

The Family Council

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MRS. O. W.—I must leave my alcoholic husband.

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MRS. O. W.—Before we were married five years ago, my husband told me he had once been an alcoholic, but hadn't touched a drop in three years. During the first year or two of our married life he stayed on the wagon, but after I became pregnant with our first child, he started to take an occasional drink with the boys on the way home from work.

I never objected because I feel that a man has to relax and enjoy himself with his friends a bit, and since I was going to be more tied down at home, he would have to entertain himself without me. But then he started going on real benders and was on one the entire week I was in the hospital to have the baby.

His benders have been getting worse and now that I have a second baby I feel that I must leave him for the children's sake. My mother is willing to take care of the babies and I'll go to work. He keeps promising to quit drinking and go back to AA if I don't leave him, but I don't trust him any more.

O. W.—I know that if I go back to AA, I can stop drinking. I've done it before. My wife talked me out of going to AA meetings in the past because she said I had her and didn't need them. She called them a bunch of drunks, but to her someone who drinks but doesn't belong to AA is just "having a good time." She resents my friends from AA and seems to think there is some disgrace attached to belonging to such an organization. I love my wife and kids and want to keep them.

THE COUNCIL—Life with an alcoholic is certainly more than

difficult and it is all too easy for the non-drinker to be self-righteous and feel abused. It is also too easy to overlook the fact that there is such a thing as the non-drinking "alcoholic" who goes on his own kind of rampage — temper tantrums, tears, sulking and several other varieties of personal tyranny. Behind the drinker, there is often this non-drinker, who under the guise of helping him, drives him to the bottle.

Mrs. O. W. may be such a person. With all the publicity that has been given to the problem of the alcoholic and the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, it is hard to see why she lightly treated the matter of an "occasional drink" on the part of a former alcoholic and why she insists upon looking in such a distorted way at the organization that has helped so many, including her husband.

If it is true that she told her husband he didn't need AA because he had her, the pattern becomes clearer. Here is a possessive woman, who resented the only other important relationship in her husband's life. Unconsciously, perhaps, she wanted to encourage his weakness to make him more dependent upon her. On the other hand, she was preparing to shift her dominating impulses over to her children and leave her husband without any prop.

O. W. appears to be realistic and to have some understanding of himself and his weaknesses, but Mrs. O. W. understands neither her husband's problems nor her own. Before considering the drastic step of breaking up her home she should get to know AA and many of the fine people in it. They may be able to give her some of the insight into her own nature she so badly lacks, as well as a deepened understanding of others.

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STROLLING ON PARIS BOULEVARD, Monaco's Prince Rainier and bride, Grace Kelly, of films, carefully dodge questions about stork prospects. (International Soundphoto)

OUT OF THE WOODS by JIM STEVENS

Boy Adventurer... A teen-age midshipman who sailed with Capt. James Cook in 1776-1779 to the North Pacific Coast was to play a powerful part in the development of the region.

He was George Vancouver, born in 1758. He first sailed as a naval cadet-seaman of about 15 on Cook's South Pacific voyage of 1772-1775.

On Cook's North Pacific voyage the teen-age ship's officer continued his self-education in navigation, English writing and other book subjects.

So began the making of George Vancouver into an immortal captain of the ocean sea.

Vancouver made his name as a fighting sailor after his second voyage with Cook. As a lieutenant in Admiral Rodney's fleet in 1782 the youth won honors in the devastating defeat of the French by British seapower in the West Indies.

Late in 1790 Vancouver was commissioned a commander. The North Pacific situation, rising from the growth of the fur trade, was in conflict between the English and the Spanish. An agreement was made to keep peace.

Vancouver was ordered to command an expedition to the North Pacific and put the agreement to work with the Spanish authorities there.

At Port Discovery Vancouver's two ships, the Discovery and the Chatham were the first to anchor on the southern shore of Juan de Fuca Strait. There was much work to do.

A member of the Chatham's crew in his journal: "Opposite to where the ves-

sels lay a low point of land run out, where there was an excellent run of freshwater. Here the tents and observatory were set up, and there being plenty of spruce pine here a party from each ship was sent on shore to brew spruce beer for the ship's companies. As this beverage was well known to be a great anti-scorbutic, the people were allowed to drink freely of it in lieu of their grog. As the Chatham was very open in her upper works the Carpenters of both vessels were employed in caulking her."

You Can Have It... By such evidence our story sets the brewing of "spruce beer" as the initial forest product brought forth by white men on land that is now within the borders of Washington state.

The product was made by boiling of spruce twigs and leaves with molasses or sugar and fermented with yeast — according to the common formula of the time.

Spruce beer has never been acclaimed as a popular beverage. No doubt many in Vancouver's crews complained about it as a substitute for the grog ration. But like Captain Cook before him, young Vancouver missed no opportunity of fortifying his sailors against the scourge of the Seven Seas in those days — the horror and dread of bone-devouring scurvy.

Vancouver kept up the health of his crews and his ships. His great painstaking voyage of discovery and survey of Puget Sound, Hood canal, Grays harbor, and the Columbia river, went on. Within a year the great British captain would be accorded rights by the Spanish Captain Senor Don Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra of joint occupation and use of North Pacific lands and waters. And Great Britain, in turn, was to grant joint occupation to the United States.

