

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

UP IN MONTREAL the same sleek limousine stands in front of the same exclusive club every afternoon. And promptly at four, a ruffled old fellow comes along, nods to the uniformed chauffeur at the wheel, and announces, "I do not believe I'll be using the car this afternoon, Fergus. A walk home will do me good."

"Very well, sir," says the chauffeur respectfully, tipping his cap.

One afternoon an inquiring reporter asked the chauffeur, "That can't be your boss, or is he?"

"My boss?" echoed the chauffeur. "I don't even know who he is. But he always says the same thing. And it makes him feel good—so what have I got to lose?"

Gurney Williams, the humor and cartoon editor, is chanting a new song these days—and he's putting his heart into it, too. It's called "I wish so that calypso would collapse."

Ten-year-old, asked by his teacher to name the four seasons of the year, came up with "Football, basketball, baseball, and vacation!"

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Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
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Men, we might just as well face it. After a couple of months in camp, the time comes when even the stoutest outdoorsman has to face the problem of laundry. After all, you can't always live upwind from yourself. If today's campfire lesson will make your odious task any easier, you're welcome.

For your very soiled clothes, soak them in cold water for a half hour. To soften the water add a half cup of table salt which also prevents fading. With a round stick jostle the clothes about—this helps loosen the dirt and saves manpower. (Soaking

dish towels, have a household cleanser handy and rub this on just as you would soap. Then wash the towels with soap and water.

Don't mix colored clothes with white—they must be washed separately. Beware of socks and colored handkerchiefs getting mixed up with your so-called white clothes.

As for your woolen blankets, they will shrink when washed in proportion to the amount of tossing about they get when wet. I'm told. Use a lot of soap—the extra soap increases the cleansing power and reduces the amount of work needed to clean the blankets.

Here's the full blanket treatment: add enough soap to make good suds to three tablespoons of borax dissolved in boiling water. Pour enough cold water to cover the blanket, and soak it overnight. Rinse it in cold water. Don't wring it out—simply spread it over a bush to hold it off the ground.

All right, men, you've had the main points. But there's an easier way out: get married. (Copyright, 1937, by Eugene Burns)

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PTC Ordered To Continue Service

Portland—UP—Portland Traction company has been ordered to put off its proposed suspension of interurban passenger service on the Oregon City and Beaverton lines until a hearing can be held.

Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan said a date for the hearing will be set later but he ordered PTC to continue the passenger service it proposed to abandon on Dec. 15.

Morgan's suspension order will be in effect for 60 days after Dec. 15.

The PTC, meanwhile, continued negotiations with the Streetcarmen's union over demands for a 20-cent across-the-board pay increase. M. E. Lienard, business agent for the union, said "we got a little encouragement in a few items" in talks with company management Tuesday. Union members have voted 70-6 to authorize a strike if wage settlement is not reached.

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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.

Freda S.—I want to continue our friendship.

James S.—I can't see Freda making a fool of herself.

Freda S.—My husband and I have been seriously feuding over a social question which bothers us very much.

My dearest and oldest friend is married to a very eccentric man. He has decided opinions on almost every subject in the world and is ready to fight for them. Every time we all get together there is a terrific argument. Last time he practically threw us out of his home.

Naturally I expected my friend to call up and apologize the next day, but she didn't. I feel she was just too mortified. I want to show her that we bear no ill will to either her or her husband and I want to call her and continue being friends. We shouldn't let unimportant things come between us.

James S.—Freda has refused to look the truth in the face for years. This is not a case of a nice woman being married to a nut. This friend of Freda's is just as bad as her husband, and I can't see Freda making a fool of herself in front of this woman.

The husband in the case has insulted us dozens of times and his wife has never said a word to soften things or apologize. She has never sought Freda's friendship, but just condescends to see her if Freda keeps after her long enough.

I can't understand why Freda is so sentimental about this old school chum. When I tell her to see her friend woman-to-woman over tea or something, Freda admits that they have nothing to talk about.

The Council—Although there is a limit to how much one per-

son can pursue another's friendship without reciprocation, we don't think Freda should give up trying until she has satisfied herself that there is no possibility of forming some pleasant relationship with this woman.

A man, working in the larger world, has opportunities for a multitude of relationships and may not see why a woman should try so hard to cultivate or hold on to a "difficult" person. But Freda, like many women who lead a more confined life, cannot readily give up a relationship that once meant something to her. Her old school chum is an important link with her own past and her emotional associations are probably richly connected with this friend.

We are inclined to accept Freda's view of her friend's behavior. This woman may be so mortified by her husband's actions that she cannot face the friends he insulted. Furthermore, she cannot apologize for her husband without implying disloyalty to him.

This may be the reason that Freda and she have nothing to say to one another when they are alone together. They cannot speak about the thing that is uppermost in both their minds.

If Freda wishes to make a further effort on this relationship, we'd suggest that she try to arrange some outside activity, such as going shopping, to the theater, or to a lecture. This will take the strain off things.

Freda's friend will not feel the necessity to apologize for her husband or to offer any confidences about her marital life. (Copyright 1937, General Features Corp.)

Fewer, Larger Farms Predicted

Klamath Falls—UP—Larger farms and fewer farms were foreseen by speakers at the annual Oregon Dairyman's association convention here.

Speakers said there has been a trend during the past 10 years toward fewer but larger and proportionately more productive farms throughout the state and nation. Increased numbers of consumers are demanding more and increasingly diversified products and speakers said the trend is expected to continue toward larger and more expensive farms.

Taking part in the panel discussion were Dr. H. W. Schultz, Oregon State college; Marion Thomas, state agricultural economist; Manning Becker, Corvallis farm management specialist and Oscar Hagg, dairy marketing specialist from Corvallis.

Robert J. Steward, state director of agriculture, told dairymen that cattlemen are lagging when registering to vote on a measure for a beef commission. Only 450 persons have registered out of some 42,000 who are qualified, he said. Deadline for registration is Dec. 24.

WATCH OUT—Richmond, Ind.—UP—Agnes Connell, 57, was recovering today from injuries suffered in a charge of the light brigade. A group of children ran her down as they burst out of a movie house showing the film "Operation Mad Ball."



URGES PAY FREEZE—Richard J. Gray (above), pres. of the AFL-CIO Building Trades Dept., received a cold shoulder from delegates to the construction workers convention in Atlantic City, N. J., where he called for a moratorium on wage increase demands for the coming year. Gray said he made the proposal because of inflation, tight money and construction cutbacks.



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