

# RG&E AND consumer news

## Humidification Advice Available Here

Last week was one of the coldest weeks we have experienced so far this winter. Your skin could probably have told you that. Many of you may have noticed that your skin became very dry. This is because the colder the outside air is, the dryer the heated inside air is. If you had ever thought about owning a humidifier before, whether of the appliance type or the type that is installed somewhere in the furnace, you probably thought about it last week.

Proper humidification in the home can prevent some of the common winter complaints that stem from too-dry air. Such as: a dry scratchy throat, brittle nails, excessive dust in the home, drying and consequential weakening of furniture, among others. Even plants suffer when the air is too dry. Your fuel bill also may go up unnecessarily, for when the air is too dry you will feel chilly even though the room is 72°F, as a result you may turn up your thermostat and demand more fuel when what you need is more moisture.

Experts in RG&E's Residential Department, on the fifth floor, 89 East Avenue, can tell you how to relieve these problems with pro-

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### The Soft Touch

Did you ever wonder why clothes cling together when taken out of the dryer? The snapping you hear when you pull them apart is static electricity. This sometimes occurs in the dryer and usually involves synthetic fibers. It can be prevented by adding fabric softener to the rinse cycle either by a pre-filled dispenser or by waiting until the machine fills for the rinse. Check individual brands for the correct amount to add. Avoiding overdrying the clothes also prevents static electricity.

There is a new fabric softener available that can be added before the clothes are put in to be washed; it lasts right through the wash cycle and makes it unnecessary to have to wait for the rinse. Follow the directions carefully.

per humidification. Stop by any weekday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 546-2700, extension 2751.

### How Meter Reading Works

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Please try to arrange to have someone available to let the meter reader in those days when your meters are to be read. If this is impossible, you may wish to read your own meter by filling out postage free cards on the correct reading dates and mailing them to us. We will provide them to you on request.

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We receive well over 2,000 coupons every year from our customers, so to expedite the handling of these requests, we ask that before you mail the coupon check to see if you have completely filled it out.

### Has the flu bug invaded your home?

If the flu has affected you or the members of your family you may want to know what you can do to help prevent spreading it from one person to another.

One important area is the laundry. Soiled sheets and towels can be sanitized in the machine by using hot water (at least 140°F) and chlorine bleach. Dilute 1 cup of chlorine bleach in 1 quart of water and add to wash load 5 minutes after agitation begins. This treatment is only suitable only for white and color-fast cottons and linens. For

## February CIC for Brides

Although June is traditionally the big month for weddings, somehow February has become a big month for brides: there is the Bridal Fair, which will be held next weekend, and the fashion shows for brides which stores will be featuring during February. Perhaps it has something to do with Valentine's Day.

In keeping with this, RG&E Consumer Information Center for February will be turned over to brides. On display at the Center, known during February as the Bride's Boutique of Small Appliances, will be several different types of small kitchen appliances and grooming appliances. They are all ex-

amples of appliances the bride already owns, will receive for a shower or wedding gift, or will want to eventually purchase.

An expert in small appliances from RG&E's Home Service Department will be on hand Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 to explain the care and use of the appliances. Too often the problem with small appliances is that we do not know how to use them to their fullest. A blender is a classic example of that. Many people have blenders with 5, 8, 10, and even 14 speeds, and they use the blender only for milkshakes. So much

more can be done with blenders if you know how.

February 8th between noon and 1 p.m. our Home Economist will present a brief and informal demonstration of some small kitchen appliances. Drop in on your lunch hour. The demonstration, which will last only about 15 minutes, will start as soon as an audience arrives and will be repeated if necessary.

If you are looking for a gift for a bride, or if you are a bride-to-be, a new bride, or old bride, and are looking for a small appliance, our Home Economist can help you choose one which will meet your needs and your budget. She can tell you the advantages or disadvantages of one make or model in relation to another.

Whether you are a new bride or old bride, or are a confirmed bachelor with your own apartment, you all have something in common — trying to run a household. You'll find several informative books available to help you at the Bride's Boutique of Small Appliances: buying guides on various large and small appliances, booklets which give hints on how to do daily household chores, basic cooking instructions (roasting meats for instance), and more exotic, but simple-to-do, recipes, some using basic small appliances. You can pick up any or all of these when you stop in at our Consumer Information Center during February.

Stop in anytime during February. Don't forget to bring along some questions. This is your opportunity to get some expert advice.



Electric Fondue Pot, a welcome gift for the bride-to-be.

### Recipe of the Week

Hot and spicy after skiing or snowmobiling . . .  
SPICY FRUIT SOUP

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| 12 ounce package mixed dry fruits | 1 tablespoon tapioca |
| ½ cup seedless golden raisins     | ¼ teaspoon salt      |
| ½ cup maraschino cherry halves    | ½ cup sugar          |
| 4 cups water                      | 3" stick cinnamon    |
| 2 cups orange juice               | 6 whole cloves       |

1. Remove prune pits and cut mixed fruit in pieces. Combine all ingredients.
2. Cover and simmer 30 to 40 minutes or until fruits are tender. Remove cinnamon and cloves.
3. Serve hot or chilled in glass cups.

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