



UNABLE TO FLEE because stairway was in flames, seven children ranging in age from two to nine die in N. Philadelphia blaze. Firemen at right are descending with body wrapped in blanket. (International Soundphoto)

Family Council

Mr. D. D. — Our daughter wants us to sacrifice ourselves.

Ellen D.—It's true they look a real sacrifice.

Mr. D. D.—My wife and I have been married for 20 years and have three children. We have never been happy together and have both had extramarital affairs. There has been a great deal of bitterness between us, yet we always managed to keep it secret from the children and gave them a very happy home life.

Now, however, we've really come to the parting of the ways. I am very much in love with a young woman I have been going with for years. We are in a great hurry to marry and my wife has at last consented to a divorce because, I suspect, she has now found somebody she wants to marry.

The big surprise in the whole thing is my daughter's attitude. Ellen is 19, old enough to have more sense, but she has turned on us and claims that we are ruining her whole life and we should sacrifice ourselves to her until she marries.

Ellen D.—My parents seem to think we are idiots or something. My sister and I have known for years that our father was having affairs, and we believe it wasn't true until recently about our mother. They think they gave us a happy home life because there were no fights we knew about. Just the same, we knew our parents hated each other and we certainly weren't happy about it. We think our youngest brother is now on to it, too, and he certainly isn't happy.

I am now going with a wonderful young man from a very fine, happy family. He has told me many times that his parents put tremendous emphasis on family life and believe that broken homes are the worst possible kind of background for anyone. We are in love, but it may be a couple of years before we can marry. His parents like me now, but I don't know what they'd think if they knew about my home. It's time my parents made a real sacrifice for us.

The Council: Ellen has really pulled her parents up short on how badly they have muffed their attempts to supply a "happy home life" for their children. If they had put as much effort and energy into creating a genuinely happy marriage as they did into concealing their "bitterness" and extramarital affairs, it is just possible they could have created the reality of a happy home instead of a very poor facsimile.

It is too late now to undo past damage. But for the future a new kind of home life can be created through tremendous will and effort on the part of both Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Perhaps Ellen's clear vision of their conduct can be the spark that will give them an incentive to take a completely different view of their marriage and the possibilities of happiness together.

Ellen calls for a sacrifice, but she may be pointing the road to genuine happiness for her parents—if they can rise to a better understanding of themselves and each other. They may find they want help from a clergyman or counseling from a family service agency.

If Ellen is not successful in bringing her parents together, she should not be too sure that her young man's family will reject her because of an open rift between her parents. They have had the chance to know her and like her for herself. They are probably aware of what she has learned through sad experience—that not every home that looks happy on the surface is so in actuality.

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Young Mother Held For Killing Baby

Eureka — (U.P.) — An 18-year-old mother confessed to beating her two-months-old daughter to death because she "cried and fussed all the time," the sheriff's office said Saturday.

The mother, Mrs. Lonita Ann Dobson, of Blue Lake, was booked in Humboldt county jail on suspicion of murder.

Coroner W. Lloyd Wallace said an autopsy disclosed the baby died of multiple blows about the face and chest.

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MAYOR WANTS IMMEDIATE TRIAL — Mayor Terry Schrunck (wearing hat) of Portland, Ore. faces an unidentifiable deputy sheriff as bail is posted for him. In center is Captain Howard Kelly of the Sheriff's office to whom Schrunck surrendered after a Grand Jury indicted him on charges of perjury and accepting a bribe. The mayor said he will demand an immediate trial.

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Chiba Prefecture fishermen today lay their baby problem before the government fishery board. Usually they haul in small fish in their nets, but Saturday they found a 150-pound baby seal. The lost "little" baby (he should be in the cold waters of the Northern Pacific) is a problem because an agreement signed between the United States, Canada, Soviet Russia and Japan prohibits the catching of seals.

Back Stairs: Not Sorry About Publicity

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press White House Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House Saturday, some members of President Eisenhower's staff are not at all sorry about the publicity given his auto spending habits by getting this week and they hope it might influence him to slow down or at least consent to a police escort.

Mr. Eisenhower is not alone in disliking police escorts with their sirens and flashing lights. Former presidents Truman and Roosevelt refused to have such escorts except on highly formal occasions or when visiting such big cities as New York or Chicago.

Mr. Truman once drove himself in a high powered top down convertible from Charlottesville, Va., to Washington at that speed that blanched even the most case hardened drivers. At one point he was sorely pressing a Virginia State Police car ahead of him and motoring for the trooper to go faster.

It may be that the White House is such a confining place that when a president has a chance to get away, he likes to move in a hurry.

Mr. Truman once addressed a highway safety conference and told how he observed traffic laws quite carefully, advising other Americans to do the same. He made the particular point of his observance of all traffic lights and stop signs. But that

night, motoring from the White House to the District of Columbia Armory, his car went through 19 red lights.

Salisbury Resigns From Government

London — (U.P.) — Lord Salisbury, one of Britain's most powerful statesmen, resigned from the government in protest against the release from exile of Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus, it was announced Saturday.

