

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.

Bill—I don't want Jane's ex-husband coming around.

Jane—I've saved him from suicide.

Bill—My wife and I have been married two years and could be quite happy—if it were not for her ex-husband.

Jane's ex-husband was an alcoholic and he is on the skids in every way. She was married to him for five years and knew him for a couple of years before that. She says he is a wonderful person except for his terrible habit. Every now and then he comes around looking for a handout or a little sympathy and Jane gives him both. Then she is depressed for days afterward.

I feel sorry for the guy, but I don't want him coming around, making my wife feel sick. If she loved me she wouldn't have anything to do with him.

Jane—I do love Bill, but I'll never be able to forget Ted. Ted stands hand and shoulder over any other man, but life with him was impossible. I told Bill when I married him I could not break off all feeling for Ted just like that. I would have stuck to Ted if only he had been willing to help himself by joining AA or getting medical help.

Ted has nobody but me to turn to when he gets into real trouble. Can I turn him away when he needs a little human sympathy and maybe a couple of dollars? I believe I've saved him from suicide several times. Sometimes I feel I should never have left Ted. It was the worst blow of his life. It was selfish of me to do it.

The Council: Jane has a heart-breaking problem. She may never be able to find complete peace with her conscience, but she should know, at least, where her real responsibility rests in this situation.

Her duty is to give her full devotion to her present husband. She cannot do this while she places Ted "head and shoulders over any other man." It is not only the handouts and sympathy she gives Ted that bothers Bill, but her deeper divided loyalty.

Jane must find the courage to go through with her decision to divorce Ted and marry Bill. She hasn't done that yet in more than the formalities. She must remember that she couldn't find within herself the strength and love to go on with her marriage

Is That So?

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The human's consuming hunger to have children, when natural methods are unavailing is oftentimes satisfied by adopting a less fortunate mother's baby. Is adoption—foster motherhood—common among higher animals, too?

Among mammals, when the mother is with milk, such adoptions are possible—in fact, sometimes even sought by domestic animals. Without enough puppies to relieve her full breasts, a bitch will take on an assortment of young.

(Because of strange odors, it may be well to rub the infant with a doggy-smelling blanket, preferably one on which she herself has slept.) Thus, among the many animals which have been reared by female dogs are the young of coyote, wolf, cats and skunks. In the San Francisco zoo a collie bitch reared two baby leopards;

Dragging Operations Start for Car, Driver

Eugene — (U.P.) — Dragging operations were started Saturday in a swift section of the McKenzie river northeast of here for a car and driver believed to have plunged into the stream.

A passerby reported seeing car tracks leading over the bank off the highway near Hayden bridge and police later found indications that a car had bounced off the rocks along the bank and into 50 to 60 feet of water.

Officers were looking for a 1953 cream or ivory Chevrolet on the basis of paint chips, a front suspension and bits of chrome found along the bank.

Committees Named in Improvement Course

Committees made up of students of the recently started Dale Carnegie adult improvement course were named at a class meeting last week.

About 40 persons are enrolled in the class, which meets in the Jackson hotel. Instructors come from various Oregon cities, and weekly achievement awards are presented to class members. The course lasts 14 weeks.

MILL BOUGHT

Milton-Freewater — (U.P.) — Purchase of the Preston-Shaffer flour mill here was announced Friday by Moriz Milburn, president of Centennial Mills, Inc.

Indian rhinoceros horn, reduced to powder, brings as much as \$150 a pound. Many Asiatics believe the horn has wondrous powers for solving almost any problem, mental or physical.

at another time, a young lion. Polar bear cubs, too, have been reared by canine foster mothers. A domestic cat has given her milk to young squirrels; a ewe to two baby lions . . . after which the grown lions would lie down with the sheep in one contented family.

In the deer family, an elk raised a baby axis deer—a pretty little spotted deer from India; and a calf of a gnu, a species of antelope, was adapted by a cow.

As is commonly known, a broody chicken will sit on almost anything which even remotely resembles a smooth egg. As a result, it is easily possible to have broody hens hatch a clutch of almost any kind of eggs. But the best foster mother among birds is the tiny bantam hen. They have a quiet, confiding disposition and make devoted mothers whether to pheasants, quail, ducks, geese or peacocks. But for the bigger eggs, which are too heavy to be turned by the banty, she needs a human assist each day.

Young Scatter Too Quickly
With all these foster young, the banty will be quite successful except the quail. And why not the quail, the smallest? When hatched, the young scatter through the low-growing brush too quickly and the little mother however solicitous simply cannot keep up with them and they are usually soon lost.

In the wild, three birds are notorious in that some of their kind never raise their own young; they simply lay their eggs in other bird's nests. These are the bronzed cuckoo of the southwest Pacific; the honey guide of Africa; and in America, the cowbird.

As for wild mammals adapt-

Schmidt Is Named Extension Engineer

Andrew H. Schmidt, agriculture engineer formerly with the Soil Conservation Service, has been named rural extension engineer for the California Oregon Power company, Frank A. Benesh, Medford district manager, has announced.

Schmidt, an Oregon State college graduate and practicing agriculture engineer for 15 years, will be available to aid farmers in the Copco service area with problems relating to irrigation pumping and other uses of electricity on the farm, Benesh said.

The extension engineer may be reached through local Copco offices or through the sales department in the head offices in Medford.

ing young, it has been reported that orphaned bear cubs have been adopted by bears; orphaned wolf cubs by wolf bitches; buffalo, raccoon, deer, by their own kind respectively. Perhaps, if so, the chances were the adopting mothers had lost their own and may have been seeking relief

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