

Of Interest to Women



Hello Homemakers! Mothers are busy getting the children's clothes ready for school—mending, letting out and pressing. Youngsters always seem to "stretch up" so during the summer.

The year-long mother-thing-over will be making alterations on the children's clothes as well as their own. It is economical and it is wise. For instance you can:

- (1) Mend frayed edges of sleeves and make the jacket stylish too, by using bias stripes of contrasting material to pipe each sleeve.
- (2) Use any suitable remnants to line pockets or hand bags. Stitch the edges of skirt pleats to strengthen the material.
- (3) Hand stitch edges of jacket openings if the garment has lost its press.
- (4) Sew a "turned" edge on a hem which is not deep enough to let down.
- (5) Make side fasteners. Strips of hooks and eyes for repairing corsettes are available and you could clip off a section and stitch in the tab upon which the hooks and eyes are fastened.

Nearly every child is eager to help and now while mother is busy, young daughter may take over in the kitchen. With the encouragement of mother's praise, she will go a long way towards becoming an excellent cook. Simple dishes and guidance in the use of appliances will make meal-getting easy for her.

You might give your daughter this

menu to prepare on your sewing day.

- Raw peaches, wheat porridge with milk, toast and honey, coffee.
- Scalloped meat, mashed potatoes, and corn-on-the-cob, baked custard and tea.
- Devilled eggs, potato salad, sliced tomatoes, applesauce, cookies and milk.

POINTS IN OPERATING AN ELECTRIC SEWING MACHINE

1. Clean and oil the electric machine after each garment is made.
2. Use pure sewing machine oil—other oils gum.
3. Thread, needle and fabric must correspond for perfect workmanship. For the average family sewing, Nos. 60 to 0 thread is used and No. 1 needle for machine.
4. Purchase needles where sewing machine was bought. Place the needle in needle bar with flat side toward the wheel. Fasten needle clamp securely with screw driver.
5. Always use the same thread in bobbin as on top of machine. Buy the best thread and that which corresponds to fabric—rayon on rayon only.
6. Replace bobbin firmly and correctly.
7. Never force the sewing machine to sew when it refuses once. Remove the shuttle and take out any lint or broken thread.
8. Many new electric machines are equipped with a forward and a reverse stitch regulator which fastens ends securely. Reverse stitching must be 1/16 inch from the first line of stitching.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON SEWING MACHINES

1. If thick fabrics draw or pucker, tension is too tight or stitch is too small.
2. If upper thread breaks constantly, look for one of these reasons: (1) Needle not set properly; (2) Machine not threaded correctly.

- (3) Upper tension—too tight; (4) Thread uneven and needle too small; (5) A sharp needle eye.
3. If the under thread constantly breaks, the cause may be: (1) Bobbin case improperly threaded; (2) Too tight tension; (3) Bobbin too full of thread.
4. If the needle breaks, the cause may be: (1) The fabric has been pulled forward instead of backward; (2) The needle may not be raised high enough; (3) Bulky seams, which should be sewn only if you use a bar cap.

Note: Limited space does not permit directions on the value and practice of various attachments. However, we will be very glad to give assistance upon request.

GIRL'S PAINTING TURNS TOWN FAIR

REVERE, Mass. (CP) When pretty Virginia Shaw pulled herself 120 feet in a boatswain's chair to paint a tower on a recreation hall, spectators stared some paled.

Said the sprightly brunette, coming down: "Heck, that's nothing. I used to be a high wire acrobat in a circus."

MUSKRAT FUR COATS

Among the best of Canadian furs for coats is muskrat. All the pelts come from wild animals, none is raised in captivity. In the 1943-44 season, a total of 1,980,893 pelts were sold at an average price of \$2.26 each compared with 1,748,239 pelts in the 1937-38 season when the average price was 77 cents. Muskrat fur is used principally in coats. The best quality is sold under the trade name of Hudson seal, and the top grade comes from the Ottawa and Illec Lake districts of Ontario. The principal source of supply of muskrats is the province of Ontario, with Manitoba in second place. All the provinces and the two Territories contribute many thousands, except Prince Edward Island where the annual catch averages about 1,500.

