

# 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.

**Sophie M.** — I don't know if my husband's affair is really finished.

**Ralph M.** — I'm trying to let the girl off by easy stages.

**Sophia M.** — My husband and I have been married five years and have been separated for the past year. I took our 3-year-old son and went home to Mother's when I learned Ralph had been having an affair with another woman.

Since then, I have been seeing him about twice a week and he has begged me to come home. He told me the affair with the other woman was "all washed up" and he is sorry it ever happened.

However, two of my friends reported they recently saw him going out with this other woman. Ralph has his explanation, of course, but I do not know how seriously I can take it. He has hurt me so deeply I sometimes feel I don't ever want to see him again—yet it doesn't seem fair to our son to make an attempt to revive our marriage.

**Ralph M.** — I love Sophia and she knows it and I also know she loves me and that is the only important thing.

This girl I got involved with is just a kid — a little over 19, and sincerely in love with me. Maybe I was so flattered that it went to my head. She was so beautiful I couldn't resist the opportunity. She had hoped to marry me and still wants to that I told her I love my wife and son and don't want a very much, in spite of the fact divorce.

I have been trying to let this girl off by easy stages. She is so intense about our relationship I'm afraid she'll have a breakdown or do something drastic. That's why I was seen with her a couple of times. I certainly wouldn't get caught in public with her if I intended to continue this relationship.

**The Council** — Our guess is that Ralph is being honest — but, oh so wrong!

Because he is older and more experienced, Ralph believes he is the master of this situation. Nothing could be further from the truth. This "kid" of 19 with "intense" feelings about him has already brought Ralph to the



**CONVICTED SPY**—Confessed Russian spy Myra Soble, shown arriving at Federal Court in New York, was sentenced to five-and-one-half years in prison with Jacob Albam. The judge postponed sentencing of a third spy, Jack Soble, until Sept. 18.

## Inflation to Continue, Steel Expert Declares

Washington — "Big Steel's" top financial expert told congress Saturday that inflation is likely to continue so long as wage increases exceed advances in worker productivity.

Robert C. Tyson, chairman of the finance committee of U.S. Steel Corp., defended his company's recent \$6-a-ton price increase, which was followed by industry-wide price hikes.

The first Packard automobile was manufactured at Warren, Ohio, in 1899 by J. Ward Packard.

brink of marital disaster.

While he believes he is letting the girl off by "easy stages," she is manipulating the situation in another direction. There is more than a 50-50 chance that she is the stronger of the pair.

Ralph acknowledges his own weakness when he admits he is over-susceptible to flattery of a beautiful girl. He should go one step further and acknowledge that this weakness won't just disappear without a strong exercise of his will. Decisive action now can save his marriage and strengthen his character for future encounters of this sort.

Ralph should recognize that his responsibility toward his wife and child is far more important than any he owes to the girl—although he has indeed done her an injury by making himself an easy tool of her recklessness.

Sophia should insist upon a 100 per cent clean break between Ralph and the girl — and then should try to forgive and forget.

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ARRIVING IN FEDERAL COURT, Col. Rudolf Abel, 53, Soviet master spy, is in serious mood as he awaits arraignment on charges that could carry death penalty upon conviction. Hearing was held in Brooklyn. (International)

## 'Other Grandparents' Live Modestly In English Tudor Home in Gainesville

Gainesville, Fla. — Four of the world's most celebrated grandchildren slip in and out of this college town once or twice a year for visits with a middle-aged couple who never make the headlines — the "other grandparents."

Col. and Mrs. Percy Thompson, whose daughter Barbara is the wife of Maj. John Eisenhower, center their life here in their large (four bedrooms and four baths) home, the University of Florida Law School and the university's symphony orchestra.

This is, of course, when David, Ann, Susan and tiny Mary Jean are not paying "grandma and grandpa" a visit. The last time the young grandchildren of President and Mrs. Eisenhower were here coincided with the President's trip to nearby Jacksonville and Mayport, from where he boarded an aircraft carrier for a one-day cruise in June.

At that time, Barbara moved the family down in two "shifts." Mrs. Thompson explained. She said Barbara first brought Susan and Mary Jean down and "left them with us so she could return to Washington to pick up the other two children and John. They all spent a few days with us before John left to take the cruise with his father."

**In Final Year**  
Colonel Thompson at 58 is in his final year at the University of Florida Law school.

"I can't honestly say whether he will want to practice law when he's through," Mrs. Thompson said, "but he's interested in law — that's why he's taking the course."

She said he's "still much too young and active to stay retired."

Thompson retired from active duty in 1955 after 30 years of Army service which was interrupted after World War I long enough to get his college education and an ROTC commission at Purdue.

The Thompsons bought their Gainesville home during World War II, then Mrs. Thompson "returned to live here every time my husband went overseas or to war."

