie McGee, Josephine Wright, and the local leader, Mrs. Ray Wright.

Clorinda M. Rhoads was a visitor for the lunch hour.

The last meeting of the year of the Busy Bee Sewing I club was held Tuesday, May 26. Only a few of the members have finished their work and will have it completed for achievement day. The rest will finish and exhibit at Canyonville in August. The non-completion of projects was due to the late starting of the project. It is planned to start earlier next fall.

The members present were: President, Marjorie Wright; vice president, Henrietta Ulam; secretary, Maxine Wright; Berdian Perdine and Jean Matzie McGee.

The seventh and eighth grade health club met Tuesday, May 24. It was decided that the health club program for achievement day would be a ball game with Canyonville. This would furnish the program.

The poster committee was composed of Betty Lou Wiseman and Jayne LaChance.

There were reports on various hobby subjects. Those giving reports were: Noel Welch, Alec Van Norman, Jayne LaChance, Gene Rhoads, Harry Wooster, Melvin Welch, Marjorie Wright, Melba Lee Laellan, John Wright, Geraldine Spore, Betty Lou Wiseman, Violet Goin, James Ward, Dolly Widrig and Cecil Lucellan.

A show program was presented by the committee consisting of Gene Rhoads, Alec Van Norman and Melvin Welch.

The Busy Needle Sewing II club held its tenth and last meeting of this year. The time was spent in making final plans for achievement day. Some time was spent in practicing for the demonstrations to be given that day. More of the club members have finished their work and this was inspected by the local leader, Mrs. Hill.

Members present were: President, Winifred Rainville; vice president, Edna Mae Poole; secretary, Elizabeth Hayes; Violet Goin and Betty Lou Wiseman.

Enjoy Week-End — Mrs. C. D. Glenn and daughter, Miss Patricia, of Glendale, the former's mother, Mrs. H. Campbell, of Roseburg, and the latter's granddaughter, Miss Carol Nemmer, of Portland, enjoyed the week-end vacationing at Bandon beach.

CREDIT UNIONS AID OREGON WORKERS

Borrowers on Low Income Enabled to Avoid High Interest Rates.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—A recent survey disclosed that 5,000 Oregon working people were providing themselves with saving and borrowing facilities under their own federally chartered credit unions.

The study was made by C. R. Orchard, head of the credit section of the farm credit administration, which administers the credit union act.

"Drawing only on the spare dime and dollars of members' savings for their capital, federal credit unions in Oregon have built up assets totaling \$95,000," Orchard said.

Each union maintains its own revolving loan fund out of which it extends credit to its members at an interest rate of one per cent or less per month.

"The showing made by Oregon's credit unions is immensely gratifying," Orchard said. "In a period of less than four years they have made small loans to their members amounting all told to more than \$230,000."

"Averaging \$68 in size and repayable in installments covering many months, these loans have gone far toward solving the credit problems of the low-income borrowers and keeping them out of the hands of grasping usurers. Approximately 2,400 loans have been made in Oregon since the first federal credit union began business there."

He said dividends last year to shareholders—the depositors—amounted to \$2,500, ranging up to 6 per cent, in 12 institutions.

BANG'S DISEASE WAR PROGRAM IS URGED

SALEM, June 6.—(AP)—A program to wipe out Bang's disease (contagious abortion in cattle) was recommended by the state board of agriculture at its semi-annual meeting here.

The board said it would seek the cooperation of all counties in an effort to eradicate the disease before the federal government stops payment of indemnities on June 30, 1939. The government will continue to pay \$25 for each diseased cow killed until that time.

The board pointed out that if the disease is not eradicated before the payments stop, the state and counties would have to pay the indemnities through tax receipts.

Harness racing at the state fair, to open Labor day, would be discontinued as a part of the fair racing program. Last year only four harness racers were at the fair.

TRADE PACTS HURT U. S. SEED BUSINESS

PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—The seed business of the country is being undermined by nullification of tariff protection through trade agreements, G. R. Hyslop, Oregon State college scientist, said in an address to the Pacific States Seedmen's association.

Trade agreements with Canada have withdrawn protection on clover and clover seeds and another with the Netherlands has hurt vegetable and flower seeds and bulbs, he asserted. A revision of the Canadian agreement is pending.

Hyslop cited as another serious problem the relaxation of federal

DOUGLAS 4-H'ERS RAISING PHEASANTS

County Club Agent E. A. Britton reports that 17 Douglas county 4-H club members are raising china pheasants under the state game commission 4-H club agreement. The members have set approximately 2000 china pheasant eggs. Of the amount quite a number have already been hatched.

