

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 persons.

Mildred H.—I did my best for Emily.
Mrs. P. F.—She was always mean to Emily.

Mildred H.—I am a married woman with three young children. A year ago my mother, who lives quite far from here, asked me to invite my youngest sister to come to stay with me for a while. Emily is 28 and unmarried and my mother thought I might be able to introduce some nice young men to her.

Well, I did my best. I had my husband and all my friends bring on any bachelor friends they had, but nothing ever came of it. She never liked the ones who liked her and vice versa. Now Emily just sits around and broods nearly every evening. She is not at all happy with us. She is annoyed by the children and says she doesn't like any of our friends. She complains that we don't go out enough to meet really "interesting" people. How can a mother of three children go out scouting for interesting people for her?

I asked my mother to tell Emily to come home, but Mother is furious at me for "giving up" so easily.

Mrs. P. F.—Mildred has always had the best of everything and never gave anything to her sister. Now it's time she did something for Emily. It's not fair that Emily should be unhappy when Mildred has so much.

Emily wrote to me regularly and told me that Mildred was introducing all kinds of "creeps" to her. She said Mildred would drag just anything off the street and try to set up dates for her. Is that the right way to treat a younger sister?

Emily is a very pretty girl, prettier than Mildred ever was. She is also smart and a good homemaker. She deserves the very best. Why should Mildred begrudge her having the best?

Even when they were children, Mildred was mean to Emily. She would never let her wear anything of hers that Emily liked. She would only give her old, worn-out things she was tired of. I tried to bring up my girls to love and help one another, but I guess I'm just a failure. One thing I'm sure of—Emily will be an old maid if she comes home now.

The Council: Mrs. P. F.'s distorted and neurotic attitude toward both her daughters is harming Emily, the daughter she apparently favors, more than anyone else concerned. Mrs. P. F. has evidently convinced

Emily that it is her sister's job to present her with an ideal husband and that if Mildred does not do this she "begrudges her having the best."

Mildred can have a clear conscience that she has done the best she could for her sister when she invited her to her home and introduced the eligible men she could get hold of to her. It was an all-out effort and if it failed, it was not her fault.

If Mildred wants to help her sister further, she might tell Emily that if she wishes to meet "interesting" people, particularly a husband who is not a "creep," she had better get on the job in earnest for herself. Mrs. P. F. says she brought up her girls to love and help one another, but her statement that "it's not fair that Emily should be unhappy when Mildred has so much" indicates she pitted them against each other and taught them to envy and resent, not to love.

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Grange Notes

A resolution endorsing a state sales tax was passed at the regular session of Upper Applegate Grange held at Ruch school Friday evening.

The text of the resolution is: "Be It Resolved: that Upper Applegate Grange 839 does hereby petition the State Legislature of Oregon to enact laws creating a state sales tax not in excess of 2%, the proceeds from said tax to be irrevocably allocated for use in state school and welfare disbursements, and for no other purpose, without first referring any proposed change to the people in the form of a referendum."

Be It Also Resolved: that said law provide for exemptions of food, clothing, seeds, fertilizer, livestock feed, livestock; and otherwise to be patterned after the California sales tax law; and that said law also contain a provision prohibiting any municipality from enacting a similar law. "And Be It Further Resolved: that unless said law contains only the provisions cited above, this Grange goes on record as being firmly opposed to a sales tax."

Report of the agricultural committee included highlights from the Jackson county Agricultural Planning Conference held in the court house auditorium in Medford March 1, which was attended by several of the grange members.

Announcement was also made regarding the next meeting of the newly-organized Applegate Valley Garden club to be held in Ruch school on Wednesday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m., at which time officers will be elected.

Members interested in attending the night lecture series on "plants of the Siskiyou," to be offered in Medford shortly, were advised to watch for further announcements as to time and place.

Home Economics Chairman Edna Sawyer reported completion of plans for a bazaar and rummage sale to be held in Eagles hall in Medford from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. Club members will meet at her home on March 15 to price articles for the sale.

A brief report on the Jackson county educational conference, held in Medford recently, was given by Legislative Chairman Anna Scott, following which a motion was passed placing Upper Applegate Grange on record as supporting House Bill 171 to increase basic school support from \$80 to \$120 per census child; and Senate Bill 64 to establish a more equitable formula for the distribution of the state basic school support fund.

