

Foam Rubber Hints Given

Foam rubber has given sofas and pillows trim lines that last, rather than sagging, in a shed shape. To capitalize on the neat look, foam rubber should be dramatized in tailored covers, not concealed in ruffles and pleats. It can be done easily at home.

Materials needed:

Fabric: For the slipcover or bolster, in a fabric at least 2 inches wider than the mattress, yardage twice the length of the mattress or bolster with four 1-inch seam allowances. For the sides, in the same fabric, a strip 2 inches longer than the circumference and 2 inches wider than the side is high.

For the welting, in the same fabric, estimate that one yard of 36-inch material will cut 24 yards of 1 1/2-inch bias strips. Allow for two circumferences.

For the pillows, fabric twice the main area, with 1-inch seam allowance all around, plus a strip for the boxing with a 2-inch allowance. For welting, enough fabric for two circumferences of 1 1/2-inch strips. The pillow fabrics may be striped or solid, as in the picture, with matching or contrasting welting.

Notions: Cord for the welting, enough for two circumferences for each pillow, mattress or bolster. Two 27-inch open-topped zippers for the mattress, one 27-inch zipper for each bolster. Thread.

You can see this operation at work at your Singer Sewing Center. But this is the technique for covering mattress, pillow or bolster:

1. Make welting by enclosing cord in 1 1/2-inch-wide strips, using the zipper foot attachment of the sewing machine.
2. Attach welting to fabric intended for main area covers, top and bottom. Make seam line three-quarters inch from edge of fabric and have raw edge of welting run around raw edge of fabric.
3. Sew ends of boxing, stitch boxing to bottom section, sewing along the same line that attached the welting, with right sides of fabric together, and again putting the raw edges together.
4. Stitch boxing to top fabric, leaving one long side open. For mattress, stitch in zippers, with metal pulls meeting at the center. For bolster covers, insert zipper along bottom. For pillows, slip stitch cover closed.

Lumber Wage Boost Voted

DUNSMUIR — Employees of the Ralph L. Smith Lumber Company at Castella, six miles south of here, were informed Thursday of a wage increase averaging 8 1/2 cents an hour, effective January 1. Announcement was made by A. B. Hood, general manager of the firm. Included in the new wage rates are employees of the Wildwood Lumber Company at Willard and Red Bluff, a Smith subsidiary.

The wage increases will be graduated for various work classifications, between 5 and 15 cents an hour, Hood's statement said. The increase will follow the pattern of the "Seattle formula" agreements recently announced in the Pacific Northwest.

The plants are not union but the company feels production workers are entitled to the general wage increase now being discussed, Hood said. Further plant studies will eliminate any wage inequities, he concluded.

Fire Department Holds Election

WEED — The annual election of the Shastina Volunteer Firemen was conducted at the regular meeting of the department held Monday night, December 12, at the Long Bell Fire Hall.

For the fifth consecutive year Roland Riley was elected to head the volunteers as chief of the Shastina Volunteer Firemen. Harold Cedros was also elected for the fifth time to serve as assistant chief.

Commissioners elected for the organization were Henry Dorell and Ralph Smutz, they replace Dyart Scribner and Boyd Meline whose terms expired at this time. Other commissioners serving unexpired terms on the volunteer department include James Mallory, M. E. Ellison and Ed Turner.

The four companies into which the department is divided, select captains and lieutenants for their individual company unit and those to be selected for these posts will be named at an early date following this week's election. James Culley and Max Layton were named to the finance board at the election meeting.



MAIN STREET'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTING is shown in this shot taken by Herald and News photographer Don Kettler looking up Main Street from near the Willard Hotel. The decorations, purchased by the Klamath Merchant's Association, were put up by crews of the city street department.

Novel Means To Protect

The man was well known in town. He had cast-iron pigeons nailed to the eaves of his house and it was rumored he had trunks of old lawn clippings in his living room. Right now, he was doing something strange, even for him. It looked like he was building a house around the outside of his home.

"Whatcha doing mister?" someone asked. "Obviously, I am building a house around the outside of my home, Cancha read?" the man answered.

"Why?" "I have just painted my house and I wish to protect the job from the rigors of the elements. Rain, snow, heat, gloom of night and what not."

"Oh," said the someone. "Well, it's not quite necessary to protect the outside but there are some problems."

In the south, where the rigors of the sun are greater than those of snowstorms, they are hanging cotton curtains on the outdoors, to protect the indoor curtains and furnishings from fading. It's not quite the rage yet, but there is one home in Memphis at least where a massive picture window is protected by a very stylish draw curtain — outdoors.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groat, on Cherry Circle in Memphis, on days when the sun's sun is bright, is a sight to behold. Right in front of the house, in the breeze outside of a bay picture window, is a vivid expanse of turquoise green sailcloth curtain with a 6-inch cotton fringe at the bottom. Behind the curtain, in the greenish light, the furniture and inside drapes thrive and fade not.

