



Ladies,
Have
You
Heard?



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**How To Store Ice Cream
and Frozen Desserts**

Most quality defects of ice cream are caused by improper handling. To prevent melting and ice crystal formation, keep frozen desserts below zero degrees. This is satisfactory for a few days storage in your home freezer. If you plan to keep these products for more than two weeks, keep them at minus 15 degrees or below.

When buying frozen foods at the store have them packed in insulated bags. Be sure to put them in your cart last — just before going to the checkout center. Then go directly home. Don't do any other shopping on the way. Place frozen foods directly in your freezer or freezer section of your refrigerator.

Frozen products should be hard. If they are soft or spongy, temperatures are above zero degrees. Set the thermostat to a colder setting.

Instead of setting ice cream on the counter to warm before serving, use a warm scoop to dip ice cream. Then return the package to the freezer immediately.

If kept frozen, ice cream will keep for months. Manufacturers store it at minus 20 degrees to minus 40 degrees. Remember, to maintain smooth texture and fine flavor of ice cream, keep it at below zero degrees in your home.

**Plan Fabric Shopping
For Best Use**

Now's the time to stock up on fabric bargains for next year's sewing. Stores are clearing their inventories and if you can anticipate your needs, you can make drastic savings. Prices are expected to go up, too, so it will pay you to think ahead.

If you tend to buy more than you really need and don't make it into garments, you may find your bargains are expensive ones. It's easy to get carried away with the idea of having a beautiful piece of fabric at a good mark-down without considering how it will fit into your wardrobe plan, or if you have the time to make it, or even if you need it at all.

If you really intend to make up the fabric, consider how to get the most for your money when you buy on sale.

Keep in mind that fabric and fashion go hand in hand. Fabrics can go out of style as quickly as a dress style. Will that wild print be suitable for next year's long skirt? Or will the long skirt even be fashionable next year?

Wool fabrics may be a good buy if they are reduced. But be sure you have good storage facilities and store the fabric safely until you use it. Moths can eat away your bargain fabric.

Unless you make up the fabric soon and have a good idea of the yardage you need, you might have a tendency to overbuy so you'll "have enough" in case the styles change. The extra yardage may be wasted and this brings up the price.

How many new dresses do you really need in a year? Have you made up the fabric you have on hand? Remember that there will be other sales next year.

Do you really like the fabric? Does it really look like you? And is it a fabric you'll feel comfortable wearing?

If you are a shopper who likes to give the remnant counter the

"once-over" be wary of an apparent bargain. Sometimes slow-moving fabric is cut into dress lengths and placed on the remnant counter at no reduction in price.

Check the fabric width. Sometimes the wide knits are cut in half lengthwise, so the fabric is only half the width you normally expect.

Inspect the remnant for flaws, soiled spots and other damage. Often you can cut around these if you have enough fabric, but it also takes more time to plan the layout. Do you save enough money to make up for the extra time and trouble? Are soiled areas ones which will wash out? Some greasy spots are difficult to remove.

Check the grainline of woven fabrics. Off-grain fabrics are often on a bargain table.

Remnants don't need to be labeled as to fabric content and care directions, although many are. Be sure you know how to care for the fabric after you buy it.

Grandparents' Role in Raising Child Important

Grandparents have a lot to offer children besides time and a lap to sit on. They can have a tremendous influence on children, reminds James Van Horn, Extension family life specialist at The Pennsylvania State University.

Grandparents can give children a look into the past that parents can't supply. There is wisdom in hindsight and experience. Aging is less unreal and threatening to a child, if Grandma and Grandpa are people he and his parents are glad to know. And grandparents are examples of what families are all about, even though today they are seldom involved in children's daily experience.

Unfortunately, certain misunderstandings seem to come between many parents and grandparents. Grandparents need to realize that every set of parents—including their own children—must develop their own philosophy of child-rearing, in harmony with the times. Just as they expect that they will manage to raise children in positive ways, Van Horn, says parents must understand that grandparents will fall back on "tried and true" practices that went into successful up-bringing a generation ago.

