

**MOTOR MAIDS**



**How To Stop Accidents Before They Happen**

By Jeanne Smith, Dodge Safety Consultant

WOMEN'S GROUPS can help check accidents this Spring through their support of the national Safety-Check program.

The voluntary program, conducted each May immediately preceding summer and vacation travel, gives motorists tangible proof that they need to keep their cars in safe driving condition.

Last year, one out of every five of the two-and-a-half million vehicles inspected in 1300 communities needed immediate attention. At least one of these major items was faulty: brakes, front and rear lights, steering, tires, exhaust system, glass, windshield wipers, rear view mirror and horn.

The Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee, which sponsors the program, hopes that in 1958 we will increase the number of free community Safety-Checks. Here are two important ways in which women's groups can support the program:

1. Find out if a community



Miss Smith

safety-check is being planned in your area. If not, contact public officials, key civic leaders, police and others to offer your help in getting one under way. Serve on community committees to get your neighbors interested in the project.

2. During the Safety-Check program, be sure that your family automobile is inspected and encourage your friends and neighbors to do likewise.

More than 48 million, or two out of every three registered vehicles, are now being driven without any official inspection for safe operating condition. According to M. R. Darlington, Jr., managing director of the program, Safety-Checks can help stop accidents before they happen.

For additional information on how to participate in this important traffic action program, write: Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee, 1200 Eighteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

Kehoe — Sun.-Wed.



MAY BRITT

After one glance at the women wearing the Korean national costume for Dick Powell's Twentieth Century-Fox CinemaScope, De Luxe Color production of "The Hunters," Bob Wagner said to Robert Mitchum: "Now we know where the sack came from."

Mitchum, who plays the part of a jet fighter pilot in the action film which also stars Richard Egan, May Britt and Lee Phillips, replied: "Yes, unless all those women are wearing maternity dresses." The picture starts Sunday at Kehoe Theatre.



**TOT TALK**



Like everyone else who brings a young puppy into the household, Lila Mae Jones, 10, of 1815 Wilmington street, had a sleeping problem with her tiny Mexican chihuahua.

Squeaky is his name, and when he squeaks in the wee small hours it sounds more like a squall. Fortunately, his nocturnal squeaking is over now. Lila Mae found the answer, and a simple answer it was.

Instead of putting a ticking clock or an old shoe in his bed, or resorting to one of the other so called cures for a wailing puppy's loneliness, she remembered the stuffed make believe dog that she got for Christmas.

That night Squeaky had a bed-fellow that didn't snore, kick the cover off, or bark in his sleep. He was mighty nice to cuddle up to, and the little dog slept all night.

So far the novelty hasn't worn off, and by the time Squeaky figures out what the score is he'll probably be old enough to sleep alone and enjoy it.

Having a stuffed dog for a playmate has its complications, of

course. They won't romp with you, as Squeaky soon found out. On the other hand, or the other paw as dogs say it, stuffed dogs don't steal your food, nip your hind legs when you aren't looking, or give you an extra supply of fleas to worry over.

Besides, Squeaky gets along fine by himself during the broad open daylight. It's those dark dismal hours when Lila Mae and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jones, are asleep that make him uneasy.

That's why the happiest little puppy in town these days is singing the praises of stuffed dogs. "They're quite the stuff," he says.

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**HINTS TO Homemakers**

BY RUTH CURRENT  
STATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

READ THE LABELS—More than ever school and casual dresses—and piece goods—are labeled "wash and wear," "drip dry," "needs little ironing," and "wrinkle resistant."

Vat dyes are the best dyes. They are used on cottons and rayons.

A dress labeled "Sanforized," "Ribmel," or "will not shrink more than 2 per cent" should not shrink out of fit.

A dress fabric that has been given special finish and labeled "crease resistant," "wash and wear," "drip dry," or "minimum care," will not shrink out of fit, either. Some names of these finishes you will find on labels are Regulated, Disciplined, Perma-Pressed, Minicare, and Wrinkl-Shed for cottons; and Avcoset for rayons.

Mercerized means that the cotton has more luster and is stronger.

Combed cotton means more luster. It keeps its smooth feel through washing and wearing.

Some corduroys are machine washable, and others are only hand washable because their colors won't stand up under the hot water in the machine. If you expect to machine wash, look for "machine washable" on the label. Never take it for granted. Wrinkle-resistant finishes are new for corduroy. They work.

SAVE THE LABEL—It's a guide for care. It may give you detailed directions for care.

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**Control Work For Diseases And Insects**

Director David S. Weaver of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service announced this week that an experienced member of the extension forestry staff is to receive special training to head a forest insect and disease control information program.

Weaver emphasized that North Carolina badly needs technical leadership in this field. Yearly timber losses from insects and disease are now three times greater than forest fire losses. Yet, according to Weaver, the state's forest owners have received comparatively little training in forest pest identification and control methods.

Fred E. Whitfield, who has had 10 years of experience as an assistant county agent and as forestry specialist for the mountain area, has been selected for this assignment. He has been granted a 12-month graduate-study leave of absence, starting in mid-September. He will take specialized training in forest insect and disease control at the College of Forestry, Syracuse university, Syracuse, N. Y.

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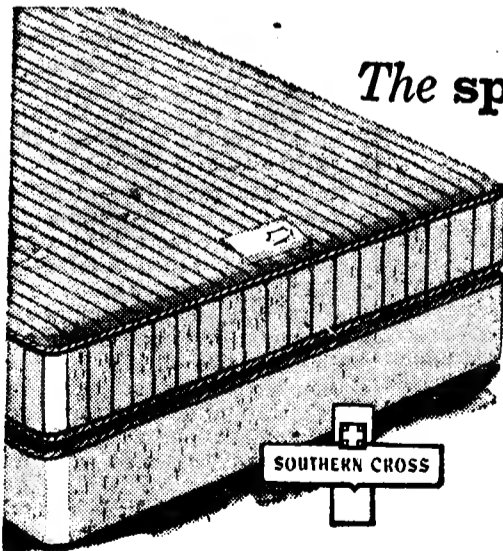


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