

The Family Council

Editorial 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 individuals.

Mr. H. P. — Jeff needs a real scare.

Mrs. H. P. — Should he get a police record for one mistake?

Mr. H. P. — I recently married a widow with two children—a 12-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl. The boy is quite a problem. He doesn't seem to want to learn and is disrespectful and disobedient to both of us.

Recently he got into some serious trouble. He stole merchandise from a store where he works occasionally after school. Jeff was caught red-handed and the owner then accused him of taking other merchandise that had been missing. Jeff denied that he had ever done it before. The owner did not believe him and neither did I.

The owner now threatens to go to the police because the merchandise was quite valuable. I told him to go ahead because I think that Jeff needs a real good scare. It's the only thing that will save him from becoming a criminal.

My wife, who is much too easy on Jeff, wants me to pay the man and hush the whole thing up. I can't convince her that she is doing the boy more

harm than good with her scolding.

Mrs. H. P. — When we married nearly a year ago, I told my husband that I hoped he would be a real father to the children. Now he wants to turn my son in to the police.

Jeff is a very good boy at heart, but I'm afraid he has been very much upset in the past three years. First, his father was seriously ill for a long time, then he died, and a year later, I remarried. My husband was harsh with Jeff from the first. I wanted him to give the boy a little fatherly discipline, but not to threaten and bully him at every step.

I know my boy and I know he is a problem, but he doesn't lie to me. He swore to me that he had never stolen anything before and I believe him. He swears he'll never do anything like that again. Should a child of 12 be given a police record for one mistake? My husband can well afford to keep this man quiet.

The Council: Several different problems are involved here. The first one to tackle is to determine definitely whether or not Jeff is innocent of the past thefts. Mrs. H. P. says she believes her son, but is willing to give his accuser hush money. She is either lying to herself or has been frightened out of a rational action.

Mrs. H. P. should make her own investigation as to the possibility of the past thefts. She should see whether her son has things or money that he could not have come by in an honest way.

If the boy did not make those thefts, the parents should stand by him and make every effort to convince his accuser that he is in error. If the man still wants to go to the police, Jeff will at least have the security of knowing that his parents are fully and confidently behind him.

If the affair is dropped, the parents still have the problem of knowing how to deal with the undoubtedly troubled boy. Mr. H. P.'s attitude does appear harsh, with his forebodings about Jeff's becoming a criminal and needing "a real good scare." If he values his marriage and has any affection for the boy, he will try to give him fatherly affection and loyalty as well as authority.

In view of the fact that Jeff is having problems in school and has been caught in one theft, it would be wise for these parents to ask the school authori-

Feeding the Family

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Brownies Make Brownies

In Many Different Ways
Brownies love to make brownies because they're so quick and easy, so certain of success. Brownies, the small-fry division of the Girl Scouts, that is, can help celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts by serving these brownies or one of their variations to fellow Brownies. Who's confused? . . .

Basic Brownies
In this case a "good brownie" is a moist, fudgy, bar-type cookie that is almost, but not quite chewy.

Ingredients:
1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 cup butter or other shortening
2 squares unsweetened chocolate
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
1/2 cup broken walnut meats
1 teaspoon vanilla

Set oven for 350 degrees, moderate. Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt and sift again. Melt shortening and chocolate over hot water. Add sugar gradually to eggs, beating thoroughly; add chocolate mixture and blend. Add flour and mix well; then mix in nuts and vanilla. Spread in greased 8x8-2-inch pan. Bake 25 minutes or until they test done. Cool in pan, then cut into squares or rectangles. Makes about two dozen brownies.

Brown Variations
Toasted Coconut: Follow basic recipe, omitting nuts. Add three-quarter cup (one-half package) finely chopped coconut. Spread in pan; cover with three-quarter cup coconut mixed thoroughly with one tablespoon sugar and two teaspoons melted butter. Bake as usual.

Chocolate Peppermint: When baked, remove brownies from oven. Place 15 to 20 chocolate peppermint patties on top; return to oven for about three minutes. Spread patties out to cover entire top of brownies.

Mocha: Follow basic recipe, but add four teaspoons instant coffee with the sugar.

Date and Almond: Omit the walnuts and add one-third cup cut dates and one-third cup chopped blanched almonds to the basic batter.

Brown Sugar: Use basic brownie recipe, but substitute one cup firmly-packed brown sugar for granulated sugar.

One Dish Spaghetti Dinner
ties or a clergyman to recommend a family service agency that is equipped to give Jeff and his problems closer attention.
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A fine answer to busy-day cooking. For one thing it keeps pan washing to a minimum since only the skillet is involved.

First brown four lean pork chops (about one pound) in a large skillet. Add 3 1/2 cups cooked tomatoes (No. 2 1/2 size can), 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, one tablespoon each of brown sugar and vinegar.

Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Add four ounces of long, uncooked, thin spaghetti; cover and simmer 30 minutes longer or until meat and spaghetti are tender. Arrange spaghetti and sauce on platter and place pork chops on top. Garnish and serve. Four fine servings.

Sausage Peach Balls
How long has it been since you added that perfect touch to a meat dish . . . the right fruit accompaniment? These sausage peach balls do exactly that and the result is a taste tingling texture-conscious luncheon dish.

Make your favorite sausage balls, being certain to use soft bread crumbs for a light fluffy ball. Arrange peach halves, cut side up in a shallow baking dish. Stick a few cloves around outer edge of the peaches and place ball in center of each. Bake in a modern oven, 350 degrees, for 45 minutes. Drain off fat and pour warmed peach juice over to give additional peach flavor to the sausage.

Toasted Onion Bread
The bread is, of course, French. Slice it in half horizontally or in slantwise pieces for easier handling. Spread it thin with a "butter" made by adding one cup chopped green onion tops to one-half cup soft butter or margarine. Season with cayenne pepper. Toast in moderate oven, 400 degrees for 10 minutes, or under broiler until brown.

Candy Storage. The ideal temperature for storage of candy is 70 degrees. If chocolates are at a higher temperature, they should be cooled as gradually as possible. When cooled too quickly, the cocoa butter rises to the top and turns gray.

Onion flavored cream cheese is a fine spread for sandwiches or crackers. Do it the easy-way with liquid onion.

Manufacturers Responsible For Revolution in Kitchen
There is a "revolution in the kitchen." The cause? Constant development by food manufacturers of new foods for better meals with less work for the busy homemaker.

Today's super-markets carry an average of 6000 items versus the 3000 they carried 15 years ago. This increase is largely due to the homemaker's demand for more food items that have built-in service, because she no longer chooses to spend an average of from five to six hours a day in the kitchen. Among these convenience foods are canned and frozen foods, prepared mixes for bakery products, desserts, ice cream, instant-cooking potatoes, rice, cereals, prepared baby foods; and an ever-increasing variety of "just heat and eat" foods.

However, since most of these foods are used along with fresh meats, fish, vegetables and fruit we now give you a quick review of what's prime and priced right in the market today.

Meat Department: Buys in the meat department are many. Beef steals the spotlight in today's food picture. There's a cut for every taste and every pocket-book. Pork is in excellent supply and presents the buyer with some interesting tags on loins, hams, and bacon. Lamb is abundant and will be "specialized" frequently. Watch the ads.

Fish and Seafood: Shrimp supplies, fresh, frozen and canned, are much greater this year than last. Oysters are in their prime. Dungeness crab are in good supply. Swordfish, fillet of sole, halibut and salmon are abundant, delicious and favorably priced.

Vegetable Buys: Western head lettuce is at the top of the "best buys" in fresh produce. Due to warm weather in the producing areas, it has matured two weeks earlier than usual and has more or less "glutted" the market. Bunched vegetables are always in our markets, but right now prices are particularly low on beets, green onions, radishes, turnips and spinach. Carrots are flooding the market. Take your pick of topped carrots, these are sold by the pound; in film bags, priced by the package; or green-topped bunches sold by the bunch. Cabbage, celery, broccoli,

Zusman Reopens Club in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — One of Portland's nationally famous clubs opened its doors yesterday after a brief shutdown.

Nate Zusman, self-styled "Mark of Stark street" in testimony before the Senate Rackets Committee, reopened the Desert club.

The club gained a lot of publicity during the Senate hearings but Zusman termed it "undeserved publicity."

"My place is strictly legit and I've got 64 state liquor inspectors and 60 Portland policemen to prove it," Zusman said.

City Commissioner Stanley Earl introduced a resolution before the city council which won adoption last week directing the city attorney to cite Zusman to show cause why the club should not be closed. Earl gave as a reason that certain undesirables hung out there.

potatoes and onions are all good buys.

Fruit Buys: Not too much to offer in the fruit department. Mainly grapefruit, oranges, apples and a few pears . . . all at reasonable prices.

Eight Bills for Fish Commission Go Before House

Salem — (U.P.) — Eight bills requested by the State Fish Commission have been introduced in the Oregon House.

One of the bills would enable the commission to accept gifts of money or property to be used for fish conservation or propagation purposes.

Could Change Rules
The commission could change rules for fishing in waters over which Oregon and Washington have concurrent jurisdiction without a public hearing under terms of another bill, providing such rules came under a modified agreement made with the state of Washington.

Commercial fishermen would have to pay poundage fees for fish consumed by themselves, their families or guests under House bill 699.

House bill 700 would permit the commission to erect traps for propagative or scientific purposes and close streams a quarter mile below such traps to all game or commercial fishing.

Provision for identifying crab

poles or nets with the owners' license number was made by House bill 697. All equipment not marked would be subject to forfeiture.

Fishing for commercial purposes is defined as taking of fish except for personal use and the having of fish in excess of bag limits or with intent to sell in commercial channels by House bill 698.

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