

FOR THE EIGHT YEARS THEY WENT THERE, FLIBBERT AND FATSO (AND ALL THE REST OF THE KIDS) SPENT ALL THEIR TIME WISHING THE OLD SCHOOL WOULD DISAPPEAR FROM THIS PLANET.



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.

Myra N. — But it happened long ago.

Martin N. — Am I supposed to be happy about it?

Myra N. — My husband and I have been happily married 15 years and have four children.

Many years before we were married, when I was a teenager, I got involved in a stupid affair with a boy in my town. We had relations a few times before my mother discovered it and managed to break the whole thing up. I never told my husband about it.

Several months ago I got the shock of my life when this man turned up in our community. He is a sick and crazy person and started following me around and threatening me. He began calling up at odd hours. Of course, I then told my husband the whole story.

Martin was shocked and furious. He has been sullen and sarcastic ever since. I have been a good and faithful wife for 15 years. It was wrong, but it happened long ago when I was very young and very foolish. How can Martin be so childish about it all?

Martin N. — Is it childish to be disappointed that the person you have shared so much with and trusted so much has been withholding a very important secret from you for so many years?

I was brought up in a strict, religious home, with an ideal of purity before marriage. Myra knew this was important to me. Even so, I am not so narrow-minded that I could not forgive a youthful mistake. What hurts me is that she knew my feelings and yet willfully deceived me.

Myra was so determined not to give up this deception that she let this man hang around until he gave her a real good scare. She now takes the whole

thing very lightly, but if it was so unimportant, why did she wait so long to tell me? We couldn't get rid of this man until I threatened him.

I am not doing anything cruel or drastic to get revenge on Myra. But am I supposed to go around looking happy about it?

The Council: Martin is not very objective about his own conduct. He is both cruel and drastic—but even more so to himself than to his wife. He is the one who suffers most from the exposure of this secret, but he prefers to dwell upon it and to torture himself with it.

He is also taking drastic measures when he undermines his marriage of 15 years and jeopardizes the happiness of his four children by insisting on playing the role of injured husband.

Perhaps Myra should have told the full story before marriage. Perhaps she should have notified Martin sooner about the man's persecution of her. Perhaps she did not tell him these things because she knew his capacity for self-punishment and wished to spare him.

Nevertheless, perhaps Myra was all wrong. Martin has a right to a reasonable degree of indignation and a heartfelt apology from Myra.

Beyond that, what does Martin want? He does not appear to require proof of Myra's fidelity since marriage and he has no other fault to find with her. Sullenness about something that cannot be undone is indeed childish.

Martin should put an end to this petty nagging, swallow his disappointment like a man, do a bit of silent suffering and then put the whole thing out of his mind.

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Is That So?

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Since Julius Caesar received word by homing pigeons of Mark Anthony's heroic defense of Mutina (now Modena) in 44 B.C., for almost 2,000 years man in battle has entrusted his life to this timid, fragile-seeming feathered lifesaver. In some instances, even the outcome of great battles have been decided by these couriers of urgent appeal.

Typical of the emergency messages carried was one sent by Captain Maitre at an advance outpost. "The rain has made it impossible for our couriers to get through the lines," he wrote to his colonel in the capsuled message carried by Blue Hen 3-257-15. "My soldiers have had nothing to drink for three days except the water in shellholes. I have never been able to use my telephone. I ask for water, food, ammunition, and more pigeons. Maitre."

Typical, too, was the way this combat hen persisted in delivering the urgent appeal. She got through with both feet shot away. Other pigeons have returned with bullet holes through the breast; when their wings were damaged, some have even walked home!

That was in World War I, so one naturally wonders: "In today's mechanized warfare with field telephone, TV, and walkie-talkie, surely the role of the homing pigeon is doomed." Don't you believe it.

In World War II, more than 1,500,000 homing pigeons were called to the colors and accompanied German, Russian, British, Japanese, French and American troops into battle. And they carried SOS messages by the thousands from torpedoed cargo vessels, from submarines, and mighty battleships, from jeeps and command cars, from paratrooper dropped in isolated areas, and from advanced command posts, from all kinds of planes—bombers, patrol and fighters. (From the faster planes, the birds were "tossed" in an open paper sack so their feathers would not be ripped away by the airstream. The bag, in time, falling away to free the sheltered bird.)

Isolated Examples
Of the many examples in World War II where pigeons served man better than ever before, let's consider a few isolated examples. When British landing barges inched, with commandos, silently toward the beaches of Dieppe to carry out one of the war's most daring, dramatic raids at a time when radio would have been an open book to the enemy, homing pigeons brought back to Lord Mountbatten's staff just what conditions were being met by the hit-and-run invasion army and how to meet the unlooked-for resistance.

When Field Marshall Montgomery pursued the fleeing Nazis across the Libyan desert of North Africa, the advance tank corps kept in touch with the troops in the rear with hastily-sketched maps of the surrounding country and indicated mine-filled areas which the faithful birds carried often through clouds of yellow sand.

Carried Word of Crew
When a bomber was shot down in the English Channel, a pigeon carried back word of the plight of the crew on the rubber raft and they were saved within hours by a destroyer. For that matter, in a single eight-month period, homing pigeons carried 320 such Royal Air Force emer-

and Durante ever appear to appear together in a film? A. Yes, sir. In a very entertaining film titled "Roadhouse". Helen Morgan was in it, too. I wish they would revive it on television.

Husbands
What is your husband's greatest defect? That question was put to thousands of French women. The majority answer "egotism." Next in line was that the husband didn't shave enough. After that was "too much interest in sports." Only 13 per cent of the French wives questioned complained of infidelity.

