

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, a newspaper editor, a women's page editor and two newspaper writers. These consult with clergymen of all faiths and denominations. All letters are held in complete confidence.

Bernice—She read my private letters.
Fred—I can't accuse my mother.

Bernice—I have good reason to believe my mother-in-law has been reading some private correspondence that goes back quite a few years and that gives a false and unfavorable impression of me.

Before I married my husband, I had been dating with another man who wrote me some wild letters. Very foolishly, I kept these letters, and even more foolishly I kept them in a place where they were easily accessible. There is nothing about these letters that is secret from my husband, and I have no other secrets from him.

We have been living in the

home of my husband's parents until such time as we can set up our own home. We seemed to be getting along fine until quite recently, when there was such a marked change in my mother-in-law's attitude for the worse, that I realized something serious must have occurred to change her attitude.

The other day I was going through my things and noticed that my pile of letters must have been tampered with. I realized then that my mother-in-law had been cleaning in the closet where I kept the letters and that, seeing them, her curiosity must have been aroused.

I can understand how these letters must have disturbed her, but how can I ever discuss this awkward problem with her and clear her mind?

Fred—If my mother read those letters, how can I discuss the matter with her without quarrelling with her? She is certain to resent any implied charge that she was snooping. I feel my wife should not have kept these letters at all, and certainly should not have kept them in the closet. I am not at all sure my mother's attitude has become hostile toward Bernice, and I do not want to risk quarrelling with her and bringing this unpleasant business into the open unnecessarily.

The Council: Fred is right in being unwilling to accuse his mother of having read these letters. At the same time, it is important for the future of the family that this mystery be cleared up.

The wisest course, perhaps, would be for Bernice to go to her mother-in-law for advice. She might tell her mother-in-law that she found the letters had been tampered with, and express the fear that her husband had read them. She might, at this point, ask her mother-in-law to read the letters and listen to her explanation, and advise her on how to explain the letters to her husband.

By this method, Bernice might defend herself without having to accuse her mother-in-law of prying. Since Bernice acknowledges that she should not have preserved these troublesome letters and certainly should not have allowed them to lie around, she should be willing to employ this subterfuge for the purpose of avoiding a troublesome and painful situation.

Bernice should make an effort to disabuse her mother-in-law of any false ideas she may have about her past. The uncorrected impression can work harm to all concerned.
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Atomic Plant Blast Takes Second Victim

Oak Ridge, Tenn. — (U.P.) — A non-nuclear explosion at a top-secret atomic plant claimed its second victim early today. A third man mangled by the blast was in critical condition.

Atomic Energy commission officials said the three Union Carbide Nuclear Co. employees were standing about 30 feet from exploding drums of scrap zirconium, a little known metal used in atomic reactor development projects.

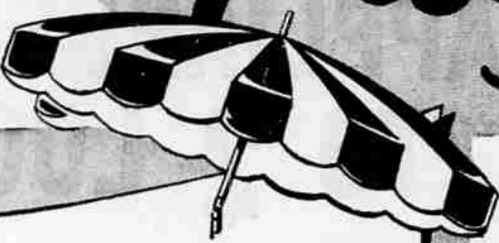
A. L. Lyons, 27, Oak Ridge, who lost his left leg and was severely burned by the explosion Monday, died today. W. R. Stooksbury, 24, Andersonville, burned over his entire body died Monday night. The right arm of G. R. Myers, 27, also of Oak Ridge, was ripped off in the blast. His condition was unchanged.

Montgomery Cliff In Good Condition

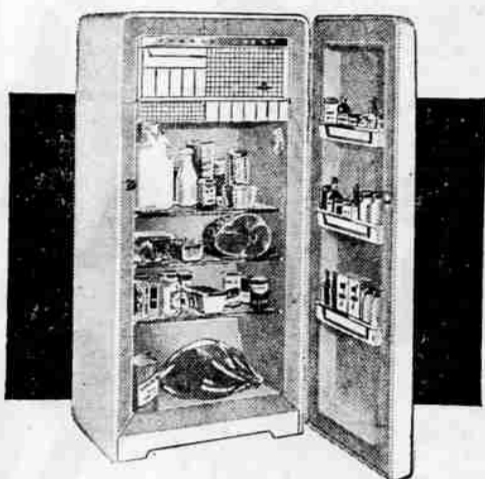
Hollywood — (U.P.) — Movie actor Montgomery Cliff was reported in "very good condition" today at Cedars of Lebanon hospital where he is under treatment for serious injuries he received when his car crashed into a telephone pole.

