

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



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.

Mrs. L. T.—My son wants to marry a girl 20 years younger.

Jimmy T.—She's quite mature for her age.

Mrs. L. T.—At the ripe old age of 43 my bachelor son seems to have gone berserk. He has been going out with a girl of 23 and is thinking about marrying her.

I have long wanted to see Jimmy marry and I have given him every encouragement to do so, but this is just plain ridiculous. I met this girl and she is a mere child—a very fresh and aggressive one, at that!

I've warned Jimmy a marriage like this is something he'll live to regret. He is really middle-aged and this girl is just beginning to find herself. In another ten years she'll just be hitting her stride and he'll be ready for the rocking chair. Does it make sense?

James T.—I took this girl out a few times as a kind of lark. I never meant anything by it. I had no thought that it would come to anything. I looked on her as just a cute kid.

Well, you could have knocked me over with a feather when she told me she loved me and wanted marry me. Of course, I'm terrifically flattered that a young, attractive girl would want me. But it's not just that. This girl, June, is very mature in many ways—despite her appearance. I often feel she understands life a lot better than I do.

I look very young for my age and I am very fit physically, so I don't feel as though I'm middle-aged. This girl really appeals to me.

The Council: Should we give the green light to a marriage in which there would be a 20 year age gap? We can hardly do that.

Should we tell a bachelor of 43 to turn down the one woman who has ever seriously appealed to him as a marriage partner? We can't do that, either.

All we can say is that Mrs. L. T. is too strenuous in her prophecies of disaster. Some May-December marriage turn out bad, it is true. But others turn out very well. Age should not be the only consideration.

We would suggest Jimmy avoid thinking solely in terms of age and consider some of the other factors couples think about before marriage. Do they share similar interests? Do they have the same and similar ambitions? Do they enjoy being alone together and can they get along as a couple with other people? Do they agree about how to spend money?

If the answer to all these questions is yes, we'd be more willing to bet on the success of this marriage than one in which the partners are close in age and have a strong difference on any of above points.

As for Mrs. L.T.'s threats about the future—well, we just don't agree that a vigorous man of 43 should be thinking in terms of "the rocking chair" within ten years. Certainly Mrs. L. T. herself sounds as though she's far from one.

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Cupp's Furniture Has New Owner

Marvin Lucas, owner of Lucas Furniture in Lakeview and Klamath Falls has purchased Cupp's Furniture Barn just south of Central Point on Highway 99.

The store will be called Lucas and Howard Furniture, Lucas said yesterday. James R. Howard, also of Klamath Falls, is a partner in the store and a nephew of Marvin Lucas. Lucas' son Marvin George Lucas is also associated with the new store.

Lucas Furniture was established in Klamath Falls in 1920. Lucas was graduated from Medford high school in 1920 where he was active in basketball and track.

The new owner said he has been trying to buy a furniture store here for several years before he bought out John Cupp last Tuesday.

John Cupp has been in the furniture business in Medford for 30 years. He owned Medford furniture and hardware store at one time.

Lucas said he will keep the same employees but will expand the line of furniture now being carried. Manager for the recently purchased store is yet to be determined, Lucas said.

UAW Urges Price Reduction on Cars

Detroit — The United Auto Workers today proposed to the big three auto companies that they extend present contracts "into September, 1958 and put into effect a significant and meaningful price reduction on 1958 models."

General Motors, Ford and Chrysler were preparing replies which are expected to reject totally or in part the UAW's "trade" of a contract extension for a car price cut.

The union proposed to reduce inventories and restore production and employment by (1) extending the present contract until September, (2) the big three firms cutting prices substantially on 1958 models, and (3) a joint petition by the firms and the union to the federal government for "A) a retroactive moratorium on the full amount of the 10 per cent passenger car excise tax effective for the remainder of the 1958 model run, and (B) federal legislation to extend the duration of unemployment compensation benefits."

Drive To Curtail Absenteeism Pays

Chicago — A city's campaign to reduce absenteeism has resulted in a drop of 25 per cent of the use of sick leave by Phoenix, Ariz., employees.

The Public Personnel Association reports the Arizona capital encouraged employees to use city-provided health facilities and also tried to improve their attitudes toward their jobs. In the past five years sick leave has dropped from an average of eight days per employee per year to less than six.

Since sick leave in Phoenix can be accumulated indefinitely—15 days a year—employees benefit when they do not use allotted leave time.

City officials hope to cut sick time further by promoting periodic health checkups, requiring a medical visit for employees absent more than 30 days, and providing assistance to departments troubled with above-average sick leave.

