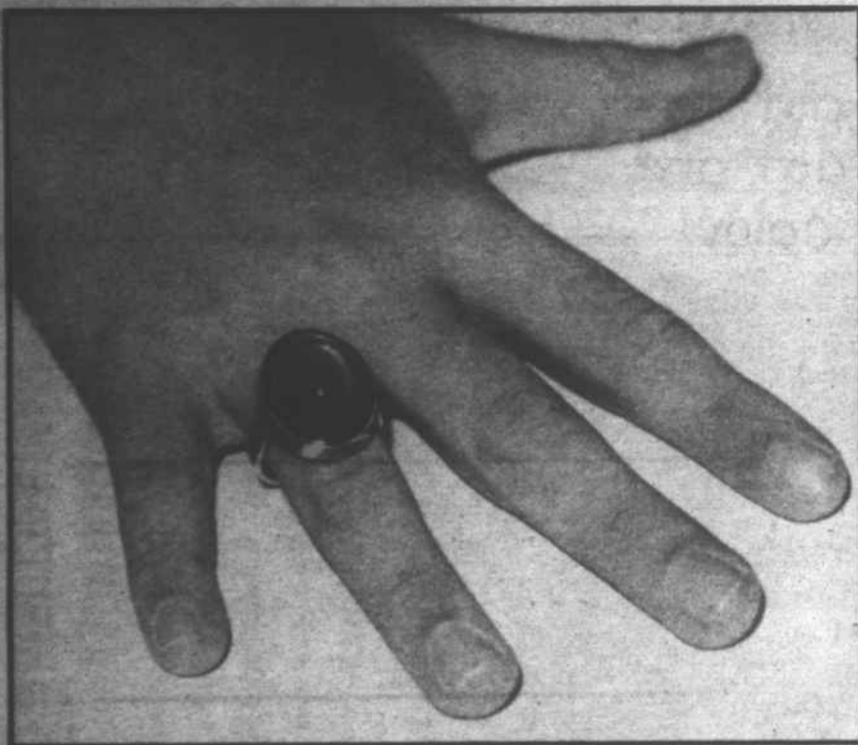


Mood Rings: A Fading Fad



Last Christmas, this mood ring sold for \$7.50. The Mini Page bought this one in August on sale for \$1.50. Like all fads, this gift item is not as popular as it once was.

THE Christmas gift item for 1975 was the mood ring . . . a kind of thermometer that could put the finger on your emotions for everyone to see.

When the ring turns purple, you are happy. When it turns blue, you are peaceful. Green means that you are fun loving. Black means that you are uptight.

The ring works because the clear "stone" is treated with a chemical that comes from sheep's wool grease. The chemical responds to changes in the body's temperature.

The problem is that the ring reacts to any heat. If you cook over a hot stove, it turns a happy blue. If you play out in the snow, it turns a gloomy black.

If someone gave you a mood ring this past Christmas, the chances are that it has already turned splotchy. After two years, it will become completely black.

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A Visit to Santa!



How about a big, fat kiss for someone special?

Have you contacted Santa this year? Have you been for a visit or did you write him a letter? The Mini Page decided to pay him a visit.

What questions do children ask you the most?

"They want to know where my reindeer are.

"They want to know if I really have a deer named Rudolph, and if his nose stays red.

"They want to know about the elves and Mrs. Santa Claus."

What questions do you ask the children?

"I usually ask them how old they are.

"I ask them about their families.

"I ask what they want for Christmas. Some of them even bring along a list.

"Then, of course, I ask if they have been good little boys and girls," he said.

How would YOU answer that one?

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For Parents 'n Teachers

This block of The Mini Page is especially designed for parents and teachers to use with this week's issue.

Page 1: Discuss the gifts suggested on this page. Maybe you can think of some special gifts that would be especially appropriate for a neighbor or member of the family.

Page 4: Discuss what a fad is. Ask the child to name other fads, such as Pet Rocks and hula-hoops.

CHRISTMAS SAFETY

Toy Safety

Christmas time is a good time for your family to review toy safety. Keep these rules in mind: 1. Be a label reader. Look at the age suggestions. Go over the instructions and make certain he understands how the toy is to be used. 2. Check all toys for breakage. 3. Remember that loud noises can damage hearing. 4. Watch out for small toys or tiny parts of toys that can be swallowed. 5. Have an adult around when he uses an electric toy.

Fire Safety

1. Don't play with matches or candles. 2. Never burn candles near evergreens. 3. Don't leave the light burning when you are out of the house. 4. Use lights that have a U.L. label. This tag means the lights have been tested. 5. Don't wear flowing, loose fitting clothes near a flame. 6. Don't burn wrappings in the fireplace.

Old Christmas Card Ideas



Use a wide ribbon (the type you can buy at florist shops) or strips of construction paper. Cut out old cards. Glue them on. Hang this in your room at home or school. You can hang this going across or down!

Using a red or green ribbon, make a Christmas card mobile. Glue cards on one side. Now glue cards of matching sizes on the other side. Hang.

Use cards to make place cards for your Christmas dinner. Cut out figures the same size. Paste them on square pieces of construction paper. Write the guests names on them. You might want to make a set of these to give as a present.