Chronicles of a Ginger Farm

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Sometimes I think that one of the major problems on a farm is entertaining. Farm people, in common with city folk, like to have their friends come to visit with them. And naturally, the logical time for visiting is in the summer. Unfortunately, summer time also coincides with the busiest season of the year on the farm so that we who entertain are always a little uneasy lest our friends do not have as good a time as we would like them to have. The farm

work has to go on. Fortunately, to the majority of folks holidaying in the country, most farm work is a novelty and so they enjoy being around and getting first-hand information on how the work is done or they don't. It depends on their personality. Our niece Betty, for instance, had never seen a cream separator work; her sister Joy, who is staying with us, was quite interested in watching the manure spreader in action! Bob had been at that job for several days without it becoming unpleasantly obvious. Then came a couple of hot, damp days, with a strong warm wind blowing from the west. Most of the windows of the house were open so our visitors had plenty of opportunity of getting acquainted with one more phase of farm life! Joy is a nurse so I hastened to inform her that that particular branch of farming was reputedly the most healthful of all. Any way, men so occupied always come into meals with enormous appetites.

Trying to combine work and pleasure is another problem. Not so much for the younger generation, their supply of energy seems inexhaustible, but for us older folk who, although still quite capable of enjoying good entertainment, yet find it somewhat exhausting if we have another hard day's work ahead of us. But we try it just the same. We take in the old show or garden party; we come home and enjoy a midnight snack, we eat and then get to our beds but in an hour or two we are out of them again and on with the work while our visitors, bless their hearts, sleep blissfully on. We don't begrudge them their sleep for from it this is their holiday, let them enjoy it. We only enjoy the opportunity of arising each morning, refreshed and invigorated, ready again to go places and see things, although by comparison we are so afraid they will find us dull and lifeless, apparently thinking only of the work to be done as if we had no other interests beyond our own line of work.

By the foregoing remarks you may surmise we have been trying to work and play too. That's right we have except Partner, he is wise, he recognizes his limitations. One night Bob took us to Hamilton and while there we went to see "The Valley of Decision". It was a grand show and we enjoyed every minute of our outing even though we did have a flat tire on the road. But I thought Betty was disappointed because she had not seen "Son of Lassie". So the next day I took the two girls to a neighboring town and there we saw "Son of Lassie". We followed Laddie right through his puppy days to his adventures in Norway and returned with him to his native moors and safety. "Valley of Decision" is a wonderful picture, but we all felt that we shall remember Laddie and Lassie long after the other show is forgotten. There is an undefinable bond between a man and his dog that tugs at the heartstrings. We felt that even in the show and we thought we just couldn't stand it if anything dreadful should happen to faithful, trusting Laddie. What a story to awaken children's sympathies. The children in that audience laughed and cried by turns and I am sure they all went home wishing that each had a dog like Laddie. The pity of it is too many children grow up lacking the companionship of a dog. In towns that is often unavoidable, but dogs, children and wide open spaces surely belong together.

Right here I might as well make a confession. The men are drawing in here, and before going to the field they asked me to see that the cows didn't get into the barn. So I brought paper and pencil and took up my vigil from the back seat of the car. It was very comfortable, the air was just pleasantly warm; a soft breeze was blowing and before I knew it I was asleep. So, you see what I mean when I say that work, pleasure and late hours don't go too well together. The wagon coming home woke me up. I wondered where on earth I was. Fortunately the cows hadn't come down for a drink so nobody knows I was guilty of that unforgivable sin, being asleep at the switch.

Oh—oh—now there's a bee in the car. It's obviously time I got out!

Seeds shipped from Canada to Britain in 1943 and 1944 produced more than three million tons of food for that country.

