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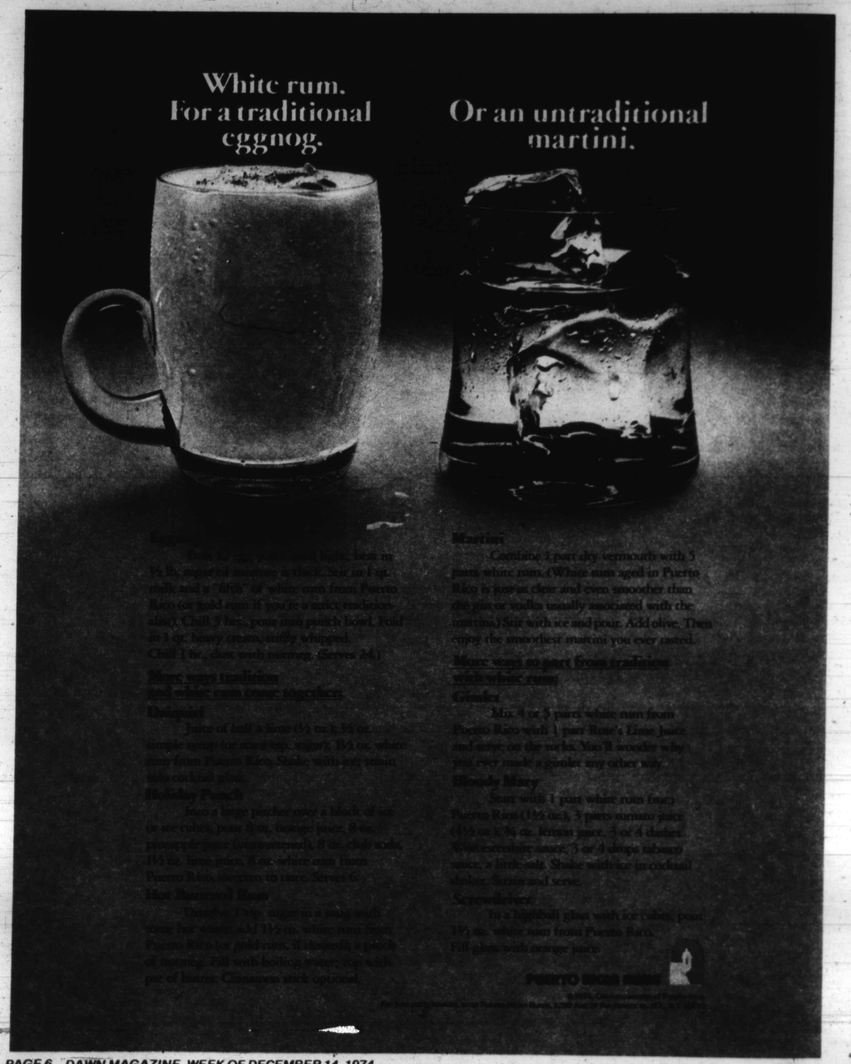

Inflation Christmas

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Washington, D.C. area agreed that there will be a shortage of Christmas decorations at their houses, especially lighted Santas, lamps and festive bulbs.

Two out of five say they will be travelling this holiday season with the family. "It's cheaper," said one husband. Most of the children, however, don't seem to like the idea. They are used to fireside accumulations of gifts.

There won't be many new cars in front of the door as presents for the sweet little lady Christmas morning, said one local car dealer "Business is very slow."

Sportsmen and the like have literally souped up sales during

'Health and strength are the two gifts all are thankful for.....'

previous holiday seasons with shiny new sports autos for their loved ones. This year, the salesman said, "I will be lucky to sell enough cars to come away with a decent commission."

The cost of gasoline and added garage work has helped dwindle the sale of cars in the Washington metropolitan area. Little cars, while affected, are doing much better on the market.

So with the added cost, plus the shortage of sugar in some stores, candy has gone up (chain stores and popular candy stores have recorded drop in sales), grandma may experience difficulty in making cookies, cakes and pies.

