

Fresh starts begin in autumn

Autumn has always been a time for fresh starts. Crisp fall days spur us on to make changes in our lives, our looks, and our surroundings.

Now's the time to revamp your fall wardrobe; to pare off those extra pounds; to get very firm with yourself about saving money for those long-needed, but expensive, household purchases.

But there's no need to wait to give your home a new look. If you combine ingenuity with just a little money, you can change the look of your house or apartment and spruce it up

to go with your new fall outlook.

If your coffee table looks as if it really did come over on the Mayflower and should be replaced, buy two small, unpainted parsons tables. Paint them, using shiny lacquer for a bright, contemporary look, white with decals for a colonial flavor, or pale pastels to complement period furniture.

For the kitchen, assemble a collection of interesting old jars and tins and decorate them. They can hold everything from coffee and sugar to toothpicks and freezer labels. Buy or make (with stick-on wall

squares) a huge bulletin board for messages, grocery lists, etc.

Curtains, draperies, bedspreads and linens—all can add lift and life to your house at little cost. Colorful patterned sheets make inexpensive bedroom curtains and draperies for a new color scheme—and offer a unique personal touch for your kitchen, too. Cotton throw rugs also get a new lease on life with a fresh new color, achieved with a packet of dye.

Frequently, dye won't cover old stains. Or perhaps you don't want a new color scheme, just to renew the one you have. The answer might be in an enzyme detergent or pre-soak. Many yellowed fabrics can be restored, and old stains often can be removed by first giving the articles a treatment with an enzyme pre-soak. To save a favorite tablecloth that seems hopelessly soiled, try washing in an enzyme detergent. It's a safe and effective way to remove many stains that have protein and starch bases—such as chocolate, eggs, gravy, baby foods, milk, fruits and vegetables.

The Food and Drug Administration has clarified the confusion of many homemakers who thought enzymes might be a health hazard or might pollute lakes and streams. The FDA requested that the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council conduct a detailed review of available data on enzymes. The Academy's 11-month study confirmed that enzyme detergents and pre-soaks are safe for consumer use, do a better job of removing certain stains and soil than products

lacking enzymes, and that enzymes are biodegradable and do not cause pollution.

More penny-saving perk-ups: Decorative stickers! Adorn a bathroom wall with flowers. Do the same with a repainted

bedroom chest. Or make your own shapes out of sticky-back paper for an abstract wall panel in your dining room, in the baby's room, or do a star-covered (paint it navy blue first!) porch ceiling.



GREG NASH, a fourth grader at West Gresham Grade School, helps first grader David Wilson pick out his first book from the library. The school has fourth graders teach new first graders the ropes of the school library as part of a big brother type project. Upperclassmen at the school also put on puppet shows for the underclassmen and do other various helping projects throughout the year.

(Outlook photo)

Choir collects rummage

Barlow High School choir is collecting saleable rummage to finance their trip to Hawaii.

The group will have its rummage sale Oct. 24, 25, and 26.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Choir members will pick up donations on the next six Saturdays. For pick up, call Mrs. Donna Johnston, 663-3534, Mrs. Lydia Thomas, 663-3423, or Mrs. Claudell Metzger, 665-4701.

The sale will be at Multnomah Grange on Bluff Road east of Orient.

Other fund-raising events will be a Thanksgiving turkey sale beginning in October. Choir members will sell Norbest turkeys.

The Sept. 7 chili dinner was attended by more than 200 people.

YWCA needs

volunteers

Locker room aides, library assistants, lobby hostesses and craft instructors are needed at the Portland Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA).

Persons interested in finding out about the YWCA and opportunities for volunteer service are invited to a volunteer workshop at the Portland YWCA, 1111 S.W. 10. The workshop is scheduled Sept. 18, from 9:45-11:30 a.m.

The first college football game was between Rutgers and Princeton on Nov. 6, 1869. Rutgers won.



NEW STRUCTURES east of Burnside give a serrated appearance along horizon, causing some to nickname it "Sawtooth Ridge."

(Outlook photo)

Yellow needles on pines no reason for big concern

Yellow needles finally turning brown on the pine trees do not mean trouble for their owners. Pines, unlike many other plants, have a super ability for making allowances for environmental changes taking place on a seasonal frequency.

Information from Wilbur W. Burkhardt, Area Extension Agent, tells of pine trees having behaved in an "abnormal" manner during the past 25 years he has observed them. Not all causes are the same and the pine seems to be a middle-of-the-road kind of a tree.

Extremely dry weather conditions provide limited moisture and the pine protects itself against disaster by dropping some of its needles since they allow moisture to escape from the tree into the

air. The quantity of needles dropped varies from a few to great numbers leaving only the past seasons growth intact.

In contrast to the dry season, a very wet season may damage root systems where pines grow in clay soils. Damaged root systems cannot provide the usual amount of moisture and the tree again compensates for the moisture limitations by shedding an appropriate number of needles.

Burkhardt indicated that needles can be expected to turn yellow, then brown and drop from the tree over the period of two or three months. The healthy pine tree merely shedding a few needles maintains a bright, sparkling appearance in contrast to one being attacked by insects or disease that takes on a flat,

lifeless green color until the problem is corrected.

No treatment is suggested for the pine needle drop except to make drainage improvements where soils are high in clay content and water stands in puddles around the trees for the entire winter.

RR crossing hearing set

There will be a public hearing on a proposal to close the 101st St. crossing of the Union Pacific RR on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. in the State Office Bldg., Portland, Room 36.

The Oregon State Utilities Commissioner will conduct the hearing.

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