Announcement was made of the Jackson county 4-H show to be held in Medford March 14, and of the Minstrel Show scheduled for March 29 in Applegate school under joint sponsorship of the Ruch and Applegate 4-H clubs.

The Building Committee report delivery of tables to the new Grange hall from the Masonic temple in Jacksonville.

The request for withdrawal from John and Florence Sutton who have gone to Long Beach to reside, was granted.

Worthy Master Menno Bachmann presented a recognition award from the state lecturer bearing four gold stars for having rendered prompt quarterly reports, to Sister Edna Sawyer in recognition of her services as lecturer during the past year.

A community-wide meeting with a panel presentation of important aspects of proposed public school legislation in Oregon, which preceded the regular grange session, took the place of

Peterson Says Mass Shelter Program for City Dwellers Needed

Washington—(UP)—Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson has warned Congress that without access to mass shelters 99 per cent of America's city dwellers might die in surprise atomic attack.

Even with the best shelters possible, he said, 40 per cent of the city populace could be lost. Peterson said in closed door testimony that he has recommended to the White House a shelter building program to cost \$32 billion.

He does not know what the White House will decide. But that in any event, he said, he does not believe the shelter program should be overruled as an absolute answer to atomic attack.

"In a thermonuclear war there are no means of saving all of the people," Peterson warned. "It simply can't be done. We are going to lose millions of people if we have a war."

Needs Additional Money

Peterson testified before a House Appropriations subcommittee on Feb. 6, seeking an appropriation of \$130 million for civil defense in the fiscal year starting July 1. Previous civil defense requests have been heavily cut by Congress.

Other highlights of Peterson's testimony: His agency wants to junk the "Conelrad" emergency broadcasting system for use in an enemy attack. Instead, it would like to "take over" all radio and

television stations immediately on receipt that enemy planes are on the way.

The atomic bomb, however destructive, may not be the ultimate weapon. He finds no reason to believe that mankind has reached the zenith of its destructive ability.

His agency will spend \$100,000 next year studying "human reactions to disaster." This is "probably the most important item in the budget because nobody knows whether the American people will be willing to fight if some one starts dropping nuclear weapons on them, or whether you will have complete chaos, pandemonium."

His experts believe only about 100,000 of the nation's million hospital beds would be left after an all out enemy attack. Civil defense has emergency facilities for 400,000 beds and wants \$42.5 million to buy more.

Peterson said that even with shelters, survival under atomic attack will be "highly problematical."

"I asked my staff to tell me what would happen if you dropped one 20 million ton bomb on a modern city of say 1,800,000 people. They said if we built shelters, and had those shelters properly distributed we could save about 60 per cent of the people."

"So you still have lost 720,000 people even when you spend \$450 million to build the shelters."

School News

PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL
Preparations for graduation exercises are getting under way. Measurements for gowns were taken during a class meeting on March 5.

The date for the Junior-Senior prom has been set for May 10. Baccalaureate is scheduled for June 2 and commencement is set for June 4.

Skating Party
The junior class will sponsor a skating party, to be held March 21, in the Ashland skate rink. Admission to the skating party will be 50 cents and tickets are being sold by junior class members.

The Mathematics Association of America with the Society of Actuaries as co-sponsors are conducting a high school mathematics contest again this year. The contest is being offered to Oregon high school students through the New York section of the associations. The contest will be held Thursday, May 9.

It is a multiple choice type of test with material taken from elementary and intermediate algebra and plane geometry.

A pin bearing a facsimile of the seal of the association will be awarded to the PHS student with the highest score.

Keep Lot Clean
"Keep that parking lot clean" has been the cry of PHS car owners. Since Dec. 3, 1956, two boys each week are assigned to keep the refuse (brought in by air currents) picked up around the parking lot. This week the job was Bill Clark's. Next week Slaves will be Mike Campbell and Alton Medcaif.

The "politicians" of PHS made their appearance at a pep assembly on Friday, March 1. The students who participated in Student Government Day reported on their activities as members of the Jackson county officialdom.

A potluck dinner was given the usual lecturer's program. It was arranged by Legislative Chairman Anna Scott and Principal Boyd Gibson of Ruch school and was attended by 60 residents of the area.

Following a dinner, refreshments were served by Marguerite Black, John Black and Lewis Buckley. Helen Buckley absent due to illness of her son.

Grace N. Pearson, Publicity Chairman

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