Acton Fall Fair

Friday and Saturday
September 14 and 15

SPECIAL PRIZES

HORSE SPECIALS

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| NO. | Prize | Value |
| 15 | Best High Stepping Horse, 1st, \$5.00 cash, 2nd, \$2.00 cash | \$ 7.00 |
| 25 | Best Single Turnout, 1st, value of \$5.00, 2nd, value of \$2.00 | 7.00 |
| 35 | Best Span High Steppers in Harness, 1st, cash \$5.00, 2nd, value of \$5.00 | 10.00 |
| 45 | Best Span Heavy Horses, any breed, 1st, \$7.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$2.00 cash | 12.00 |
| 55 | Best Lady Rider, 1st, value \$3.50, 2nd, value \$2.00 | 5.50 |
| 65 | Best Lady Driver, 1st, value \$5.00; 2nd, value \$2.00 | 7.00 |
| 75 | Best Saddle Mare or Gelding, suitable for hunter, 1st, cash, \$5.00; 2nd, value \$3.00 | 8.00 |
| 85 | Best Heavy Horse on grounds, Mare or Gelding, any breed, 1st, \$6.00, 2nd, \$4.00 cash | 10.00 |
| 95 | Best Pony, 12 hands and under, hitched to suitable vehicle, 1st, value \$4.00; 2nd, value \$3.00; 3rd, value \$2.00; 4th, value \$2.00 | 11.00 |
| 105 | Best Single Delivery Horse, 1st, cash \$5.00, 2nd, cash \$3.00 | 8.00 |
| 115 | Best Showmanship of Foal, open to boy or girl, 1st, cash \$4.00; 2nd, value \$3.00 | 7.00 |
| 125 | Best group of not less than five Horses owned by one exhibitor 1st, value \$7.00, 2nd, value \$5.00, 3rd, value \$3.00 | 15.00 |

CATTLE SPECIALS

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| 135 | Best Jersey, get of sire, group of three animals either sex, bred by exhibitor from Halton County, Erin or Erumosa Townships. Any family having won a T. Eaton Co. Limited, prize in this class at a Fair in 1945, not eligible to compete, by T. Eaton Co. Limited, 15 1/2 inch Sandwich Plate, value | 18.00 |
| 145 | Best Two Beef Calves, 1st, cash \$2.50, 2nd, value \$2.00, 3rd, \$1.00 | 5.50 |
| 155 | Best Two Dairy Calves, 1st, value \$2.50, 2nd, value \$2.00, 3rd, value \$1.00 | 5.50 |
| 165 | Junior Herd, any beef breed, consisting of bull and 3 females, previously shown in individual classes, all under two years of age, 1st, value \$3.00, 2nd, value \$2.00 | 5.00 |

HOG SPECIALS

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| 175 | Best Pair Young Sows, under 4 months, value \$5.00 | 5.00 |
| 185 | Best Bacon Hog, market weight, value \$5.00 | 5.00 |
| 195 | Best Pair Weanling Pigs, Bacon Type, value \$2.50 | 2.50 |

SHEEP SPECIALS

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| 205 | Best Flock of Sheep, consisting of 1 ram, 2 ewes and 2 ewe lambs, any breed, 1st, value \$3.00, 2nd, value \$2.00 | 5.00 |
| 215 | Best Pair Marketable Wether Lambs, value \$2.50, 2nd, value \$2.00 | 4.50 |
| 225 | Best Five Ewe Lambs, by Robert Simpson, Co. Ltd., \$5.00 War Saving Certificate | 5.00 |

POULTRY SPECIAL

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| 235 | Best Pair Cockerel and Pullet, any breed, value \$3.00 | 3.00 |
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MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALS

