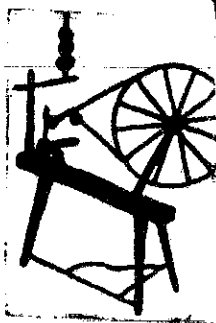




BLACK SHEEP HANDSPINNERS GUILD
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WOOL DAY

Wool Day is fast approaching; remember to publicize the event as much as you can and to come and help Sunday, May 29, from 12-4PM at the Stewart Park Pavilion, Ithaca. It is not too late to volunteer even if you have'nt signed up for anything yet... Also remember that we will need:

- skeins for the dyeing demonstrations (Jean Warholic suggests you attach a bead or button to your skein to identify it)
- handspun garments & handspun yarns to be displayed (attach label or 3"x5" card with your name & a description of the item, what fibers were used, etc.) Mary Ann Sumner is in charge of the display.

Many spinners wait for Wool Day to select the fleeces they will be working with the rest of the year. If you are new at spinning you may not know how or what to choose; don't hesitate to ask for help. If you are going to be spending a lot of time spinning your wool and making a garment, then you deserve good quality wool that's fun and rewarding to work with. Don't waste your time with a dirty, shoddy fleece : pick out a really good & clean one !

MAY MONDAY MEETING

Following are the minutes of the May 9 meeting as submitted by Virginia Lance, Recording Secretary:

The meeting was called to order at the Varna Community Center by the Vice President, Joan Johnston. Fourteen members and 3 guests attended.

Today's meeting was a fascinating demonstration of the capabilities and ease of use of the automatic knitting machine. Marianne Horchler's used punched cards (some designed by Marianne) to knit intricate designs in fine yarns including handspun. JoAnn Schaff's machine used more bulky yarns both commercial and handspun. It was pointed out that using the machines allows a handspinner to compete more realistically when marketing because the garments can be priced well below a hand knitted item.

Members are reminded their help is needed during Wool Day, May 29. Call Erica Rowe or Jean Carrie to offer. Members are also needed to assist one-to-one teaching at the Beginners' Workshop June 26.

The Guild will be keeping a notebook-picture book from past and future workshops. If you have any good pictures now or in the future, please share them with the secretary who will be compiling the information.

We will have a display at the Thistle-down Seminar September 24,25 in Liverpool, New York.

WOOL CLINIC

Several BSHG members attended the May 11 Clinic sponsored by Tompkins County Cooperative Extension. Gretchen Sachse spoke of the effects of feeding & management on wool production; John Knight, former Secretary/Treasurer of the NY State Sheep Growers Coop. Association, spoke of wool incentive payments and wool

sales through the local wool pools; and Prof. Jean McLean, Textiles & Clothing, College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, presented and commented on the film "From Fiber to Fabric" from the American Wool Council. There were interesting displays and demonstrations, including spinning, by BSHG members.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR (More details on each program will be given in the newsletter of the month before.)

- May 29 Wool Day at Stewart Park, Ithaca; 12-4 pm.
 June 13 Washing and sorting that fleece you acquired at Wool Day. Exhibit of wool subjected to different washing procedures for discussion. Please let Joan Johnston know of your pet washing methods so they can be included. Also bring your fleece if you want help in sorting it after a brief discussion of the whys and hows. At Varna, 10 am.
- June 26 Beginners Spinning Workshop- emphasis on hands-on. At Varna, 9-4.
 July 9,10 Dyeing Workshop. At Varna, 9-4 each day.
 July 11 Follow-up on the dye workshop(whether you attended it or not) involving discussion of color. Bring show and tell items whose colors you especially like. At Varna, 10 am.
- July 30 Saturday group meeting at Varna, 12 noon.
 Aug 8 Carding and combing of wool. At Joan Johnston's house. 10 am.
 Aug 27 Saturday group meeting, place to be announced, 12 noon.
 Sept 12 Raising sheep. At Varna, 10 am.
 Sept 24 Saturday group at Varna, 12 noon.
 Oct 1 Fall-in at the Cornell Plantations.
 Oct 10 Columbus Day- combined Saturday and Monday groups. Selling/marketing of your handspun. At Varna, 10 am.
- Oct 29,30 Linda Berry Walker workshop. At Varna, 9 - 5 each day.
 Nov 12 Combined groups. Critique of handspun items produced for selling. (We are going to rent a table at the SU craft sale this year.) This is a combination annual critique and follow-up to October meeting. At Varna, 10 am.
 Dec 10 Combined groups. Raising dye plants- what,why, how and where. This is also our annual holiday party. At Varna, 11 am.

