



Have You Heard?

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Select A Dryer To Meet Your Needs

In the "good old days" of laundry and clothing care, Monday was wash day, and in addition to the washing machine, everyone had a clothes line for drying the laundry. Those "good old days" don't seem so wonderful when one remembers the drawbacks of air drying. Remember towels that felt stiff and boardy? Remember clothes that had to be retrieved from every corner of the yard when the wind blew? Remember how it took days to dry a pair of jeans in the basement during icy winter months?

Today's gas and electric dryers have solved those problems and make drying the laundry as simple as pushing a button. And, for those who are shopping for a dryer, you should consider several key questions about your lifestyle and drying needs before making your purchase.

First, it's important to select a dryer large enough to handle the

full load that you take out of your washer. Dryers come in compact, standard and large capacity sizes. Consider a large capacity model if you plan to dry bulky items, such as blankets or draperies.

Next, look for a dryer that offers different heat levels and also special cycles for today's fabrics such as permanent press, knits and cottons. Your clothes will look better and last longer when they are dried in the proper environment.

Also, for busy families who can't always unload the dryer as soon as it stops, consider a model that periodically continues to tumble clothes in room temperature air after the cycle ends. This intermittent action helps prevent wrinkling of load items, keeping clothes fresh until they can be unloaded.

Other features to consider when dryer shopping include wide door openings for easy unloading and loading, a signal that alerts you when the lint filter needs cleaning,

and controls that are easy for all family members to use.

Take into account all the factors you or your family need to meet in drying laundry, and you'll be sure to pick the automatic dryer that best meets those needs. And that will help make these days the "good old days" of laundry.

The Attributes of Copper

Copper is an ideal metal for top-of-range cooking since it conducts heat uniformly and quickly. Because of its efficient heat distribution, copper may be applied by an electrolytic process to the bottom of a stainless steel utensil. The metal may also be laminated or bonded to stainless steel or other metals. Another process used to achieve heat uniformity is to sandwich copper between two layers of stainless steel.

Copper serving utensils keep foods warm. But since copper itself discolors food on direct contact

surfaces are lined with stainless steel, tin or coated with a nonstick finish. While the discoloration is not a health hazard, it gives food an unappetizing appearance.

To clean copper, wash in hot sudsy water, rinse with hot water and dry with a soft cloth. In order to remove any heat discoloration or tarnish buildup, use a copper cleaner for periodic cleaning. First rinse the utensil in hot water, then apply the cleaner with a clean, damp sponge or soft cloth. Use a circular motion to spread the cleaner over the surface of the utensil. Then rewet the sponge or cloth to remove the cleaner. Rinse the utensil in hot water, wipe and polish dry with a soft cloth.

Decorative copper objects also require regular cleaning but a cleaner should only be used on unlacquered metals. Wash lacquered pieces in sudsy water. Use a soft bristled brush to reach recessed or embossed surfaces.



Saturday, December 20
Lancaster Society 3 meets for music by Allegra and Evelyn and a dialogue titled, "Three Women of Bethlehem."

Saturday, December 27
Lancaster Society 5 meets for a Christmas program.

Cumberland Co. Executive Board

The Cumberland County Farm Women Executive Board met Dec. 8 at the county extension office in Carlisle.

Thirty-three members, including incoming and outgoing group presidents, attended. County president Mary Weir conducted the meeting.

Members reviewed the Nov. 8 convention, discussed visits to Claremont Farms, and voted to contribute to the 4-H to show appreciation for use of extension facilities and to encourage young people. Plans were made for the 1987 state convention.

Following the business meeting, officers of the executive board served a luncheon.

Austria Buys U.S. Dairy Products

WASHINGTON — A sale of \$3.5 million worth of nonfat drymilk to Austria was announced by Melvin E. Sims, general sales manager for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service.

The sale was made by the Commodity Credit Corporation to the Osterreichischer Molkerei-und Kasereiverband (OEMOLK), an Austrian firm. The nonfat dry milk will be used to feed calves.

The sale is for 22 million pounds

of standard grade nonfat dry milk which was produced from July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983. Delivery will be made from January through June 1987, according to Sims.

As of Oct. 7, CCC had 537 million pounds of extra grade nonfortified nonfat dry milk in its inventory available for use as human food and 45 million pounds of standard grade nonfat dry milk. The sale of Austria represents about half of the CCC standard grade inventory.

Whipped cream cheese can be placed in a pastry tube and used to decorate canapes and crudites.

Mocha Whipped Cream is a delightful filling for eclairs or cream puffs. It also adds unique flavor to chocolate cream pie, sundaes and other desserts. To make 2 cups, add 2 tablespoons each cocoa and confectioners sugar and 1 tablespoon instant coffee granules to 1 cup whipping cream. Stir to combine. Chill 30 minutes. Whip until stiff peaks form.



With warm gratitude, we wish you peace and ask His blessing for you during this Special Season and throughout the New Year!



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