

Ladies Have You Heard?

By Doris Thomas
Lancaster Extension
Home Economist



BARTLETT PEARS PLENTIFUL
Looking for new dessert ideas? Try fresh Bartlett pears. They lend themselves to easy, quick, and elegant desserts and, as snacks, they also make good out-of-hand eating.

Marketing specialists with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service say that they will be plentiful supply throughout September and so now is a good time to try them in different ways.

To be sure you are getting the pick of the pack, shop carefully and know what to look for when buying fresh pears. Pears are one of the few fruits that are not tree ripened. Bartletts are picked green but the ripening process continues as the skin takes on the familiar golden glow. Give them the squeeze test for ripeness. If they are hard to the touch, store them at room temperature, preferably 3 to a paper sack. Within 1 to 3 days they will ripen and be ready for eating. They should yield to gentle thumb pressure and skins will be a golden yellow color. Refrigerate to inhibit further ripening. Use them often in colorful combinations for good summer and autumn eating.

Pear Ambrosia is one of the easiest, most elegant desserts possible. Just combine fresh Bartlett pear chunks with a touch

of grated orange and orange juice plus a touch of sugar. Add snowy flaked coconut and there's your ambrosia.

You can serve steak with great flair by adding golden slices of fresh Bartlett pears and flank steak. Marinate them together in a herb marinade, place over glowing coals and create a steak of unforgettable taste and tenderness.

A pear salad — California style — not only tastes good, but is colorful as well. Fill fresh pear halves with creamy avocado balls and tart grapefruit sections. Place on a bed of iceberg lettuce and deep-green, fresh spinach leaves. Serve with a lightly seasoned oil and lemon juice dressing.

Another quick way with pears is to serve them with cheese and crackers...for dessert, for snacks, or for picnics.

They're subtle enough to blend well with other foods, but distinctive enough to retain their own flavor. You'll find your own ways with pears...it's time to experiment.

FALL CLEANING OF WINDOWS
Fall housecleaning today does not create the upheaval in most homes that it used to create when room-by-room was taken apart, cleaned and put back together. Today wise homemakers spread

out the cleaning chores throughout all seasons of the year.

After-summer grime does need removing, however, and I want to share a few tips on making window cleaning easier.

Cleaning windows is easy with a solution of either white vinegar or household ammonia and water. For hard water or salt deposits, use a white vinegar solution, while ammonia and water is best for heavy, greasy dirt. However, don't try to accomplish the cleaning operations by combining vinegar and ammonia — they'll neutralize each other.

Vacuum both sides of draperies about once each month or two. Draperies may need annual drycleaning to keep them clean looking. Curtains need more frequent laundering, especially if they are used near open windows. Don't neglect the rods, carriers and drapery pulls when curtains and draperies are down for cleaning.

Washable window shades can be unrolled and wiped with a mild detergent solution, then rinsed and wiped dry. Hang, but do not roll up until the shade is thoroughly dry.

Vacuuming non-washable shades will take off most of the dust but to remove spots and stains, use a commercial dough-type wallpaper cleaner or an art gum eraser.

Clean and wax venetian blinds using either commercial waxes or furniture polish. First wash shade with a mild detergent solution.

Bamboo blinds, stick blinds or roll-ups cannot be washed, unless they are made of plastic. Dusting regularly with a soft cloth or vacuum attachment will freshen their appearance.

Know your fuse box

LANCASTER — Become familiar with your fuse box or circuit breaker, suggests Extension family management specialists at The Pennsylvania State University. While you may never want to rewire your home or qualify for the electrician's union, you will be saved from that helpless feeling when the lights mysteriously go off.

The wiring that runs throughout your house is divided into circuits, each one of which is connected to a number of wall outlets and switches. Each circuit is protected by a fuse or circuit breaker. These devices are designed to blow or trip when a circuit is overloaded.

Too many appliances on a single circuit is the most common cause of blown fuses or tripped circuits.

When the power goes off, take time to troubleshoot the cause of the blowout. Then correct it. Otherwise, the problem may just repeat itself.

The electrical control center for a home is the fuse box or circuit breaker panel, most often located in a basement, closet or garage. Basically, a fuse box has a plug or cartridge for each circuit and

should be labeled as to which circuit and area of the house it serves.

Replace blown fuses with 15 or 20 ampere fuses depending on wire size used. If you aren't sure about the size, play it safe and have an electrician check it for you. After getting him to identify the size fuses you need and the circuits, label them for future references. Proper sized fuses are essential to protect the electrical cable from overheating—a possible cause of fire.