Please note that most of the programs follow the suggestions of the recent program survey. They are related to each other and to the workshops for more in-depth coverage of the subject.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * CATSKILL ARTS SOCIETY is offering summer workshops in dollmaking, quilting and tartan plaid weaving. Register as soon as possible; write CAS, Box N, Hurlyville, NY 12747.
- * 40th Annual NEW YORK STATE SHEEP COOPERATIVE SHOW & SALE: at the Livestock Pavilion, Cornell University, Ithaca. Show starts at 10AM, Friday, June 3; Sale at 10AM, Saturday, June 4. This is a good opportunity to see many different breeds of sheep although, unfortunately, not in the fleece. Breeds entered include: Border Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Dorset, Hampshire, Merino, Montadale, Oxford, Rambouillet, Romney, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk & Tunis !

- Joan Johnston's new machine is a wonder - why don't you wash up some wool and take it over for her to run it through, Remember though that it ~~must~~ must be ~~washed~~ well washed with no grease left in it and for best results you should pick out most of the vegetable matter.
- The Sheep Dept. at the State Fair is interested in putting on a "Sheep to Shawl" during the Fair this year. If you are interested in participating, please contact them.
- Jean Warholic still needs cat fur, if you're combing your cat these days... Any amount will do and favors will be returned...
- Need to replace the leather pieces on your spinning wheel - now that you've dusted it off, oiled the wood, greased the moving parts and realized how much you've missed spinning? In the Ithaca area, head for the Walter Dyer Leatherworks on The Commons. You'll need harness leather and they have it (and for a modest charge will cut it into shape and size, and punch it, if need be). Most shoe repair shops can't help you - they work with different kinds of leather.
- Don and Jean Warholic are proud to announce the arrival of a group of INDIGO buntings at their birdfeeders. According to Jean, you've never seen a BLUE bird until you've seen a male indigo bunting! And the indigo blues of the birds are a real inspiration...
- The Veterans Administration is seeking artists' work for VA facilities nationally. A resume and representative slides are required. Contact VA (O8L7), 810 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Former members who have renewed their membership:

- Diana Ozolins, RD 2, Cortland, NY 13045 - Active
- Kay Goodman, 50 Roosevelt Ave., Bath, NY 14810 - Inactive
- Eleanor May, 1360 Slaterville Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850 - Active
- Sarah Lister, 378 Brooktondale Rd., Brooktondale, NY 14817 - Student
- Gloria Scannell, 1235 Schodack Landing Rd., Schodack Landing, NY 12156
Inactive
- Louise Grosjean, Box 24, N. Chatham, NY 12132 - Inactive
- Paula De Lucia, 5624 N. Allamanda Cir., Port Charlotte, Fla. 33948
Newsletter only

New members: Welcome!

- Lydia Ferro, 710 McLean Rd., Cortland, NY 13045 - Active
- Betty Singer, 301 Turkey Hill Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850 - Active
- JoAnn Schaff, 8 Cardinal Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850 - Active
- Edith Cook, RD 2, Sky High Rd., Tully, NY 13159 - Inactive
- Gloria Alamo, Yarn & Ewe, Box 611 RD 2, Genegantslet Rd., Greene,
NY 13778 - Inactive
- Cynthia Putman, 4662 Cherry Valley Tpk, Lafayette, NY 13084 - News1.
- Kathy Houck, 9 Calvert St., Cortland, NY 13045 - Newsletter only

