



### 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.

**Bertram S.**—She should break her engagement now.  
**Debbie K.**—I want to wait until he comes home.

**Bertram S.**—I am a young man of 20 in a heck of a pickle. My best friend, Dan, is engaged and has been overseas in service for the past year. While he was away, he suggested that his fiancée and I go out occasionally together so she wouldn't be too lonesome. We have all been friends since we were kids, so it seemed natural for us to get together anyway.

Well, we started going out and one thing led to another. I kissed her good night, kidding, as at first, as proxy for Dan. We laughed about it, but gradually we started feeling differently about each other. Suddenly we realized we were in love. I want to marry Debbie, and feel that she should write to Dan at once and break the engagement. She doesn't want to do this.

**Debbie K.**—Dan will be home in a few months and I think there will be time enough then to tell him. It seems too mean to break this on him while he is so far from home.

Dan writes about nothing but his plans and hopes for our marriage. His letters are filled with affection. He says he thinks about me all the time. Bert and I feel like real heels to do this to him.

Dan is a very wonderful guy and I am worried about the effect this will have on him, not only where I am concerned, but because of Bert. He thinks

### 24 Children Attend Fourth Story Hour

Twenty-four children, from five to 11 years old, attended the fourth story hour of the series being presented each Wednesday afternoon in July at the Medford Public Library.

Miss Noreen French told the humorous story, "How Pat Got Good Sense," and James Barclay related the Bible story of "The Coat of Many Colors." Johnny Appleseed music was also a part of the program.

Attendance at the story hours has been good, according to Mrs. Hazel Ann Hunt, with as many as 33 children on some occasions. Stories are told by members of Mrs. Hunt's class in children's literature, offered at Southern Oregon college summer session.

The last story hour of the series will be presented Wednesday, July 31, when Miss Natalie McDougall will tell the story of "The Snow Maiden." All children of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades are invited to attend the session at 2 p.m.

### Morrow Rancher Drowns In Hat Rock Park Lagoon

Hermiston, Ore.—William Alexander Low, 57, Condon, Ore., prominent Morrow county wheat rancher, apparently drowned in a lagoon at Hat Rock state park about five miles south of here early Thursday, state police reported.

Low's body was found floating face down about 2 p.m. by an unidentified man in a speedboat.

of this picture for the time being and start going out with other girls. He may soon see that the romance with Debbie was just a passing phase.

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