



700TH MEMBER — Laurin Braun is being awarded his YMCA membership card by Bruce Burns, youth director for the Medford YMCA. It is the 700th membership card the local YMCA has given this year. As the 700th new member, Laurin will be entitled to all the athletic and character building benefits the Y has to offer. His new activities can include everything from gymnastics to checkers.

Pointers Given to Keep Deer Meat As Good As Possible

Corvallis — For venison at its flavorful best, hunters should skin and cool their deer as soon as possible, according to Andrew Landforce, Oregon State college extension wildlife management specialist.

It's ideal when deer can be field dressed and immediately taken to camp, home, or the cold storage locker to be skinned. But for hunters who can't take their deer back right away, Landforce offers the following suggestions:

In western Oregon, unless the deer is moved easily from the field, dress it, hang it in a tree, and skin at once. Split the carcass in half and leave the last neck vertebrae connected to help balance the halves while hanging.

Preferably let hang until the meat is no longer sticky. Dry meat is easier to keep clean. Hanging over night in the cold woods is good. The meat gets cold and a glaze forms on it.

Cut in Quarters

If pack animals are impractical, cut the deer in quarters and drop each quarter

into an individual clean cloth bag. Strap the load on the pack board for carrying out of the woods.

Immediately upon reaching the destination, hang meat in a cool, dry place. The cold storage locker is ideal for cooling and aging meat, but lots of good venison has been cared for in the garage, too, Landforce noted.

In eastern Oregon, if you can't get the deer back to camp and skinned out immediately, field dress and skin the deer in the field. Hanging the deer in a tree is preferred, but if this is impractical remove the hide while the deer is lying on the ground.

Keep Meat Clean

Use the skin, boughs and meat sacks to keep meat clean while skinning. After the skin is off, quarter the carcass and put the pieces in individual meat sacks. Pack back to camp and hang it up at once. If it is not practical to carry the meat back to camp right away, hang it in a tree or lay it upon poles or rocks on the ground. The poles or rocks allow air to circulate around the meat, speeding up the cooling process.

It is always best to let meat hang and thoroughly cool before moving it, according to Landforce. When the meat gets a glaze over it, handling is easier, and meat can be kept much cleaner.

Deer eventually will cool out when hung with the hide on. In some cases deer are downed in circumstances which make skinning impractical, but even then, Landforce urges hunters to cool the animal as quickly as possible to keep the meat at its best.

Court Accepts Recommendation

The county court formally accepted the recommendation today that the county not finance a snag removal program for Hyatt lake.

The decision was made after County Judge Earl Miller read a letter from Robert J. Keeney, chairman of the Jackson county parks and recreation commission. The letter recommended against financing snag removal.

The commission has neither responsibility nor authority for recreation development at Hyatt lake and the commission's budget is quite limited," the letter stated.

"The commission at its special meeting Sept. 19 recommended that county funds not be spent for the snag removal," Walter Hoffbuh, Talent Irrigation district manager, had estimated that it would cost \$7,500 for local off-season loggers to clear snags near the high water line to enhance recreation at the lake.

City-County Parks and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth had pointed out at the special meeting that TID has \$10,000 in a reserve fund which could be used for snag removal. Hoffbuh explained that this is an emergency fund consisting of money from timber cutting.

Cole M. Rivers, state game commission field agent, said at the special meeting that blanket removal of snags at Hyatt lake might endanger chances of maintaining suitable fishery there.

Other decision included: James France vs. Archie Weinstein, et al, appellants; appeal from Lane county; opinion by Justice Pro Tem E. H. Howell; Judge Frank B. Reid affirmed; judgment of Lane County Circuit Court dismissing an appeal from District Court for failure to make a filing on time affirmed.

