

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.

Mrs. F. R.—Our son wants to marry an older woman.

Teddy R.—Nobody can break us up.

Mrs. F. R.—My husband and I are all upset about our 19-year-old son, who has started going around with a much older "widow." This woman says she is 23, but we think she is 30, at least. We have heard talk that her husband is very much alive and will probably be back one of these days.

I went to this woman and gave her a piece of my mind for her cradle snatching, but she just laughed in my face and said that she and my son are in love and planning to get married and I can't stop them.

My husband and I have argued ourselves hoarse, but Teddy pays no attention at all to us. We are at our wit's end to know what to do with him. I have threatened to get the police after this woman, but Teddy says if I try it he'll run away and get married immediately.

Teddy R.—My parents think they can manage my life just as if I was still a kid. I am self-supporting and can do exactly as I please.

Rita has told me the whole story of her life and I believe every word of it and nobody can tell me different. She is a sweet kid and has had a lot of hard knocks. That may be why she looks a little older than she is. She was married at 16 and had a rough time of it before her husband died. She nursed him through a long illness. She has worked hard ever since.

Rita is crazy about me and I about her. Nobody can break us up. My father has threatened to beat me up if I go out with her, but I can handle him any day. I don't think the difference in our ages is so important and nei-

ther does she. We are planning to settle in a different community where the people aren't so gossipy.

The Council: Teddy is in a peck of trouble and he knows it, but he doesn't know how to get out. Because he is determined to defy his parents and prove his manhood, he has closed off help.

If Teddy asks himself why he keeps talking about marriage, but hasn't done anything about it yet, he will have to admit it because he does not want it. He has simply gotten involved over his head.

The only way Teddy's parents can help him now is by keeping hands off, praying and sweating it out. Threats only play into Rita's hands by making Teddy feel that he's got to go through with this affair in order to show his parents who is boss of his life.

Whether or not Rita is really 23 or 30 is not as important as it may seem. Neither is her hard luck story. The only important issues for Teddy are the facts that he is too young to marry anyone and that he most certainly does not love this girl.

If he is honest with himself, Teddy will have to admit he is flattered that this older, "experienced" woman pays attention to him and this makes him putty in her hands. Instead of wasting his time and energy fighting his parents, he would do well to use both to escape from Rita. That will be a fight that requires real manhood. His desperate cry, "nobody can break us up," is true. He'll have to do it himself.

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Phoenix Festival Scheduled June 29

Phoenix—The annual Phoenix Festival will be held Saturday, June 29.

The festival is held each year to raise money for the Phoenix Community Club and Youth Center, non-profit center which was organized in 1948.

Candidates for queen this year are Carole Anderson, Elizabeth Praman, Glenna Smith, Peggy Chisum and Wanda Oetken, all students at Phoenix High school.

The girl who sells the largest number of tickets will be crowned queen the day of the festival. Proceeds from ticket sales will go into the building fund.

The festival will be climaxed by a dance at the Phoenix Community hall in the evening. Prizes including a 15-foot trailer house, moving pictures camera, projector and screen deer rifle and bicycle will be awarded at the dance.

Earwigs Can Be Controlled Now

This is one of the two seasons of the year in which earwigs can be controlled, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent.

Conventional baits are effective, Cordy said, but are destroyed by garden sprinkling, rain and other forms of moisture. Therefore, several applications are necessary.

The county agent recommended thorough dusting with 5 or 10 per cent DDT around foundations, trash piles, fence rows and other places where young earwigs are found. If a spray is used, he recommends one-fourth pound 50 per cent DDT in three gallons of water. Cordy emphasized the need for thorough distribution of control materials.

He noted that young earwigs are more easily controlled than mature ones. Mature earwigs develop resistance to control materials, he said. The second brood of earwigs will appear in July, the other time when control methods are effective.

In 1952, only about 12 per cent of the total employed working population of the U. S. was engaged in agriculture, notes a new Twentieth Century Fund survey.

School News

McLOUGHLIN JUNIOR HIGH

The "roaring twenties" returned to the McLaughlin footlights May 2 and 3, when the vocal music department presented the operetta "Miss Starlight."