Second Chance For College Entry Given Students

Eugene — Oregon's high school graduates, who are not admissible to the University of Oregon under the new state system's minimum admission requirements, will find that they are given another opportunity to "make the grade" through a special course program set up for them in the university's summer session.

Students who do not make a C average in their high school work or have not passed successfully the college board examination can still qualify for admittance to the university by attending a special summer session. An average grade of C in the nine hours of work and passing a special non-credit course in college orientation will qualify the student.

The nine hours of work may be of the student's choice in English composition, literature, social science, or mathematics and for these will be given college credit.

Individual counseling and group guidance will be provided the student in the course and will include work in reading skills and study skills.

Oregon's summer session opens June 23 for an eight week period closing August 15.

Vending Machine Business Growing

Chicago — The vending industry should reach a gross of four to five billion dollars by 1963, said William S. Fishman, president of the National Automatic Merchandising Association.

"Until 1929 we were almost entirely a penny-ante business in the literal sense of the word," he said. "The industry was limited to the vending of bulk peanuts and penny gum."

"About 1929 the cigaret machine became practical and increasingly popular. There followed the candy bar machine and the bottled soft drink machine."

Fishman said that beginning in 1956 there was a "terrific growth and diversification which still is increasing in tempo year by year."

"Automatic selling today is big business," Fishman said, estimating vending sales for 1957 at \$2,023,320,000.

"Informed estimates predict industry sales of between four and five billion dollars in 1965, an increase of more than 16,000 per cent in 40 years or, even more striking, nearly 500 per cent over 1950."

8 Million Seen in Chicago by 1980
Chicago — The Chicago area will have a population of eight million persons by 1980, according to Thomas Coulter, chief executive officer of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

Transient Pleads To Theft Charge

Earle Stanley Decker, 36, transient, pleaded guilty to charges of shoplifting Monday morning in district court and was sentenced to six months in the county jail and ordered held for examination by a doctor.

Decker had admitted in a signed statement, to city police to taking several items from the Eastside Market, 608 East Main st., on Saturday afternoon. Police said several store employees held Decker until police arrived when he attempted to leave the store without paying for the items.

Salem — Arthur Beddoe, vice president of the Klamath County Bar Association, has been named Klamath county district attorney, succeeding Richard C. Beesley, who resigned.

Rancher Continues Drilling for Water After Finding Gas

Echo, Ore. — An Echo area rancher who struck gas on a well on his property said today he still was going after water for irrigation.

Tony Vey, who ranches about 25 miles southeast of Pendleton, struck gas Saturday about 580 feet down while drilling on the southwest corner of his ranch. Driller Harold Yeager of Walla Walla said the gas forced the water up at that point with tremendous pressure and might be commercially brought out. Vey ordered Yeager to continue drilling for water.

EYE SPECIALIST DIES
San Francisco — Final rites will be held Tuesday for Dr. Otto Barkan, 71, internationally noted eye specialist who died here Saturday.

4-H Agent To Attend Advisory Committee

Francis Krause, Applegate, and Glenn Klein, county 4-H agent for boys, will leave for Corvallis Wednesday to attend the Older 4-H Member Advisory committee meeting at Oregon State college.

Plans will be finalized for the 4-H teenage group programs to be started this fall, according to Klein.

REDS USE HELICOPTERS
London — The Soviet Union will inaugurate its first helicopter "taxi" service between Simferopol and Yalta in the Crimean resort area this summer, Moscow radio said today. The 30-mile flight would take 20 minutes.

Washington — President Eisenhower, his face sunreddened from a golfing holiday, arrived here at 12:47 p.m. (PDT) today after a two-hour flight from Augusta, Ga.

Second Driver School Set for Wednesday

The second session of the current driver improvement school will be held on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Medford city council chambers.

Lt. Jack E. McMillan will be the instructor. Visitors will be welcome to attend the sessions, he noted.

Military Funds Asked To Keep Guard Strength
Washington — The House Armed Services committee asked today for military appropriations large enough to maintain the Army National Guard and Army Reserves at present strengths.

American farmers grow about 200 kinds of plants while farmers around the world raise about 2,000 species.

LINER'S MASTER DIES
Hamilton, Bermuda — Capt. Leslie Banyard, 64, master of the Furness liner Queen of Bermuda, died Monday of a heart attack suffered while playing golf.

900 REBELS KILLED
Algiers — French military sources said Monday night that about 900 Algerian rebels were killed throughout the country in fighting last week.

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