FDA Worried Over Laser Radiation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration issued the first federal safety stadards Tuesday to protect consumers, students and workers against radiation injuries from lasers.

The devices, which produce concentrated beams of light, are becoming increasingly popular in schools, grocery stores, hospitals and industry.

The FDA said a 1973 survey of lasers found "serious deficiencies in safety practices and in products" in schools and businesses.

Excessive laser radiation can cause severe eye and skin burns.

The standard establishes four classes of lasers, depending upon their power which ranges from a microscopic beam to one several inches in diameter.

More powerful lasers must have fail-safe safety interlocks, visible or audible signals when the unit is on, and key-operated switches.

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People who keep cats and dogs almost invariably (knowingly or unknowingly) keep fleas too. Now, Edward Noyes Westcott may have been right when he said, "A reasonable amount o' fleas is good for a dog—keeps him from broodin' over bein' a dog." Then again, an infestation of the ornery critters *can* get heavy enough to severely bother an animal and even weaken a pup or kitten through loss of blood.

Believe it or not, there are some completely natural down-home controls for these pests. The little bugs, for instance, do *not* like the odor of some aromatic plants which are quite pleasant to most humans: pennyroyal, mint, sassafras and the like. Try boiling a good quantity of such herbs in water and washing your animal or animals in the liquid. If the fleas don't leave, at least you'll have a fragrant pet!

You can also soak pieces of cord or clothesline rope in oil of pennyroyal to make flea collars (which should be renewed every two weeks). Hang a couple of bunches of the herb in the doghouse, too, if Lady is the well-disciplined kind of pooch that sleeps outside. If she's the indoor type, put a pillow stuffed with camomile flowers in her bed. (And if Lady gets on *your* bed at night? Maybe *you'd* better use the pillow.)

Folks who've tried letting their dog or cat sleep on a blanket that's been used to wipe off a sweating horse claim that fleas hate the equine smell even more than they dislike the herbs mentioned above. If you can live with a pet that's been scented with *eau de Ole Gray Dobbin*, then, you've sure enough found your bug repellent.

On the other hand, if you want to attempt an internal cure for your dog or cat's external parasites, you should know that fleas don't care for vitamin B_1 in the blood they suck. Regularly sprinkle a little brewer's yeast in your pet's dinner if he or she will take it (most animals will) and you should cut the flea problem drastically.

If the cost of housing is getting you down, you might consider a do-it-yourself, underground home. Total cost — $50! For information, send 25 cents and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Mother Earth News*, in care of this newspaper, Box 4994, Des Moines, Ia.w 50306. Ask for Reprint No. 154.

Ground To Be Broken

A ground breaking ceremony for a new shell building at Somerset County Industrial Development Park No. 1 south of Somerset will be held Aug. 8 at 11 a.m.

The ceremony marks the first venture between JARI (Johnstown Area Regional Industries) and the Somerset County Development Council.

A luncheon will follow at the Somerset Country Club at 11:45 a.m.

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NEW YORK (AP) — In the event of another gasoline shortage, gas stations giving preferential treatment to regular customers would be violating the law, reports National Petroleum News.

Bicen 'A Big Fake' Says Band Of Tories

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Now, upon ground once trod by Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, comes a counter-revolutionary band of loyalists who would finally return prodigal America to the forgiving arms of Mother England.

Already these latter-day Tories have collected $83 and the support of 150 U.S. citizens who envision a happier life in a colony restored. If only another 200 million or so sign up, their petition may be ready for the queen when she arrives for a Bicentennial visit next July.

Otherwise, the Bicentennial will be nothing but "a big fake, a piece of propaganda trying to cover up the mistakes we've made," says John T. Ambrose, co-founder of the Committee for Reunion with England.

"It's time we realized that the Revolution was nothing more than the self-serving acts of a bunch of hotheads and caused a lot of problems for this country which now can be corrected only by reunion."

According to the committee's Declaration of Reunion, the corruption and injustice which have troubled America's 199 years could have been avoided if the rebels had only been patient enough to work within the system.

It noted, for example, that slave trade was abolished in the British Empire "two score and 16 years" before the Emancipation Proclamation.

If only the colonies had stayed in line, there would have been no Civil War, no Reconstruction and no Ku-Klux-Klan, it adds.

"World War I and II would never have occurred. Germany would never dare attack a British Empire that included both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The American Revolution not only betrayed America, but also Mother England, nay the entire civilized world," it says.

Not that Ambrose and his collaborators are looking for revenge.

"Mother England is kind and just," the declaration says. "If we apologize now and promise not to rebel any more, she will go easy on us. Amnesty will be offered to the rebel leaders and the present officials of this rebel government. There would be no fear that President Ford, members of Congress or the Supreme Court will be sent to prison."

Naturally "there cannot be unconditional amnesty," however. "They have made mistakes and must pay a penalty ... perhaps a period of alternative service in the Bengal Lancers."

The committee was organized back in March when Ambrose, an advertising writer, and David A. Gambill, a Richmond bank employe, decided the Bicentennial was, on the whole, boring.

"It's lacked a sense of humor, any real comedy," said Ambrose. "So we got out a mimeograph machine, took an ad in the Richmond Mercury, rented a Post Office box and sat back to watch the fun."

Tractor Stolen

A new red 1974 International Harvester farm tractor was stolen from the rear of the Bender Implement Co., 742 S. Edgewood Ave., Somerset, between noon Saturday when it was last seen and noon Tuesday when it was first noticed missing.

Borough police believe that probably the $9,000 tractor was loaded on another piece of machinery and hauled away under the cover of darkness.

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