

The Family Council

Editors note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. J.M.—My sister wants to marry a man ten years younger than herself.

Dianna M.—Even if it's just for a few years, it'll be worth it.

Mrs. J.M.—My sister is an attractive woman of 36 who is about to make a fool of herself and mess up the rest of her life by marrying a man ten years younger than herself.

She wouldn't listen to anyone when she made her first marriage. And what a mess that was! Her husband was unfaithful from the start. She hasn't gotten over it to this day. She was so badly burned, she didn't want to

meet other men. Why she suddenly started to go out with this kid of 26, I'll never understand. I warned her against it from the start.

My sister thinks she looks no older than the boy. That may be true now, but what about ten years from now? Then he'll start looking at 18-year-old girls and she'll be ready for the scrap heap. She's headed for a second tragedy!

Dianna M.—I know my sister is right in what she says, but I can't help it. I am very much in love with this young man and must marry him. Even if I have only a few years of happiness with him, it will be worth it. I didn't look for a situation like this. The only reason I was friendly with this young man is that I took it for granted there could be nothing between us because of the age difference. I was bowled over when he asked me to marry him and now I find I care for him too much to pass up this opportunity.

The Council's Mrs. J. M. is too overbearing and treats Dianna like a helpless baby—a role Dianna appears to like too well.

"I know my sister is right, but I can't help it," says Dianna. "In this way she disclaims all responsibility for her actions. She lets her sister think for her and then proceeds to disobey her. She doesn't act her age and perhaps this is why she prefers the company of a younger man."

A marriage with this age difference is not doomed to failure, regardless of Mrs. J. M.'s very set opinions. Such a marriage, however, requires considerable clear-sightedness. The woman entering it should do so with a full knowledge of the risks and problems involved, but with the same courage and optimism it takes to make a success of any marriage.

Dianna admits that she became friendly with the young man just because she was sure it would lead to nothing. The two impulses that guided her were fear of a second marriage and the desire for a man's companionship. She has not overcome the fear at all and is now contemplating a panicky plunge.

Since she appears to deeply want a second marriage, Dianna should try to get a grip on her fears and stop being childishly dependent on her sister's opinion, recriminations and prophecies. She should try to get to know other men and consider carefully the possibility that she might be happier with someone closer to her own age.

She should not take the step to the altar with this young man at this time, not because she is too old, but because she is too immature.

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NATION'S YOUNGEST

Des Moines, Iowa — (U.P.) — Two-week old John Rankin was provided with an unusual luxury. His father gave him a 1955 hunting license.

CALENDAR

Sunday:
8 p.m. — Scottish Rites women's club, Masonic temple.

Monday:
9:30 a.m. — School of instruction, all county PTA, First Methodist church.

12:30 p.m. — Adarel Past Matrons club, home of Mrs. Harris M. Olson, 515 King st.

12:30 p.m. — Jackson county Retired Teachers, Civic club house, Ashland.

6:30 p.m. — Jackson county Civic Music association, dinner at Jackson hotel.

8:45 p.m. — Rogue River Valley Knife and Fork club, dinner at Knuffe club.

7 p.m. — Bethel 14, Job's Daughters, Lincoln school.

7:30 p.m. — Guardian Council of Central Point Bethel 38, Job's Daughters, home of Mrs. Paul Snook, 454 Grand ave., Central Point.

7:45 p.m. — Gorsline circle, home of Mrs. Carl Whitmore, 3295 Forest avenue.

8 p.m. — Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, 2384 Bullock rd.

Tuesday:
10:30 a.m. — Oak Grove Extension unit, home of Mrs. Martin Gates, 1208 West Ninth st.

12:30 p.m. — First Presbyterian church circles; Charity, home of Mrs. S. C. Watkins, 1528 Terrace dr.; Faith, home of Mrs. Paul Culbertson, 1663 South Stage rd.; Grace, home of Mrs. C. H. Wendt, Ross lane; Hope, home of Mrs. D. K. West, 52 Ross court; Mercy, fireplace room at church; Temple, home of Mrs. Allen R. Smith, 102 Black Oak; Trinity, home of Mrs. E. J. DeVoe, 2200 Woodlawn.

