

Spinning Method Found For 'Ironclad' Fabric

Pittsburgh (U.P.)—The ageless cloth which has preserved the mummies of Egypt's ancient kings for many centuries may be on the verge of causing a minor revolution in the textile industry.

Scientists in Pittsburgh have, for the first time, learned how to spin the almost indestructible fibers of the ramie plant into yarn on a commercial basis.

Ramie, probably the oldest fabric known to man, was used in ancient Egypt and is mentioned in an imperial Chinese treaty on agriculture written 22 centuries before the birth of Christ.

When made into cloth, ramie seems to have the wearing power of steel. Clothes and rugs made of the miracle fabric do not wear out. Moths, rats and other vermin have been known to starve rather than try to get at food wrapped in ramie.

The cloth does not mildew or rot even under the most adverse conditions. Still, it is virtually unknown to the modern world.

Too Much Waste
The reason is that no one ever has been able to turn it out cheaply enough for it to be profitable.

Often the fibers of the ramie plant are more than a foot long. They required special machinery to prepare them for weaving or knitting into cloth. Such machines were prohibitively wasteful of the short fibers.

A new process, known commercially as the "Pittsburgh process," has been perfected. It enables manufacturers to remove fibers from the natural gum and use them on standard textile machines.

The process has, for the first time, made ramie practical for the modern world, according to Dr. Jules Labarthe, of the textile fellowship at Mellon Institute.

The low-cost production of ramie, already begun at a plant near Pittsburgh, is expected to have a terrific impact on the textile industry and the buying public.

Ramie is four times as absorbent as the argument.

New Officers Named By Central Point Unit; To Study Surplus Food

Central Point—Central Point Extension unit met April 19 in the home of Mrs. E. K. Ogilvie, Western avenue, Medford, for the topic "Improved Home Lightings," with Miss Eula Wintermote in charge. Miss Wintermote stressed the importance of "all over" illumination, stating that good illumination is enough light so shaded that there is no eye strain.

Elected to office for the coming year were Mrs. E. T. McCartney, chairman; Mrs. Mable Smith, vice-chairman; and Mrs. Arlet Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Lester Wertz gave a detailed report on the program for the coming year and announced that a special meeting on "Freezing" is scheduled for June of this year.

Plans for unit participation in the spring festival scheduled for May 3 in the Central Point grange hall were completed. The unit will display lampshades, gloves and blouses. Several members will present a Danish dance in costume and a trio will sing an appropriate song. Members who completed better dresses will model them. Tickets for the luncheon are on sale and those who have not purchased them may do so by contacting Mrs. Arlet Anderson.

The unit voted \$40 to the Azalea house fund, and the date for the "Spring Jamboree" is postponed to May 12. Many contributions of linens for the sale were displayed.

The unit voted to study methods of distribution of surplus food in the state.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 17 in the home of Mrs. K. C. Wernmark.

WORK BOTH WAYS
St. Paul, Minn.—(U.P.)—A landlord and a female tenant who clubbed each other with a crutch were sentenced to 30-day jail terms. Ida B. Miller, 29, who had one leg in a cast, struck Robert Thomas, 34, over the head with her crutch. Thomas grabbed the crutch and returned the blows. Officers "couldn't say" what started the argument.

DUCKS LOSE OUT
Spokane, Wash.—(U.P.)—A B-29 Superfortress bomber and a formation of ducks collided in the air but the ducks came out second best. Sixty-five dead ducks were counted on the ground. The plane landed at the Spokane Air Force base with minor damage.

CLUB CALENDAR

Sunday
6:30 p. m.—St. Mark's YPF in parish house.
7:30 p. m.—Chi Rho initiation, First Christian church.

Monday
1:30 p. m.—Jackson County Republican women, Girls' Community club.
7 p. m.—Cruisers' club of First Presbyterian church.

7:45 p. m.—Neighbors of Woodcraft, IOOF hall.
7:45 p. m.—Rogue Valley chorus rehearsal, Medford senior high school music room.

