

How to Shop for an Umbrella

An umbrella may be the perfect gift for someone on your Christmas list this year. But before you buy one, think about the fiber content and the weave, the color and the style of handle.

Though vinyl plastic is waterproof, it has disadvantages. It is fragile and becomes brittle in cold weather. Vinyl plastic is easily damaged with heat and sharp objects.

The most serviceable um-

brellas are of nylon fabrics, says Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, Penn State University Extension clothing specialist.

Acetate, silk, cotton and rayon fabrics are also used to make umbrellas.

In addition to fiber content, check the weave. The fabric must be tightly woven if it is to repel rain. You can check the closeness of weave by holding the umbrella to the light

When checking the open umbrella, look for pinholes or breaks in the fabric. Open and shut the umbrella several times to see if all parts function easily.

Look for fluted ribs with a hollowed out appearance. Solid ribs are apt to break. Check the number of ribs. They vary from eight to sixteen. And examine the construction to see if the cover is securely fastened, cautions Mrs. Wilson.

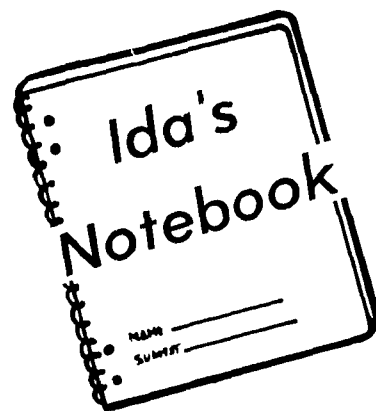
A brightly colored umbrella shows up more quickly than a dark one. And this can be safety factor on a dark, rainy day.

Check the style of handle—it should be practical as well as pretty. The handle should be easy to grasp—whether the umbrella is open or closed.

And the handle should be easy to carry. Mrs. Wilson says the old fashioned crooked handle that hooks over the arm for easy carrying when closed is still a good choice. And it's easy to hang up.

"Hangman of Buffalo"

President Grover Cleveland was known as the "hangman of Buffalo." As sheriff of Erie County, N.Y., he personally hanged a murderer, refusing to give the unpleasant task to deputies



Ida Risser

Deer hunting season again. Some farmers can get away for a week and others only for a day. We hope they will all come home refreshed from their trip to the mountains.

As my son Philip did an oil painting of two deer, which he had framed for me and hung in our living room, I have a constant reminder of woodland beauty. He spent a lot of time painting it and we all enjoy its warm tones.

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Anticipation is a wonderful thing. It helps you get to the end of a long weedy row on a hot summer day, as you look forward to a delicious meal which your daughter is making. Those smells from the kitchen tell me what is

cooking, as I am one of those people who can smell what no one else even notices.

As I drive through the country, I'm always noticing celery fields. It is a delightful fragrance, I think.

Anticipation of a coming party or meeting can help us through a big ironing or through the morning job of straightening four clothes-strewn bedrooms.

Why, I can even remember the wonderful feelings of expectation when a new baby was on the way. Just waiting, waiting for that precious moment when you could hold the little one in your arms.

It seems the essence of life itself is looking forward to a future event, be it good or bad.

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Long ago I had a precocious little child (really we have six of them) who used words like "stupid" and "pretend" before he was three years old.

He was always running away and one day I found him walking up and down the aisle behind the cows in the barn. He had a yardstick and was tapping each one to make her stand up and was enjoying himself immensely. What a boy!

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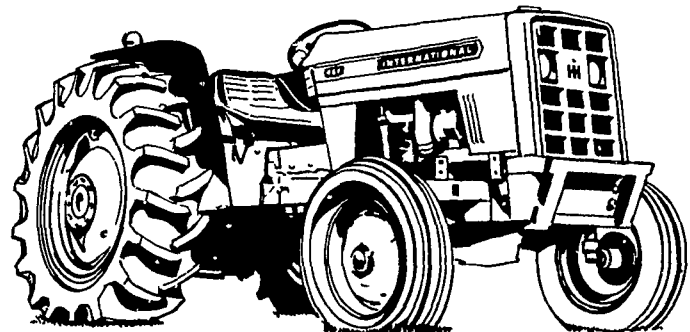
Fred Kerlin

Fred Kerlin from the Agway Bee Line Supply, Lancaster, died Wednesday, November 24, 1971, from a heart attack.

Mr. Kerlin served Agway for 35 years in procurement and sales work. He was one of the farm system salesmen for the Agway Supply Center serving the southern part of Lancaster County.

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