

'Yes' and 'No' Responses Clue To Personality

Cambridge, Mass. (Science Service)—The tendency to say "yes" or "no" consistently indicates the nature of a person's personality, it was reported.

Drs. Arthur Couch and Kenneth Keniston of Harvard University reported in the current issue of the Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology that persons who consistently answer "yes" or "true" on questionnaires also tend to be impulsive, dependent and anxious. Persons who habitually disagree and answer "no" or "false" on various tests are responsible, stable persons who control their impulses, they said.

The tendencies of yes-men and no-men were confirmed through tests and clinical interviews. Yes-men were shown to be individuals of weak self-control—who gratify their impulses without reservation and who easily respond to suggestions given them.

Suppress Impulses

No-men, on the other hand, inhibit and suppress their impulses and reject attempts to influence their emotions.

All this may indicate the more profound reasons for the development of the two types of personality, the psychologists said. The implication is that during an early period of personality formation, the two types found opposite answers in regard to certain control of the self.

Yes-men, still relying on outside control, indulge in the gratification of impulse. The no-men take over the external control of themselves which their parents originally had, and suppress their own impulses.

Whistling Swans Dyed To Study Migration Routes

Washington—(Science Service)—The Fish and Wildlife Service here has been dyeing whistling swans vivid colors to learn more about their migratory movements.

With their wings, tails or other body parts colored blue, yellow, green or red, the swans are easier to observe both when flying and resting on the ground. The Service is interested in determining over which states the birds fly in their annual migrations.

There are about 77,000 whistlers in the U. S. A little more than half of these winter along the Atlantic Coast, especially the Chesapeake Bay area, while the remainder winter along the Pacific Coast. The swans nest in Canada, roughly from Alaska eastward to Baffin Island.

Small Sampling Dyed
Actually only a very small sampling of the whistling swan population is being dyed. This is because of the difficulty in trapping the four-foot-long birds. Mass dyeing, however, is not considered necessary.

The dyes used normally do not remain on the swans for very long. When the swans molt after nesting, they lose their colored feathers.

Allen Duval of the Service's branch of wildlife research said dyeing techniques have been used previously with snow geese with satisfactory results. Persons who spot dyed whistlers are asked to report their observations to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, Md.

Cranberry Crop Indemnity Set

Washington—(UPI)—The Agriculture Department has announced it will pay an indemnity of up to \$8.02 a barrel for 1959-crop cranberries which were forced off the market last fall.

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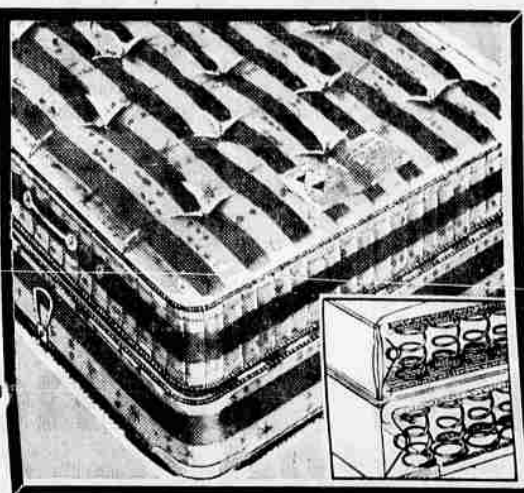
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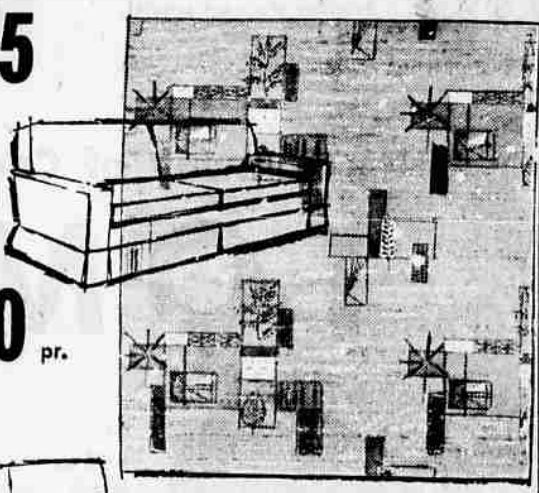
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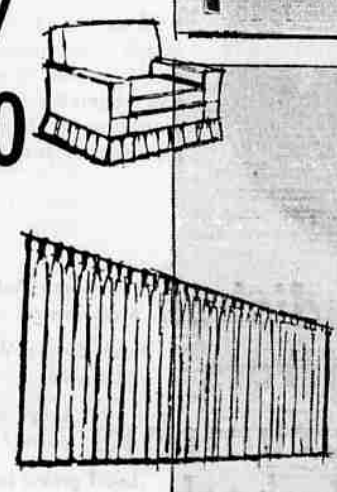
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