Literary Note
If you are beginning a writing career, don't become too much discouraged by rejection slips. Keep writing! Fannie Hurst had 37 straight rejection slips, 21 from the Saturday Evening Post, before she sold her first story.

Hot Baths
Tokyo has over 2,000 public baths. In these over a million Japanese bathe daily. The Japanese bath is an extremely torrid affair. It is so hot the average American couldn't stand it. In view of the Japanese enthusiasm for excessively hot baths, it is interesting to note that rheumatism is almost unknown in Japan.

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Some Changes Made In Unemployment Law

Salem — Wider coverage, increased tax schedules, higher benefits for some claimants, and

removal of minor restrictions on unemployment payments were among significant changes in Oregon's unemployment insurance law by the 1957 Legislature, according to the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Two bills passed in the closing days also allow the investment in branch office structures of certain federal rebates of administrative funds.

Test Seen in 1959
While the entire series of amendments was designed mainly to increase the trust fund, which as being declining almost steadily since November, 1948, this build-up probably will not be tested until early 1959 after an entire year under the revised law. Status of the reserves Aug. 31 will determine employers' tax rates for the following year on a sliding scale from 0.6 to 2.7 per cent. Based on current payrolls, the new tax schedule will bring in about \$22,400,000 in 1958 while other income is estimated at \$1,900,000. Payments during the benefit year that will end June 30, 1957, are expected to pass \$24 million. The new maximum of \$40 a week in effect July 1 may increase this figure nearly \$2 million.

Surplus Hoped
"We are hopeful that the amendments will bring about a surplus by 1958 for only the second time in 10 years," commented the new commission chairman, Mrs. Cecelia Gale of Ontario. "But the change in the computation date from June to August holds back some higher rates and may delay the build-up

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

State Rests in Beating Trial

Portland — The state rested its case here late Friday in the child-beating trial of Glen Denessen.

The prosecution rested after introduction of a disputed statement which Denessen signed before police officers last November after his arrest on a charge of beating his 13-year-old daughter Janet.

The defense entered vigorous objections to introduction of the statement or portions of it. Denessen testified in chambers, away from the jury, that county police had suggested if he didn't make the statement admitting the beating that his wife would be implicated and her children taken from her.

Sheriff's deputies later denied Denessen's charge from the witness stand.

The portion of the statement admitted over defense objections was in Denessen's handwriting and admitted he "used" a dog chain to punish the girl and had "spanked" her with a small stick.

Concluding state witnesses had testified they observed wounds and bruises on Janet's body after the alleged beating. Defense has contended the girl suffered the marks in a fall from a bicycle.

trend. Workers unable to find jobs are entitled to at least a minimum income. Many communities would suffer extremely without this unemployment insurance program.

Egypt, Britain Seek New Trade Relations

Rome — British and Egyptian experts are trying to work out a formula for new trade relations between their two countries. But the bitterness of the Suez invasion hampered their efforts.

The experts Saturday went through the second day of an expected 10-day series of conferences to discuss the financial problems which grew out of last fall's British-French invasion of Egypt.

Egypt was understood to have put forward a demand for reparation for the losses suffered during the invasion. It also asked that its sterling account

of roughly \$77,480,000 frozen by the British be freed immediately.

Britain, in turn, was said to have made clear its refusal to acknowledge financial responsibility for losses suffered during the Suez campaign. It also has insisted upon compensation payments to British firms and individuals whose assets were seized by Egypt.

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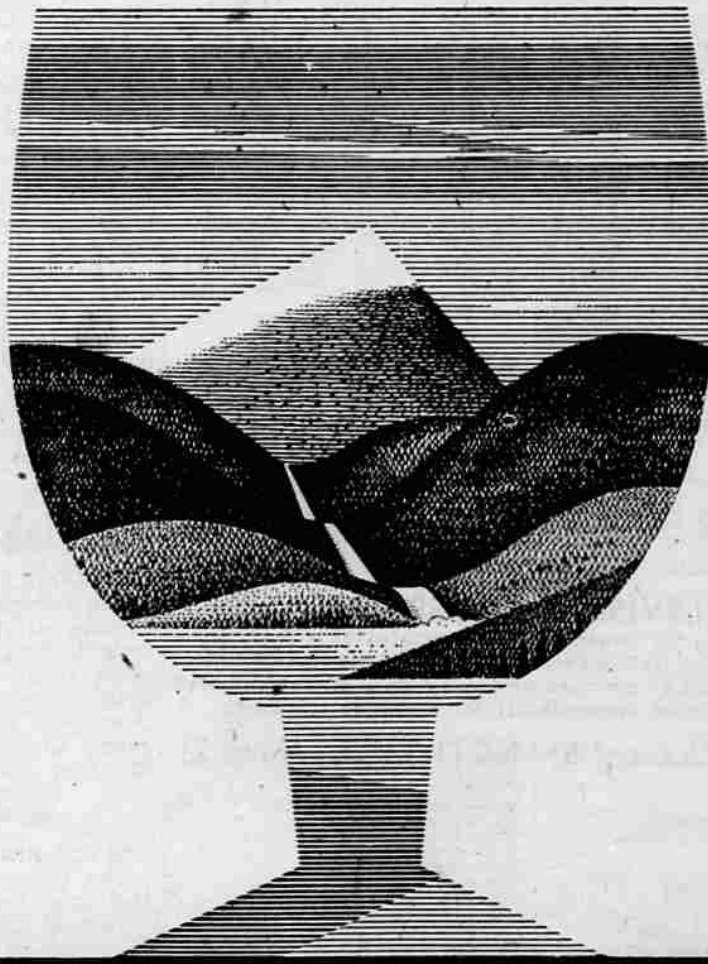
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