

Ladies Have You Heard?

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LEISURELY SUMMER FASHIONS

Fashion forecasters predict a summer of crunched, crinkled fabrics and calf-high pants, skirts and T-shirts in a wide variety of treatments and prices. Throughout, the emphasis is on comfortable, easy-care styling.

Shorts have dropped to Bermuda length, fitted through the hips and loosely cuffed above or at the knee. Hiking Bermudas, clam-diggers and gaucho pants are the season's calf-tickers. Long pants are narrow and cuffed above the ankle, or soft and full with tethered ankles. The influence of painter pants, pilot and parachute jumpsuits is transformed into a sleeker, cleaner look, often tied at the waist in drawstring fashion and at the ankles.

Longer-length skirts and dresses give a slim appearance, but swifty inverted pleats enhance sides, front or back. Look for ribbon ties, pin tucking. All around, back- or tummy-hugging yokes are fashion newcomers.

Tunics, designed to go over narrow pants or soft undershirts, are side-tied. Loose apron and kimono wraps are alternatives.

Overall detailing includes cargo- and sweatshirt-type pouch pockets. Ribbon bands, elastic, drawstrings and sashes replace hardware, such as big zippers and clasps.

White and cream are the basic colors, surrounded by clear, mid-tone shades. Ongoing denim varieties are seen in white, mint green and rose.

Frontrunners in machine-washable cotton and cotton blends include homespuns, muslins and gauze. Choose the ruffled, wrinkled look complete with imperfections, or the trimmer linen and shantung textures. Knits imitate the woven

look. Surface interest is boosted with synthetic blends, stitch techniques and brushing. Lighter and lacier, even classic doubleknits can be sheer and gauze-like. Denim-look knits turn up quilted, printed or with a pre-washed effect.

Prints offer impressionistic use of color without specific patterns. Geometrics take on movement such as a stair-step pattern. Some create a patchwork motif without black outlines. Wood-block prints use chic fashion photos. Stripes are everywhere and on everything, from delicate pins and giant ombres to crinkled tweeds. And, border designs mirror the multicolored influences of Guatemala and Mexico.

Quality . . .
What Makes The Difference?

"The best quality at the most reasonable price." That's most people's answer when asked what they look for when grocery shopping.

But the idea of "quality" and "reasonable price" varies from person to person. Everyone has difference preferences and a different budget.

Consistency in taste, appearance, and texture - these are some of the things you normally think of when you mention quality in canned foods. But what is it that makes one canned fruit or vegetable different from another?

Begin with the seeds

It all begins with the seeds used to grow the raw product. They're not all the same - no more than two peas in a pod are exactly alike. Consistently high quality, for example, is partly due to the efforts of agricultural research teams to develop superior strains of green beans, corn, lima beans, peas, tomatoes, and other crops. These strains are bred especially for

processing - to retain their firm texture and good flavor in the can.

A watchful eye

Another critical point in maintaining peak quality is the harvest: Catching the product at just the right stage of maturity. Producers need to keep eye on ripening fruits and vegetables and rushes them to the canning line within hours after they're picked.

Still, not every batch of tomatoes that arrives at the cannery will be identical. The canner must decide whether to use each load of tomatoes for fancy whole or quartered packs, or to assign

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Farm Women Societies

Berks Co. Society 5

The Mother and Daughter Banquet of Berks Co. Society 5 was held on May 28, at 7 p.m. at Zoars Lutheran Church, Mt. Zion, Pa. The program was presented by Sarah Clements, showing slides and giving a few readings on "Diary of a Mother."

Prizes were given to the oldest mother - Gussie Umberger; youngest mother - Becky Davis; mother traveling farthest distance - Macey Duszyska from England; youngest grandmother - Jane Sattazahn; mother with the most grandchildren - Edith Rittle and Mamie Semen, both with 15 grandchildren. It was announced that a Chicken Bar-B-Q will be held on July 31.

Next month, a family picnic will be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Moyer, Lebanon R1.

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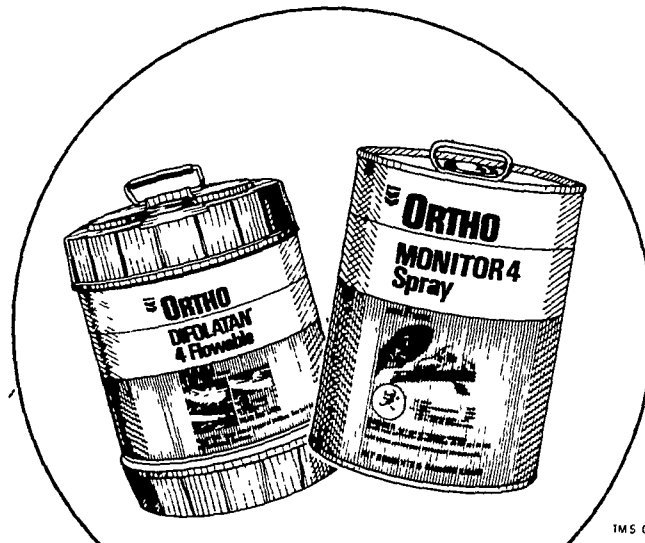
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