

**How Safe Is Your Do-It-Yourself Laundry?**

An Editorial

We always supposed that when our laundry was done at home under the watchful eye of our better half it was sanitary as well as clean. After all, she used plenty of soap, and if the wash wasn't quite as white as she wanted—a short by-pass thru rinse water with bleach or bluing—and presto—no tattle-tale grey!

Of course on wool or cotton flannels, we know she used warm water instead of hot because after all we didn't want things to shrink so badly that we would have to use our favorite wool shirt as a midget sized dog blanket.

Also, with the advent of the coin operated laundries, the housewives were given an opportunity to wash and dry their cotton and flannel sheets any time they wanted to—as well as their woollens and the rest of their laundry—all at the same time.

Imagine our surprise then, when we read an article recently in one of our favorite magazines and then ran across a bulletin from the United States Department of Agriculture about how harmful bacteria can survive home laundering.

According to this bulletin No. E-2281, harmful bacteria on clothing and household fabrics can survive home laundering and remain alive on the fabrics for days or weeks. However Department researchers found that disinfectants suitable for this could help homemakers eliminate this hazard to family health.

Textile bacteriologists of the Government's Research Service recently made tests to find out whether warm water laundering would remove 3 different types of bacteria from cotton, wool, and acetate fabrics. They found that some of the bacteria survived in ALL of the tests when no disinfectant was used.

Bacteria tested were: **Staphylococcus aureus**, (Commonly known as Staph), a cause of carbuncles, kidney infections, pneumonia, and other infections; **Escherichia coli**, the common intestinal bacterium; **Mycobacterium butyricum**, SIMILAR TO THE BACTERIUM THAT CAUSES TUBERCULOSIS. The fabrics used were acetate tricot, cotton sheeting and wool blankets.

Researchers suggest that old-fashioned laundry methods which include boiling were more effective against bacteria than some of today's washing methods. However, Department studies showed that either of two types of disinfectants, added to the rinse water, successfully removed most of the bacteria from fabrics laundered in warm water. These disinfectants are known chemically as phenolic and quaternary compounds and are beginning to appear in retail stores under the trade names: Roccal, Pine-Sol, and Fast.

In the United States Dept. of Agriculture experiments, **Staph germs** remained alive in fairly large numbers on swatches of wool blanketing and cotton sheeting for 50 DAYS, with some surviving 90 to 100 day. **Escherichia** survived in small numbers for 32 days on sheeting, with all three types living shorter periods on the acetate than on the wool or cotton fabrics studied.

After warm water home laundering, 48% of the **STAPH germs** placed on wool blanketing were still alive but adding a phenolic type disinfectant to the rinse water destroyed all but 3% of these bacteria, and adding a quaternary compound destroyed all but 0.2%. Both disinfectants also destroyed most of the three types of bacteria when placed on acetate tricot.

What does all this mean in plain words to the average housewife and us?—Our interpretation is that when doing the laundry at home — our womenfolk don't have to make any unusual changes in their methods **UNLESS** there is some type of sickness or infection in any member of the family. Then it would be wise to use some type of disinfectant in the rinse water as well as using hot water in the laundry.

In a public laundry it seems as if it would be advisable to use **HOT WATER** in every washer as well as a safe disinfectant along with the soap.

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**Turning Back The Pages of Andover History**

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

**50 YEARS AGO**

Dec. 30, 1912

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snyder of East Valley are the parents of a son, born December 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Forness are the parents of a son, born December 19th.

J. D. Cheesman was awarded a special prize of \$30 on a pullet by the Orpington Club at the Poultry Show in Olean this week.

Mrs. J. C. Lever returned Tuesday from a week's visit with her parents at Ashville.

George Beebe was an over-night guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cass Wildman in Knoxville, Pa.

Roy Engle left for New York Thursday where he expects to open in the musical comedy "A Yankee Doodle Boy".

**40 YEARS AGO**

Dec. 15, 1922

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mr. and Mrs. Linford Potter of Independence are the parents of a son, born Saturday.

B. S. Brown of Painted Post is in Andover this week, called here by the illness of Mrs. Emma Scribner.

Mrs. T. K. Regan and son, Jack, are spending a few days with relatives in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyd and Richard Williams of Johnson City are visiting Andover relatives this week.

J. C. Lever and mother, Mrs. Alice Lever, and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter attended the funeral of W. E. Critten at Oswayo Wednesday.

Dec. 22, 1922

Edwin Scott, 66, died Thursday, December 14th, following a long illness. His wife, a son, two brothers and three sisters survive.