- * The MANNINGS 16th ANNUAL SPINNING SEMINAR will be held Saturday June 11, from 9AM to 4PM (same weekend as the Ontario Handspinnin Seminar). For info. write RD 2, East Berlin, Pa. 17316 or call 717-624-2223. There will be lectures & demonstrations, including flax scutching, flax spinning, & spinning on a pendulum wheel by Ed & Dora Swart.
- * PLEASURE FAIRE OF THE RENAISSANCE & SUMMER MARKETPLACE: weekends from July 2 - Aug. 14. They would like art/craft work fitting the Renaissance period. Send SASE to Gerald & Virginia Young, RD 2, Farden Rd., Sterling, NY 13156 - 315/947-5782.
- * FROM CRAFT TO INDUSTRY: Textile exhibition of functional textiles for interior or apparel; send SASE to Maria Tulokas, Textile Design Dept., RI School of Design, 2 College St., Providence, RI 02903 by July 1st.
- * COLONIAL-VICTORIAN AMERICANA, PANAMA ROCKS COSTUMED FOLK FAIRE: on the ridge at Panama Rocks Park, July 9-10 from 10-5. 100 exhibitors & demonstrations; large quilt exhibition. 8'x10' exhibit space \$10-\$36 depending on shelter & electric; all products must be pre-20 century & cleared in advance. Write Panama Rocks, Box 176, Panama, NY 14767.
- * ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW & SALE - THOUSAND ISLANDS CRAFT SCHOOL: July 9-10. Write to the school, 314 John St., Clayton, NY 13624.
- * VILLAGE ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN 9th ANNUAL ART & CRAFT FAIR: Americana Village, Hamilton, NY. They want original work only. Space fee is \$50 indoor, \$30 outdoor. Slides will be juried. Write Box44, Eaton, NY 13334.
- * 48th ANNUAL COOPERSTOWN ART EXHIBITION: All media; work will be juried; deadline: June 22. Contact Olga Welch, 22 Main St., Cooperstown, NY 13326. (607) 547-9777.
- * 1st ANNUAL CENTRAL NEW YORK HANDSPINNERS SEMINAR (formerly the Thistledown Handspinnners Seminar) will be held Sept. 24 & 25 at the Sheraton Inn in Liverpool, NY. It is being sponsored by the Golden Fleece Spinners Society. Edna Blackburn will be the guest speaker on the 24th and there will be 4 workshops on the 25th. Price of the seminar will be \$15 a day. If you went to Norwich last year, or were on Thistledown's mailing list, you will automatically receive the registration form; if not write to Betsy Walker, RD 1, Breed Rd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027. There will be a skein competition using last year's featured fiber, angora. For more info. see Golden Fleece Spinners Society's Newsletter in Library.

NOTES

Debbi Dinnan was in town this week on a visit to civilization! Nova Scotia is lovely (and better now that spring and perhaps summer are here) but it is lonely up there. She is doing a lot of spinning and wished that she had taken more weaving lessons so that her skills with the loom would improve faster! She would be delighted to have letters from Guild members

Alice Wood is out of hospital and staying with her sister until she is more mobile. Her broken hip is mending slowly and her enforced idleness is becoming a little boring! Alice would also appreciate some visitors or a phone call (272-8766)

- Sue Hunt, Box 31, Killawog, NY 13794 - Newsletter only
- Ardeen Sprentall, RD 2, Branchport, NY 14418 - Newsletter only

BSHG Members' Contributions

- From Jean Warholic:

IN MEMORIAM. Diamond, aged 15, sole pet sheep of Bruce and Sandy Clary of Slaterville Springs, died in late April 1983, of old age. She leaves behind many happy memories with the Clarys, who miss her very much. She and her beautiful, gray stripey fleece will long be remembered with pleasure by Jean Warholic. Shearers Larry Hunt, Brian Magee, and Nancy Munkenbeck won't soon forget Diamond either...

Along with all that energetic spring housecleaning we should be doing these days, don't forget to check those bags of wool (washed and/or in the grease), boxes of woolen clothes, etc. for signs of moths. Remember that Paradichlorobenzene is an effective, less stinky alternative to Naphtaline products as a mothproofer and many stores have an ample supply of both this time of year. As romantic and sweet-smelling as the herbals are, and our cedar chests, they are simply not as effective - don't trust your family heirloom coverlets to fate.