The heavy outside curtains, designed by Kenneth Kimbrough, are not disturbed by rain, for rain drops pop off the sailcloth as though it were oiled.

With the windows getting larger in American homes there's no telling how far this idea will go.

Church To Hold Special Program

WEED — "A Promise Fulfilled" will be the title of the annual Christmas program to be presented by the children of the Sunday School department of the Weed Community Church this Sunday evening December 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

Special annual treats for Christmas will be presented to the children in the program and to those attending.

Members of the adult choir of the church will present selected musical numbers to add to the Yuletide program. Following the Sunday evening the choir members will go caroling, traveling throughout the entire community.

The Rev. George Telle will offer sermons both this Sunday December 18 and Christmas Sunday December 25 with message and topics relative to the theme in Weed churches of putting "Christ back in Christmas."

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Scouts Annual Tree Sale Held

WEED — The annual sale of Christmas trees by the Weed Boy Scouts held Saturday December 10 was reported a complete success and all 300 trees obtained by the members of the various troops, their leaders and committeemen were sold out at the sale and throughout this week.

Early snows in the tree cutting area and adverse weather conditions held the number of trees cut for the sale to a minimum this year. Every branch and sprig of green brought in by the groups was sold out this week, officials of the project stated Thursday.

The yearly project is considered a community service sponsored by the Boy Scout troops as well as a major money raising opportunity for the unified organizations. Prices this year were reasonable and the quality of the tree was the basis of the footage price.

The tree sale is made possible through the cooperation of the Long-Bell Lumber Company by permitting the cutting of the trees on the Long-Bell tree area and thereby donating the trees for the project. The timber cruisers of the lumber company supervised the cutting of the trees.

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Merrill Home Unit Convenes

MERRILL — The regular meeting of the Merrill Home Extension unit took place Friday, December 9, at the recreation hall. The project, making cakes attractive, was demonstrated by Mrs. Luther Rippey and Mrs. Delmer Haskins.

Potluck lunch was served and homemade gifts exchanged.

A baked food sale, sponsored by the unit, was held at Griggs Grocery Saturday with Dorothy Baxter in charge.

Joyce Pohl was named chairman of the table decoration committee.

Program planning hints for the coming year were invited. Virginia Perry suggested making something for each meeting to raffie to raise funds for the treasury. Ann Johnson and Virginia Moore volunteered to bring the January gift. Joyce Pohl and Hazel McNeil, one for February; Ruby Mitchell and Dorothy Baxter for March, and Virginia Perry and Mrs. W. Kurtz for April.

Guests attending included Mrs. W. Althey, Mrs. James Baxter and Mrs. Lila Macfarlane.

Making rolls and bread from sweet dough is planned for the January meeting.

Spoiling Children Dread Cited By OSC Authority

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Fear of spoiling children has become a serious hurdle to "good mothering and fathering" in recent generations, an Oregon State College family life authority believes.

Mrs. Katherine Read, head of the family life and home administration department, says the fear of spoiling children with "too much" love and attention has created a "boyman" for parents.

To overcome the problem, she recommends a big "natural" dose of mother and father love.

Too many young mothers, for example, are afraid to pick up

their crying child because they're afraid it will spoil him, Mrs. Read insists. They find themselves torn between the maternal feeling which makes them want to comfort the infant—who is telling mother he needs comfort—and the fear of spoiling the child.

So the mother does not respond, the infant continues to cry, and both are unhappy as a result, Mrs. Read points out. Mothering loses some of its satisfaction in this situation, she continues.

There's no doubt, of course, that children can be spoiled, Mrs. Read says. But "too much love" isn't a basic cause. Lack of love may be,

however, because the unsatisfied child continues to seek love and attention and becomes "demanding" or spoiled.

The spoiled child is one, too, who has been deprived of responsibilities which are rightfully his and deprived of facing consequences of his acts. For example, he is the child whose mother tried to stop his crying when he slipped and fell as a baby by pretending to "spank the naughty old chair," instead of giving him comfort for the fall and explaining how it happened. The explanation lets the child face reality and learn to modify his behavior, Mrs. Read explains.

Another reason for spoiled children is that parents fail to recognize "growth impulses" and fail to let children explore, feel independent and make minor mistakes, she says.

Alturas Scout Repairing Toys

ALTURAS — Robert Hight, who is working for his Webelos badge in Boy Scouts, has requested that toys which can be repaired or which children have outgrown be left at Hight's Confectionery. The toys will be used for the PTA welfare for the benefit of children who will have no other Christmas.

Robert will repair the toys himself, thereby working toward his badge and helping make Christmas happier for many children.

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