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Woman sees world changing around

DEAR ABBY: Who changed everything when I wasn't looking? I've noticed lately that everything is farther away than it used to be. It's even twice as far to the corner — and they have added a hill!

I've given up running for the bus; it leaves earlier than it used to. It seems to me they are making the stairs steeper than in the old days, and have you noticed the smaller print the newspapers are now using? And there's no sense in asking anyone to read aloud anymore, as everyone speaks in such a low voice, I can hardly hear them.

The material in dresses is so skimpy now — especially around the waist and hips — it's almost impossible to reach one's shoelaces! Also, the sizes don't run the way they used to. The 12's and 14's are so much smaller.

Even people are changing. They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are

so much older than I am. I ran into an old classmate of mine the other day, and she had aged so much, she didn't recognize me!

I got to thinking about my poor dear friend while I was combing my hair this morning, and in so

Time.

Over the years, I've published a variety of versions on this theme.

DEAR ABBY: Our unmarried 23-year-old daughter had a routine physical that included a Pap test. We were shocked to learn it revealed cervical cancer. It was frightening, but Sara was treated, and her checkups since then show no recurrence.

Abby, she was fortunate! Many women do not have Pap tests because they think they are "too young" or are not sexually active — but they do need a Pap test. If Sara had not had this test, I shudder to think what would have become of her.

Please, Abby, urge young women to have Pap tests regularly.

A Kentucky reader

DEAR READER: Your message is well worth space in my column. A Pap test should be a routine part of a gynecological examination. A woman's physical examination is incomplete without it.

DEAR ABBY: We hear about how terrible teen-agers are, but I want to share what I saw this afternoon.

While looking for some greeting cards, I noticed two boys about 14 or 15 going through the "cards for all occasions." One boy asked his friend, "What kind of card are you looking for?" The friend replied, "I want to get a card for my mom."

The first boy asked, "How come? It's not Mother's Day."

"My mom is having a bad day," his friend replied, "and I want to find something to cheer her up."

Abby, I could have hugged that kid! He must have been raised by someone very special to have turned out that way.

A.L. Reeves

Brighton, Mich.

DEAR A.L.: What a heartwarming scene you observed. You're right; children learn compassion and sensitivity at their mother's (or father's) knee.

Farmer of the Year Award

The Halton Federation of Agriculture is holding its Farmer of the Year Award Dinner Dance Nov. 27.

The event takes place at Gordon Alcott Arena on Guelph St., Georgetown with cocktails being served at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:15 p.m.

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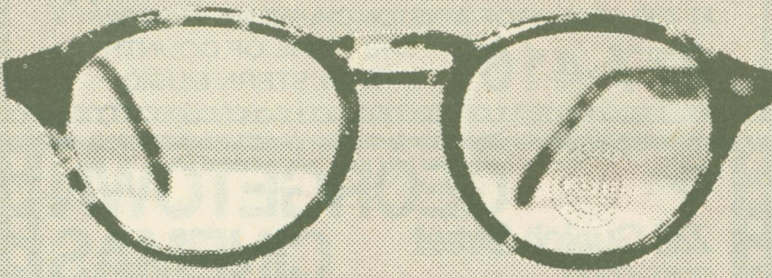
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