

# Closet Alphabet A Good Reminder For Clothes Care

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Mothers who buy expensive clothes for their teen-age daughters are often dismayed by the careless treatment these clothes receive. One mother, herself a Home Ec. graduate, helped solve the problem by hanging these ABC's of Clothing Care inside daughter's closet door:

Air garments before an open window or outdoors, after wearing and before putting away.  
Brush hats and keep each on a cardboard cone or in a covered box.  
Cottons should be pressed on the right side with a fairly hot iron, linens on the wrong side.

DRY WET woollens and furs away from heat. High temperatures stiffen them.  
Each time heels run down, have them repaired, or they'll twist shoes out of shape.

Fabrics deteriorate in the presence of perspiration. Wear dress shields and use anti-perspirants.

Gloves should be cleaned or washed before they get too dirty.  
Hangers should be padded, and garments hung on them straight.

If in doubt whether a dress will wash, clip a sample from inside seam and try it.  
Jacket-linings, when ripped should be

mended right away, as should all rips and tears.

KNITTED GARMENTS are best kept folded in dresser drawers—not hung up.

Linen thread is best for sewing on coat-buttons. Moths can ruin woollens during the summer. Wash or dry-clean and seal tightly.

Never wash woollens in extremes of either hot or cold water. They like it lukewarm.

Only a warm iron should be used to press rayons. Extreme heat stiffens them.

Protect clothes from dust in closets by keeping them in garment bags.

Quick action keeps a stain from becoming "set." Remove spots immediately.

"Rings" will be left, when cleaning off a spot, unless the garment is first brushed to remove dust. Work from the outside of the spot toward the center.

SHOES SHOULD be kept on "trees" in shoe-lug or on shoe-rack.

Tack a thin lining in the backs of dresses, to protect from skin-oil and perspiration.

Use a button-hole stitch to sew on snap-fasteners and hooks.

Velvets will stay fresh longer if hung in a steam-filled bathroom occasionally.

Wash nylons when you take them off, to lengthen their life.

X is for unknown day when you'll be invited to a party unexpectedly, so keep one outfit "ready to go" to avoid last minute scrambles.

Your clothes and shoes will last longer if given a rest between wearings.

Zippers should be closed when the garment is laundered.

Daughter didn't always adhere to all these rules, but her treatment of her wardrobe did improve when definite standards were set-up.



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## Auto Crashes Hit New Monthly High During November

A new 1953 record for total number of automobile accidents in one month in Birmingham was set during November. According to Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley, "The accident report for November showed a tremendous increase over the previous month and over November 1952," said the chief.

Thirty-four accidents occurred in November to top the previous high for the year recorded in September when 33 collisions took place. During October 1953, accidents numbered 22, and in Nov. 1952 only 16 accidents were recorded.

MOXLEY STATED that personal injuries rose sharply from eight in October to 10 in November, and that property damage nearly doubled, rising from \$5,010 to \$9,171.

"This increase in accidents clearly indicates the necessity for strict enforcement of the traffic laws. The leading causes of accidents this month—improper turns and right-of-way violations—can be discouraged and reduced by close vigilance on the part of all patrol officers," said Moxley.

In an appeal to motorists to cooperate in helping to reduce traffic accidents, Moxley added, "Let's all do our fair share in making this a safer December and a happier Christmas season—one that is not saddened by a serious traffic accident."

## Boys Home On Leave After Basic Training

Pvt. Ray Fohey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Fohey, Middlebelt road, Bloomfield township, and Pvt. Bill Little of Bloomfield Hills are spending an on route leave at the home of their parents after completing basic training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

The two will report December 18 at Camp Pickett, Va., for medical training school.

## A BIT OF BIRMINGHAM

ONE OF THE NEW JOYS of motoring in Birmingham is the widened, repaved section of Adams road, between Lincoln and Madison. But at Madison—WOW! The Belgian block road is back with us again. Only improvement still needed is a sidewalk along the east side, from Holland north to Villa. Because there is none now, school children sometimes walk along the curb and present a hazard to motorists. Early annexation of the "Porritt property" would hasten construction of the sidewalk.

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