

HISTORY & FOLKLORE



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Conner Rambler, owned by W.A. Conner, was the most recent automobile dealership in Dayton. Like all the other dealerships of the past, it is now gone. At one time or another Dayton has had most factory car dealerships: Oldsmobile, Chevrolet, Ford, Studebaker, Packard, DeSoto, Chrysler, Plymouth, Nash, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer and Rambler. None has lasted.

Informally Speaking –

Health Care Solutions, Maybe

by Homer Smith (1995)

Rarely do I pay much attention to health and physical fitness, exercise contraptions, or advertisements for any of these. Whether or not they are in the printed media or illustrated with a verbal description on TV or radio still does not grab my undivided attention.

However, one of these advertisements depicts a human thigh with a cream being spread over several square inches of exposed skin. Now, there is certainly nothing risqué about this portion of the anatomy being shown. In fact, there’s no way of even knowing the gender of the model involved in this illustration. It is really the caption under this ad that caught my attention. It read something like this.

“Just spread on this cream and begin losing inches immediately in your thigh.”

The next picture shows a slim, young thing saying, “I lost 3 inches in my thigh in just 30 days.”

This ad set me to thinking about my own “battle of the bulge” developing around my waist. Some would say it is about the size of a half of a small Hempstead watermelon.

I’m not ready to try this thigh cream solution on

my own body but it would sure beat giving up food. One of my friends will, no doubt, give this cream a try and let me know if it works.

Another health problem I’ve had lately is waking up in the middle of the night and not being able to fall back to sleep. I tried several remedies including drinking a small glass of red wine or warm milk. The wine works best.

I read about the French folks that have very few heart problems because they indulge in so much red wine. Some medical experts will tell you that it is good for you. This is another reason for keeping a bottle of the “red medicine” around.

Do you remember Hadacol? It was about 12% alcohol and was sold over the counter as a tonic. The ads all said that it would make you feel good. There was even a song called “The Hadacol Boogie.” Then someone must have stopped production of this pick-me-up because it disappeared from the shelf.

Just this week I heard a radio announcer telling about the wonders of a medicine that is non-addictive and non-alcoholic. It makes a person feel bet-

ter. It has now been approved for the general public in over-the-counter sales. I think I’ll wait and see about this remedy and check all the ingredients. These things might eventually cause warts, loss of hair, tooth decay or dandruff.

This takes me back several decades to a Dr. Brinkley across the border from Del Rio, Texas, on Radio Station XEG. He filled the airwaves with a sure guarantee that included an operation of transplanting goat glands into male subjects. I forget the purpose of this surgery, but I’ll just stick to my own M.D.

Still, I wonder about that thigh cream. Do you think it might cut down a couple of inches of belt size?



From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thurs., Jan. 4, 1962 – Arnold F. Wolf, cadet at San Marcos Baptist Academy, and Gilbert L. Wiggins Jr., from a radar guidance artillery unit at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, enjoy Christmas holidays at home. Their parents are Mr. and Mr. Arnold Wolf Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tadlock, all of Dayton.

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