

Experts Reveal Fallacies Concerning Your Eyesight

In today's scientifically enlightened world many people still believe old folklores and fallacies about vision, the 17,800-member American Optometric Association says. The Association explains:

20/20 means perfect vision—False. 20/20 means that visual acuity is normal. It does not mean perfect vision because good vision consists of many visual skills including side vision, eye muscle action, focusing ability, eye coordination, and depth perception.

A cataract is a growth in the eye—False. A cataract is a cloudiness of the crystalline lens of the eye, not a growth.

Any sign of crossed eyes in an infant should be investigated—False. All infants' eyes may appear to be misaligned for brief moments. This is usually normal, because the child may "turn off" one eye while using the other. If the eyes continually appear to be out of alignment, he should have a thorough vision evaluation.

Color-blind persons see only black and white—False. There are a few persons who cannot see any colors, but most of the nine million men and women with color vision problems are really color deficient, that is they can see certain colors.

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Watching too much television is harmful to the eyes—False. When properly installed and viewed from proper distance, television is not harmful to the eyes or to vision.

Farsighted persons have good distance vision—False. Farsighted, or hyperopic, persons may need a vision correction to see clearly at a distance.

Reading too much when you are young means you will need reading glasses when you are older—False. Between the ages of 40 and 45 many persons need "reading glasses" because a gradual, normal loss of the eye's focusing power begins at age 10 and becomes critical for near distances after age 40. The amount of reading done at a young age has nothing to do with this.

Bass Family Reunion Held

A reunion of the J. T. Bass family was held Sunday, September 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Bunch, Tyner.

Those attending from Edenton were: Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bass, Miss Helen Bass, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bass, Miss Evie Bass, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Bass and daughters, Paula and Gina, Mr. and Mrs. David Bass and sons, Thomas and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Bass and daughter, Tonya, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Goodwin and son, Kevin.

From Tyner, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harrell and daughters, Karen and Merinda; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bunch, Gary Bunch, and Miss Jo Ann Bunch.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Dannelly and son, Michael, of Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bunch of Roanoke Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Singletary and children, Lane and Tracey of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jethro and children, Neil and Laura, of Sunbury, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bunch and children, Patricia and Jennings, of Suffolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hassell of Greenbelt, Md., Bill Hassell of Lanham, Md., Miss Donna Sheridan of Riverdale, Md., Mrs. W. C. Sitterson of Chesapeake, Va., Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lawyer and sons, Ronnie and David, and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ripski and children, Terry, Karen, Jackie and Beth of Virginia Beach, Va.
A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all.

WISH I'D SAID THAT

"People who live in glass houses, might as well answer the door bell."—Duane C. Griggs, New London (Iowa) Journal.

"The honeymoon is over when he takes her off a pedestal and puts her on a budget."—Elizabeth W. Spalding, The Kentucky (Bardstown) Standard.

"A politician is someone who never met a tax he didn't hike."—Willa M. Jenkins, The Hermitage (Mo.) Index.

"Everyone shuns trouble, unless it comes disguised as money."—Dale Holdridge, The Langford (S. D.) Bugle.

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