While he's studying law, Mrs. Thompson keeps busy "keeping house, cooking, sewing and playing the violin in the university symphony orchestra."

She said that most of the colonel's nights are spent "burning the midnight oil" over his law books. While he's hard at his studies, Mrs. Thompson spends at least two evenings a week at orchestra practice.

**No Social Life**  
"We've just been too busy to pay much attention to so-called 'club life,'" she said. "We don't belong to any social clubs, and we spend most of our time either studying, playing bridge or just visiting with our friends."

The Thompsons live alone in their English tudor home, leaving much of it closed off "unless we have company." Mrs. Thompson, consequently, does all her

own house work and cooking without the aid of any servants.

In addition to Barbara they have one other daughter, who is married to a McKinney, Tex., radiologist, and two married sons both of whom continued in the Thompson military tradition. One is a second lieutenant in the Army, while the other is a

captain in the Air Force.

Like Barbara's famous in-laws, the Thompsons are Republicans; two sets of grandparents are different in one respect:

"The colonel doesn't play much golf . . . just if some guests want to play and can't find anyone else to play with. He hasn't the time."

## Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
Ranger-Naturalist

Did you know that . . . the snow mouse or collared lemming lives farther north than any other rodent. With the exception of a small Siberian hamster, it is the only rodent which changes its brown summer coat to one of snow-white in winter. Besides, it is the only mammal which sheds its toe-nails annually. The third and fourth claws on the front feet grow excessively long and



are replaced in winter and are replaced by normal claws in April or May. Quite likely the long claws are for digging in ice and snow.

Our pestiferous house mice and rats are European imports; they arrived in the United States about the time of the American Revolution.

The wood mouse of Europe taught the Dutch hyacinth growers a valuable lesson in horticulture. Like this: the growers noticed that certain hyacinths instead of blossoming in the usual way, made innumerable bulblets and in a few years hundreds grew to perfection where there had been only one. Examination of the bulbs when they first failed to bloom revealed that they had been gnawed to the heart by mice. Learning quick-like, Dutch growers now increase the supply of valuable hyacinths by slashing the bulb to the heart with a knife and cutting numerous cross sections.

This same little mouse makes one of the world's most broad-minded mothers. Frequently several families will live in one burrow and in what seemingly is one nest. Under these circumstances, the young accept milk from any one of the mothers which happens by.

The female multimammate mouse which may have up to 12 pairs of breasts averages about a dozen babies. This African mouse may have more mammary glands than any other mammal except the domestic pig which may have 28 in all.

There are several wild mice that sing . . . but reports of house mice singing is another matter. When experts have examined such "singing mice" carefully, they have usually discovered traces of abnormal conditions in the nose and throat. The supposed "singing," therefore, is nothing more than a bronchial disorder or asthmatic condition.

**Hands Like Monkey**  
The marmoset tree mouse of Indo-China has hands like a wee monkey with an opposable thumb for taking a firm hold of tiny branches and picking up seeds and berries.

Perhaps the biggest of all rats is the African giant rat which has an over-all body length of three feet—half of which is tail. Fortunately, it is an inoffensive, good-natured animal, feasting on fruits, seeds and berries.

Outside of bats, the rats and mice are among the very few placental mammals which reached Australia in early days. Probably they found their way to this long isolated land mass aboard

floating trees. Or possible, primitive man took them there unwittingly.

The nest-building rabbit rat of Australia which has long ears and a blunt nose and sits hunched up like the familiar bunny, builds huge brushwood houses. Often times several dwellings each containing a family will be grouped together to form a little town, suggesting some sort of community activity. The houses are so well constructed that even Australia's wild dog, the dingo, cannot break in to devour the young.

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## Three Car Pile-Up Hurts Three Persons

Portland — A three car pile-up about a mile west of Rooster Rock state park on the Columbia river waterlevel route Sunday injured three persons, sheriff's deputies reported.

Taken to Providence hospital were Leon B. Newall, 58, The Dalles; Stella Ridgeway, 64, The Dalles, and Mrs. Ruth Platt, 36, Estacada. Newall had facial cuts; the Ridgeway woman, a passenger in Newall's car, suffered an ankle injury, and Mrs. Platt had "undetermined" injuries.

Deputies said the accident was a multiple rear-end collision.

## Ditch Cave-in Kills Plumbing Contractor

Cathlamet, Wash. — Lloyd D. Ross, 46, Portland, a plumbing contractor, died of suffocation Sunday. The accident occurred at the Washington State Game Department fish hatchery construction site about 3½ miles north of here when a ditch in which concrete pipe was being laid apparently caved in on him.

Sgt. Larry Grimes of the Washington State patrol said Ross had been alone at the Beaver Creek site.

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