



## Ladies Have You Heard?

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### CARING FOR CLOTHES

You don't need to see the latest Consumer Price Index to know the cost of new clothes is going up. Even buying a pair of jeans today

can strain the budget!

And, because new clothes are getting more expensive all the time, it's more important than ever to get the most wear possible

from old favorites. Here are some tips on caring for clothing that can save you money.

When staining occurs, it's important to treat the problem as quickly as you can — immediately, if possible. It's helpful, too, if you know what caused the stain.

As a general rule of thumb, all protein based stains should be washed in cold water. Those include blood, urine, egg, milk, mayonnaise, gravy, meat juices, baby formula, cream and ice cream. Chocolate, fruit, wine and soft drinks also need cool water.

Don't be misled into thinking there is no stain if nothing shows

once the material has dried prior to any stain treatment. Some soft drinks and fruit stains, including citrus, become invisible when dry but turn yellow with aging or heating.

Ballpoint ink is another common, and tricky problem. Washing removes some types of ink and sets others. Cooking oils and grease splattered on polyester and then laundered can label a new blouse "old" in just one wearing.

What do you do to prevent setting stains or removing those telltale marks on clothes that show up with age and heat? A good first step is to check each garment for stains as you sort clothes for laundering. An immediate treatment with one of the prewash products designed for stain removal can save the frustration and expense that comes with a set stain.

To use, simply saturate the affected area thoroughly prior to laundering. Or, in the case of fine washable woollens, use the prewash as a localized stain

remover and, then, wash out the spot by hand. Since garments wear out more quickly when they are over-laundered, this method will both decrease wear-and-tear and lower dry cleaning bills. And with today's emphasis on natural fabrics, those are important considerations.

Perspiration stains are another familiar factor in making good clothes look old fast. If perspiration has changed the color of the fabric, you can try to restore it, after washing, as follows: for fresh stains, apply ammonia; for old stains, apply vinegar. Rinse with water.

A few other points to remember. Black coffee stains are treated with hot water; if you like cream with your morning eye-opener, use a cold wash.

Finally, don't daydream about how good you'll look in your old wardrobe while you're touching up those "re-newed" stain-free garments on the ironing board. Severe scorch does not come out.

## USDA approves Prolate tick dip

WASHINGTON D.C. — Effective April 14, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will permit organophosphate insecticides sold under the trade name "Prolate" to be used in dips to eliminate ticks from cattle.

John K. Atwell, deputy administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said the action is needed so the insecticide can be used to treat cattle before interstate shipments. Prolate will be approved for use in accordance with label instructions approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and at concentrations of at least 0.15 percent.

This insecticide and all other USDA permitted dips are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and

Rodenticide Act; USDA veterinarians and field personnel also conducted trials to determine that the required concentrations could be maintained and that Prolate would be effective in eradicating ticks.

"We have a responsibility for ascertaining that permitted dips fulfill the job that USDA depends on them to do — to stop the spread of ticks," Atwell said.

Other dips permitted by USDA to treat livestock for ticks include Delnav, used at a concentration of 0.125 to 0.150 percent; Co-Ral 25 percent wettable powder used at a concentration of 0.125 to 0.250 percent; and toxaphene used at a concentration of 0.5 to 0.6 percent.

The action approving Prolate culminates an evaluation and

review procedure, which included a 60-day period for public comments. Only one public comment, which supported the proposed listing, was received.

## Oley Resource Conservation meeting coming

OLEY — A public meeting featuring a slide program on "Retaining Farmland — Everybody's Business" will be held Monday, April 19 at Friedens Lutheran Church, Route 73, Oley.

This meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., is being sponsored by the Oley Resource Conservation Project.

Also on the meeting agenda will be a discussion of Act 43, a Pennsylvania law passed last year which sets up the tool of agricultural districts for farmland preservation. There will be a report on the recent water study and the National Register nomination.

For more information contact Mrs. Frank Fisher, 215/689-5276.

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