

The Family Council Car Minus Wheels, Propelled by Fans, Predicted in Future

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.

Helen A. — I don't think I really love him.
Gerald D. — She can't leave me high and dry.

Helen A. — I have gotten myself into one terrible mess and I don't know how to find my way out.

Two years ago I fell in love with one of the married men working in my office. We went out on a few dates and then became intimate. He told me he was very unhappy with his wife and he finally left her and we went to live together.

At last his wife agreed to a divorce and things should become final very soon. But now Jerry and I don't know whether we want to get married. We have not gotten along well and I am beginning to see that I don't really love him. But everyone says I'd be a fool if I didn't marry him for the sake of my own reputation.

Gerald D. — I left my wife and baby for Helen's sake and now she talks about walking out and leaving me high and dry. She tells me to go back to my wife. But my wife has found someone else and doesn't want me any more.

It's true that Helen and I have fought like cats and dogs, but I think that's because we've been so nervous not knowing whether or not the divorce was going through and what our status was going to be. Once we are really man and wife things will straighten out.

The way things are now, everyone knows what happened and blames me for the way I treated my wife. If Helen and I don't get married I'll be blamed even more — and we'll both be laughing stocks.

The Council: Helen and Gerald seem to have gotten the grotesque notion that their decision to marry or not marry runs a close second to Sputnik in the public's interest.

In reality, it is doubtful whether anyone outside of Helen's family cares whether or not she marries Gerald. The public's interest in the subject will not respect the minute she flashes a marriage license.

It is most unlikely that the breakup of the relationship would make a "laughing stock" of anyone. The few persons "in the know" can find funnier stories on TV.

Gerald is also overly concerned about being left "high and dry." If he tries, he can doubtless find another woman foolish enough to become involved with him.

That leaves this childish, self-seeking pair without much reason for getting married. By their own admission they merely wish to use each other for temporary expediency.

The question of whether or not they can ever find a worthwhile relationship and a decent life still rests with them. This depends on whether or not they are ready to make drastic changes in their outlook, their view of marriage, their view of each other. They would have to learn to think in terms of contributing to another's happiness and of building a lasting, meaningful relationship.

They badly need guidance toward that end from a clergyman or trained social worker. (Copyright 1958, General Features Corp.)

4-H CLUB NEWS

Central Point Sparkplugs

The Central Point Sparkplugs tractor club met at the Valley Equipment company, Highway 99, Feb. 22. Members discussed the window display for national 4-H week on March 1 through 8, which will be in the Alexander Hardware in Central Point.

An equipment company representative talked about batteries and transmissions on tractors.

The next meeting will be held March 15 at Bob Kuest's home on Beall lane.

Jim Frink, Reporter.

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Detroit—P—A Detroit designer says the car of tomorrow—with no wheels—isn't far off.

Carl Reynolds, who played a major role in the design of automobile tail fins, said the "wheelless" car could be built now, but only on an experimental basis.

Reynolds said the car would be propelled by ducted fans and would glide along about two feet above the ground. It could climb to altitudes of 100 feet but he said this would have to be controlled to prevent "hedge-hopping."

"In 20 years people will be riding in the wheelless car," he said. "Safety will no longer depend on tire wear and road surface conditions."

The car would be constructed of a durable, alloy-like magnesium of aluminum which will allow a small lightweight turbine engine to be used. The car will be much larger than today's models and the tail section will sweep back following an aerodynamic shape.

No Flight of Fancy

Reynolds gave his prediction of the future at a meeting of some 100 of the nation's leading product designers. The occasion was the three-day Industrial Designers Institute national conference.

He reminded listeners that "This is no flight of fancy. The engineering developments leading to a vastly improved automobile have been

REDS SHELL QUEMOY

Taipei, Formosa—P—Communist Chinese artillery lobbed 22 shells onto the Nationalist Chinese-held offshore island of Quemoy Thursday but failed to cause any damage, the Nationalist Defense Ministry reported today.

under way for some years."