Families getting together this Christmas will truly have something more tangible to be thankful for—their health and strength—two things often taken for granted when opening presents and eating plentifully at Christmas gatherings.

"Dear God, make us truly thankful for what we are about to receive," will be said all over America with emphasis on 'Make us truly Thankful.' "

What To Do With The Turkey

Turkey can be any time and freezer-to-table cookery makes preparation simple as can be.

With an assist from the butcher, turkey can be prepared in a way that will be easy on the cook and a delight for the family. Have him cut a 10-pound bird in half lengthwise.

Then wrap it for the freezer. If the bird is already frozen, thaw him just enough to remove the sack of giblets, then wrap for the freezer. Follow directions for wrapping poultry, making sure the cut side of the bird is placed down on the sheet of foil.

To freeze poultry, truss the bird and brush with melted shortening. Follow standard instructions for proper freezer wrapping with heavy duty foil.

When ready to cook, preheat oven to 450 degrees and line a roasting pan with heavy duty foil. Remove the foil from the bird and place in the pan, skin side up. Cover turkey with foil, tucking edges under. Roast for three hours and 20 minutes.

During last 30 minutes of roasting time, remove foil to allow turkey to brown thoroughly. If wings or legs are brown enough, cover them with a small piece of foil to prevent overbrowning.

Once again, to assure desired degree of doneness, insert a meat thermometer when the foil is removed during the browning period.

Happy holiday!

Fashion Not All Frenzy and Fad

By Jacqueline Moore

It can be a relaxed way of looking your best at all times

"Are you bored with fashion?" a friend recently asked me, knowing that for over 20 years I have been involved with fashion in one way or another. Honestly, I could not answer a definite "no," but perhaps fashion means something different to me now than to many others who have not worked intimately with it.

After modeling designer clothes, writing about fashion, and, as an editor, viewing the top designers' collections in America and the leading couturiers' showings in Europe, I am more analytical than excited about each season's new styles.

Personally, I now am more relaxed about fashion — I don't rush out to buy the latest dictate from New York's Seventh Avenue or Paris' trend-setters.

That is not to say that I want to look dated or to be "out of fashion." It means that I pick from fashion's trees as a seasoned farmer picks the choice fruit from his orchard.

It means building a wardrobe which suits my type — classic elegance according to friends — adding each season at least one outfit to keep my wardrobe current. Altering hemlines, adding new accessories, mixing and coordinating are all ways of dealing with keeping up-to-date without being a "slave" to fashion.

What does fashion mean to you? And you? Perhaps you're a young career girl who wants to be first with the latest, but whose clothes budget is slim.

Or maybe you have the money to buy what appeals to you, but you are dissatisfied with what extra pounds have done to your figure.

Or you could be the wife who doesn't work but whose lifestyle and husband's profession demand clothes for many social occasions, including after-five events.

Let's see how the path to fashion could be made smoother for each of you.

First, young careerists are the manufacturers' friends. You're ready to grab the latest fads off the racks and put it all together — mod, funky or nostalgic. For a time during the past 10 years, it seemed as though designers were creating only for the young. But not all of the young can wear everything the market presents. Young women have figure faults, too.

Mini skirts and too-heavy thighs are a bad news combination no matter how young the wearer. Chunky shoes and wedges do not flatter thin legs. Light colors and reds emphasize, which means white or red size 18 slacks look like size 24.

Now that hemlines have been dropped again, perhaps some of the young will be coaxed out of the minis, which have run their fashionable course. In general, longer skirts age a woman, so the young can wear them to better advantage than older women.

Young working women often are confronted with the decision: should I buy a lot of inexpensive clothes or settle for a few good garments? Personally, I would opt for the latter, but possibly a compromise would be more acceptable.

This compromise could be achieved by purchasing good coats and a nice suit, here and there, then supplementing this basic wardrobe with less expensive mix-and-match separates and accessories. Coats take a lot of wear and tear and cheap ones just don't hold up.

Here's a way to proceed with a careerist's wardrobe planning. First, take a closet inventory. Assess what is usable, as is, or with a few alterations.

Next, make a clothes budget for the year. Then decide how

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