- From Virginia Lance:

KNITTED BABY BALL

Knitting worsted
Double pointed needles # 3 or 4 or 5

With main color, cast on 12 sts. Divide sts among 3 needles; join. First round: *K 1, increase 1 in next st. Repeat from * around (18 sts). Second round: * K 2, inc. 1 in next st. Repeat from * around (24 sts). Third rnd: Repeat first rnd (36 sts). Fourth rnd: Repeat second (48 sts). Now work 8 rnd even. Break off main color. Work decorative stripe as desired for 10 rnd. Attach main color and work 8 rnd. Now decrease as follows: First rnd: * K 2, K 2 tog. Repeat from * around (36 sts). Second rnd: *K 1, K 2 tog. Repeat from * around (24 sts). Third rnd: Same as first dec. rnd. (18 sts). Fourth rnd: Same as second dec. rnd. (12 sts). Break yarn leaving about 8 inches. Slip remaining sts onto this length of yarn and draw together tightly. Fasten securely. Stuff with old nylons using opening at end. Sew together.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Loom - 45", 6 treadle, 4 harness Nilus Leclerc with Bench & 12" reed. \$625. Call 607-539-7436.

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KNITTING MACHINE SALE: All models 15% off starting now through June 30! Knitting with a machine is fast and fun! Beautiful designs and many different stitches knitted automatically. Call or write Marianne Horchler, THE WOOLERY, RD # 1, Genoa, NY 13071 (18 mi. N. Of Ithaca, 20 mi. W. of Cortland). 315/497-1542. Free delivery to Ithaca.

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WOOLWORKS is now open for custom carding! Shop hours are 9-12, Tues., Thurs. and 10-2 Saturday. Or call for an appointment: 607/272-2697. Special offer through June: I will tease your wool - up to 5# - on the picker for you. After that you will have to tease it (pull the locks apart) yourself. I also have available small quantities of black, white

& dyed wool you can add to your own fleeces for variety, at 50 ounce.

This machine does a great job on nice well-washed wool; when your batt or roving is finished you will want to rush off and spin it. It is also excellent for blending angora, silk, and dog hair with wool. But, two warnings: 1. Bring your good wool & you will get good batts or roving in return. Bring your crummy wool and you will get crummy batts or possibly none. 2. Wash the wool well. Use very hot water, 1 cup Joy to 5 # fleece, let soak at least 4 hours. Rinse well in warm water. Spin excess water out in washing machine. NEVER AGITATE by hand or machine. Don't use soap. You can use Obadiah Tharp's spinning & carding oil after washing. 1/3

Spin something different: CARDED COTTON, beautiful & soft, \$3/lb. White & colored Finn & Finn X fleeces, all skirted & extremely clean. For sheep lovers we have sheep books, cards, posters, stamps, potholders & T-shirts! Drum carders, wool & cotton handcarders, and a variety of spinning wheels including Ashford, the new Country Craftsman, and the little Charkha Indian wheel as seen in the movie "Gandhi" (The book-size weighs 2 1/4 lbs. and costs only \$36 including 3 spindles and a skeiner! Attache size is \$39 including skeiner; both are made out of teak wood and are finished and ready to use!). Also ball winders, jumbo flyers, spindles, books & more... SASE for brochures & price list. We sell at the shop or via UPS. Free delivery to Ithaca. THE WOOLERY, RD # 1, Genoa, NY 13071, or call Marianne Horchler 315/497-1542. 1/3

For Sale: Antique GREAT (WALKING) WHEEL in working condition (Will try to bring it to Wool Day). Also a few white and black Finn X ewe lambs, all twins & triplets. One 1 year old black Finn-Corriedale ewe (beautiful fleece). Marianne Horchler 315/497-1542. 1/1

For sale: Finn Dorset X ewe & ram lambs, weaned \$60. Purebred Dorset yearling ewes, a few older ewes also available, \$125. Joan & Harold Koster, Itaska Valley Farm 607/692-4398. RD 1 Box 32, Whitney Point, NY 13862. 1/1

Opening May 16: WAYSTATION YARNS & FIBERS located in the old passenger railroad depot on Water St. in Greene. Erica Rowe will be presenting a display on Angora which will be featured through the month of May. We will carry a full line of domestic & imported natural yarns and fibers for spinning, weaving and knitting. Also looms, spinning wheels and accessories. Unique knitting patterns and a complete selection of Merrills of Maine wooden needles and gift sets. Natural and chemical dyes. We are stocking magazines and books covering the full range of fiber arts. We are also dealers for Singer knitting machines. Come and visit us. Call 656-7669 or 656-8948. 2/3