Circuit breakers are easier to correct when tripped since you just push the toggle switch to "reset" or "on."

The use of pennies to replace burned out fuses is actually a safety hazard because it bypasses the protection a fuse affords. Be safe and correct the problem and use only the correct fuses.

You can also remove a fuse or trip a circuit to turn off power intentionally when you want to do small electrical jobs such as installing a light dimmer or replacing an old light fixture with a new one.

PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURE



WE'RE GROWING BETTER



OVERSTOCK TRACTOR TIRES

Must Sell For Cash

13.6x38, 6 ply	\$191.15
15.5x38, 6 ply	\$220.72
18.4x38, 8 ply	\$364.12
20.8x38, 8 ply	\$530.00
18.4x34, 6 ply	\$289.00
16.9x30, 6 ply	\$224.00
18.4x30, 6 ply	\$262.00
14.9x28, 6 ply	\$173.00
13.6x28, 4 ply	\$140.00
16.9x28, 6 ply	\$210.00
16.9x34, 6 ply	\$250.00

★ Above tires are original equipment type, Federal Tax is included in above price.

TRUCK TIRE SPECIALS

825x20 Firestone No. 1	\$114.00
900x20 Firestone No. 1	\$130.00
1000x20 Firestone No. 1	\$175.00
1100x20 Firestone Lug	\$240.00
1000x20 Transport	\$146.00
1000x20 Dunhill Lug	\$150.00
1000x20 UniRoyal Rib	\$135.00

★ Used Duals in stock
★ New Duals at dealer prices

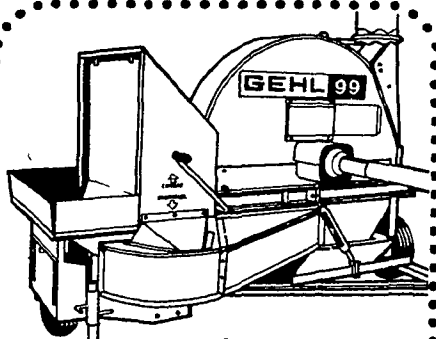
MUMMAU'S FIRESTONE

Mount Joy, PA
717-653-1260

GEHL®

FALL SAVINGS!

AGWAY

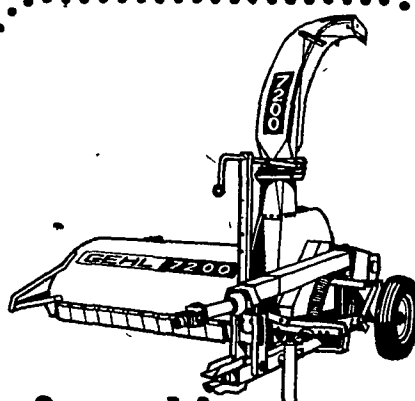


**Double capacity,
double efficiency**

55" 12 Paddles
Heavy Duty PTO 540
List \$2695

FOB Shop

SALE
\$2350



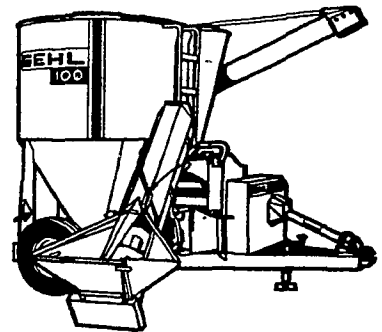
**A machine
for all seasons**

SAVE \$1,000!
List \$4850

FOB Shop
Knocked
Down

SALE
\$3850

New Hydraulic Mix-Alls®



IN STOCK

Gehl 100, Swing Auger, HD PTO w/Tires, List \$7950

SALE
\$6950

Gehl 135 Swing Auger, HD PTO w/Tires, List \$9875

SALE
\$7850

Agway Money Market Saving Certificates Now at \$2,000
For Average Interest of 14.69%... Call For Prospectus!



CHAPMAN EQUIPMENT CENTER, INC.

AGWAY

Corner of Ruppsville Road & Chapman Road, Wescosville, Pa. 215-398-2553
Open Mon. thru Thurs. 8 AM to 5 PM; Fri. 8 AM to 8 PM; Sat. 8 AM to 4 PM

Area Codes 215 & 717 Call Toll Free... 800-322-9289

Area Codes 201, 301, 302 & 609 Call Toll Free... 800-523-9323