

Nasty COMMENTS

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Dear Vernon,

Within a few days you shall receive twenty-four painstakingly printed letters. Since you have three children of your own, you realize that five-year-olds don't get this printing business too well, so for the sake of my sanity twenty-three of the letters say the same thing:

"DEAR MAJ.

I HOPE YOU WIN THE WAR.
(Signed)"

The twenty-fourth letter says:

"DEAR DADDY,
I LOVE YOU."

PAMELA



You and Batman are the heroes of the kindergarten set. I hope you don't mind sharing top billing, and I am convinced that if your uniform included a cape and a mask Batman wouldn't even be in the running. (Do you suppose he could qualify for your Green Beret?) After all, you're fighting the ENEMY and won't be home until practically everyone is SIX YEARS OLD and most important of all, you're a DADDY. Political

issues, senatorial debates, and the reasons for waging war have relatively little meaning to this age group, but a Daddy who doesn't come home from work every night is a situation every child understands.

Your lovely Helen is going about the business of being a mother in a most admirable way, and while I regret the circumstances that required her to come back home for a year, I am delighted to have the chance to renew a friendship that dates back to mud pie days. Since they happened only yesterday, it was a real jolt to see her Pam and my Kristin playing together for the first time and realize "them days are gone forever!"

Instead of playing in the dirt with snuff cans and water as we used to do, they dress their Barbie dolls in elaborate wardrobes suitable for every occasion, and they prefer to get their kicks from presweetened Kool Aid instead of stealthily dipping cocoa and sugar. But then, perhaps they are still too young to enjoy the truly finer things of life.

Hope you will forgive this sneaky way of writing a column, but I always did hate to write letters.

Take care.

(Note: Allen Vernon Stout left for Viet Nam in January. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stout of No. 31 Davis Street, Coolemees)

The Cold That Came In--

Well, maybe it didn't come in from a spy -- but it certainly came from somebody because that old wheeze-and-sneeze disease known as the common cold just doesn't happen by itself.

In fact, common cold viruses are so pushy that even people who shun society often find themselves playing "host" to one of the barbarous little bugs.

What to do, then, if you find you are a victim? Your first thought may well be how to keep from passing the ailment on to those nearest, and or dearest to you. Your second thought (or maybe it's a photo finish) will be your own woeful condition and how to keep from getting worse.

Fortunately, there's a double action treatment that works on both fronts. It's safe, simple, and pleasant--nothing to buy. The treatment: take it easy. Avoid undue exertion. Keep to yourself as much as possible. That way you'll rob friends virus of any advantage he might have derived from tension or fatigue on your part; and your chance of infecting anybody else will be minimized.

Colds are highly contagious in the beginning stage. That's why rest and isolation, as far as possible, are important when symptoms first strike.

Of course there are other things you can do. Things that can help by making you feel less miserable, though actually no specific cure is known for the common cold. Keep warm. Drink plenty of liquids. Forget the old wives' tale about "feeding your cold;" overeating never helped anybody but the druggist. If you use any nasal sprays, be sure they've been recommended by your doctor.

Speaking of your doctor--better call him if your cold doesn't improve within a few days. A cough or cold that doesn't clear up can be symptomatic of a serious respiratory disease. Your Christmas Seal Association has an informative leaflet, "Facts About the Common Cold," published by the National Tuberculosis Association. Ask for it; it's free.

The average person would be so much better if he increased his average.

This Week's

60 SECOND SERMON

By
Fred Dodge

"A MAN DOES NOT DIE OF THREATS." --Dutch proverb

An angry man approached the postmaster and complained, "I've been getting threatening letters through the mail. Isn't there a law against that?"

"There certainly is," replied the postmaster. "Have you any idea who is sending them?"

"Yes, the Locull Furniture Company."

Too many people fear threats. As a result they never perform at their peak capacities. Look at threats this way. Two types of people are required to make a threat effective. One, a bully, the other, a coward. Without bluster and fear, there is no threat. If you are guilty, confess and make amends. If you are not guilty, defy the bully. No people are better qualified to state that "A man does not die of threats" than the Dutch who, for generations, have been threatened by bigger and stronger nations. They still live and thrive.

Life is short. We have too much to do to be worried by threats, most of which never are carried out. If threats have you cringing in fear, stand upright. Free yourself from the slavery they impose. Remember the Dutch proverb and regain your God-given dignity.

Machines Vs. People

Auto accidents killed 47,700 people in the United States last year. Is this grim record largely the result of "accident proneness" on the part of drivers? The makers of auto vehicles sometimes seem inclined to think so; but a scientific researcher in the effects of vehicle crashes tells a different story.

The huge death toll, says Dr. Stanley Mohler, director of the Civil Aeronautical Research Institute at Oklahoma City, is quite avoidable regardless of whether vehicles

or their operators are chiefly responsible for crashes. No less than 60 per cent of the lives lost in accidents could be saved, he insisted, and many thousands could be spared injury, by redesigning the interiors of cars (as well as planes) for maximum safety.

For example he would eliminate hard metal dashboards, protruding knobs, and sharp instruments from inside cars. Narrow or pointed surfaces can penetrate the skull, he noted, where a broad flat surface striking with equal force may cause comparatively little damage.

Dr. Mohler also would like to see dashboards thickly padded with crushable material

that would absorb the impact when the head of a person wearing a seat belt is jerked forward in a crash and strikes the dash panel. In other words, he believes seat belts are a good beginning but indicated that a lot more is needed to cut highway injuries and deaths significantly.