Turbine engines have been used to run cars before, although only on an experimental basis. Reynolds said similar turbine engines will be used in a system with ducted fans to generate gas pressures

that will be directed to propelling the car, steering it and braking it.

Automatic Steering

Traffic safety will take a giant stride forward with the wheelless car, he explained. "Upon limited access high-

ways for inter-city travel, electronic devices, perhaps involving a 'guide beam' or radiation system, will provide automatic steering and speed control."

For people who have parking problems, the wheelless

car will put the convenience of power steering in the back seat. The wheelless car will be able to operate sideways, making parking easier.

And Reynolds says that if you are thinking of a trip to Europe that also can be ar-

ranged with the wheelless car. He said he could drive over calm water and theoretically fly the Atlantic, barring severe up and down drafts. "But you'd have to have a good navigator aboard," he added.

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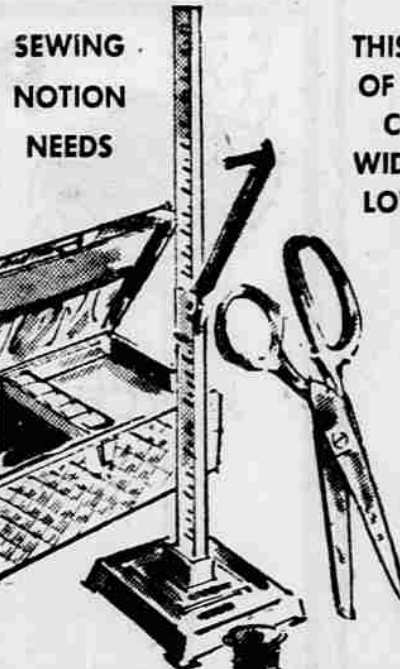
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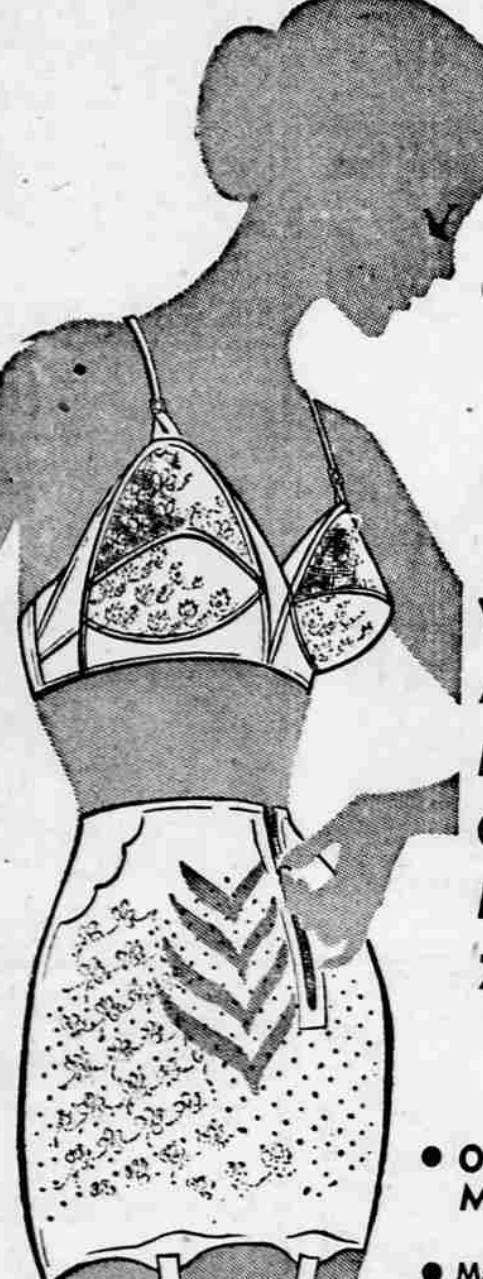
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