Britain's press unanimously tagged his unexpected resignation as a severe blow to the Conservative government whose popularity has been falling steadily since the abortive decision to invade Egypt last November.

The 63-year-old Fifth Marquess of Salisbury was a behind-the-scenes power whose avoidance of publicity made him little known outside Britain.

He held the powerful posts of leader of the House of Lords, lord president of the Queens Council, and minister without portfolio in Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's cabinet. He also had charge of Britain's atomic energy program.

And Mr. Eisenhower a few years ago told a morning news conference that he wanted the newspapers of the nation to give him their heartiest support in convincing the public of the need for accident prevention. He made the appeal in connection with his proclamation of Traffic Safety Week.

That was the afternoon that press cars following him to Gettysburg had to roar up to well over 90 miles an hour in order to keep him in sight.

It was after such a ride that one veteran reporter told his office that even if it meant losing his job, that never again would he follow the President in a motorcade to Gettysburg.

The question arises: Why do reporters drive at excessive speeds to keep up with the President when he is motoring through the countryside? The answer is simple. If the chief executive of the United States is going that fast, the press had better keep him in sight just in case a farm truck cuts out of a side road suddenly and causes the nation's most celebrated traffic accident. Ghoulish? No. Realistic yes. Nerve wracking, very definitely yes.



Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

The Filla-ma-loo bird likes to see where he's been and prefers to fly backwards, particularly on April 1, and if you like to consider that kind of a zoo you ought to visit with Henry H. Tryon, a retired forestry expert.

Now if you think the Filla-ma-loo bird is a bit odd you ought to hear about the "Hide-behind" — a fearsome creature which sticks with a man in the woods who is alone. And no matter which way the man turns, the Hide-behind is always behind him.

There's the Agropelter which lives in a hollow tree and breaks off a dead branch—the heaviest it can lay its paws upon—and whacks you over the head with it as you pass underneath. Many a lumberjack can testify to this one.

Then in his collection of fearsome critters—in a book by the same (Idlewell Press, Cornwall, N.Y.)—you'll find the "Axe-handle hound" which is long like a dachshund and it comes prowling into lumberjack's camps at night and eats up all the axe handles it can find. And that can put a mighty big crimp in a camp's output.

Harking back to his own experience, Tryon says: "Many years ago on my first wood's job, I was taken on a snipe hunt and one bird actually did enter the big bag I was holding. Knowing that I had what may well have been a very rare specimen, I couldn't keep from peeking. And of course that was exactly what the snipe wanted. Instantly, the snipe dazzled me completely with a stream of yellow sparks from his right eye. And being only a kid, I naturally fell back, dropped the gunnysack and let the precious bird escape. And as he flew through the underbrush, I distinctly remember hearing a rather easily recognized cry—not unlike a bronx cheer."

Then there's the sidehill gouser. Due to spending his life on steep hillsides, the legs on one side are much longer. Meeting him face to face may be very amusing particularly if the sidehill gouser tries to reverse himself. He simply cannot do it—and as to be expected, capsizes immediately and has to be helped to his feet.

The best time to see any of these animals, of course, is today—April 1.

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Insects, although sometimes a pestiferous nuisance, are endlessly fascinating — and never more so than when one considers their many uses, throughout the ages.

About a thousand years before Christ, Homer tells in the Iliad, how horses were fed with amazing barley. And today? It is common veterinary practice to feed a lean horse on honey and bran to put flesh on rapidly.

For a long time it was believed that people habitually exposed to honeybee stings did not suffer from rheumatism so badly. Many times people exposed themselves deliberately to get surcease. So what do we find today?

Chemical Analysis
Chemical analysis has recently revealed that honeybee venom contains a substance which acts favorably to minimize rheu-

matic pain. As a result of this old observation, honeybee venom is now put up in ampules, each containing the equivalent of from one to 10 stings. It looks like water and tastes like bananas.

In early medical literature there are numerous references to the use of black ants for closing incisions and stitching extensive wounds. Dr. Lucy Clausen in Insect Fact and Folklore (Macmillan, N.Y.) traces back one reference to Hindu writings, 1000 B.C. Large black ants — sometimes better known as carpenter ants—and some of their near relatives, possess powerful jaws with which they are able to grasp objects with extraordinary firmness.

To effect a suture, the ant was placed so that when its wide open jaws snapped shut, upon contact with the skin, the edges of the skin would be held together snugly. Then the ant's body would be pinched off and the saw-toothed jaws would remain firmly attached until the wound healed. By using a number of ants, a sizable suture could be effected.

For making fadeproof ink and dyeing, the Aleppo gail, an abnormal cancer-like growth on oak trees caused by insects, was used in ancient times . . . and even today. It is specified in the formulae for inks used by the U. S. Treasury, the Bank of England, the Danish Government and in Germany.

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CHOIR WEAKENED

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OUSTS BECK — After a meeting of the AFL-CIO high command in Washington, President George Meany announces the suspension of Teamster President Dave Beck as an AFL-CIO officer and directed an investigation of the Teamster union. The executive council also ordered Beck to stand trial on charges of "bringing the labor movement into disrepute."

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