

Carpet Specialist Gives Buying Tips

Urbana, Ill. — A University of Illinois carpet specialist says the way your rug wears depends mainly on the density of the pile, the backing and the rug pad.

"The most important point to check when buying a carpet is the density, or compactness, of pile—not the height," explained Jane Werden, University of Illinois textiles and clothing specialist.

"You can check by measuring a square inch of carpet, then count the number of lengthwise and crosswise rows in the marked area and multiply them."

The answer, Miss Werden said,

"gives the number of pile tufts per square inch." And the more tufts, the better the rug.

But there is an exception: the diameter of the yarn also is important. In most cases, the greater the twist of the yarn, the better the covering will wear.

"Also turn the rug over and make sure the backing is closely woven," Miss Werden added. "Then buy a rug pad, or underlay, to serve as a cushion and greatly lengthen the carpet's life."

"Vacuum rugs and carpets once or twice a week and send them to a commercial cleaner about once a year," Miss Werden recommends.

Potpourri

If there appears to be a bit of discrepancy over the date of the first Thanksgiving in today's Mail Tribune, it's because we couldn't decide which source was correct, and just used them both.

When writing the front page copy, Potpourri consulted the encyclopedia which gave December 13, 1621, as the date of Governor Bradford's proclamation for the first Thanksgiving. Then PH, whose memory we seldom argue with, said the copies of the proclamation give it as 1623, and produced one from a magazine.

Ye editor of ye Potpourri column decided ye readers might like to peruse it.

"To all ye Pilgrims: Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all his blessings. William Bradford, Ye Governor of Ye Colony."

After reading the governor's proclamation, Photographer Bob Vroman suggested that we make the headline of today's front page read "Ye Pilgrims."

The Army couple wrote from Berlin to say that they were to leave about November 19 to spend a leave at the Army's rest center at Berchtesgaden. Since their second wedding anniversary is November 25, the holiday will include this celebration as well as Thanksgiving. "We also plan to stop in Munich, Stuttgart and Heidelberg, providing our money holds out," they wrote.

The Army wife has been considerably upset over the fact that the soldier's schedule can never be predicted and add "Incidentally, we had to turn back tickets for the 'Rite of Spring' ballet because the CO decided, that day, the men had to work that night."

"I have crawled into bed with a hot water bottle to write to you," the letter began. "It is never warm in our room, and a good part of the time it is cold. We have central heating, but our one radiator is never so warm that we can't lay a hand on it."

"You asked how it is working out to be sharing the kitchen and bathroom. It isn't really too bad, because we cook only for ourselves, whereas last winter we were cooking for Harry and Vickie, too."

"I will draw you a diagram of the apartment, and one of our room. There is one other couple, besides the landlord and his wife, in the apartment. They are young and have no children. The man is working on the manuscript of his doctoral thesis in music, preparing it for publication. His wife is a secretary for a publishing house."

"The landlord and his wife are older, probably in their forties. Frau Bergener speaks English quite well, but her husband knows only a few words."

"We haven't had an opportunity to call on Mrs. Diepenbrock's sister because Kenny has had so little time off. Since I have been here (10 weeks) the band has had only five free days, including week ends. Twice in the last month they have gone out into the zone on week ends to play for football games. This means a 12-hour train ride each way, at night, besides the day for the game. During that time they are restricted to the car in the train or to the service club at the post where the game is. Thus the wives are most effectively discouraged from going along because the only time they can actually be with their husbands is during the game, or about three hours out of 36. So, the band wives stay home."

"I have been here approximately 10 weeks. During that time there have been 20 week end days and one holiday. The band had one day free in September (they worked Labor day), one in October and three days in November. In addition to working the usual hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or later, plus Saturday mornings, they usually have one or two night jobs a week."

In one letter the soldier enclosed a hand-drawn map of Berlin showing the four sectors, and indicating how the city is entirely surrounded by the Russian zone. He marked such points as the Olympic stadium, the Garden of Remembrance (Russian War Memorial and the only place in the Western Sector where Russian soldiers are on guard) and the Brandenburg gate, "the famous gate of which you always see pictures." He also indicated the Tempelhof Air base, commenting that the terminal building is said to be the largest such terminal in the world and, as a building, second only to the Pentagon in Washington.

He wrote "I have been in all four sectors of the city (twice, on band trips, we managed to get lost in the East sector) and it is amazing what a difference there is between them. The American sector is built up so that there are few places that you find really extensive ruins. In the British sector they have concentrated on the business district and in the French you find a little rebuilding and a fairly run-down condition. The Russians are known around here for having done nothing and permitting nothing to be done. The philosophy of the Reds is to keep them well under thumb and keep the economy unstable." O.S.

Holiday Pie Top

New York — Try this spicy filbert whip as a topping for pumpkin pie.

