

Teeth Spacing Can Be Minimized

Many parents are concerned when the children's second teeth are widely spaced. In most cases, Mother Nature will solve the problem eventually.

But other factors can disrupt nature's plans. First, there is a so-called ligament joining the lip to the gum in the upper jaw, usually between the front teeth. Dentists call this a labial frenum. This ligament in young mouths is quite pronounced, but as the second teeth erupt, it usually gets pinched off and causes little or no problem.

However, there are cases where the ligament enlarges, causing spaced front teeth. In this case, the ligament should be cut away so that spacing is minimized or prevented.

Second, some children have had habits such as thumbsucking, lip biting and tongue thrusting. They may also have a combination of these habits, which give excellent odds that some abnormality will develop in the front teeth, usually spacing. The children should be encouraged to stop their habits, but dental appliances may have to be used to stop them. Aside from an emotional disturbance arising, the habits should be stopped as soon as possible.

Third, teeth themselves can cause spacing. "Peg-shaped" teeth may grow where there is more jaw space than teeth to fill. In some cases, teeth are normal, but there's too much jaw. A specialist, known as an orthodontist, can help correct the appearance.

Fourth, unerupted extra teeth can cause irregular eruption of the permanent teeth causing spacing. The extra teeth may have to be surgically removed to prevent further irregularity.

And fifth, if one parent has spaced teeth, chances are reasonably good that at least one offspring will inherit this trait.

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On The Farm Front

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According to recent changes in the federal Seed Regulations, it will not be possible to sell seed such as wheat, oats and barley by

variety name unless the seed is pedigreed.

At least one local farmer has already sold his 1974 corn crop. By selling on the futures market the price received for the crop that is not yet planted is already established.

All pork producers of the county will be anxious to hear Garnet

Norrish, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Swine Specialist, speak on Making the Most of the Feed Dollar at the annual pork producers' meeting to be held at Kohler on Thursday, February 7. The meeting starts at 8:15 p.m.

Directors of Haldimand Soil and Crop Improvement Association meet on Monday, February 11, to plan

programs and projects for 1974. They invite suggestions from all members of the county association.

Everyone is invited to attend the Food Forum "Round the World Dining" at Fisherville Community Centre, Fisherville, on Wednesday, February 13. The armchair safari begins at 8:00 p.m. Free recipe booklet to persons attending. No

admission charge.

A few minutes spent now checking farm equipment may save many hours of down time next spring or summer.

Among the hints for reducing fuel consumption and hence fuel cost is "make the field longer." Where fence row removal will make this possible it is well worth considering.



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