

Ladies Have You Heard?

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**CARE NEEDED IN
WASHING ELECTRIC
BLANKETS**
Electric blankets let you turn the

heat way down on cold nights and still stay cozy. Little wonder they have grown in popularity as energy costs have increased.

About 64 percent of American households own at least one electric blanket. But many consumers are confused about how to clean these wired wonders.

The blankets should be washed—never dry cleaned. The chemicals in the cleaning fluid will damage the insulation on the wiring. The blankets can be washed safely in an automatic washer. Avoid hand washing because it is extremely messy and awkward.

Always use lukewarm or cold water. Avoid hot water and bleach. Protect the plug by folding it into a corner of the blanket and pinning it. That way it won't beat against the wash tub. Then follow the blanket manufacturer's directions for both washing and drying.

If you have no directions on hand, follow this procedure:

* Fill washer to high level with warm water. Add detergent and agitate to dissolve. Add blanket and stop washer.

* Soak blanket for 15-20 minutes. Agitate one-two minutes at lowest speed. Advance dial to drain and spin out water.

* Refill washer with cold water. Add fabric softener and agitate at lowest speed for one minute. Drain and spin out water.

If you have a washer with a "delicate" or "woolens" cycle you can use that.

Dry your electric blanket over parallel clotheslines. Some manufacturers suggest partial machine drying, but avoid this unless you have specific directions for your blanket.

SHAWLS AND SCARVES FASHIONABLE, EASY TO SEW

Shawls and scarves can be used to help put together a casually soft and decidedly feminine fashion look.

For those who sew, it's an accessory that can be made easily.

While sewing a scarf or shawl may help the clothing budget, it also adds more creativity in personal dress.

The best fabrics to choose are those that are drapable—soft, lightweight wovens and knits.

Small-scale patterns, stripes, little checks and plaids, florals, and paisleys work well for small scarves.

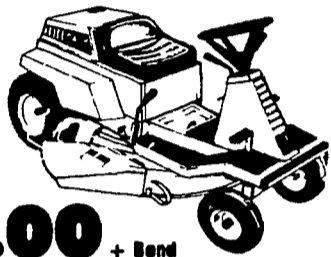
Here are a few suggestions that may be helpful when making a scarf or shawl:

* Trim off any salvage so that all edges will look alike

* To self-finish a scarf or shawl, fringe the edges of loosely woven fabrics; roll the edges of sheer fabrics, and turn under and machine or hand hem the edges of a lightweight, closely-woven fabric.

* Edges can also be finished by hemming and applying a matching or contrasting fringe, using zigzag stitching on raw edges in a contrasting color and trimming close to the stitches, or applying rick-rack or other trims close to the edges.

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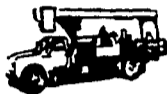
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Foulk is Pa. Shorthorn president

BUTLER — Harry Foulk of Mercer recently was elected president of the Pennsylvania Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn Breeders' Association during the organization's annual meeting, held here at the Garden Gate Restaurant.

Serving with the new president will be George Hunter, Stoneboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Peoples, re-elected secretary-treasurer. Newly elected directors are Jane Koir, Saxonburg, and Richard C. McElhaney, Hookstown.

The organization finalized plans

for several 1981 events, including the Annual Spring Sale, scheduled for Saturday, May 2 at the Mercer 4-H Park. A show will precede the sale, beginning at 2 p.m., with the sale following at 7 p.m. The Pa. State Shorthorn Show will be held in August at the Greene County Fair, Waynesburg.

Gregg Kerr and Dick McElhaney, District 13 delegates, attended the National Shorthorn meeting in Denver in January. They reported Bob Douthitt of Windholme Farm, Orange, Virginia was elected to a national director post.

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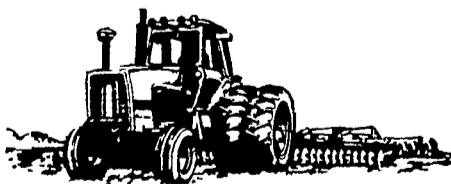
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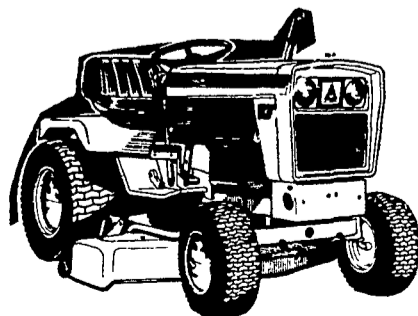
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