

# The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman'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.

**Edna C.**—My brother and sister should help support Mother. Francine G.—Edna has always been a selfish person.

**Edna C.**—I am a career woman in my mid-30s. I live with my mother and I have been supporting her for years. I have a very good job and this support hasn't meant too much to me until recently when we've both had heavy medical bills.

I feel that my brother and sister, who are both married and have large families, ought to make some contribution to Mother's support at this time. I thought it would be forthcoming without my having to say anything about it. I waited, but nothing happened. Finally I spoke up and was surprised to be accused of selfishness and lack of understanding.

I want to be fair. It's true that I enjoy some luxuries that my brother and sister do not have, but I feel I am entitled to these because I work hard for them and do not have the family pleasures they enjoy.

**Francine G.**—Edna does not mention that her salary is quite a bit larger than our brother's or my husband's. We both have big families and we want to send at least some of our children to college.

Edna has beautiful clothes, drives a terrific new car and takes long travel vacations. Should our children have to suffer so that she can enjoy things like that?

My brother and I were shocked at Edna's attitude. She seems to think she is entitled to live off the fat of the land. She has always been a selfish person. In spite of her big income she always gives the children the most inexpensive gifts for their birthdays. You would think she would want to do things for her own nieces and nephews. My brother and I have decided to ignore the whole thing.

**The Council:** Francine and her brother have evidently decided that the best defense for their shameful conduct is a brazen offense.

Shameful is the only word for this brother and sister, who have decided to burden one young woman with the full responsibility for their mother. They seem to feel that Edna should be perfectly willing to subsidize their children and that they have a perfect right to "soak the rich" for the sake of their children.

Edna is most definitely entitled to enjoy the pleasures that her good income can give her. What is more—she needs them because, as she points out, she doesn't have "the family pleasures they enjoy." She must also make provision for her own old age and the possibility of sickness because she has no husband or children to fall back on.

Edna has been most generous in footing the full responsibility all this time and has every right to expect some contribution from her brother and sister from now on.

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## On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Do dogs care what they are named? I hope not. If so, consider the feeling of the three Cairn terriers owned by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor who were named Pookie, Preezie and Detto. We have had many dogs. We always gave them regular names. The one female we had we called Hannah. The last three dogs we had were called Alexander, Robbie and Timmy. The names bestowed upon some thoroughbreds are outrageous. They border on cruelty to animals. As for example, take the horse named Frozen Pies. Consider the filly humiliated with the name The Fat Lady. It is extremely interesting to note that practically no thoroughbred who became great has had a tricky name. So, perhaps a badly named horse broods over the situation and refuses to do his best.

**Asides**  
Who is the liveliest octogenarian you know? On her 80th birthday Lady Mendl (Elsie de Wolfe) turned a cartwheel. Lady Mendl lived to be 92 years old... London taxicab drivers get no salaries. Their income in derived from 37 1/2 per cent of amount on the meter, plus tips.

**Male and Female**  
A female can add six inches to her height by featuring high heels. So, a young woman of five feet, two can become smart and impressive as a tall girl in appearance. A man can add to his stature with height building shoes. However, he can only make himself appear two inches taller. Still if a fellow measuring five feet, seven had a girl friend five feet, eight in height, he could become taller than she by wearing height builders. Then his girl could look up to be kissed good-night instead of having to reach down. That is, if she wore flat heeled shoes.

**Guide To Gals**  
The chief characteristics of fe-

**Horse Players**  
Why is it repeatedly said that "all horse players die broke?" That picturesque fellow Arthur Francis Loftus known as "The Singing Kid," was a follower of the horses for 50 years. When he passed on, he left an estate of \$67,550. So not all horseplayers die broke. Only about 99 per cent of them.

**Flower Language**  
Is lettuce a flower? It must be. It is included in the official "Language of Flowers." It means "You are cold-hearted." So, young fellow, if some girl gives you the brush-off, send her a head of lettuce. Speaking of the "Language of Flowers," do you know the message conveyed when a young woman is sent a bunch of daisies? It means: "I won't tell."

**Well Dressed Men**  
For warmth the fancy vest should be revived. A sweater, worn with a business suit, has a tendency to make a man appear elderly and in need of extra protection from the weather. A brightly colored vest, or waistcoat as we say in Brooklyn, gives a man a youthful appearance. Makes him look like a lively fellow. Also improves his standing as a well dressed man.

**Physicians**  
It is repeatedly claimed physicians seldom live to be over 80 years old. There has been one notable exception. Hippocrates, "the father of medicine," lived to be 109 in a period when the average life expectancy was 32 years.

## Surplus Property Appointees Named

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Robert D. Holmes has appointed two Portland educators to fill vacancies on the State Agency of Surplus Property.

Named to the agency to represent independent colleges and universities were Dr. Richard Sullivan, president of Reed College, and Dr. Paul Waldschmidt, executive vice president of the University of Portland.

Gov. Holmes named State Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putman to be the state co-ordinator for the high school driver education program for 1957.

**GOLD FILTER**  
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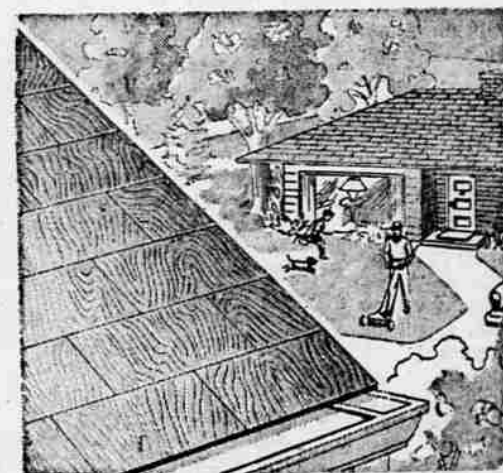
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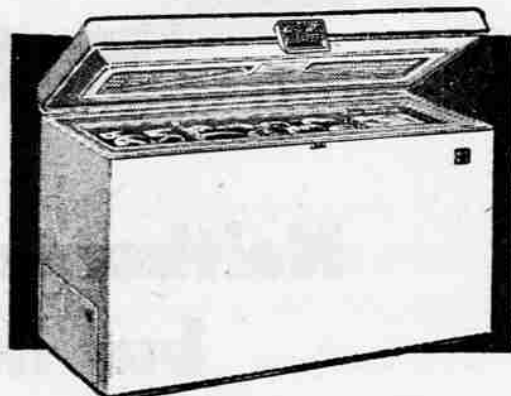
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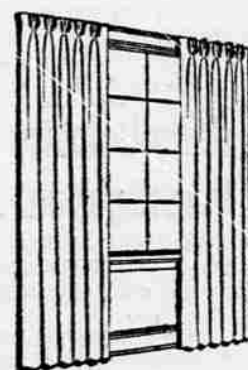


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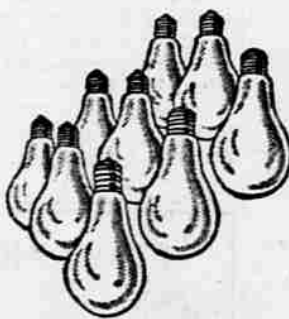
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