

### Consumer's Corner

(Continued from last week)  
If you like novelty weaves, you may have to pay for it in poor wearing quality. Learn to recognize the main types. There are three—plain, twill and satin.  
A plain weave produces a fabric with the greatest breaking strength. A loose, plain weave, however, may result in a sleazy cloth. A twill weave does not have the breaking strength of the plain but it has greater tearing and ripping strength. It soils less easily but is more difficult to launder. You will find it especially good for heavy skirts and children's play clothes. The satin weave makes a material that is not only durable but beautiful, with a smooth, lustrous surface. If the unbound yarns in this weave are very long, however, there is danger of their being caught and torn.

Here are a few of the common weaknesses in construction of cotton fabrics you may run across: (a) very fine yarns over very heavy ones—these soon wear through; (b) long yarns, or floats, passed over too many yarns—they are easily caught and torn; (c) patterns made by bleaching out portions of a dark background—that often results in weakened places which quickly wear through; (d) designs produced by weaving in short lengths of yarn free at both ends—this may soon cause the fabric to look shabby.

Ask about the thread count—that is, the number of threads per inch lengthwise (warp) and crosswise (filling). Low thread count is often the reason behind low price and short wear.

"Tensile strength" is another test of wearing quality. The average consumer can't measure this. It requires special instruments which record the number of pounds required to break a piece of fabric. Probably the merchant doesn't know the tensile strength either, but it is information that can be made available and will be made available if consumers ask for it.

Sizing is important. This is the starch or other material used to give the fabric a smooth finish. A little is necessary in weaving but it is not necessary on bleached fabrics. "Pure finish" on a sheet means the minimum amount of sizing has been used. Rub the material between your hands and see if the sizing comes out.

Don't get mixed up on "sizing" and "mercerizing." Mercerization is a process, named many years ago after its discoverer, John Mercer, for giving a glossier finish to cotton fabrics. It adds not only to the attractiveness but to the durability of the material.

There are over a hundred different ways of finishing a cotton fabric. Dyeing is one of the important finishing processes. No dye yet discovered will remain permanently "fast" under all conditions. Vat dyes are best for cotton goods but

When you are told a fabric is "Color Fast," find out what it is fast against—soap, or boiling, or sunlight, or perspiration, or uric acid, or what.

Not all colored cotton materials are dyed. Some are printed. You can usually identify the fabric that is printed in the piece by noticing that the back is not as well dyed as the top side. In general, dyed fabrics keep their good looks much longer than printed ones, though that may vary with the quality of the dye used.

Read every label on a cotton fabric or garment carefully. You'll find many more labels nowadays than you used to. Read them discriminately. If they fail to give you all the information you need, ask the clerk.

Finally, if it is a cotton garment you are buying, examine it carefully for these points: (a) style suited to your needs; (b) all

pieces cut the right way of the goods; (c) full cut with plenty of room; (d) neat, appropriate and serviceable workmanship; (e) allowances for alterations, especially in growing children's clothes.

### West Ridge Club Plans Card Party

The West Ridge Community club is giving a card party at Ridge school Friday evening Feb. 22 at 8 o'clock, to which everyone is invited.

Auction and contract bridge, five hundred, and any other desired card game will be played with some very fine prizes for the winners.

This party promises to be the big event on the year's social program and various committees are hard at work to assure its success.

Come and bring your friends. A small fee will be charged and tickets may be obtained from any Community club member.

### Girl Scout News

All Girl Scout troops of Highland Park will meet in a court of awards at the Lincoln School auditorium on Thursday evening, Feb. 21, at 7:30.

There will be an opening flag ceremony followed by a recognition of international Girl Scouting, after which each of the six troops will exemplify some phase of the Scout advancement. This in turn will be followed by the presentation of second class awards, merit badges and finally the very impressive first class Scout award.

All parents and interested friends of Girl Scouts are cordially invited to be present. Recognition will be given to the troop having the largest percentage of attendance.

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### Deerfield P. T. A. Buys Gym Mats

The February meeting of the Deerfield Grammar School P.-T. A. was held Friday afternoon. Reports of the November, December and January meetings were given. Tumbling mats have been purchased by the P.-T. A. for the gymnasium. The eighth grade class gave ten dollars toward the equipment and table oil cloth for the school lunch room, bought by this organization, is now in use.

Miss Dorothy Lidgerwood's third grade children read original compositions on "When I Grow Up," which were greatly enjoyed.

Miss Virginia Engels presented one of her cornet pupils, James Olen-dorf in a solo, "In the Clouds" by Golden.

Scouting was the theme of the main part of the program and both Boy and Girl Scouts of the Deerfield troops gave a demonstration of their work and told the meaning of scout work, under the direction of Scoutmaster Ray Dobbins, Scoutmaster J. G. Russell and Captain Beth Andrews.

Tea was served at the close of the meeting with the fifth grade mothers acting as hostesses.

**Grace Methodist Church**  
Grace Methodist Church of Highland Park has planned a church loyalty endeavor from now until Easter Sunday. Special Sunday services will include a play by the Garrick Players of Lake Forest College, an auction sale of one of the boys in the church, a pictured sermon, a music Sunday. Family day, when all members of the families are asked to sit together and will be given recognition, and other features. Those without church affiliation are invited to attend these bright and happy Sunday evening services.

**DAYS OF 49**  
Old and young will relive the Days of 1849 at the Legion party for members and the public to be held at the Masonic Temple on Friday and Saturday, February 22nd and 23rd, starting at 8 p.m. An evening of fun for everyone and a variety of entertainment, dancing, games and refreshments are planned. Just like the days when gold nuggets and gold dust were a medium of exchange, and prospect-

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Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Feb. 17-18-19 <b>"EVELYN PRENTICE"</b> with Wm. Powell, Myrna Loy, Una Merkel, Rosalind Russell, Isabel Jewel. Comedy, "Nosed Out," "Spikes and Spears." News.	Wed.-Thurs.-Fri. Feb. 20-21-22 Fannie Hurst's <b>"IMITATION OF LIFE"</b> with Warren Williams, Claudette Colbert, Rochelle Hudson. Comedy - News - Novelties

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