### MALLS & MAINSTREETS

## Eco-clothing from Malls & Mainstreets front

inching practices," according to an 0 wear brochure.

"Chemicais used in traditional cotton farming contribute to our country's worst pollution," O hear continues. "Every year, more than 800 million pounds of insecticities, herbicides, fungicides and other pesticides are used on America's farms. These chemicals and up in the lakes and rivers. Cotton is the most heavily aprayed crop."

O wear cotton is grown on farms that refuse to use synthetic chemicals. All finishes, dyes and silkscreen indica ero notice. The shelves and fixtures in O wear stores are made from recycled cardiboard and plastic.

Q wear is a division of Vanity Fair, which also markets Girboud, Wrangler, Lee and Jantzen.

Local Target stores have a line of green products. Their Naturals socks, selling for \$1.99 a pair, are made from "pure, unbleached cotton," in packaging made from re-

cycled materials and printed with vegetable inks made from soy-bean. The line also features sheets, blankets and towels in unbleached, natural cotton.

Hudson's picked Earth Day, April 22, to premiere its new line of personal care products. Good-nest shampo, conditione, bath gel and body lotions (\$9 each) come in blodegradable 12-counce bottles containing ingredients de-rived from "renewable natural sources."

"In October, Hudson's Twelve Oaks store set up a concept shop called The Natural Shop," said Chris Morrisros, Hudson's spokeswoman. "The Natural Shop features an entire collection of products that are without bleaches, dyes or chemical finishes."

The shop includes textile products such as table linens, rugs and bedding.

Catalog collections

While no local retailers carry

Esprit's line of environmentally and socially responsible clothing Ecollection, the clothing can be purchased through a catalog available by calling 800-423-6335. Ecollection was launched in 1990 using undyed organic cotton, naturally colored through plant breeding techniques. "The garments are decorated with huttons and beads made by Hutchel Indians in Mexico and villagers in Maxico and villagers in Ghana," according to a spokesman.

An Appalachian crafts co-op makes the Ecollection aweaters. Most environmental catalogs have a fashion section in back where natural cotton T-shirts and undergarments are featured.

Purely Grown, a natural socks line out of Venice, Calif., is about to debut a premature infant, baby and children's clothing line "manufactured with ecological in-

in words from their publicity brochure, "The future of the world looks bright."

## Retirees from Malls & Mainstreets front

groups instead of alone. So we work it this way. Lots of personal salisfaction comes from volunteching. It just makes you feel good."

Metz recalled last year's work

for the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Home where volunteers folded towels, helped with mail-ings, and ran a festival games concession. Retired Hudson em-ployees put in 2,446 hours to help foster children.

HRVA also publishes a quarterly newsletter, holds monthly luncheons and an annual recognition banquet and plenic. For more information, call the HRVA office Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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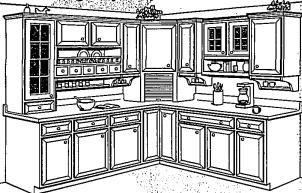
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