

Is That So?

The common assumption is that volcanic activity used to be much greater than it is now.

Although it is difficult to prove that this is not so, the presumption of most geologists is that the subterranean energy in the earth's crust is a constant quantity and that the only variations which take place are in the locality of its manifestations.

Professor T. H. Huxley states that "I have never heard of

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the San Francisco quake of April 18, 1906, which produced a surface rupture 270 miles in length. Careful estimates place the number killed at about 700 and the damage caused by the tremors and ensuing fires at \$140,000,000.

States most free from earthquakes are North Dakota, West Virginia, and Wisconsin in which no locally centered earthquakes have been noted.

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TO OPPOSE BECK—The Chicago Daily News reported that John T. (Sandy) O'Brien (above), fourth vice president of the Teamsters Union, will run against Dave Beck for union leadership when the Teamsters meet in Miami Sept. 30. The News said O'Brien would run on a "clean-up" ticket.

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.

Victoria C.—Our stepmother has come between Dad and us. Mr. F. D.—Not true... she's very fond of them.

Victoria C.—My three sisters and I are very much concerned about our father, who was recently married to a divorcee.

Our mother died four years ago and we four girls saw to it that Dad was never lonely. We are all married and have children and Dad was always with one of us. The children are simply crazy about him, as he is, or was, about them.

Since his marriage, however, we have been seeing less and less of him. Of course, we expected this to some extent. But we feel it has been going too far for his own happiness. His wife has him on a merry-go-round of "going places and doing things" and he really hasn't spent a quiet afternoon or evening with us since his marriage. He is like a puppet on her string.

We feel that his wife doesn't like us, despite our best efforts to make her feel like one of the family. She has come between us and our father.

Mr. F. D.—It's just not true about my wife coming between me and my daughters. She is very fond of them and has had nothing but the nicest things to say about them and the children.

Nevertheless, she says she does feel like an outsider when she is among them. She admits they do everything possible to make her feel at home and yet, she says, she can't help feeling that they resent her.

The truth is that I would like to spend a little more time with my daughters and grandchildren, but my wife resists going to see them. She says it's okay

with her if I go myself, but I'm afraid this will make her unhappy and she'll feel lonely. My wife has only one son living in a different city, so she has had to occupy herself with different club activities and has gotten me interested in these things too. I guess she's not the family type.

The Council: Despite good intentions on both sides, a strong undercurrent of jealousy exists between Mr. F. D.'s daughters and their stepmother.

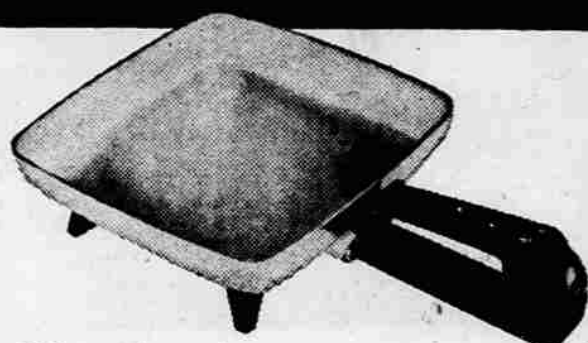
These women can disguise their feelings somewhat, but they can't entirely control them. The daughters probably have been somewhat patronizing in their efforts to make their stepmother "feel like one of the family." She is sensitive to such undertones because she does, indeed, feel left out of a very important area of her husband's life.

It's no use trying to deny these feelings. It would be better to try to accept them and manage them. The daughters should recognize that their stepmother has a right to try to draw her husband closer to her through interests outside the family life. This won't lessen their father's love for them or his grandchildren—although it may mean that he'll see less of them.

The stepmother's idea of encouraging Mr. F. D. to visit his family alone occasionally is probably a good idea for the present. In this way, there will be no unnecessary strain on the visits. When the daughters see that Dad hasn't been entirely taken away from them, they'll probably ease into a more natural and comfortable relationship with his wife.

