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### Consumers' Counsel Gives Pointers On Linen

Most housewives don't buy linen very often, but when they do, they should know what to look for. Hester Rawick, Fraser, consumers' counsel of the Michigan State Department of Agriculture, has the following advice to give on buying linen.

"The secret of using money, as compared to spending it, lies in your confidence in the article at the time it is purchased. Be it towels, sheets or table linen, buy linen with confidence. Choose size, bridge 36x56, breakfast 45x65, 64x84, 54x72, 63x90; luncheon, 51x51; dinner 72x90, 72x106. The most durable linen is firmly

woven, and when free from dressing, is balanced in weave. Note whether the linen has been laundered. Heavy linen firmly woven is more durable than lighter linen. Poor linen is not as durable as good cotton. Linen resists soil better than cotton and stains are more easily removed from linen. Luster and wear increase with higher thread count in a balanced weave. Pure linen of good quality thrives upon laundering. Bleaching linen weakens it. Iron lines crosswise on the wrong side, then lengthwise on the right side. Iron as few creases as possible into its life.

All colors should be fast. Hand hemming is preferable to machine hemming. When buying machine-hemmed linen, be sure the stitching has been done along the line of a thread that the shape will remain the same. Note careful workmanship in embroidered linens.

Firmness of weave and a balanced weave are an indication of durability in linen damask. Hotels which give their linens hard wear usually buy damask with a thread count from 160 to 270 with a balanced weave. By holding linen against a strong light, you can get some idea of the firmness and balance of the weave.

Firmly woven double damask is considered to give the best wear. Buy your linens with confidence and make your dollar go farther."

### INTER-PARISH DANCE

The last Inter-Parish Dance was one of the biggest and brightest ever sponsored by this active group. The great crowd cheered enthusiastically the new English dance "The Lambeth Walk," which was taught free to all who attended. This innovation proved so popular that we have prevailed upon the Grand management to present this fun-making and "easy-to-learn" English dance step to all who attend the next Inter-Parish party Tuesday, November 29, at the Grande ballroom.

### STATE'S WARDS TO ENJOY A HEARTY THANKSGIVING

Michigan's 29,000 wards and 4,250 employees in 17 state institutions will enjoy an old-fashioned farm dinner for Thanksgiving.

Basic items of the menus, including 35,700 pounds of chicken, 21,000 pounds of squash, 21,000 pounds of potatoes, 25,000 pounds of milk, 30 barrels of mince meat, 250 gallon tins of dill pickles, are home grown upon the institutional farms. The varieties in the menus are controlled crops characteristic of the community in which the institution is located.

Like grandmother in preparing her Thanksgiving dinner, institutional stewards check their cellars closely for sources of supply. It is expected that the Kalamazoo State Hospital, in the heart of the celery growing district, would boast of this delicacy. At this institution with an orchard, cabbage and apple salad are included while at Girls' Training School, Adrian, without an orchard and surplus supply of milk, ice cream, appears on the menu.

Of all of the institutions, records disclose the largest, Prison of Southern Michigan, is the most independent, even the sugar served upon institutional tables being processed from beets produced upon the farm. The menu for this institution, with its total of 5,500 others and quantities required: Roast chicken, 8,600 pounds; giblet, 4,000 pounds; sage dressing; potatoes, 10 cans; squash, 4,000 pounds; mince meat for pies, eight barrels; milk, 5,000 pounds; bread 1,000 loaves. All of these items are produced from products of the farm in institutional kitchen.

Institutional farms which provide much of the food for the state's wards, are operated under direction of the Michigan Department of Agriculture by Southern Michigan State Prison, Jackson Girls' Training School, Adrian

State House of Correction and Branch, Marquette; Michigan Farm Colony for Soldiers, West-Jamaica; Michigan Children's Village, Coldwater; Michigan Home and Training School, Lapeer; Ionia State Hospital, Ionia; Michigan Reformatory for Men, Michigan School for the Deaf, Flint; Newberry State Hospital, Newberry; Pontiac State Hospital, Pontiac; Michigan Home and Training School, Pontiac; Michigan State Sanatorium, Howell; Traverse City State Hospital, Traverse City; Ypsilanti State Hospital, Kalamazoo Hospital.

### WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. T. J. Slevin and Mark Wise of Uniontown, Ohio, arrived at the home of Edwin Johnson Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. June Adams of Farmington, Ruth Phillips and Donna Jean Phillips, who have been visiting in West Point Park, the past two weeks.