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| 245 | To Couple married greatest number of years, attending the Fair. Registration to be made with gatekeepers or Secretary, second day of Fair. THE ACTON FREE PRESS, one year value | 2.00 |
| 255 | To the Person attending Acton Fair from the Greatest Distance. Report to Secretary for computation of distance. THE ACTON FREE PRESS, one year value | 2.00 |
| 265 | Best Appearing Child, under 12 years, and Doll Carriage, in School Parade, 1st, value \$2.00; 2nd, value \$1.00; 3rd, value 50c | 3.50 |
| 275 | Best Decorated Bicycle in School Parade, boys and girls, by Pallant's Clothing Store, Acton, 1st, goods, \$2.50; 2nd, cash, \$1.50; 3rd, cash \$1.00 | 5.00 |
| 285 | Best Essay on Fire Prevention by Public School Pupil, by Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, 1st \$2.75, 2nd \$1.50, 3rd \$1.25; 10th \$1.00, 5th 50c | 6.00 |

GRAIN, ROOT AND VEGETABLE SPECIALS

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| 305 | Best Collection of Farm Produce, including grain, roots, vegetables and flowers. Gardeners not eligible, 1st, Cash \$3.00; 2nd, value of \$2.00 | 5.00 |
| 315 | Best Six Quart Basket of Onions; 1st, Ontario Seed Co., seeds to be collected spring of 1946, Woodhall & Mussele, value \$1.00 | 1.00 |
| 325 | Best Half Dozen Slicing Cucumbers; 1st by Ontario Seed Co., seeds to be collected spring of 1946, Woodhall & Mussele, value \$1.00 | 1.00 |
| 335 | Best Three Samples of Grain, consisting of Wheat, Oats, and Barley, half bushel of each, 1st, value \$2.00; 2nd, value \$1.50 | 3.80 |
| 345 | Best Bushel Basket of Mixed Vegetables. Not open to market gardeners. By Woodhall and Mussele, plants, spring of 1946, 1st value \$2.00, 2nd value \$1.00 | 3.00 |
| 355 | Best Bushel Shipping Turnips, 1st, Cash, \$2.00; 2nd, Cash, \$1.00 | 3.00 |
| 365 | Best Peck of Winter Wheat prepared and exhibited by boy or girl 18 years or under, resident of Halton County, Erin or Erumosa Townships. Five prizes of \$2.00 each | 10.00 |
| 375 | Best Bag of Potatoes, donor to receive same, by Wm. Cooper, Acton, cash | 2.00 |
| 385 | Best Basket of Potatoes, 11 quarts, any variety, 1st, \$1.00; 2nd, 50c | 1.50 |

PLANTS AND FLOWERS

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| 395 | Best 12 White Gladioli, 1st Cash \$1.00; 2nd Cash 75c | 1.75 |
| 405 | Best Living Room Bouquet, 1st Cash 1.00; 2nd Cash 50c | 1.50 |
| 415 | Best Basket Cut Flowers; 1st Cash \$1.00; 2nd Cash 50c | 1.50 |
| 425 | Centre Piece of Assorted Flowers, on tray, for dinner table setting (twelve); 1st value \$2.00; 2nd Cash 75c | 2.75 |
| 435 | Best Basket Wild Flowers, arranged for effect, 1st value \$2.00; 2nd Cash 50c | 2.50 |



"Here comes our cheque Mummy!"

All over Canada, in cities, towns, villages and on farms, hundreds of thousands of men and women watch for the postman to bring dependents' allowance cheques as other people look for pay-day. They are people of all ages whose breadwinners are away on active service. They include returned men not yet back in civilian life.

And soon there will be hundreds of thousands more back from the war. They will receive cheques to help them buy civilian clothes, to go to college, to get technical or vocational training, to start in business for themselves, or to set up as farmers or fishermen.

The banks have to be prepared to cash all official cheques for these and a dozen other purposes—and to do so anywhere in Canada without charge. In fact, the banks supply Canada with the nationwide machinery to facilitate a grateful country's plans for restoring service men and women to civilian life.

This is a tremendous task. It will entail a vast amount of bookkeeping. But you can be sure that your banks will take it in their stride without impairing regular banking service.

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