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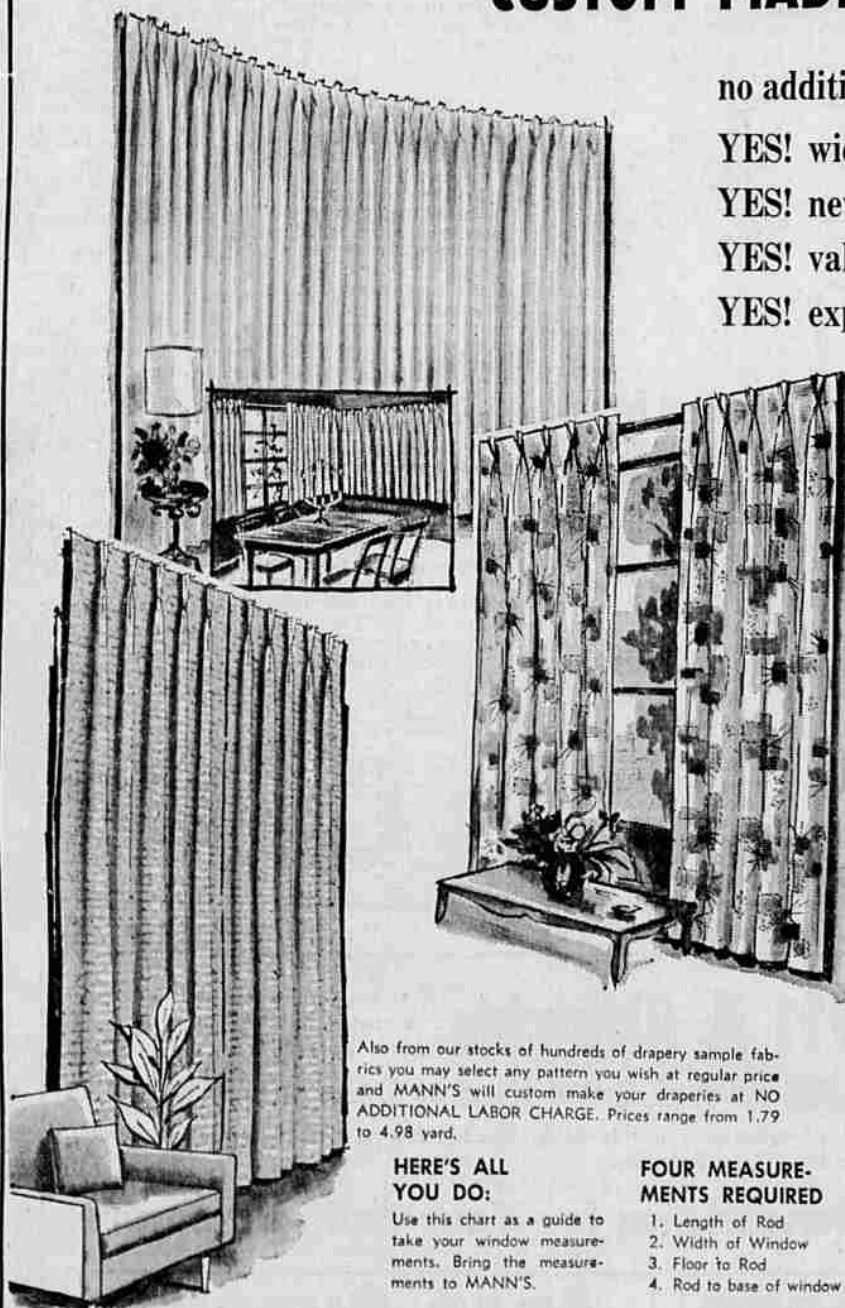
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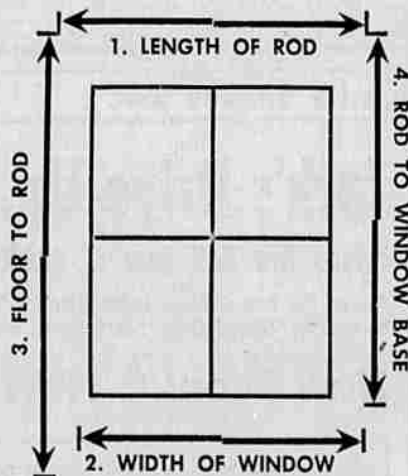
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