Miss Shirley Zwahlen, also Miss Virginia Adams of Farmington, were the dinner guests of Mrs. Katherine Lancaster of Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Simmons of Northville were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. David Robinson of Detroit, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen were guests Saturday evening of Captain and Mrs. O. L. Duncanson of Rosedale Park, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert, son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Edna Gilbert, daughter Miss Joyce and Miss Francis Ryder of Detroit, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Mrs. J. W. Ault, Mrs. Edwin Johnson and Mrs. T. J. Slevin, a guest from Uniontown, Ohio, were visitors at the home of Herman Keyser of Huntington Woods, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood, daughter Miss Barbara and Mrs. Alma Stewart of Detroit, visited the latter's son Donald Stewart, a student of West Point Military School at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Thursday. They also attended the Army-Navy game.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Bergh, daughter Sharon of Howell, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heichman, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanko of Rosedale Garden, Mr. and Mrs. Meade of Frankfort and another couple from Corona, returned home Monday from their hunting lodge, at Barton City.

The P. T. A. Feather Party held in the Community Hall Thursday night proved quite a success and nearly \$60 was added to the treasury.

The Ladies Community Club is sponsoring a dancing party, Saturday evening at the Community Hall. Good music, old time and modern dancing. Come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

Mrs. Ganyon of Hubbard and Eight Mile Road, entertained a few of her neighbors at tea Wednesday. The afternoon was spent in mending and fancy work.

The Little Club, so called by the seven West Point Park ladies who help to compose it, went to Claranceville Wednesday and enjoyed cards at the home of Mrs. Russell Fuchs.

The local P. T. A. has invested in an oil-burner to be used in heating the little old school-house, which has been renovated and is almost ready for use as a P. T. A. meeting place.

Miss June Ault was a guest at the first anniversary dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ashe of Northville, Saturday night.

Miss Shirley Zwahlen was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dick.

Mrs. Edward Ashe of Northville was the luncheon guest of Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Thursday.

### WEST FARMINGTON

George Kovac and Andrew Kovac are among some of the hunters who went north in anticipation of bagging a deer.

Douglas Smith, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Smith, is recovering from an ear infection.

Willma Tamm and Viola Tamm, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Tamm, spent Thursday with their grandmother, Mrs. John Tamm.

Several from West Farmington attended the raffle Friday evening at the Town Hall Farmington for the benefit of the Salem Evangelical Church.

Jimmie Cox and Starr Graham, Jr., are on the honor roll in their class of the second grade at Walled Lake school.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Giegler and sons, Larry and Frank, of Webberville, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giegler and grandson, Lavorne Lee, of Hartland called on Mrs. Edith Graham Sunday afternoon.

Guests at the Fred L. Cook home for Thanksgiving will be Miss Catherine Harlan and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsons.

### Michigan Praised For Grading Farm Produce

In less than 12 months, Michigan has advanced from the "most backward state" to "the most progressive" in the grading and the marketing of farm produce, according to R. R. Palthorp, chief of the Grades and Standards of Fruits and Vegetables section, United States Department of Agriculture, while in Michigan last week on a national tour of inspection systems of various states. "Michigan has made greater progress," Palthorp advised Commissioner John B. Strange of the Department of Agriculture, "over a short period of time than ever accomplished by any other state."

"While less than a year ago, Michigan was considered as the most backward state in regards to grading and marketing of farm produce, it is now considered as one of the most progressive. Considering that parts of the 1937 crop were inspected by staffs from the surrounding states while every commodity may avail itself of local state inspection in 1938 is the best indication of the rapid advance made by Michigan. The diversity throughout the entire state and the wide areas over which the same products are grown, have offered Michigan problems not found in other states, but, despite added problems, Michigan's progress has been remarkable."

### MEDICS GET MILITARIZED

Military training is now given to 100 University of Michigan students in the School of Medicine by a newly organized unit of the Reserve Officers Training Corps under the direction of Col. Leon A. Fox. The training covers a period of four weeks in college and six weeks at a summer camp.

### Forest Fire Losses Raised By Dry Weather

Boosted by the series of fires which broke out during the warm, dry and windy spell the middle of last month, the state's loss from forest fires approached the 11,000 acre mark before October ended, and moved toward last year's total, the first of this month.

Thirty-three fires occurring during the next to last week of October, 31 in the lower peninsula, added an acreage loss of 485 to bring the total on Oct. 23 to 10,825. During the previous week 147 fires occurred, burning over more than 3,000 acres.

Nearly 50 fires occurred on Nov. 3 and 4, adding at least 3,000 more acres to the loss.

With its short legs and slender body a weasel is easily capable of entering mouse burrows. Mice and other small mammals constitute a large portion of its diet.

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