

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.

Clifford J.—My wife is about to repeat her mistake.

Patricia J.—He drove me to it.

Clifford J.—My wife and I have been married four years and are still in our 20s. Less than a year after we had been married I learned that my wife was being unfaithful to me. When I confronted her with it, she said she did not know what had happened to her, she must have gone crazy to do such a thing and that it would never happen again if I would forgive her.

Our religion doesn't permit divorce and finally I forgave her. During the next two years she became very changed in her behavior in general. She was wonderfully devoted and considerate, kept a beautiful home and, I must admit, seemed to be making every effort to make me happy.

Suddenly, however, all that changed again. She now shows no interest in our home and says she does not particularly care whether or not we ever have the family we planned for. She is flirtatious with my friends and other men and I have a terrible feeling she is about to repeat her mistake if she has not already done so.

Patricia J.—Cliff drove me to what happened in the past with lack of feeling for me. To him a good wife is supposed to just keep a good home. In return she gets supported—nothing more. He showed me no love, no real interest. Our sex life was just routine.

I am the first one to admit that what I did was wrong, may be unforgivable. Just the same, I feel I can't dedicate the rest of my life to making it up to Cliff. For two years I tried to do that and he acted as though it was simply his due. I never said a word, but I hoped that eventually he would feel I had been sufficiently punished and deserved the sort of love any wife wants. It's true that I have now lost interest in our home and I don't care whether or not we ever have a family. I do enjoy sociability, and my "flirtatiousness" with men is really just that. I would never be unfaithful again. Cliff's suspicious and his coldness make me actually hate him at times.

The Council—Patricia has taken upon herself the role of the misunderstood wife and refuses to learn by experience that she must alter it.

"I never said a word," Patricia self-righteously proclaims. Evidently she expected her husband to know by intuition the way she felt and what was on her mind.

Perhaps some men would have understood, but Cliff didn't and Patricia owed it to him and to herself to at least let him in on the secret. She never gave Cliff a chance to help her and their married life. What warmth can she expect from Cliff if she coldly excludes him from her innermost feelings and, instead of confiding in him, acts in desperation and defiance?

Needs Some Re-Education

If what Patricia says is true, that Cliff expects her merely to keep a good home and to be supported for it, he needs some re-education about marriage. Few women can keep up an interest in running a home and having a family without the feeling that their husbands deeply care for them. A man may have that deep feeling without expressing it sufficiently, but then it doesn't help his wife very much.

Cliff and Patricia have gotten to the point where they wouldn't dream of expressing things to one another. Cliff doesn't express his love. Pat doesn't tell her grievances. They should try to unlock their hearts and minds to each other. If they find they cannot do this, they should seek outside guidance.

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Pletsch Experiences San Francisco Quake

John Pletsch, manager of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association, was one of several local people who were in San Francisco during the series of earthquakes which jarred the Bay city last week.

Pletsch, attending a meeting of the members of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, said one of the milder shocks occurred when he was on the 15th floor of a building, but that the major one was when he was in I. Magnin's shop.

The building shook and rolled, he said, and some people screamed and ran out. Others sought safety under doorway arches, he said. Pletsch has been in other earthquakes, he said, but none so severe.

About 2.5 million people live in approximately 850,000 house trailers in this country.

Attorney Describes Legislative Hearing On Two Measures

Frank J. Van Dyke, Medford attorney and member of the committee on governmental operations of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, reported this morning on a legislative hearing on two public utility bills.

At the committee's weekly breakfast session, Van Dyke indicated that Senate Bills 274 and 275, introduced by Jackson legislators, were opposed by the Southern Pacific at the hearing in Salem last week, but received considerable support from many parts of the state.

Greater Authority

The two bills would give the public utilities commissioner greater authority control the services and schedules of railroads in the state.

Van Dyke said three proposed amendments, to provide exceptions to some aspects of freight schedules for perishables, seasonal commodities, and in cases of national emergency, would make the bills acceptable to man fruit and lumber shippers, who oppose the bills in their present form. He said Sen. Philip Lowry, Medford, proposes to have the bills amended, and the committee went on record as having no objection to the suggested changes.

