

# 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.

**Sam F.**—I feel like a fifth wheel in my own home. Phyllis F.—What a nerve he has!

**Sam F.**—Isn't there any way an erring husband can win his way back to his wife and children?

I have been a first-rate scoundrel most of my life. I admit it. I drank, gambled, ran around with women, was unfaithful and didn't support my family properly. Suddenly I saw what a terrible mess I was making of my life. I asked my wife to take me back and settled down to being a good husband and father in earnest.

Now I find I am barely tolerated in the house. The children look at me with indifference or annoyance. My wife never shows me any affection. I feel like a fifth wheel in my own home.

**Phyllis F.**—I just don't know what that husband of mine expects. Does he think ten years of part-time fatherhood can be just wiped off the slate? Does he think the scars on my heart will heal overnight just because he has changed his mind? The fact is that I can't take his reform too seriously.

I know and the children know the real reason Sam became quite ill. He got the scare of his life and was warned to stay off the bottle. It's true the children are fresh, but I can't say I blame them. As for me not showing affection—that's a laugh! What a nerve he has!

**The Council:**—It will take great effort on both sides to repair the damage to this home. Phyllis and Sam should make that effort—for their own sake and for their children's.

Sam should recognize that the burden of proof of the sincerity of his reform rests on him. He cannot expect this long-suffering family to welcome him back with a gala

blast of trumpets the minute he sets his wandering, mud-smeared boot in the door. His wife has not yet had the experience of having a husband who shows in word and deed that his first concern is her happiness. His children do not yet know what it is to have a devoted father participating in their daily lives.

Sam must think about ways to express his love and concern for his family. He should try to avoid indulging in self-pity about their attitude toward him. As he loses interest in himself, it is very likely that his family will become more interested in him.

On the other hand, Phyllis should try to avoid nursing bitter, vengeful feelings toward her husband. It will only breed further unhappiness for her and the children. The children need to love their father in order to be at peace with themselves. Phyllis must try to help Sam bring out his best qualities and to help the children to see them. Gradually they may learn forgiveness toward his weaknesses.

Phyllis is wrong and foolish to scorn her husband's reform simply because it was set off by illness. An outside factor can sometimes force an individual to a deep inner realization. Phyllis should encourage and nourish the germ of goodwill now growing in her husband. Her vengeful feelings would only stamp it out.

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**ARMY CHIEF TO SPEAK**  
Jerusalem, Israel — Brigadier Meir Amit, Israel's acting army chief of staff, will address a conference in Miami, Fla., early next month launching the 1958 state of Israel development bond drive, it was announced today. Joseph Schwartz, executive vice president of the drive, said the campaign has a target of \$75 million for the year.

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## Consultant Talks for Meeting of PTA

Bruce Hitt, curriculum consultant for Jackson County schools, spoke to members of the Jackson County Council of Parent-Teacher associations January 15 in the Medford YMCA. Mr. Hitt gave a synopsis of the Oregon School Activities association insurance plan used by a majority of the schools in the county. Many parents have had questions concerning the insurance program and the extent of its coverage. Mr. Hitt said the representatives from the county schools office are interested in bringing information about the program to PTAs in the county. A speaker may be obtained by contacting the Jackson County school superintendent's office in the courthouse.

Mr. Hitt commented that "Educators depend on PTA more than any other group, to interpret school programs, school problems and their solution, to the residents of a community." He requested continued assistance of the PTA units in interpreting school legislation passed by the 1957 Oregon legislature. Specifically referring to the new budget law which requires each school district in the county to approve its own budget by a vote of its residents, Mr. Hitt explained that this is in contrast to the method of recent years, in which the County Rural School board had equalized the budgets of all second and third class districts and one vote was taken throughout those districts. If the one equalized budget of the rural board failed to pass in any one district, it usually was carried by the support of voters from another district, he said. Each of these districts will now find it necessary to vote to exceed the 6 per cent limitation allowed by law, since none of them have a tax base large enough to meet their current budget requirements.

**Counselor Speaks**  
Lawrence Tweedy, juvenile

counselor, told council members that the juvenile department staff is grateful to the PTAs of the county for their assistance in securing the detention home. More frequent conferences with youth detained, a regular day for court hearings, and natural response to home surroundings all help to provide a more satisfactory and prompt solution to the problems that confront those who are detained, he said.

During the business meeting, conducted by Mrs. Owen A. Kunkel, council president, the nominating committee was elected. Serving on the committee are Mrs. Lewis Dusenberry, Elk-Trail; Mrs. Chester Fitch, Jr., Ashland; Mrs. John Benson, Medford. Alternates are Mrs. John Huffman, Eagle Point; and Mrs. Riley Cook, Central Point. Mrs. M. H. Hall, Jacksonville, new secretary of the council, was introduced. Mrs. Hall replaces Mrs. Fred Simcox, resigned.

**Training Conference**  
Mrs. Kunkel told of the plans being prepared for a leadership training conference for PTA council leaders on the University of Oregon campus in July. Miss Dena Kennedy, National Congress PTA field service representative, will conduct the training meetings.

A workshop, with emphasis on the parliamentary procedure involved in the nomination and election of officers was held for presidents and unit representatives by Mrs. Kunkel and Mrs. Leigh Gustison, first vice-president of the Oregon Congress. Mrs. John Carter, tuition scholarship chairman, led a work-conference on the OCPPT scholarship program. She reported that 22 units in Jackson county contributed to the program last year. One hundred and one OCPPT scholarship students had graduated from Oregon colleges by April 1957, and 96 of these had taught or were teaching in elementary schools at that time. The Oregon Congress is currently considering expanding the program to include secondary education students. Additional financial support will be necessary to accomplish this goal.