Cliff suffered serious cuts and bruises about the face when his sedan smashed into the pole early Sunday shortly after he left a gay dinner party at the home of actress Elizabeth Taylor and her husband, Michael Wilding. Doctors said the 35-year-old actor would remain in the hospital at least two weeks but that he was out of danger.

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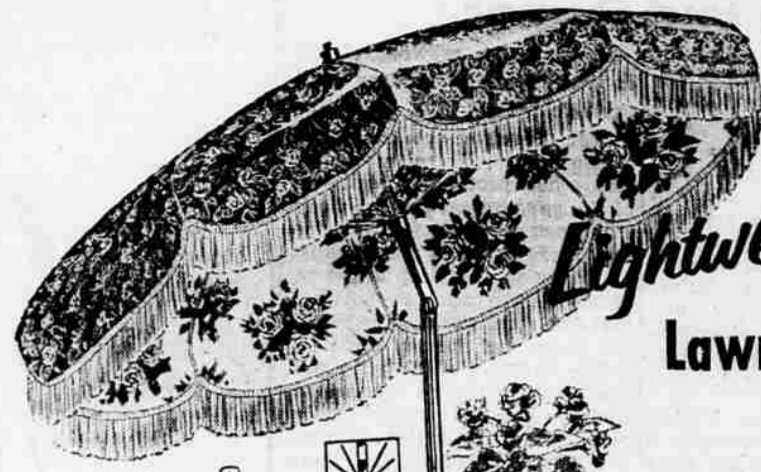


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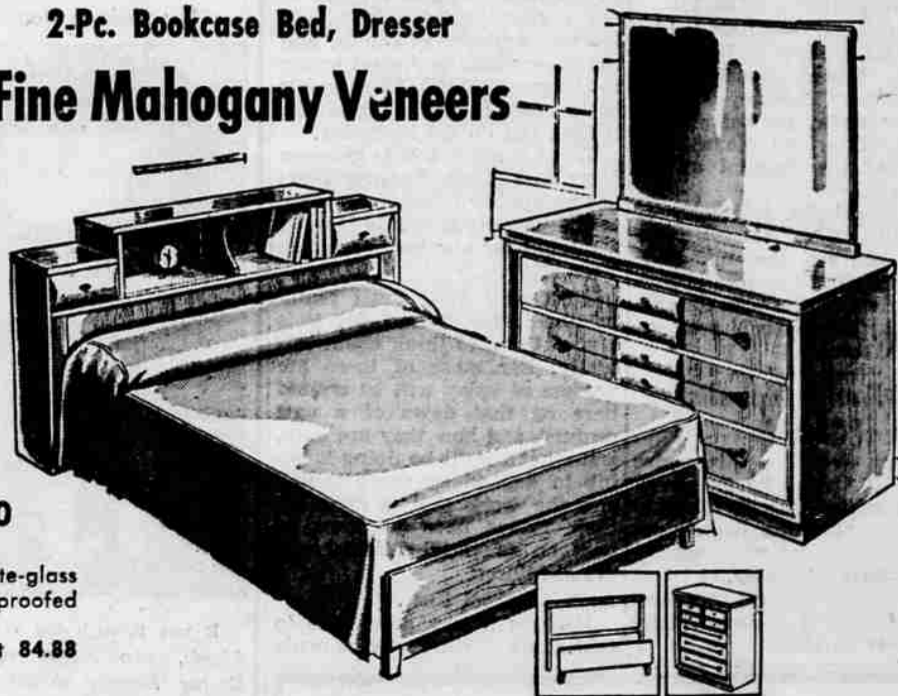
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