

**N**OVELTY FABRICS and smart detailing swing into fashion in the 1956 spring rainwear parade.

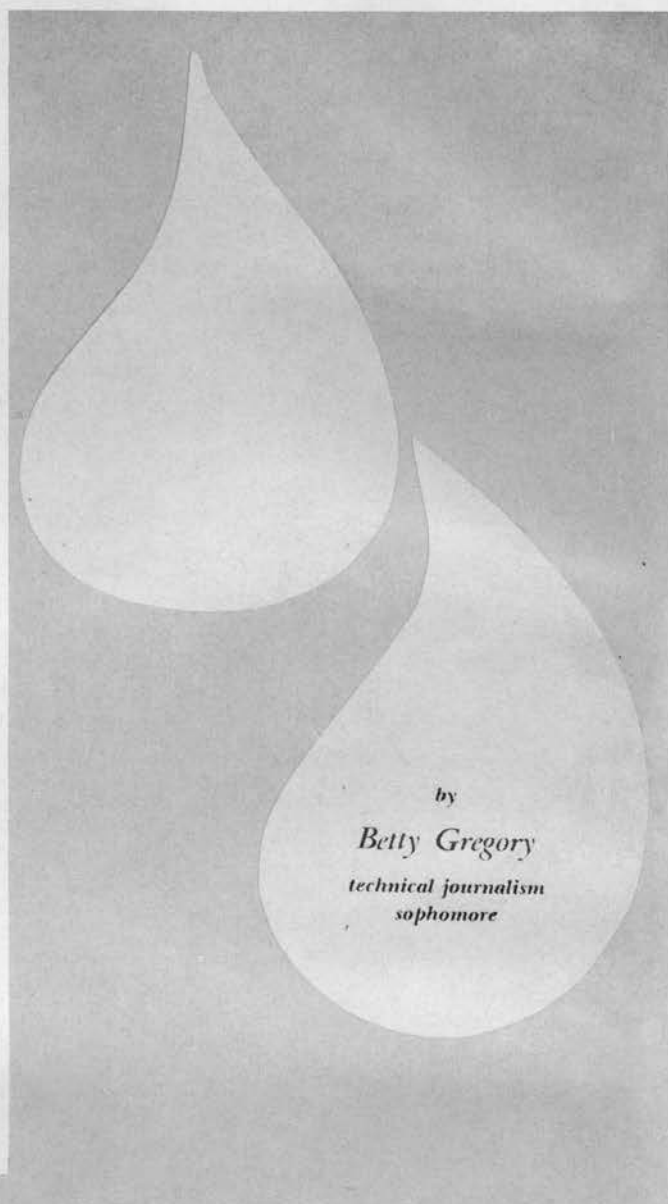
If you're a woman wanting something pretty as well as practical in double-duty clothes, this is your year. For you'll find spring raincoats of tweed, rayon and cotton flannel, and taffeta that shed showers or sunshine. Textured cottons feature a rustproof silver thread woven in a hand embroidered effect. Materials join the pastel rage with generous sprinkles of aqua and pink specks. And the old stand-bys, corduroys and cords, still add sparkle to any raincoat selection.

#### **Material breathes**

Poralated vinyl film may be the answer to your desire for a durable and comfortable campus coat. This new rainproof material has thousands of cooling pores to the square yard. "It breathes" say manufacturers—lets body heat out but won't let wet in. Seams are electrically heat sealed in these new raincoats with not a stitch anywhere. Vinyl film looks like gabardine with corduroy collars and metal fasteners for added interest.

#### **Knitted collars**

Spreading rapidly through the raincoat market is the knit story. Although the idea has not gained importance in this vicinity, you may soon be seeing the "rain sock" or knitted sweater raincoat in fascinating weaves and varying thicknesses. Even raincoats of cotton or rayon materials are being treated with knitted collars, cuffs and closings. These spring-into-summer knits are budget priced.



#### **Push-up sleeves**

Silhouettes are slimmer for spring with only a slight flare from the shoulders to accommodate full skirts. Extra depth under the arms and sleeves that are either large and cuffed, or slender fitted push-ups make for comfortable living in rainwear. Shoulder lines are smooth with no need for pads. Buttons have joined the spring parade. Running all the way down the front, they add rhythm to a shirtfront effect.

#### **Pinstripes 'n' pleats**

It's neutrals for spring in blacks, beige, white and navy. You will also see the trend to lighter pastels favored this year. Patterns are as varied as spring weather itself with pinstripes, pleats all-round and charming figure designs gaining prominence. Matching linings, umbrellas and caps complete your rainwear ensemble.

And if it's the complete new "costume look" you like, try a versatile red and black polka-dotted taffeta raincoat—add a slim red, fitted dress—and you're ready for anything from April showers to cocktail parties.