Belgrade — (U.P.) — Yugoslavia paraded its military might for President Tito and visiting President Gamal A. Nasser of Egypt Saturday in a 40-minute display highlighted by U. S.-made tanks and jet fighters.

The plane crews, both comprised of only a pilot and copilot, escaped injury when the two aircraft from the Long Beach, Calif., Air Force base brushed against each other at 5,000 feet while on a routine training flight.

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On The Side

By E. V. Durling (Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

A handsome, wealthy, distinguished 48-year-old British Bachelor repeatedly said he lived alone and liked it. That he had no desire to marry. Being an enthusiastic amateur cook, he engaged an interior decorator to design a "Bachelor Kitchen" for him. The decorator was a woman. To make it brief, the engagement of the bachelor and interior decorator was recently announced. He proposed to her in the kitchen she designed. Just one more incident that proves the claim of our horses and women experts. If a woman, with a sound husband hunting technique, makes up her mind to marry a man there's nothing he can do about it but just say "I surrender, dear" and bow his head to the yoke. He can't win.

Women's place

Am asked who first said "women's place is in the home." Couldn't say. Anyway, the claim continues to get a terrific setback. Seventeen million women in the United States have jobs. And 44 per cent are married. What are the principal reasons so many married women go out to work? I think a major reason for it is that most women don't like to be always asking a husband for money. They want a pay check of their own.

Queries, from clients. Q. I claim billiards originated in Egypt. Right? A. Wrong, sir. Shakespeare is responsible for that erroneous belief. In his play had Cleopatra say to her lady-in-waiting, "Come, let us to billiards, Charmian." The fact is that billiards originated in England in the 14th century, more than 1300 years after the death of Cleopatra. . . . Q. Who played Tarzan first, Johnny Weissmuller or Buster Crabbe? A. Weissmuller was the sixth to play Tarzan, Crabbe the seventh. The list of Tarzans in the order they played the part is: 1. Elmo Lincoln. 2. Gene Jolia. 3. P. Tabler. 4. James Pierce. 5. Frank Merrill. 6. Johnny Weissmuller. 7. Buster Crabbe. 8. Herman Brix. 9. Glenn Morris. 10. Lex Barker. 11. Gordon Scott.

Horses and Women

Do flat-chested women have on

the average more children than those who are somewhat bosomy? Do the flat-chested females present a more fashionable appearance than those with Mansfield-Monroe - Russell type measurements? A feminine subscriber with a small bust measurement claims they do. In the turbulent 1920s to be in fashion a woman had to be flat-chested. Is that fashion being revived? I am informed there is now being offered for sale a bra called "The Diminisher" which guarantees to reduce the bosom by one third!

Please Note

Am growing weary of references to Grace Kelly as "The Bricklayer's Daughter" who married a prince. It is a disparaging manner in which to refer to bricklayers. Bricklaying is actually more of an art than a trade. Some of the world's most brilliant men have been bricklayers. As for example, the bricklayer who for 18 years was Poet Laureate of England, I am referring, of course, to Ben Jonson.

Sidelights

It was none other than Alfred Hitchcock who said, "The public goes to the cinema for escape and relaxation, not for intellectual exercise" . . . in Japan children are classed as being one-year-old at the date of their birth. Their age is figured approximately from the date of conception.

Get it Right

"Gone with the Wind" is the most successful film ever produced. Second is "The Birth of a Nation." So I note it claimed. That's wrong. The most successful of all films is Cecil B. De Mille's "King of Kings." "Gone with the Wind" is second. "The Birth of a Nation," third.

BIG HAUL

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — Whoever stole Donald Bennon's truck got more than he bargained for. Bennon said it contained a stove, refrigerator, washing machine and television set.

Young trout lives mainly on insects but the older fish need minnows or small fish.

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Bomb Hoax Forces Airliner To Land

Elko, Nev. — (U.P.) — A United Air Lines DC-6 "Mainliner" made a three-hour stopover last night because of a bomb scare which turned out to be a hoax. The plane was ordered to stop here after the airlines' San Francisco office received an anonymous phone call warning that there was dynamite aboard. "My wife is aboard that plane and there's a dynamite bomb in the luggage," the caller told the UAL clerk.

The plane, which was flying non-stop from San Francisco to Chicago, put down at the closest base, which was Elko. Aboard were 63 passengers, including 22 members of the San Francisco Ballet en route to Corning, N.Y., for a performance. Before landing, pilot J. W. Nelson jettisoned the gasoline, because of the short runway.

McKay Plans to Resume Campaign

Portland — (U.P.) — Doug McKay, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, plans to resume his campaign through eastern Oregon next week.

Paul H. Hebb, McKay's campaign manager, said Saturday former Interior secretary would be in Pendleton Monday night. He will visit Meacham, Kamela, Ferry and La Grande on Tuesday. The following day McKay will be in Island City, Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph. Union, North Powder, Haines

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and Baker are on McKay's schedule for Thursday, and on Friday he will be in Ontario, Nyssa and Vale.

The GOP candidate will return to Portland late Friday.

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