



MARRYING AT 72, Thomas A. Bricker, who has three great grandchildren, proudly gazes at 74½-pound daughter, Barbara Ellen, born to fifth wife, 21-year-old Margaret at Peoria, Ill., hospital.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's 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. D. L.—Our daughters don't confide in us. Louise L.—We love them, but they get in our hair.

Mrs. D. L.—My husband and I are the parents of two grown daughters, one married and one living at home. We are very hurt and unhappy because our daughters never confide in us. They seem to think we are old people who ought to just be put away on a shelf. When the two girls get together, they go off into a room and chatter by themselves. If I come in, they stop talking.

Last year our married daughter had an operation and did not even tell us until it was over. Our unmarried daughter usually meets her friends away from home. If they come up to call for her, she usually hustles them out before we have a chance to talk to them.

My husband and I have never interfered with our daughter's freedom. We don't want anything from them except what they think of us as their friends. We want to know what is going on in their lives.

intimate lives, if certain basic rules of propriety were observed.

These parents have evidently never been told that there are certain specific reasons why they are being excluded from their daughters' confidence. The daughters were probably afraid to offend their parents by explaining what they found objectionable in their conduct. In the long run, they have hurt their parents more by withdrawing from contact with them.

Instead of retreating in hurt pride from their daughters' criticism, these parents should look into their own behavior. They will probably find that if they do not attempt to "take over" either their daughters' lives or their friends, the girls will welcome them as friends. However, it is impossible for the parents to know what they are doing that annoys their children unless the young women point it out specifically.

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Taxi Firms Protest At Taxibus Business

Geneva, N. Y.—U.P.—Taxibus firms are protesting vigorously, but the new taxibus is doing a thriving business here.

The venture began almost immediately after city bus service came to a long-predicted halt last April. At that time, bus operators won the right from the Public Service Commission to vacate their franchise which was costing them \$6,000 a year.

Robert Ellis, a bus driver, began using his own station wagon to transport people now stranded. He called the service "Bob's Shuttle," charging 25 cents a passenger.

Soon the taxibus operation was increased to three vehicles, all with radio equipment.

Bitter complaints came from local taxibus firms, which had been charging 50 cents for one and 20 cents for each additional passenger. But city ordinances reveal that there is little the cab firms can protest about legally.

False Teeth Need May Fade Away

Lansing, Mich.—U.P.—The need for false teeth will fade away in coming generations, Michigan's department of health predicts.

Dr. Fred Wertheimer, chief of the department's dentistry coupled with modern dental, is opening the way for teeth that last a lifetime.

"While no toothpaste currently used has proved effective against decay, research underway now holds promise that we may even get a toothpaste someday which will add to fluoridation and the work of dentists in preventing cavities and the early loss of teeth," he said.

"While dentists at first were mostly repairmen trying to fix damage done by tooth decay, prevention of tooth decay has come of age. And someday we may even deprive the comic of his ill-conceived jokes about clacking dental plates."

Louise L.—I hate to say this, but my sister and I feel our parents are busybodies and they get in our hair. Please understand. We love them, but we cannot make "friends" of them because they simply take over our lives and want to "help" us by making all our decisions for us.

One of the big problems has been that when our friends have come to call on us, our parents completely take over the conversation. They like to recite anecdotes about our childhood and to give reports on what they think are our present attitudes and opinions. If we had given my mother the details of my sister's operation, for example, it would have made talk for ten years.

We feel our parents ought to have some friends of their own. Their whole lives are bound up in us.

The Council: It took many years and many misunderstandings to create the gap that now exists between these girls and their parents. It will take a big effort to bridge the gap, but it can be done if there is good will and understanding on both sides.

These girls seem to take the attitude that it is impossible to change their parents' behavior, and they make no attempt to let the parents know that they would welcome them into their

4-H CLUB NEWS

Nimbel Thimbeils

The regular meeting of the Nimbel Thimbeils was held Feb. 9. Mrs. Frink showed some how to use the sewing machine. Refreshments were served by Patty Charley. The knitting girls had an extra meeting. We were invited to a Valentine party by the Westside Stitches which was held Feb. 2 at Susan Wrights.

Evelyn Niedermeyer Reporter

Corvallis May Have Answer To Smaller Cities' Parking Woes

Corvallis — (U.P.) — A study made by the federal government, the state and the city of Corvallis may have come up with an answer to how smaller cities throughout the nation can solve mounting parking problems.

Spokesmen said the study has resulted in a "short-cut" by which cities can obtain reasonable estimates of parking needs at a nominal cost.

Until now, the State Highway Department has discouraged comprehensive studies of traffic problems in small cities because the cost of such studies seemed out of proportion to the benefits. Also the data accumulated was outdated in a short time.

The study made here recommends an abbreviated method of parking studies which includes the preparation of an inventory of parking space available and the buildings in the area under study. An actual count of vehicles parked in the study area at typical periods is necessary.

The possible off-street parking areas available were ascertained and also their probable usage and cost determined.

Street Interviews
The city of Corvallis, assisted by engineering students at Oregon State College, made the local study and double checked with street interviews with motorists.