The student matinee was held Thursday, and the public performance was given Friday evening.

Students portraying leading roles were Keith Berg, Ken Durkee, Ken Hall, Barbara Tyler, Charlene Highland, Pat Bigham, Lynn Knight, Sandra Semple, Pat Newberry, Sharon Jackson, Janet Willard, Rosalind Ran-

dies, Marian Parsons, and Skip Bennett.

A group of vamps included Janice Matheus, Lila Lee Silva, Joyce Riley, Doris Christian, JoAnn Romine, Elaine Gebhard, and Oralee Gardner. Bob Swan was a Spanish entertainer, and girl dancers were Sharon Laing, Pauline Denyer, Sheri Cherry, Katy Blumenfeld, Julie Mathey, and Barbara Donahoe.

Boy dancers were Ralph Large, Jim Ragsdale, Craig Robinson, Howard Kennett, and Cliff Coiler.

Chorus of flappers, hotel guests, maids, bellboys, waitresses, bathing beauties, and bridesmaids added color to the production. The eighth grade chorus provided background music.

The operetta was written by Charles George, and was given by permission of the T. S. Denison company. The setting was a hotel in Atlantic City, and the plot centers around the problems of love, which are solved when Venus takes a hand.

Ray Lewis and Don Darnelle directed the music and speaking parts in the production, and Miss Margaret Brown and Ray Lewis were the accompanists. Instrumental music was provided by Jack Vincent, Elmer Ayres, and Gene Harvey.

The McLaughlin tennis team played Hedrick Thursday, May 2. The Bulldogs won the meet, 5 to 1. Only winner for Hedrick was Tom Shuler in a singles match. Mac winners were singles John Shaw, Gary Cummings and David Ryn. Doubles winners were John Shaw and Gary Cummings, and David Ryn and Bud Quinney.

The spring concert of the orchestra, bands, and choruses will be held at McLaughlin May 10. There is no charge for the program, and the public is invited to attend.

HEDRICK JUNIOR HIGH

Seventh grade girls of Hedrick Junior High school held a play day Friday, May 3. Seventh grade girls from Lone Pine school, accompanied by Mrs. Frances Henry, were guests. All girls attending were divided into eight groups, which competed against each other. The games consisted of volleyball, prison ball, relays and softball. Refreshments were served after the games.

PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL

Students who received straight "ones" for the first six weeks were Charlotte Stovall, Alma Halaas, Frances Hensley, Jack Hoffbauer, Douglas James, Eldon Mitchell and Bill Rasmussen.

Those who received no grade lower than a "two" were Dorothy Bean, Barbara Blankenship, Larry Glidden, Carolyn Haight, Reba Hensley, Richard James, Charlotte Keene, Betty Medford, Nadine Brood, Alice Henderickson, Rose Mary Kusel, Pat Imhausen, Virginia Martin, Sandra Skinner, Sharee Skipworth, Sus-

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by Alice Brooks

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an Walker, Sandra Edwards, Karen Golding, Joyce Hunter, Denny Pugmire and Nancy Stuard.

Those with a "two" average or better were Janice Bohm, Richard Shatto, Rodney Strahm, Alicia Abbott, Ron Daugherty, Roxie Shea, Lloyd Smith, Jim Stout, Douglas Witte, Dorcas Johnson, Linda Gearin and Leon Small.

New officers for the coming year were elected Tuesday. They include Ron Daugherty, president; Marvin Frazier, vice-president; Charlotte Unruh, secretary; and Nadine Brood, treasurer.

The new yell leaders are Margaret Bolz, Ida Marie Bolz, Mary Cole, Sandra Skinner and Wanda Oetken.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Cattlemen, Auxiliary To Hold Convention In Eugene This Week

Corvallis — The Oregon Cattlemen's association and the Cow-Belles auxiliary will take a hopeful look at 1957-58 when they hold their annual convention, May 6 to 8, at Eugene. Agricultural economists say seven years of buildup in cattle numbers and lowering prices appear to be ending.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes and national cattle industry leaders head a list of speakers.

