

Ammon appointed

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Richard I. Ammon, vice president of the Poultry and Egg Institute of America (PEIA) has been appointed to a special committee to evaluate the functions, objections and activities of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA). The committee will make recommendations to its executive committee on needed improvements and/or restructuring of the organization.

The committee will make

a preliminary report to the WPSA executive committee at the XVI World's Poultry Congress in Rio de Janeiro in September.

Ammon, who also serves as vice president of the U.S.A. Branch of WPSA would appreciate any comments or suggestions relative to the committee's assignment from members of the U.S.A. Branch. He can be contacted at PEIA headquarters, Suite 801, 1815 N. Lynn St., Arlington, Va. 22209, 703-522-1363.

Ladies Have You Heard

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Lancaster Home Economist



AUTOCLAVE-NEW CARPET FIBER TREATMENT

Autoclave or heat set fiber is a new heat and pressure process designed to improve the characteristics of carpet fibers.

The autoclave process uses heat and pressure to provide and maintain the dimensional stability of carpet yarns. In the manufacturing of the carpet the yarn goes through the autoclave process twice. A carpet mill buys yarn in the "fuzzy bulk" state. After the yarn is carded and straightened, it goes into the autoclave unit. This helps the yarn to retain

its body. Then the yarns are twisted and put in the autoclave unit again. This gives the yarns a new memory so they will keep that twist and not go back to their original state.

These "heat set" yarns will stand up better to traffic because of their new memory. In other words, heat set fibers retain their resiliency and elastic recovery longer than ordinary carpet fibers.

The autoclave process will improve the retention and wearability of fibers such as polyester and make them perform as well as nylon. Consumers can expect more demand for polyester fiber

carpets now, because along with its excellent characteristics of abrasion resistance and ease of cleaning, it will now have the resiliency and elastic recovery it previously lacked. This is also good news for the consumer who wants the most for his money as polyester carpets are generally less expensive than nylon.

Nylon carpets are not greatly improved by the autoclave process as they already have excellent resiliency and elastic recovery.

D'ANJOU DOMINATE THE WINTER PEAR MARKET

When the landed gentry in France went on a horticultural spree more than 100 years ago, the French countryside was dotted with 800 different varieties of pear trees. Three of the most important survived. They were transplanted to U.S. soil and are now thriving. One of these pears that is leading production this winter is the D'Anjou.

Unlike most fruits, pears are picked before they are fully ripened. It is characteristic of this fruit that it

develops a finer flavor and smoother texture when ripened off the tree.

Ripening at room temperature is easily done. The ideal room temperature is between 60 to 70 degrees. Color is not necessarily an indication of ripeness.

After four to six days these pears should yield to gentle pressure of the thumb. However, you should give them the touch test daily. Once ripened, they should be refrigerated at 30 to 40 degrees F.

The use of pears in menu planning is just about endless but the very best of all is still simply eating the D'Anjou out-of-hand.

Here are a few other ideas. To serve them with great style, try this interesting salad. Arrange pear halves filled with avocado balls and tart grapefruit sections on a bed of lettuce and fresh spinach leaves.

For an elegant dessert, try a chocolate pear fondue. Combine 12 ounces of sweet cooking chocolate, 3/4 cup half-and-half and 2 tablespoons brandy. Stir over low heat, until smooth. Serve with fresh pear slices for dipping. Or, spoon over pear slices on orange chiffon cake.

Seed suit settled

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- Stanford Seed Co., a Buffalo, N.Y., seed firm, has paid \$1,050 in settlement of a civil suit for alleged violations of a federal truth-in-labeling law intended to protect farmers and consumers who buy seed.

Clyde R. Edwards, seed official with the U.S. Department of Agriculture said the suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Buffalo, N.Y., charged the firm with violating the Federal Seed Act on a shipment of lawn seed mixture into Vermont in 1972 and shipments of red clover and oat seed into Pennsylvania in 1974 and 1975. The firm consented to the \$1,050 judgement.

The alleged violations included false labeling of the percentage of germination, test date, and the presence of noxious-weed seeds; failure to test seed within a 5-month period prior to interstate shipment; and failure to show on the label the name and rate of occurrence of noxious-weed seeds.

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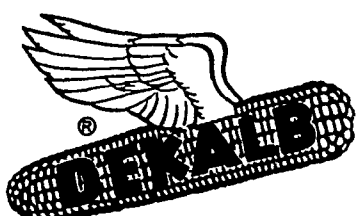
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