The final report pointed out that the plan provided sufficient

Wal Duffy, University of Oregon's vastly improved junior basketball center, has developed into a real marksman on the free throw line. In the last six games he has hit 31 of his 36 chances on foul shots, a decided contrast from his record of eight conversions on 21 tries in the first six games.

Brazil comprises about one-half of South America's area.

checks to assure against large errors, and the sacrifice in accuracy was "more than offset by the savings in cost, time and manpower."

David W. Schoppert, engineer economist with the State Highway Department, compiled the final report. He related the findings at a meeting of the Highway Research Board in Washington, D.C., last month and all available copies of the report were immediately snatched up.

Kiwanis Kapers Topic of Meeting

Randy LaFerr, of Lassen Productions, Pasadena, Calif., who is directing this year's Kiwanis Kapers, discussed functions of his position Monday noon at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Roundtable at the Jackson hotel.

He explained his job was one of working with non-professional show people and training them for local stage productions throughout the west coast. There is lots of talent in Medford, according to LaFerr, and a "tremendous musical appreciation group at Medford High school."

The Kaper's this year, to be held Feb. 20-23, will have Kiwanians appear as infants and show them growing up through the years, he said. About 100 Kiwanians will appear in the show.

Some of the program will be "Olson and Johnson type thing," LaFerr said. Preliminary planning for the production was done at the home office in Pasadena, he added. A promotional man was sent to Medford ahead of LaFerr to set up local committees to prepare for the program.

As director, LaFerr's responsibilities include choreography, organizing music and the cast.



GOOD LUCK, SHANNON—Four-year-old Shannon Rose Kraft poses with her mother, Mrs. Raymond Kraft, and brother, Grant, 6, in their Garden City, Mich. home unaware that she will go under a surgeon's knife March 15th in an attempt to repair two leaks in her heart. Her parents have placed Shannon's chances for a long life in the hands of the heart clinic at the University of Minnesota Hospital. There a team of surgeons led by Dr. C. Walter Lillehei will operate.

Government Country's Largest Land Holder; 774.6 Million Acres

Washington — (U.P.) — The federal government is the country's largest real estate operator. It owns 774.6 million acres of land, or an area equivalent to the all states east of the Mississippi with Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas tossed in.

These figures were supplied Monday by the Senate Appropriations Committee which had the General Services Administration tote up the government's massive land holdings.

Total Value Added
Total value of the land added up to a staggering \$40.3 billion dollars, what with improvements and everything.

The inventory report showed that nearly 53 per cent of the land lies within the United States and 47 per cent in U.S. territories. Another 5,000 acres is scattered around the world in some 100 foreign countries.

That still isn't all. The total doesn't include property of local governments; the District of Columbia or property acquired through foreclosures.

The government figures its capitol is worth \$51 million of its capital. That's for the capitol Building, three office buildings for Congress and an under-

ground garage. The 154 acres they occupy are valued at another \$17.7 million.

The GSA is probably modest about Capitol Hill property. The value is figured on original cost, and prices have risen somewhat since the government first bought land there in 1791.

In the United States the report said 93.5 per cent of the government's land was acquired as a part of the public domain. Most of this is used for grazing, forest and wildlife preserves and military reservations, exclusive of airfields.

Of the 49.5 million acres the government owns within the United States, most of it, 366 million acres, lies in 11 Western states. Topping the list is Nevada, where the federal government owns 61.5 million acres, or 87.5 per cent of the state's area.

Federal land holdings in other Western states and the percentage of the state's area they represent include:

Utah 37 million acres, 70.3 per cent; Idaho, 34.6 million, 65.3 per cent; Oregon, 31.6 million, 51.6 per cent; Arizona, 32.1 million, 44.2 per cent; and California, 46.9 million, 4.7 per cent.

No Penalty Faced By Vets on GI Loans

Veterans who bought homes through Veterans Administration guaranteed loans and now are paying off mortgages can pay off the entire loan or any part of it at any time without penalty charges, S. T. Brannock, officer in charge of the local VA office, said today.

Unlike some mortgages, which entail a penalty if paid up earlier than the full term of the contract, GI guaranteed or insured loans may be paid in amounts equal to one month's payment, or a flat \$100, whichever is the less, Brannock said.

Brannock added that should the veteran later become hard-pressed for money, the extra principal already paid may be reapplied to regular payments, provided the lender agrees, in order to prevent the loan from going into default.

Brannock also reminded veterans of World War II that they have until July 25, 1958, to apply for GI loans. The deadline for direct loans is June 30, 1958. Veterans of the Korean conflict period have until Feb. 1, 1965, to apply for GI loans.

GRANGE
Central Point Grange will have a social meeting at their hall, Friday, Feb. 15, starting with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Master Velda Mang, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Moorehouse will serve coffee.

The program, starting at 8 p.m., will consist of a display of pictures taken in Europe by Mrs. Frank Perl and a skit, "Course of True Love," written by Frances, Victor Birdseye, Hazel Keenan and Chuck Taylor. The hero's trusty steed will be portrayed by Walt Jensen and Gaston Ploux.

After the program there will be dancing and card playing. Members are asked to bring their own service for dinner.

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