

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.

Phyllis M.—I'll be a disappointment to Leonard.
Leonard D.—If only she'd make an effort.

Phyllis M.—I am 19 years old and have been going out for the past year with a young man of 20. We are planning to be married next year when he gets out of college.

What bothers me is this. While he is away at school, Leonard writes me long, long letters about all kinds of intellectual things—the things he studies in school. He sends me lists of books to read and tells me what plays to see. Many times I don't understand what he is talking about in his letters and I don't care for the books he tells me to read. When he comes home, he always bawls me out for not having discussed in my letters some of the things he mentioned. He forces me to read the books I don't like.

I am beginning to feel that I just can't keep up with him. I love Leonard very much, but I'm sure I'm going to be a disappointment to him.

Leonard D.—Phyllis is the brightest girl I know, but she just refuses to use her mind. She was one of the top students at high school, but she didn't want to go to college. She wanted to go to work, but she isn't even seriously interested in her career. She just cares about enjoying herself now and raising a

family in a few years. I meet girls at school who are not nearly as intelligent as Phyllis and they read the books I tell her about. I want my wife to be able to talk intelligently and to know about the things that interest me. Phyllis can do it if she would only make the effort.

Phyllis seems to resent my efforts to help her. She thinks I am lording it, but she'll be grateful to me when she sees how much more there is to enjoy than she now imagines.

The Council: In the legend of Pygmalion the sculptor creates the statue of a beautiful woman and then falls in love with her. This classic love story was re-created by George Bernard Shaw into a play about an upper-class gentleman who undertakes to make over a girl from an almost hopelessly oppressed working class. Leonard appears to want to recreate the story once more in his own life.

Phyllis, however, is neither marble, nor clay, nor a girl from an oppressed class. She has some education, and had the opportunity for more. She is a real, live, intelligent girl with a will of her own. She does not want to be made over into somebody else's ideal.

This is why she resists Leonard's efforts to "help" her. She would probably have no great resistance to books if they were

Gen. Power Named Commander of SAC

Washington — Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Power, the Air Force's research chief, has been named commander of the Strategic Air Command with the rank of full general.

He will succeed Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, who is scheduled to become vice chief of staff of the Air Force this summer.

Lt. Gen. Frank F. Everett, current deputy chief of staff for operations in Air Force headquarters here, was named to succeed Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner as commander of American Air Forces in Europe. Everett also was nominated for four-star rank.

Tunner will be reassigned later.

offered simply for pleasure. Leonard is in contact with girls who share his interests, yet he shuns them in favor of Phyllis. It appears that it is the challenge Phyllis offers, rather than the girl herself, that appeals to him. This is very immature and it is no basis for marriage.

Phyllis' instinct is right. She would be far better off with a man who appreciates her for what she is. Leonard would be better off turning his creative energies on his own work and studies. He is too unformed, himself, to know what kind of wife he really wants.

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About 12 per cent of U. S. car owners own and operate more than one car.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood — Of all the gifts handed out by celebrities to the press, visiting firemen and others, the most unusual come these days from Lawrence Welk, the gift king of them all.



Aline Mosby

That is, if you can use a tie clasp in the shape of an accordion, earrings in the form of little champagne glasses or neckties decorated with bottles and glasses.

Liberace used to reign as the champion giver of unusual "loot." I have in storage a cigarette box shaped like a piano and earrings in the form of tiny candelabras, all garnished with his flowing signature.

But this is the year of Welk, who has parlayed his "one-and-a-two-and-a" Champagne Music" into a sensational television rating. Now my Liberace earrings have been replaced by a pencil with a tiny champagne bottle on top.

"I give out about \$25,000 in souvenirs a year, including pictures," explained Welk when cornered about his custom.

"I give them to anybody I get acquainted with at the TV studio, on tours or at my ballroom. It's a goodwill gesture. I've found it always pleases people, and we're in the business to make people happy. If we can do something a bit extra for our friends, customers and fans I feel it's a nice gesture."

Welk has been handing out little gifts with his friendly

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY

Keokuk, Iowa — Red faces were in a style among attendants at a local service station Sunday. While they were busy, a thief apparently walked into the station, picked up \$400 in cash and checks and walked out again unobserved.

Algers, Algeria — French infantrymen killed 72 Nationalist rebels in a single battle Saturday and 28 others in two "mop-up" operations, an official communique said last night.

Souvenirs Carried Everywhere
"Everyplace I go I carry souvenirs with me, in case I meet somebody," he said.

He opened his suit jacket. The inside pocket was sagging with an imposing array of Welk ballpoint pens and pencils. He also carries a supply of calendar cards bearing his photograph in color, which he orders in lots of 100,000.

The most unusual Welk gift of all was a pink ceramic thingamajig that puzzled the press

First Wife Wins Divorce in Trade

Reno — The first of two Millbrae, Calif., women whose husbands announced last month they intended to swap wives, homes and children, Monday won a divorce behind locked doors in District Court.

Judge Grant L. Bowen granted the divorce to Betty Jean Schwartz, 33, from Dr. Frank E. Schwartz, 38, an eye specialist. Mrs. Schwartz refused to talk to reporters or pose for photographers as she left the courtroom accompanied by her attorney, Eli Livierato.

Her only comment was "no" when asked by United Press if she would discuss her future plans.

"The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" was completed by British historian Edward Gibbon in 1787.

A FIRM WILL

New York — The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York today reported a policyholder had named what the company considered a unique beneficiary in his will. The policyholder wrote that he was so pleased with the company's service that his beneficiary would be the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York.

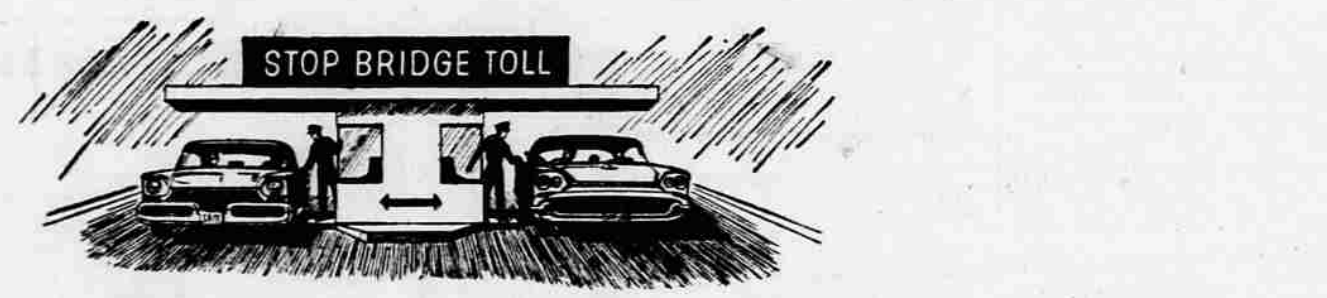
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