

TOT TALK

Parents today are called upon invest far more money in birthday presents for kid than their mothers and fathers before them.

Once a dime would do the trick, and entitle the freshly scrubbed gift bearer to ice cream and cake. Now a child is embarrassed to wrap up an item that doesn't cost in the neighborhood of a dollar.

It's all part of the vicious habit of trying to keep up with the Jones family, and where it will end nobody knows. Despite the increased outlay of funds, most of the presents are neither practical nor permanent. Worse than that, few of them are actually appreciated and enjoyed by the recipient.

One little girl here was flabbergasted when she had a party in observance of her fourth birthday. The first guest to show up brought her a tea set, and the tiny hostess squealed with delight.

Her second squeal for a second tea set was less enthusiastic. By the time the last gift had been unwrapped, she was all but hidden by 17 tea sets in fine array.

Now this little girl was of a domestic nature, but 17 tea sets was much too much, and she displayed her disgust for all to see. Maybe it was rude, yet you'll have to agree that she had plenty of provocation.

It had a happy ending for her mother, however. "I didn't have to buy any birthday presents for other little girls for quite a while," she confided to friends later. "It took me two years to give those tea sets back, but I finally did it."

The moral of this true story is to shop wisely when you buy gifts for children. Don't buy the first thing you see. Too many folks will be doing the same thing before you ever reach the store.

MOON SHOT TRY

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—The second United States attempt to shoot for the moon probably will not come until October.

The Defense Department says that no date has been set for the next try to launch a satellite around the moon.

Thus, theoretically at least, Russia will get two chances to reach the moon first before the United States tries again.

MOTOR MAIDS



Safety Scores At the Half

By Jeanne Smith, Dodge Safety Consultant

TRAFFIC SAFETY is receiving "the old college try" these days at many campuses throughout the country.

Students at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, for instance, have staged several safety demonstrations during football games when, as one campus leader put it, "We have a captive audience."



Miss Smith

At one game last season, three police squad cars lined up at the goal post during half time to attract the attention of spectators.

An announcement over the loudspeaker informed students that they were about to see the distance it takes to stop a car at various speeds.

When a siren sounded teams of students picked up the ends of eight-foot-wide canvas strips piled in front of each car and went into action.

For a stopping distance at 20 miles per hour, one strip was pulled out 15 yards—for 40 mph, a strip was pulled to the 50 yard line (150 feet) and for 60 mph, the third strip was pulled the full length of the football field.

During another game, fans were surprised to learn at half-time that tires, glass area, side-view mirrors, etc., on their cars had been safety checked by a team of students during the first half . . . more than 200 cars were inspected in the stadium parking lot.

Another half-time safety feature was a driving "rodeo" in front of the grandstand. Tests included straight-line driving, backing, stopping and parking. Participants were judged by a group of students.

GARDEN TIME

How would you like to buy Kentucky Wonder pole bean seed which tested only 8 per cent germination?

A sample was brought to me a short time ago with the explanation that "three plantings have been made with no results." I sent a sample to the Seed Laboratory and received the report already mentioned.

I was given the seed source and immediately called the president of the company. He thanked me and stated, "I will remove all seed from sale and send a sample to the Seed Laboratory for official test." He did this because the sample I sent in was considered a "service test" rather than an "official test."

The attitude of this seedsman is typical of every seedsman in North Carolina, who values his reputation and makes a sincere effort to serve his customers well. I do not know of any phase of agriculture which requires as much care in production and handling than does the seed industry. So many things can happen: mixtures, disease, improper cleaning and storage, and rough handling. You would be surprised how rough handling of snap and pole beans affect the germination of the seed.

This brings up the question of saving your own seed from some of

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afternoon," he said. "Then I can walk across the field to the city swimming pool and go in free."

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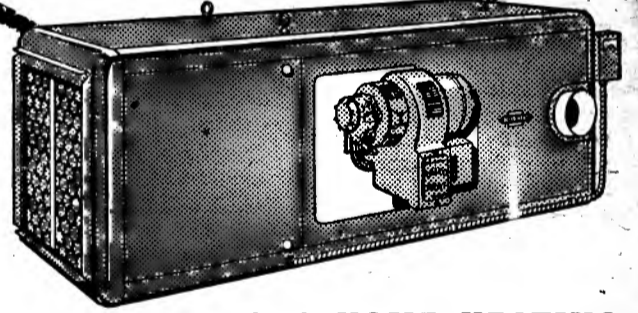
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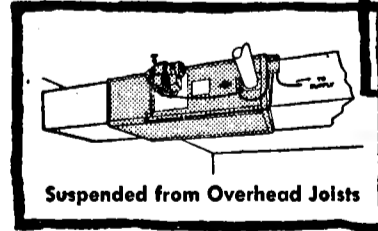
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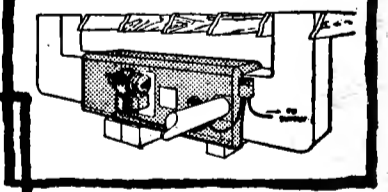
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