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City Officials Will Give Driveway Plans

Rockville, Md.—City officials in this growing suburb of the nation's capital will supply plans, instruction, and some labor to homeowners who want to build their own driveways.

The program was adopted because the public works department was swamped with phone calls from citizens seeking advice on driveway construction and because many home-made driveways didn't pass inspection.

With city help the homeowner can build one of several types of driveway ranging in price from \$75 to \$150—about half the cost of a contractor-installed trip.

Under the co-op plan the homeowner excavates, places the forms, and pours the concrete. The city provides the concrete, the city smooths and instructs, breaks an opening in the curb, and hauls away the old curb and excavated dirt.

About 130 residents signed up for the deal—three times as many as the city expected. A bank has offered to help homeowners finance their driveways.

Famed Monte Carlo Casino Drop in Bucket on Riviera

Monaco —U.P.— Monte Carlo's famed casino is just a drop in the croupier's bucket on the French Riviera.

It is only one of 19 casinos on the Mediterranean's Cote d'Azur.

The total annual take of the 18 others is well over 10 million dollars a year. Monte Carlo's figure apparently is a fraction of that.

Monaco officials will not disclose exactly how much money is spun away at their plush casino every year. Prince Rainier III, exerts that they discuss his zoo, exotic garden and oceanographic museum and the lovely view from the casino's terrace.

But the last available hint was given in a financial report issued for the benefit of tourists. The government said its total receipts in 1936 were \$8,400,000 and that less than three per cent came from the casino. That would mean the government received less than \$252,000 as its cuts from the gaming tables.

French Claim
In France, where casinos are run by the cities they are in and turn over about half their winnings to the government, the 14 largest had a total gross of nearly 10 million dollars. About five million dollars was left after taxes.

The management of Nice's cavernous Palais Mediterranee, the largest gambling place on the Riviera, claimed that bettors at Monte Carlo do not ante up anywhere near what they do in France.

The largest winnings reported by any Riviera gambling house last year were raked in

at the Nice casino, built in the 1920's by millionaire Frank Jay Gould. It took nearly two million dollars from gamblers' pockets. The three casinos at Cannes grossed a total of about three million dollars in 1936.

Prince Rainier has been playing down the casino since it came under control of a syndicate headed by shipping tycoon Aristotele Socrates Onassis several years ago.

The tourist publicity put out under Rainier's direction, gives top billing to his zoological, horticultural and piscatorial hobbies and to Monaco's several industries, such as publishing stamps for collectors and building yachts for millionaires.

Legislatures Ponder Jobless Fund Boost

Chicago—U.—Most of the 45 state legislatures meeting this year have enacted or are considering another boost in weekly unemployment benefits, an authority on tax and business law said.

A Commerce Department report said lawmakers of 12 states already have increased benefits and the prospects are for some 20 more states to take action this year on proposals for boosting jobless paychecks.

The largest increase was voted in Idaho, CCH said, where the weekly maximum jumped from \$30 to \$40. Nevada also raised its maximum from \$30 to \$37.50 for a worker without dependents and from \$50 to \$57.50 for a worker with four or more dependents.

Changes in other phases of unemployment insurance have been enacted in 22 states this year, CCH said. Among these was a new provision in Indiana which bars payment of state benefits to persons who also get paid under private supplemental unemployment benefit plans such as those adopted in the auto industry.

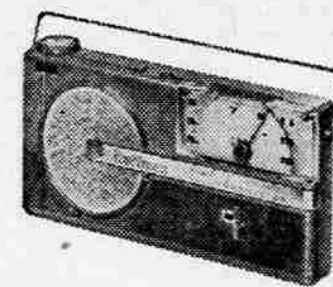
published by the International Society of General and Tourist Publicity devoted a whole paragraph to the three casinos at Cannes, giving their opening and closing dates, while mentioning Monte Carlo's casino only in passing, as follows:

"This world-famous name is an evocation of gambling, but it is also a majestic site, with palaces, rich mansions, luxury stores, flowered terraces, and rare trees. The casino occupies there a splendid terrace overlooking the principality and surrounded by gardens."

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