Brother knitting Machines. Sales, Service and instruction. Bulky KH 230 and Electrokmit KH910 (with computer) on display. 10% discount to guild members. Iranian & Chinese Cashmere ready to spin, natural cream color \$3/oz. postpaid. Assorted colors fine wool yarn on cones \$5/lb. Complete line of Bartlett yarns including sportweight \$12/lb. Clean fleeces in white, silver greys & black available Jan. 1st. Libby Llop, Inverness Sheep Farm, 3079 Fowlerville Rd., Caledonia, N.Y. 14423. 716-226-2788. 4/6

Black or White Ewe or Ram Lambs of Romney, Border Leicester, Corriedale, Lincoln Xbreeding. Available through Autumn with best variety now. Write to D. Clauson, Box 199C RD#1, Odessa, NY 14869 or call for location; Tel. (607) 594-3708. 4/6

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announces

COLOR & CHEMICAL DYEING

presented by Daisy Kirkpatrick
Saturday & Sunday July 9 & 10
10am - 4pm
Varna Community Association
Route 366, Varna

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will learn to see color meaningfully, understand color theory, learn dyeing techniques, and how to achieve a desired color effect.

PROGRAM:

Saturday Show and tell - introduction
Color psychology
Physics of light and color
Color theory
Make your own color wheel with paints

Sunday Dye chemistry and toxicity
Dyeing methods
Creation of a color composition
Show and tell - reprise. Looking at the same pieces with an educated eye.

NOTES:

- * The show and tell is very important - bring things you have made, items dyed, favorite clothes, pictures etc. which will illustrate colors.
- * Bring a bag lunch - drinks and fruit will be provided.
- * Registration will be limited to the first 20 signing up.
- * For more information call: Daisy Kirkpatrick 607/539-7941
Jean Currie 607/564-9346

Color and Chemical Dyeing Workshop July 9-10, 1983

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No. _____

Please return this form to:

Black Sheep
Handspinners
Guild
P.O. Box 6701
Ithaca, NY 14851

Registration enclosed: Active Member \$15 _____

Inactive Member \$20 _____

Non Member \$25 _____

FOR SALE Reg. LINCOLN ram lambs. Also COLORED ram and ewe lambs from a Spinner's flock. Lincoln and Romney crossed on Border Leicester, Suffolk, Cheviot, to give softness, length, and luster, to the fleece as well as size to carcass. Gloria Scannell, Weavercroft Farm, Schodack Landing, NY 12156 (near Albany). 518/732-2916. 2/3

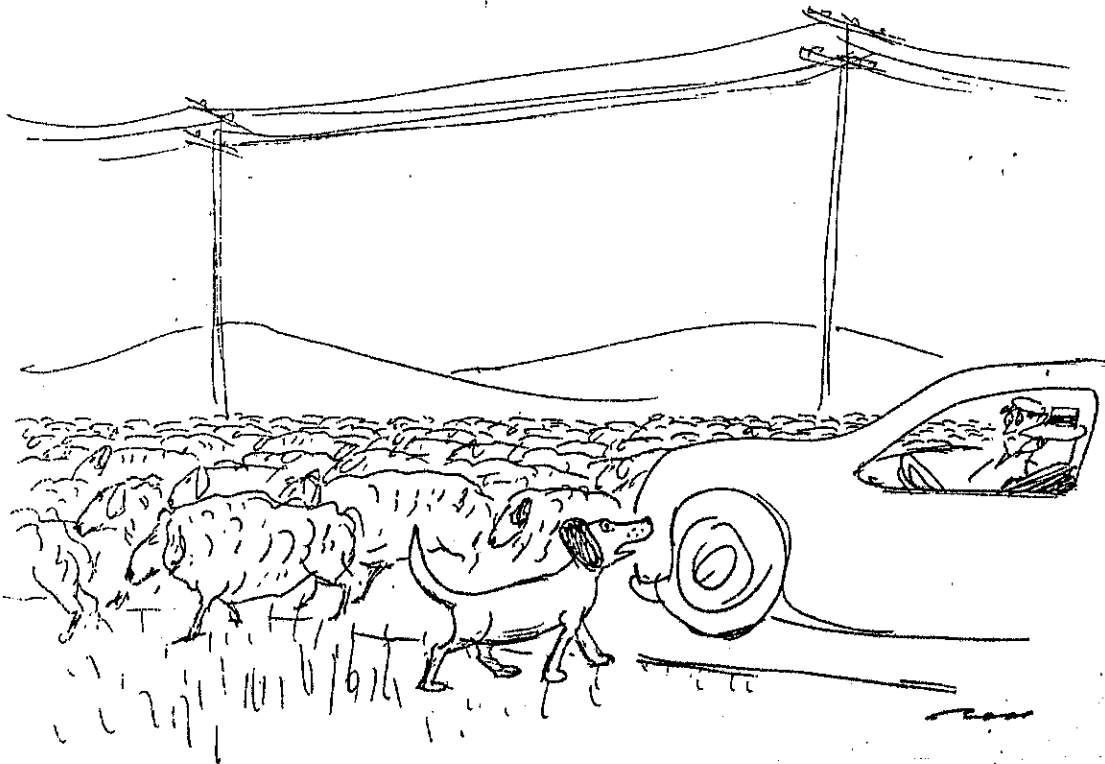
FOR SALE: 3 slightly used spinning wheels, all in very good condition. One Penguin, oiled natural (heel-toe treadle), \$85; one Picardy Standard (Castle) w/walnut finish (3 whorl flyer & heel-toe treadle), \$100; one Deluxe Ashford Saxony w/ large flyer, Lazy Kate & 4 bobbins, \$155. Call Marianne Horchler 315/497-1542. Will deliver to Ithaca. 2/3