1 p.m. — First Presbyterian church circle, Bethany, home of Mrs. L. L. Clark, 2118 Dellwood ave.

2:30 p.m. — Mail Tribune reporter's school, YMCA second floor.

7:30 p.m. — First Presbyterian church circles: Candlelight, home of Mrs. W. Pedley, 932 Reddy ave.; Vesper, home of Mrs. LeRoy Williams, 1316 West Main.

7:30 p.m. — Howard PTA buzz session, second grade.

7:45 p.m. — Toastmistress club, KBOY.

8 p.m. — Legion, auxiliary, at Legion home.

8 p.m. — Nevita chapter, OES at Central Point Masonic hall.

8 p.m. — Pythian club, home of Mrs. Marion Check, 29 Quince.

Wednesday:
10:30 a.m. — Medford Extension unit, courthouse auditorium.

12 noon — Seal sale chairman, Rogue Valley Country club.

12:30 p.m. — Medford Townsend Harmony club, Carpenters Union hall, 123½ West Main st.

12:30 p.m. — Women of Rotary, Rogue Valley Country club.

1 p.m. — Afternoon book review group, Medford branch, AAUW, home of Mrs. A. J. Munro, 4748 South Pacific highway.

2 p.m. — Table Rock Ladies club, home of Mrs. Alan Fleischer.

7:30 p.m. — Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral club, Crater Rock Museum, Scenic ave., Central Point.

8 p.m. — Central Point Jaycee Ettes, home of Mrs. David DeArmond.

8 p.m. — Jacksonville PTA, new school building on Huener's lane.

8 p.m. — West Side Mothers club, home of Mrs. Allyn Monroe, Old Stage rd.

Thursday:
12:30 p.m. — Adarel chapter, OES, home of Mrs. Ralph Lue, 228 Oak Grove rd.

12:30 p.m. — Sojourner's club, Pythian hall.

2 p.m. — Women's Christian Temperance Union, Salvation Army annex, 236 North Bartlett st.

6 p.m. — Reames chapter and Alpha Chapter, OES, Medford Masonic social hall.

7:30 p.m. — Unity Truth Center, Room 203, Holly theater building.

8 p.m. — School of instruction, Reames Chapter and Alpha chapter, OES, Medford Masonic hall.

8 p.m. — Past Noble Grand

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Great Designer Out of Business

By GAY PAULEY
United Press Correspondent
New York—(U.P.)—A week in Manhattan:

Valentina, one of the last of the great international couturiers, announced this week she is retiring temporarily. She said the major reason was weariness.

The Russian-born designer, who resembles Greta Garbo, one of her famous customers, has had her shop and workrooms in Manhattan for 28 years.

Her husband, George Schlee, president of the firm, said Valentina might one day return to work but never again as a couturier-designing only for the individual customer. He said she

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was considering ultimately doing a collection for a wholesaler, something she never has done.

Or, she might try her hand at industrial design.

"She's just tired... she is not ill," said Schlee. "It's just that we all get older... she's not as strong as she used to be. And this shop is hard work."

Mr. Schlee said the salon would close at the end of October and that virtually all employees, many of whom have been with the designer since she started, had been placed elsewhere.

Valentina is best known for elegant clothes with timeless lines. Her customers, many of them pennials on best dressed lists, happily shuck out \$1,000

to \$2,000 for a dress. Her clothes have been worn on and off stage by such stars as Lynne Fontanne, Lillian Gish, Katharine Cornell, Lily Pons and Katharine Hepburn.

She coined the quote, "Mink is for football," and in a recent United Press interview—one of her rare meetings with a reporter—said her one rule of dress was, "know thyself."

"Fonselle retired while she was at the top in opera," said her husband. "Valentina would rather quit while she too is at the height."

Only about one two-billionth part of the energy radiated by the sun actually reaches the surface of the earth.

New Book
Suggestions for achieving an attractive appearance are given in Mildred Ryan's new book, "Dress Smartly," which has been added to the Medford Public Library. The guide provides information about line, shape, color and texture and tells how to combine these factors to fit requirements of build, personality and coloring.

If water glasses (tumblers) accidentally stick together, don't force them apart, advises the Gas Appliance Manufacturers association. Just put the outer glass in hot water and fill the inner glass with cold water to loosen them.

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