The youth group conference was directed by Mrs. Fitch, junior vice-president. Floyd Taylor, chief of police, Gold Hill, told of their community youth club. Officers B. E. Stevens and D. L. Pursel, from the Medford Police force, explained youth activities sponsored by the Medford force, and presented a safety display.

Mrs. Benson led a group discussion of record books. An accurate history of the units is a valuable asset in preparing founder's day programs, she said. Members of the group requested that persons who have scrapbooks, records or information regarding the history of PTA units in the county, or of the county coun-

cil, leave them with Mrs. Kunkel, 28 Highland drive, Medford. Mrs. Kunkel will distribute these records to the proper units.

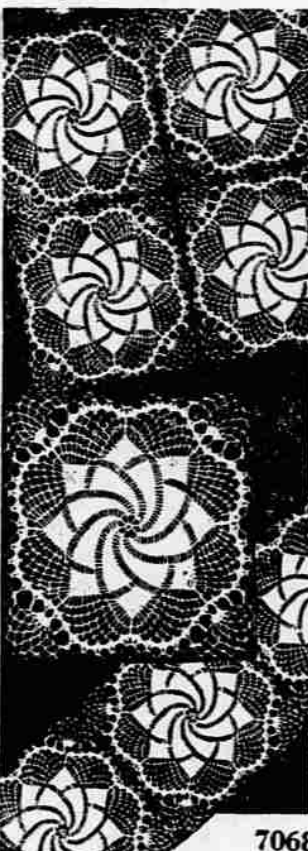
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## CALENDAR

**Tuesday**  
6:30 p.m.—Crater Lake auxiliary, VFW, VFW hall.  
7:30 p.m.—Crater Garden club, home of Mrs. Henry Friesen, 2120 Table Rock rd.  
7:30 p.m.—Gladson unit of Wesleyan service unit, home of Mrs. Mary Note, 32 Hamilton ave.  
8 p.m.—Chapter BE PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. Ernest R. Kennedy Jr., 1 White Oak dr.  
8 p.m.—Howard school PTA, multi-purpose room, at school.  
8 p.m.—Phoenix Lions auxiliary, home of Mrs. A. J. Munro, 4748 South Pacific highway.  
8 p.m.—Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild, home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oestreich, 30 South Central ave.  
8 p.m.—Woman's society of Christian Service, circle 10, Mrs. Edward Branchfield, 120 Stark st.  
8 p.m.—Eight and Forty, Mrs. Cole Holmes, 16 Ross court.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

## Prospect Club to Elect Directors

Prospect — Five new members will be elected to the board of directors of the Prospect Community club at a meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23.

Candidates are Ralph Goode, Everett Shafter, Heston Grieve, Don Andersen, Bob Bean, Wayne Griffith, Dorlan Woods and Harold Anthony. Four directors who remain on the board are Clarence Hedgepeth, Stub Bean, Mel Rochester and Gerald Gardner. Those whose terms expire are Ward Blaine, Ray Maurer, John Gartman, Dwyght Moore and Wayne Griffith.

Residents 16 years old or older are eligible to vote. The nine directors of the club serve two-year terms.

Following the election, the new board will meet to elect officers and the new president will make appointments.

## REDS PUBLISH SPEECHES

London — Speeches made by Soviet Communist Party Chief Nikita Khrushchev last year will be published in book form, Moscow Radio reported today. The broadcast said the collected works will be called "For a stable peace and peaceful co-existence." The book will be devoted mainly to Khrushchev's speeches on international affairs and Soviet foreign policy, but also will include his interviews with the foreign press and speeches before the Russian Parliament, the radio said.

## Known Criminals To Be Discussed At Crime Meeting

The Western States Crime conference which is scheduled to be held in Medford May 19 to 21, will be the first meeting of the group in a west-coast city according to Lyle Perkins, city police detective lieutenant and chairman for the event.

Perkins said the conference is held each year for law enforcement officials from the 11 western states. Purpose of the conference is to discuss the "seven major" crimes and known offenders, he said.

He said each member of the conference will be given a list of known criminals operating in the western states and each will be discussed by the group. New names will also be added to the list which includes details of each man's mode of operation, Perkins added.

A banquet will be held at the Rogue Valley Country club on Tuesday evening, May 20, he said. Perkins said representatives from municipal, county, state, federal and railroad law enforcement agencies would attend the conference. He said representatives from the Canadian Mounties would also be at the meeting.

Following completion of the conference, a meeting of the Oregon State Identification Officers' association will be held in Medford on May 22, Perkins said. About 45 representatives will take part in

## LEHMAN AIDE DIES

New York — Carolin A. Flexner, long-time aide to former Sen. Herbert Lehman (D-N.Y.) died Monday of a heart attack at her home. Miss Flexner, born in Louisville, Ky., was 65 years old. Following World War II, she served as special assistant to the headquarters staff of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration and later was director of the Central Location Index which helped refugees find their families. She was an aide to former Senator Lehman for 45 years until she retired a year ago as executive in charge of his New York office.

The meeting will cover new methods of identification by photography and fingerprinting. Perkins said. The group will also discuss problems of identification.

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