A son was born December 10th to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kemp, at the home of her mother in Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deming left Tuesday for Raleigh, N. C., to pass some time at the home of her son, Prof. and Mrs. Leon Cook.

Henry Miner, one of Andover's aged residents, went to Utica Saturday, as an inmate of the Masonic Home.

**30 YEARS AGO**

Dec. 16, 1932

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mrs. Sarah M. Jamison, 88, died at the Maculey home on Elm St., Tuesday, December 13. Surviving are a daughter and two brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Claire were in Covington, Pa., Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Clair's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and son, Kenneth of Buffalo, were week-end guests at the home of her father, H. H. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shaff and son, Roland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Doane of Osceola, Pa.

Dec. 23, 1932

Wm. McDonough, 93, died at his home on Dyke Street December 22nd. His wife and seven children survive.

Prin. and Mrs. Robert Hardy are passing the holidays with her parents at Meridian, N. Y.

Miss Florence DeRemer of Cornell University is passing the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer.

Sgt. Harold Kemp of Webster was a Monday caller of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kemp.

Mrs. George Cummings and son, Jay of Shinglehouse, Pa., were greeting Andover friends Monday.

Twenty-two per cent of the total beef and veal consumed in the U. S. comes from dairy cattle.

**GREENWOOD NEWS**

Grace Young, Reporter

Holiday students returning to school are Miss Barbara Lamphier to Fredonia State Teachers University; Miss Marie Campbell to Bob Jones University at Greenville, S. C.; Miss Linda Bassett to Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa; Miss Anna Marie Brown to St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing; Wayne Warriner to Cornell University Ag-Tech College; Robert Streeter to Alfred Ag-Tech School and Herman Koehler to Williamsport Technical School and Rev. Robert Myers to Houghton College.

John Hunt was installed Worthy Master of Sentinel Lodge No. 151 F. & A. M., at the regular meeting in the Masonic rooms Wednesday night, January 2nd. Hayden Cook was the retiring W. Master. Installing officer, Virgil Husey was assisted by Glen Scribner acting as Marshall and Richard Stephens acting as Tiler. Other officers elected and installed were: Senior Warden, Lloyd Chaffee; Junior Warden, Clair Austin; Secretary, Orland Higgins; Treasurer, Wesley Tennant; Senior Deacon, Stanley Cole; Junior Deacon, Jay Bangs; Senior Master of Ceremonies, Clair Rollins; Junior Master of Ceremonies, Marion Streeter; Marshall, Gerald Greene; Chaplain, Orville Matthews, and Tiler, Archie Stephens. The Masons had a lighted Christmas tree to help decorate the center of town for the holidays. A new set of graduated cement steps were built this fall from the State Road to the front steps and the exterior of the building repaired.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest E. Look of Canisteo were honored by a dinner party at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Carol Bassett of Canisteo Road for their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Rev. and Mrs. Look were married December 28, 1912 at the Methodist Parsonage at Wayland. Attendants were her sister, Mrs. Bertha Fox Cook, now at Grand Junction, Colo., after serving 33 years as Missionary in India; also her brother the late George Fox of Wayland. Rev. Look served 21 years as minister in Methodist and Wesleyan Churches, among them the West Jasper Wesleyan Methodist Church. Rev. Look recently completed a year's ministry at Indian Nazarene Church on the Alleghany Reservation. At present Rev. Look operates a second hand store in Canisteo.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dennis (Cynthia Jamison) of Canisteo

are the parents of twin sons, born Sunday, December 30th at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell. The Paternal Grandfather is Harland Dennis of the Canisteo Road. Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Heckman and family moved recently from the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Libbie Sampson to the Carlton Reimann house recently owned by James Murphy.

Franz Teribury was a patient at the Bethesda Hospital for nose bleed and Friday entered the St. James Mercy Hospital for nose bleed and high blood pressure.

Mrs. Donald Fisher was a patient for several days at the St. James Mercy Hospital with pneumonia.

Mrs. Pearl Bassett, Mrs. Lena Turner and Miss Ellen Young have been sick at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hale entertained neighbors New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlo Porter and daughter, Judy of Canisteo called on their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cook and Debbie, New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton White spent the Christmas Holidays in Florida in the Miami area.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Myers and family returned home Thursday from Rimersburg, Pa., where they spent the Holidays with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson were hosts for a recent family dinner honoring the birthdays of Harley Lamphier and Mrs. Jackson. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lamphier, Hugh Lamphier, Miss Gertrude Pierson, Starla Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Lamphier of Hornell. The family were guests Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Lamphier in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Neary and family returned home Friday from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they spent two weeks with her parents. Saturday they went to Holcomb to spend the week-end with his parents.

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