

# LADIES, HAVE YOU HEARD?

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### Clothing Repairs Extend Wardrobe Use

Keeping clothing in good repair helps cut clothing costs. These hints may help make your mending chores easier and extend your wardrobe.

Salvage belts on ready-to-wear dresses by covering the worn areas at each end of the belt by topstitching a bit of decorative braid or ribbon to the belt. If the buckle needs to be replaced, design a different way to fasten the belt — a decorative button and buttonhole, Velcro, laces or leave the ribbon long enough to tie instead of buckle.

Use an old leather belt to mend a fabric belt. Cut off worn sections of the fabric belt and replace with end of the leather belt, topstitching in place. Or buy kits which will do the same thing.

Design an applique shape to sew over worn buttonholes for a decorative effect as well as a useful function. Or consider embroidering a design around the buttonhole area or using pieces of decorative braid.

To lengthen hems in children's clothes allow an extra two inches in the

hemline. Instead of sewing a wide hem, take a two-inch tuck in the hem on the wrong side. When the hem needs to be let down, release the stitches in the tuck and you won't need to re sew the hem.

If you're using elastic in a casing at the waistline of a skirt or pants, keep it in place by stitching in the "ditch" at each seam, distributing fullness evenly between each seam before stitching.

When cutting out garments allow wider seams on length-wise side seams to give some extra fabric if you need to make fitting adjustments from one year to another.

Attach a pin cushion to the head of your sewing machine so pins will be at fingertips when you sew and can be easily replaced when you remove them from your fabric as you stitch.

### Heating and Burning Values of Wood Vary

Many people think any kind of wood will burn well, but it doesn't work that way. Some species of wood do make more heat and burn better than others.

Here are some guidelines about the heating and burn-

ing values of the different species of wood. Some homeowners and farmers may have trees that need to be pruned and others that should be removed. Cutting them for firewood may be a good idea in many situations.

Species rating as best for fireplace burning are: white oak, apple, black birch, hickory and black locust.

Rated good are: white ash, beech, black cherry, red oak, elm, maple and black walnut.

Fair are: white birch, sycamore, yellow poplar, yellow and red pine.

Some species rated as poor for fireplace burning are: Aspen, basswood, willow, white pine and spruce.

Remember these ratings are for heating and burning values only. They can't be applied to ratings for other purposes.

For good burning qualities, all wood should be dried at least one year. Green wood must be kept burning with kindling or mixed with other thoroughly dry wood.

## First place grabbed by PSU livestock judging team

UNIVERSITY PARK - The livestock judging team from Penn State University won first place recently in the Eastern States Livestock Judging Contest held at the University of Connecticut. In addition to achieving first place overall, the team was first in sheep and swine and placed third in judging beef cattle.

High individual in the contest was Gary Dean of R1, Strasburg, who placed first in judging sheep and fourth in judging swine. Third highest individual was Joyce Crays of R4, Meadville, who placed second in judging sheep and fifth in judging beef cattle.

Fourth place in the contest

was won by Wilson King of King Road, Chadds Ford, who was third in judging beef cattle and fifth in judging sheep. Fifth place in the contest went to Debbie Moore of 201 Juniata Street, DuBois, who was first in judging swine.

Other team members were Ron Bolze of R1, Strasburg, Warren Flick of 720 S. Wayne St, West Chester, and Mike Sekerak and Craig Smith, both of R2, Corry.

The team was coached by Dr. Erskine H. Cash of the animal science faculty and Arthur "Mac" Smith Crawfordville, Ind., graduate assistant in animal science.

A newspaper can drop the same thought into a thousand minds at the same moment. A newspaper is an advisor who does not require to be sought, but comes to you briefly every day of the common weal, without distracting your private affairs. Newspapers, therefore, become more necessary in proportion as men become more equal individuals, and more to be feared. To suppose that they only serve to protect freedom would be to diminish their importance. They maintain civilization."  
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