Other Action

In other action, the committee unanimously approved a proposed salary budget for higher education as proposed by the state system, with the understanding that the full amount would go to salaries. It also formally protested legislative action designed to deprive administrative agencies of control over their own budgets, within budget classifications.

The committee tabled for later consideration a proposal regarding federal aid to education, pending more adequate information.

Commission for Blind Representative Due

Mrs. Vera Thompson, field representative from Oregon Commission for the Blind in Portland, will be in Medford through March 31.

While in Medford, Mrs. Thompson will instruct classes and individuals in braille, typing, crafts and homemaking. Anyone having eye complications who wishes to receive instructions in these fields are asked to call Mrs. Ada Vink, 2-8034, at 19 South Lewis st.

On The Side

Do I love you? Ask the flower
If she loves the vernal shower.
Or the dew, when day is done.
As she answers, yes or no.
—John Godfrey Saxe

Does your father ever discuss the "good old days"? How about your grandpa? A New Yorker informs me that in the yesteryear he worked at the Fulton Fish Market, Manhattan, 13 hours a week, six days a week. Salary, \$15 a week. To this report he adds the comment, "The good old days! May they never come again!"

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Where can I find that railroad report classic which goes as follows: "Mr. Flanagan: Off agin. On agin. Gone agin. Finnegin"? A. That is from the poem by Strickland Gillian, titled "Finnegin to Flanagan." Q. How many children could one man be the father of? A. Couldn't answer that definitely. However, history tells us that Malai Ismail, ruler of Morocco in the 18th century, was the father of 548 sons and 340 daughters.

Please Note

The most accomplished film actresses in the matter of handling love scenes are Vivien Leigh, Greta Garbo and Ingrid Bergman. The majority of the rest of female cinema performers when in the middle of a love scene act like a long distance runner cooling off. They pant, gasp and palpitate. Love scenes should not be played with the chest but with the eyes.

Horses and Women

Third in order of importance of the wonderful things about women is their capacity for sym-

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pathy and their ability to express that sympathy by word and tender action. How right Euripides was when he said, "Man's best possession is a sympathetic wife."

Easy Job

The starting gate has made the thoroughbred race starter's job a cinch. With a few days practice your Aunt Mary could handle it. However, she would have to keep awake. This some starters seem unable to do. Recently a field was started when one jockey wasn't on his horse. Another field was sent away with one horse not even in the gate. Jockeys are suspended for careless riding. Sleepy starters should be penalized for careless starting.

Heads Up

Gloria Swanson, Vivian Blaine and Mae West are all about five feet, two inches in height. However, they appear much taller. This is said to be due to the fact that these very smart women hold their heads high. This is in accord with the advice Quaker mothers gave to their daughters; namely: "Hold thy head high, thy chin up and thy stomach in."

Every activity has its occupational diseases. Even that of theatre box office men whose occupational diseases are heart trouble, stomach ulcers and flat feet. . . . Of all the world's husbands the Greeks are the most jealous. That has always been so. Even in ancient Greece when some wives went out alone their husbands made them eat onions. That was to prevent anybody enjoying kissing them.



SEEKING SOLUTION to Mid-East crisis, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold (right), confers with Egyptian President Nasser in Cairo. (International Radiophoto)

London — (U.P.) — Britain formally told Japan Saturday that it intends to go ahead with hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific, authoritative sources said.

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Blood Test May Show Chick's Future

Madison, Wis. — (U.P.) — Two blood groups and the size of the egg has been made.

University of Wisconsin researchers hope to predict a chick's future performance on the basis of a blood test taken shortly after its birth.

Evidence has shown that a chick's rate of growth is associated with the presence of certain blood groups in some families of chickens and with the absence of other blood groups in other families.

Inheritance of certain blood groups may contribute to such factors as egg production, egg size and general fitness. So far, no direct association between

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