Interested in auto safety? Drive carefully, drive only when physically and mentally rested and in good condition for the task. Beyond that, support legislation calling for safe construction of cars.

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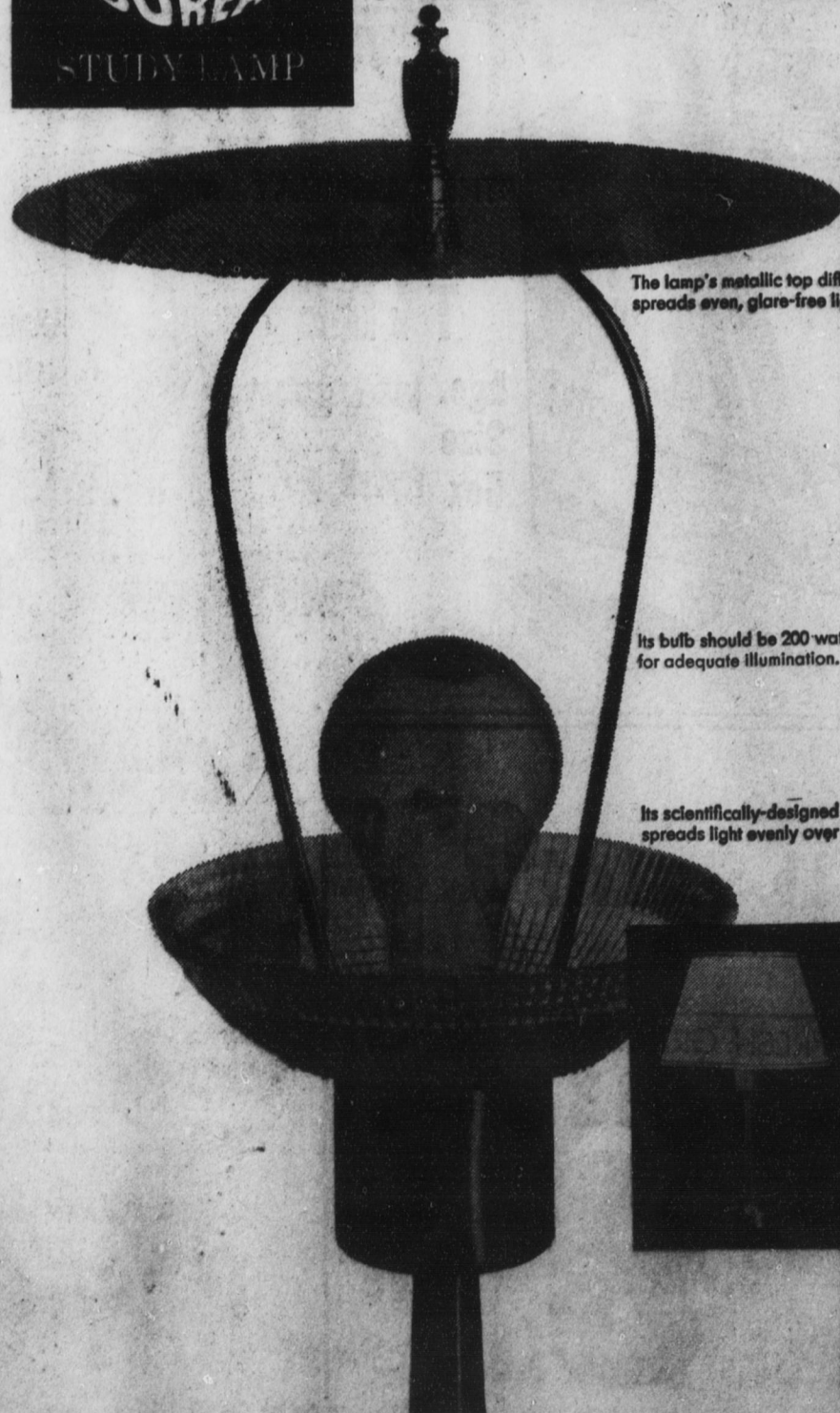
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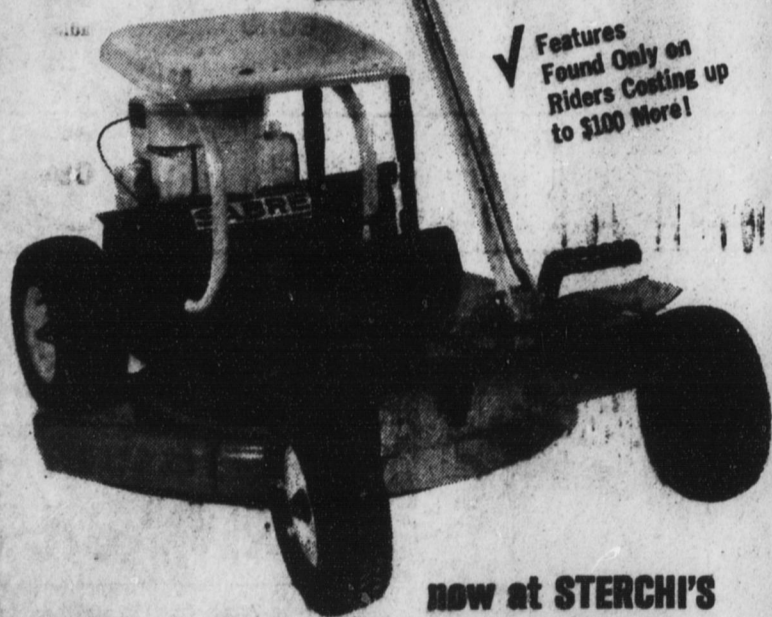
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