8 p. m.—St. Mark's Evening guild, parish house.
8 p. m.—Knights of Pythias, Pythian building.

Tuesday
11 a. m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist church.
2 p. m.—Prospect PTA, Prospect high school.

2 p. m.—Ladies' auxiliary, Baptist church.
6:30 p. m.—Degree of Honor, Pythian building.

7:30 p. m.—Toastmistress, Lithia hotel, Ashland.
7:30 p. m.—Wenonah club, Mrs. Stanley Morgan, 212 South Orange street.

7:30 p. m.—Crater Lake auxiliary, 42 North Front street.
7:30 p. m.—Medford Duplicate bridge, Medford hotel.

8 p. m.—On-to-Eugene concert, Medford senior high school auditorium.
8 p. m.—Pythian club, Girls' Community club.

Wednesday
1 p. m.—Nevita Past Matrons' club, home of Mrs. Victor Bursell.

1 p. m.—AA, PEO, home of Mrs. Otto Frohmayer.
8 p. m.—Public lecture by Mrs. Irene Taylor on "Hoover Commission," at Medford senior high school.

8 p. m.—American Legion auxiliary, Medford armory.
Thursday
12 noon—Zonta club, Jackson hotel.

12:30 p. m.—Daugherty circle, Mrs. O. S. Walden, 1014 East 11th street.
1 p. m.—Sojourners at YMCA.

1 p. m.—Denny circle, Mrs. Alfred Schroeder, Coal Mine road.
1:30 p. m.—Ferguson circle, Mrs. W. P. Andrews, 35 Vancouver avenue.

1:30 p. m.—Hopkins circle, Mrs. George Hicks, 720 West 11th street.
1:30 p. m.—Childs circle, Mrs. Crupp, Central Point.

1:30 p. m.—Kindred circle, Mrs. C. D. Hershiser, 1255 Sweet road.
7:30 p. m.—Central Point bethel, Masonic temple.

8 p. m.—Reames chapter, OES, Masonic temple.
Friday
12:30 p. m.—St. Mark's auxiliary guild, parish house; 11 a. m., corporate communion.

7:30 p. m.—Lively Oaks club, home of Mrs. Robert Davis.
8 p. m.—Open house, Oak Grove school.

8 p. m.—Winklebleck circle, Mrs. Ronald Rice, 302 Vancouver avenue.
8 p. m.—Pocahontas lodge, Redmen hall.

9 p. m.—Sojourners, Ashland Elks temple.
Saturday

Sunday, April 23, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—WINE

Murals Are Suggested For Home Decoration

New York (U.P.)—Paint your pictures on the wall, suggests the National Society of Mural Painters, and build the room around them.

A breakfast room furnished with a mirror-topped table and delicate iron chairs had a wall of flowers painted by Paul Robertson. The murals were shown in room settings, in cooperation with the American Institute of Decorators.

"You can have a mural painted on your wall for as little as three dollars a square foot," Robertson said. "I put two coats of lacquer over mine, and they are much more washable than regular wall paint."

A mural done on an aluminum foil background proved you can be fanciful with your wall decorations. Luman Martin Winter stuck aluminum foil on a canvas back with varnish, then painted a dramatic mural, "Gulls Over Manhattan."

Most of the murals, however, were painted on canvas and then pasted on the wall with regular wallpaper paste. If you move, the mural can be removed and go with you.

In the past 20 years the federal budget has gone from \$4,000,000,000 to \$42,000,000,000 a year; employees from 600,000 to 2,100,000; boards, bureaus and agencies from 640 to 1,812.

12:30 p. m.—Jackson County Public Health association, Presbyterian church, Medford.

1 p. m.—Southern Oregon council, PEO Sisterhood, Ashland Elks temple.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD ACTS

Plymouth, Ind. (U.P.)—When three-year-old Jerry Wagener fell through the ice into a lake near his home, he was saved by his fast-acting five-year-old brother, David. David waded into the lake but couldn't reach Jerry. So he ran home and called his mother. A water-repellent snow-suit held Jerry afloat until his mother pulled him out.

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