Sunday, November 24, 1957

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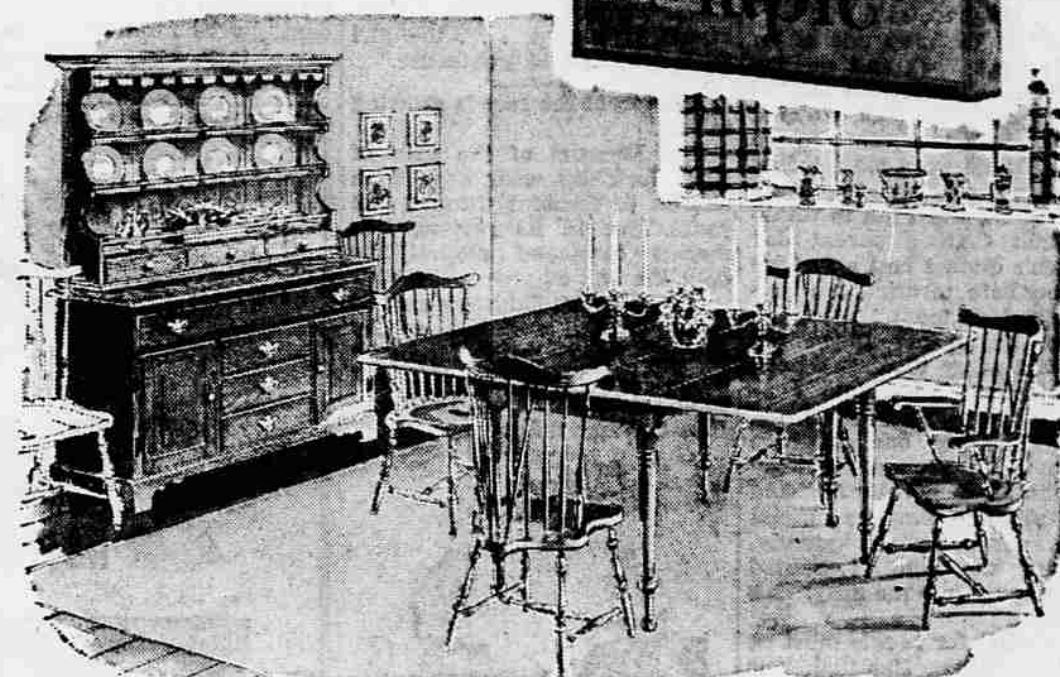
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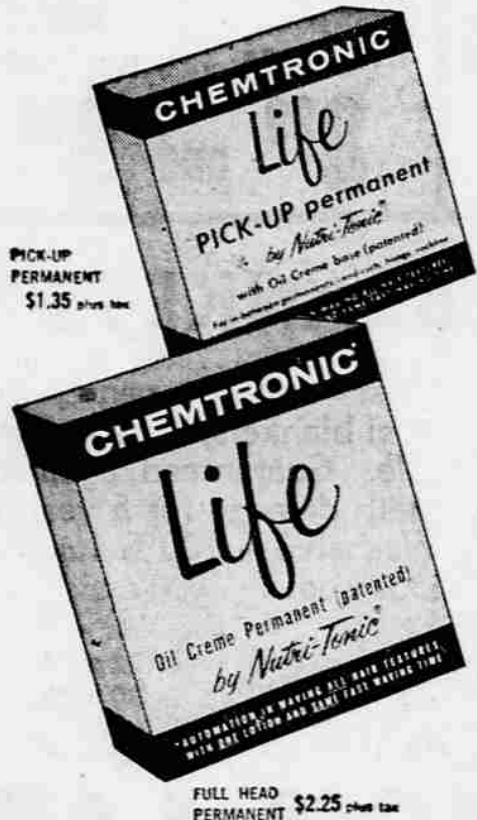


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Home Economist Gives Directions For Candied Peel

Corvallis — Fruit cake lovers who want to save money on their holiday baking can plan to make some of the fruit cake "makings" at home this year, with directions furnished by an Oregon State college home economist.

It's possible to make candied orange, grapefruit and lemon peel confections at home and save almost three-fourths of what is spent in stores, says Mrs. Ruth Klippstein, extension nutritionist. For instance, if fruit peels are salvaged from breakfast orange shells, or citrus salads, the only cost is a little sugar and fuel.

Here are directions for making orange peel at home. Candied lemon and grapefruit, may be prepared in the same way.

Candied Orange Peel
Cut peel from eight oranges into strips. Heat peel in cold water to the boiling point, drain off water, and start with cold water again, and heat to boiling. Do this with three water changes. This removes bitterness from the rind.

Drain. Cover with cold water and allow to cool. If desired, remove soft white part of the rind. The white part is not bitter, but it doesn't look as attractive when peel is used in cake.

Cut the peel into narrow strips, one-eighth to one-fourth inches wide. Boil one cup sugar and one-half cup water, until syrup gently threads. Add peel. Cook until syrup is evaporated and peel looks clear.

Drain on wire cake rack. Coat with fine granulated or powdered sugar, and leave in open air until thoroughly dry. Store and use as required in cakes, puddings or as a confection.

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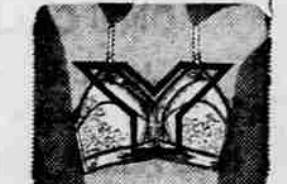
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