Handspinning Fleeces - Romney's - white & black - some crosses (Tunis, Finn-Ramb., etc.) - lambs as available - 607-562-8875 or leave message try 607-733-0184). Ezra Wolcott, Deering Hill Farm, Sing Sing Rd., Box 456, Big Flats, N.Y. 14814. 3/12

FOR SALE OR TRADE. Several ram lambs/one black. Mostly Finn X. Also yearling rams and 1 ewe. Contact Barb Gates, 2861 Lodi Rd., 3/3 Interlaken, NY . (607) 532-4206.

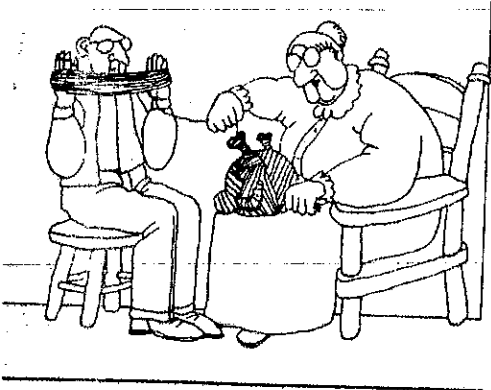
Knitting Machines - sales, service & instruction. Also books, coned & skeined yarns, dyes, pattern design. Joann Schaff, NOOK & CRANNY KNITS, 8 Cardinal Dr. (off Sapsucker Woods Rd.), Ithaca, (607) 257-4280. Guild members discount 10%, quantity discounts also available. 3/3

INDIGO DYEING SUPPLIES to keep you in the blue! Natural indigo patties, synthetic indigo paste, and Spectralite. Will bring to Saturday group meetings, or call or write for prices and information. Jean Warholc, 280 Ringwood Road, Freeville, N.Y. 13068. (607/539-7648) 4/6

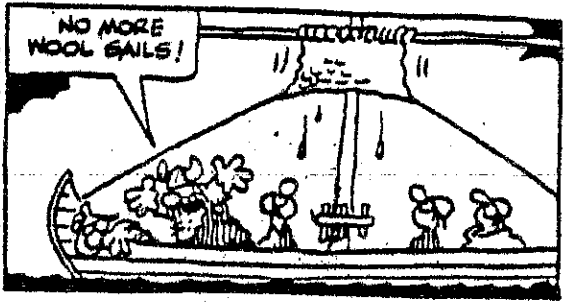


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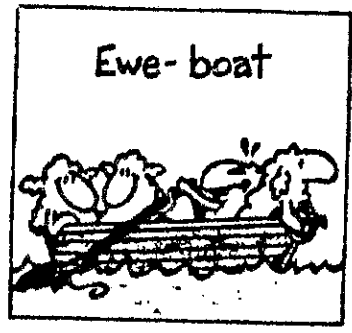
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