Parents can also guard against being over-defensive about grandparents' advice. An in-

nocent suggestion that a young parent might take from a friend, may be interpreted as "meddling" or "domineering" when made by a grandparent.

And when leaving children with delighted grandparents, parents might remind themselves not to take advantage of the situation. Grandma and Grandpa are no

longer used to the constant presence and demands of a child, and says Van Horn, they may tire after a time.

Society 5

Farm Women Society 5 entertained their husbands and

friends recently at the Conestoga-Sheraton. Mrs. Graybill Longenecker, president, presided during the evening. Mrs. Paul Stern had charge of the arrangements.

The speaker of the evening was Captain Charles McCaffert, community relations division of the city of York, who works with youth. He was introduced by Rev. Clyde Weaver.

Mrs. Wilbur Hostetter led the group in singing.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at 1:30 p.m. August 25 at the home of Mrs. Walter Holbain, Landisville.

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Farm Women Societies

Society 1

The Society of Farm Women 1 met at the Middle Creek Wildlife Museum and was taken on a slide tour of the area. A short business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Paul Kurtz, president, in a picnic area. It was announced that the County Convention will be held at the Lancaster Bible College on November 3. Mrs. Mark Hatfield will be the speaker.

Society 1 will be responsible for

two table arrangements. Tickets for the convention may be ob-

tained from Mrs. Kurtz.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Hershey, Lititz RD2 at 1:30 p.m. An auction sale has been planned. Devotions will be presented by

Mrs. Franklin Weber. Roll Call will be answered by members giving a favorite recipe. Hostesses will be Mrs. Hershey and Mrs. Raymond Groff, Sr.

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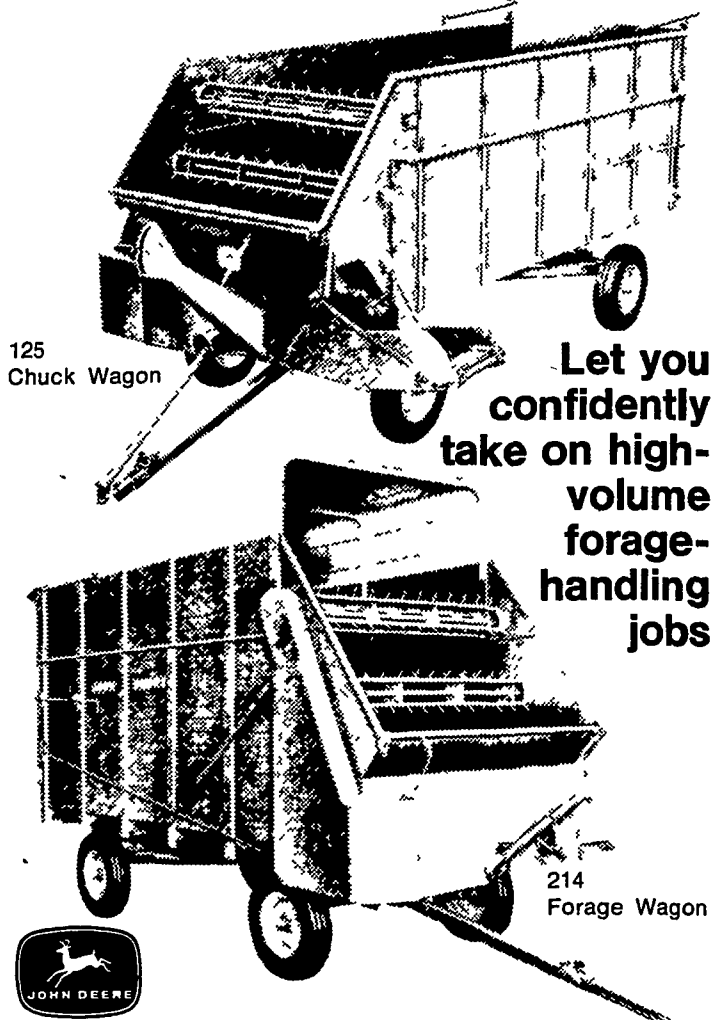
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