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New Liquid Gives Easy Mothproof Touch to Wool

Mothproofing washable woolens being stored for the summer will be easier this year with the help of a new solution, according to Murlie Scales Osegon State college extension clothing specialist.

The liquid product, EQ-53, was developed by the U. S. department of agriculture. Miss Scales said it is sold under several brand names, but EQ-53 appears prominently on most containers.

The advantage of this insecticide is that it permits pestproofing while laundering by hand or in a machine. A few spoonfuls in the wash or rinse water leaves a small, invisible quantity of DDT in the wool to ward off insects.

One tablespoonful of the product is used for each pound of wool to be washed. When wool is immersed in the solution picks up and retains enough DDT to make it immune to the moths.

This treatment protects wool in storage for year or more, Miss Scales said. If the woolens are worn, they will protect for a season unless they are washed or dry cleaned. Then they need treatment again. The solution leaves no odor in the woolens, and it will not effect shrinking or matting of the fabric.

To avoid irritation of infant's skin, the recommendation is to treat their clothing and blankets only if they are to be stored. Before they are used again dry cleaning is advised.

Directions for using this product are given in detail in the publication, "Clothes Moths and Carpet Beetles," (HG-24). Copies are available from county extension agents or Oregon State College.

Linn County Health Department Holds Clinic

The Linn County Health Department conducted 17 preschool clinics throughout the county this spring. A total of 905 children who will enter the first grade next fall were examined. Since this number represents three-quarters of the prospective first graders, the information gained at these clinics gives a good picture of the health of this age group.

Tooth decay was the most common defect found. Thirty-six per cent of the children had decayed teeth, not counting filled or missing teeth. Fifty four percent of all the children had been to a dentist at least once. In the 1950 clinics 39 percent of the children were found to have decayed teeth.

Five-fifth percent of the children had eye defects including impaired vision and muscle weakness. Four percent had nose and throat defects which required attention. Two percent had defects involving muscle or bone. Ten children were classed as having nutritional defects, 6 being overweight and 4 being underweight.

Eighty-three percent of the children had already been immunized against diphtheria as compared with 69 percent in 1950. The percentage of those immunized varied in different parts of the county from 67 percent to 94 percent. Sixty-two percent of the children had been immunized before the age of 2 years as compared with 50 percent in 1950.

The percentage of those vaccinated against smallpox was 79 percent as compared with 56 percent in 1950.

Eighty percent of the children had been born in Oregon as compared with 64 percent in 1950.

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