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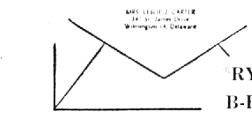
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Medical Mirror

• Cancer

Q. Can cancer be cured with drugs?

A. Some types of cancer can be treated with chemicals. Other types require the use of radiation, surgery, X-ray, and radioactive substances. These are accepted treatment methods. Watch out for "snake cure" for cancer offered under fancy names and at fancy prices. One fellow who called himself "doctor" (he had a high school diploma from a correspondence school) charged \$400 for his "cure," which consisted of a "tonic" and some vitamin pills. The quack had a "clinic"—and a million dollar racket. It's big business. When you need medical advice, start with your family physician.

Q. Is cancer contagious?

A. So far as is known, human cancer cannot be passed from one person to another by contact.

Q. Can you inherit cancer?

A. Experts say that cancer in several members of one family can occur just by chance. Although it's hard to pin down heredity does seem to play a part, at least in certain types of cancer. As one doctor explains it, all we inherit from our parents is a tiny bit of risk.

Letters will be answered in these columns anonymously.

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Obedience to parents, to society's laws, to the requirements of honesty, decency, and other characterful attributes, is as necessary as breathing. If one wishes to attain and retain the security and happiness of a good life, Obedience, when viewed as an opportunity to respond to right conditions, is a most valuable personal asset. It is honor in action.



MRS. PHILIP PLEXICO

Embroidered Organdy Worn by Attendants

Memorial church, Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass., was the scene Saturday afternoon of the marriage of Marion Louise Barston to Philip Spurr Plexico.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer S. Barston of Brookline Heights, N. Y., and Janet. She was preceded by her father, uncle William James O'Neill, Jr. of Chatham Falls, Ohio.

HER HUSBAND is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spurr Plexico of Arlington road, Brookline. Marion chose for her wedding a gown fashioned of white organdy, a petaloid neckline, pearl embroidered, crested, and long with a full, billowing princess skirt. A crown of orange blossoms secured her tulle veil.

Mrs. Irving Pope was her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lucia Bradley and Barbara Bernhardt. Attendants wore matching gowns of nylon organdy embroidered with green roses over satin.

Robert Earl Williamson stood by the groom. Seating the guests were Jon Plexico, brother of the groom, John Noel Williams and Laurence Ruck.

NINA BARON was flower girl and her dress was white organdy embroidered with yellow daisies. She carried an old fashioned bouquet of daisies.

The groom's mother selected a beige silk sheath dress with long gloves.

Exchange Students Guests at Meeting

After a brief business meeting, the Village Women's club will hear a panel of exchange students, three young people sponsored by the International Farm Youth Exchange Foundation. Discussion will be followed by a luncheon.

Ten chairmen are Mrs. John Gillette, Mrs. Farbury Schmidt, and Mrs. J. O. Wright. Hostesses are Mrs. Russ Campbell, Mrs. William Albee, Jr., Mrs. Wendell Smith, Mrs. John Rumsey and Mrs. Dwight Osweg. Reservation chairman, Mrs. E. G. Hill and flowers, Mrs. Roger Emmert.

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Oakland County Dress Review

Sharon Brodie of Harrow road, Birmingham, shared the top honors with Judy Crawford of Milford in winning trophies at the Oakland County 4-H Dress Review. "Alice in 4-H Fashionland" was presented recently in Pontiac. Sharon and Judy were selected the queens of "4-H Fashionland."

Both girls will receive trips to the State club week in E. Lansing July 8-12. They will compete for the state award which is a trip to the National 4-H club congress in Chicago.

THREE OTHER girls from the Birmingham area were winners of dress review pins. They are Janet Adams, Diane Barber and Judy Eastman.

Others who helped with the staging were Ralph Hoxie, Paul Norland, Doug Norland, Clifford Rice, John Rice and Eric Woodward, all of West Bloomfield. The trophies and pins will be awarded at the Oakland County Achievement Day, Saturday, at West Bloomfield high school.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Grown-up "Kid Stuff"

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For instance, Monk McCarthy has collected and patched old inner tubes all winter. He'll pass them out for the swimming hole season with this stenciled on "Courtesy of McCarthy Auto Service."

And Mr. Trop, over at the bank, has put in three new shiny high chairs—for visiting mothers to park their kids in. There's a sign over the chairs: "Save now for a happy future."

From where I sit, I like the way people take to new ideas to promote their business. It shows that they are open-minded. We all could stand a little more of it in our personal lives too. For example, you may prefer tea or butter milk to my choice of a glass of beer. But if we're "open-minded" we accept the other fellow's choice.

Joe Marsh

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Spring Vacation

Bruce Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Terry of Bersyn road, arrived home Sunday from the University of Colorado. Bob Raymond, a room-mate, is his guest.

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