

## Check Safety Aspects Of Child's Car Seat

If your child's car seat was manufactured before April 1, 1971, it may not meet current standards set by the National

### Farm Women Calendar

Monday, August 21

Farm Women Society 31, entertain Society 14, Mechanics Grove Church of the Brethren.

Tuesday, August 22

Farm Women Society 27, farm of Mr and Mrs. Robert Shearer, Mount Joy RD1.

Thursday, August 24

7-30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 26, home of Mrs. M. Messick, 1005 Sheaffer Rd., Elizabethtown.



by MARY LEE THOMPSON

Big news comes in small packages for the home this fall. At a recent home furnishing show in Chicago accessories were the kind of important accents that make a room sing.

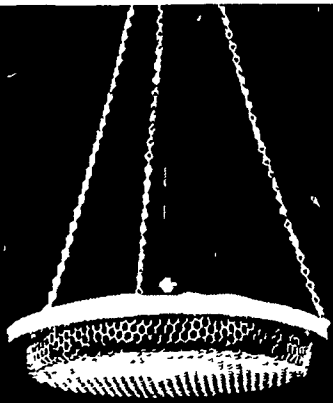
Wall decorations, planters, art objects, striking lamps—all had a touch of decorator showmanship about them. Even traditional lighting styles took on new finishes and colors. Sleek modern chrome accessories and Oriental designs also were enriched.

For example, 32-inch high lamps in Chinese ginger jar shapes set on raised Chippendale fret-work were stand-outs. Some had black walnut bases and white pleated linen shades for sharp contrast.

Wicker, which continues popular, had new sophistication in white framing a plate glass mirror. To match, there were wall sconces in wicker with burnished brass candle arms, and a console table in the same theme completed the group.

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Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In explaining the importance of safe car seats, Mrs. Carol Rothermel, Chester County assistant Extension home economist, points out that almost 2,000 children under the age of four were included among the more than 54,000 people who died in automobile accidents in 1970. In addition, almost two million people, including hundreds of children, were disabled beyond the day of injury. And every year the number increases.

Mrs. Rothermel offers some points to consider when buying a car seat or evaluating the one you now use.

- Any seat that hooks over the seatback of the car is unsafe.

- The child seat must give protection from front and rear-end crashes, cushioning the child and preventing him from being thrown free.

- The seat must give adequate protection against whiplash injury by having a head restraint.

- The seat's restraint belts must be at least 1-1/2 inches wide.

- The child's upper body should be restrained by belts or impact pad.

- Any seat constructed of easily-bent, flimsy, bare metal strapping, or padded only with thin sponge rubber is unsafe.

- The type of restraint system depends upon the size of the child.

Mrs. Rothermel points out that the Safety Administration recommends an infant car bed or carrier for children less than nine months old. To protect children aged nine months to four years, use a child car seat or child harness.

Protect children four to five years old with a vehicle lap belt. When a child reaches 55-inches in height, he should wear a vehicle shoulder belt in addition to the lap belt.

Four companies whose car seats for children failed to meet compliance tests have agreed with the U.S. Transportation Department to correct defects in children's car seats they produced after April 1, 1971, when the standard was set.

If you have a question about the model you now own, Mrs. Rothermel recommends checking with the store where the seat was bought. Two companies are offering free replacements while the other two are providing new installation sheets that explain how to correct the defect.

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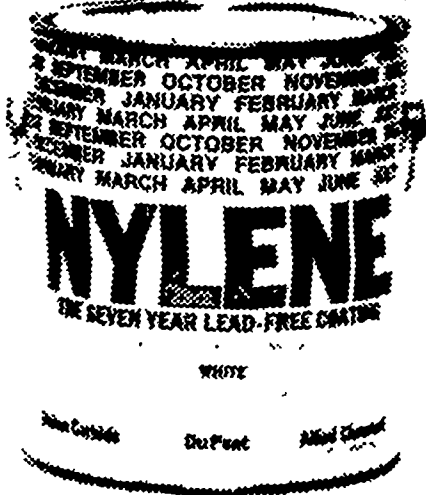
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