Those participating in the china pheasant project this year are:

Don Wright	488 eggs
Marjorie Wright	32 eggs
Wilbur White	80 eggs
James Ward	40 eggs
Alec Van Norman	100 eggs
Gene Clough	40 eggs
James Goff	50 eggs
Eloyce Hand	80 eggs
Carol & Eunice Davis	300 eggs
Olen Larson	72 eggs
Lil Britton	65 eggs
Ella Mae Clouk	155 eggs
Don Wilson	128 eggs
Mary Hollinger	84 eggs
Betty Simpson	42 eggs
Mable Jane Matthews	40 eggs
Roberta Matthews	40 eggs

RECESSION SPURS BACK-TO-THE-FARM

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—The business recession is sending Americans back to the farm, Census Director William L. Austin said.

A Jan. 1 survey showed that one out of every nine farms was housing an average of three persons who lived in the city five years ago.

HIGHER STRAWBERRY HARVEST FORESEEN

PORTLAND, June 6.—(AP)—Oregon and Washington should harvest better than an average yield of strawberries, the U. S. department of agriculture said. The bureau estimated an acreage of 11,200 for Oregon, compared to 11,200 last year and a 1927-28 average of 11,200. The yield per acre for Oregon was estimated at 80 crates compared to the average of 77.

ATTENTION

Glide Townsend club will serve dinner from 5:30 to 6:40 p. m. Tuesday, June 7. Also after program at the high school building.

GROSS INCOME OF FARMERS UPPED

Total in 1937 Figured at More Than Ten Billion, Including Benefits.

In 1937, for the first time in eight years, farmers' gross income including government payments, exceeded \$10,000,000,000, according to estimates released by the bureau of agricultural economics.

For the calendar year of 1937, the gross farm income from sales of farm products, value of farm products held for home consumption, and government payments to farmers, was estimated at \$10,003,000,000. Last year's income compares with \$9,317,000,000 in 1936 and with the low point of \$5,284,000,000 in 1932.

Most of the increase in gross gross farm income in 1937 over 1936 was attributed to the larger income from crops and government payments. Total income from 8 major farm crops increased from \$3,204,000,000 in 1936 to \$4,328,000,000 in 1937, a gain of 11 per cent. Gross income from livestock and livestock products increased 3 per cent, from \$5,126,000,000 in 1936, to \$5,298,000,000 in 1937. Government payments last year amounted to \$367,000,000 compared with \$257,000,000 in 1936.

Greatest income gains during the year were recorded for wheat, tobacco and fruits. Gross income from wheat in 1937 was 61 per cent higher than in 1936. Income from tobacco increased 32 per cent, and from all fruits 29 per cent over 1936. A 20 per cent increase in the value of products contributing to farm family living from farm gardens also aided in swelling the 1937 total. A few crops returned less last year than in 1936. The more important crops showing decreases were cotton and cottonseed, potatoes, corn, barley, peanuts and sugar beets.

The 3 per cent increase in income from livestock and livestock products resulted from the larger income from cattle and calves, sheep and lambs, chickens and eggs, milk, and wool and mohair. Increases from these items of livestock production more than offset the smaller income from hogs, horses and mules.

OREGON PLANNING POULTRY MEETING

Plans for Oregon's participation in the Seventh World Poultry congress and exposition next year are progressing steadily, according to reports made by members of the Oregon committee at their latest meeting in Salem June 1.

The World's Poultry congress, probably the largest international agricultural gathering, has been held every three years since 1921, the coming congress being the first to be held in the United States.

The world-wide nature of the congress is indicated by the fact that Secretary of State Cordell Hull, has issued formal invitations to 64 nations to attend and participate in the congress. Before August 1 of this year personal visits will be made to some 40 countries by representatives of the congress. First of seven major objectives of

FEWER MILK COWS, PRODUCTION UPPED

MARBLING TEACH DIET TO BABY TURKEYS

SALEM, June 6.—(AP)—Use of bright-colored marbles, in teaching baby turkeys to eat, is one of the latest successful experiments at Oregon State college, Dan J. Fry, state purchasing agent, announced here.

Fry said the experiment had been tried at the Oregon State hospital here with satisfactory results. The original marble purchase for the hospital cost the state 10 cents.

The turkeys sight the marble, Fry said, their bill slips off the highly polished surface and they unconsciously pick up and swallow a small quantity of grain.

The grain, with a few of the highly colored marbles, are placed in a trough.

Prior to purchasing the marbles Fry said a large number of baby turkeys died for want of food.

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