Garland Meador, Prairie City, association president, has announced a starting program of special committee sessions at 1 p.m., May 6, at the Eugene hotel, convention headquarters. The Cow-Belles will open with a luncheon and business meeting with talks by Mrs. Mose Trego, national Cow-Belles president from Sutherland, Neb., and Joy Hilligubser, Salem, assistant superintendent of public schools.

The program moves to the Lane county fairgrounds auditorium, May 7, starting with the Buckaroo breakfast. Main speakers for the day in addition to Governor Holmes will be Don Collins, Denver, president of the American National Cattlemen's association; Carl Newman, Chicago, National Meat Board general manager; and Dr. Victor Morris, University of Oregon dean of business administration.

Ed Coles, Prineville, association secretary, says other out-of-state guests will include Rad Hall, executive-secretary, American National Cattlemen's association; and John McMinimie and Milford Vought, presidents of the Washington and Idaho cattlemen's associations, respectively.

Afternoon events include a range conservation demonstration by Bill Farrell, Grant county extension agent, and a tour for the Cow-Belles at the Chase Gardens where more than 50,000 orchids and other flowers will be blooming in 12 acres of greenhouses. Closing out the day's program will be a 6:30 p.m. banquet followed by the annual Buckaroo dance at the fairgrounds auditorium.

The convention ends at noon, May 8, following committee reports and election of officers.

Special breakfasts are scheduled May 8 for alumni of the Oregon State college Withycombe club animal husbandry students and county presidents of the Cow-Belles.

Other special meetings during the convention include May 6 evening sessions for officers and directors of the Oregon Hereford association and a banquet for the Oregon Polled Hereford association.

Open House Said Well Attended

Central Point — More than 1,500 parents visited Central Point grade school, junior high school and Jewett elementary school during open house last week.

One fifth grade room reported 100 per cent visitation by parents. Most of the rooms had 75 to 80 per cent visitation, according to school officials.

The H. P. Jewett elementary school had more than 500 guests visiting in the 12 primary rooms of the new building. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria by the PTA.

This new building housed 300 first and second grade students from the Central Point area. Thirteen teachers comprise the teaching staff. The building was completed last September.

The evening was concluded with a junior high band concert under the direction of Harry Meyers. The band was treated to pies and cakes in appreciation for their performance.

Bus Driver Credited With Saving Boy's Life

Portland — (U.P.) — A driver for the Rose City Transit Company was credited Friday with possibly saving the life of a two-year-old boy he spotted on the roof of a three-story house.

Merle Marks, driver of a Council Crest bus, saw the young boy on the roof, some 85 feet from the ground. He stopped the bus and rushed to the home. He then crawled out on the roof and rescued young Timothy Smith. The boy apparently had crawled out a window.

Agriculture Group Discusses Courses

Central Point — The Crater High school agriculture adult education advisory council discussed possible courses for the 1957-58 school year at a meeting May 1.

Members decided to send post cards to farmers in the area, requesting them to check names of preferred courses which will be printed on the cards. The cards will be mailed back to the Crater agriculture department.

Possible courses to be listed on the cards are beginning welding, advanced welding, farm crops and soils, farm records, weed sprays and insecticides and veterinary and medicine. One course will be given this fall and two courses will be given during the winter months.

Present at the meeting were Don Bohnert, chairman, Elwood Abbot, Bill Anhorn, John Morris, Ray Vogel, Claude Ullom and agriculture instructors, Bill MacFarlane and Ed Griggs.

Another meeting will be held this summer to make final decisions on the courses.

Junior High Elects Student Body Officers

Central Point — Charla Jo Meyer was elected student body president at Central Point Junior High school Friday for the year 1957-58.

Other student officers for the coming year include Janet Pfaff, vice president; June Hopkins, secretary; Todd Caster, sergeant-at-arms; Harold Allen, trophy custodian; and Cheryl Ghelardi, Elaine McKay, Nita Trautman and Elaine Wilson, yell leaders.

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