

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.

Arnold F. — I don't like Liz's card playing.

Elizabeth F. — I'm doing nothing wrong.

Arnold F. — My wife and I have been married 11 years and have three young children. About a year ago I went into business for myself and then all our troubles started. My work is mostly night work. I don't get home until nearly midnight. When I get home my dinner is on the table and a baby sitter is there with the kids. My wife is out playing cards. Even Saturday and Sunday, when I am home, she has card games either in our house or in some other woman's home. I realize it is pretty lonesome for her having me away every evening but I think that two nights a week should be enough for card games. Liz is a good player and has made more than she has lost at cards, but I just don't like it.

Elizabeth F. — The way Arnolds talks about it, you would think I'm committing some terrible crime by playing cards. I'm doing nothing wrong. I'm the restless type and I just can't sit still in the evening.

It's not just the cards, it's the sociability and the fact that I go out of the house for a few hours that I really enjoy. Nobody can accuse me of neglecting my home and family for card games. If I do say it myself, I am an excellent homemaker. I keep my place in top shape and take good care of the children.

Before I leave the house I see that they are in bed. They watch TV until they fall asleep. It would be different if I lost money, but Arnold himself admits that I'm a very shrewd player.

The Council — Both husbands and wives often feel humiliated if their mate shows signs of any obsessive habit. It is rightfully assumed that obsessions indicate some form of emotional, mental or moral ill health.

Card playing every night of the week is certainly an obsession. The restlessness Elizabeth feels is not the normal urge toward useful activity experienced by any person with surplus time and energy on his hands.

It is really a kind of anxiety experienced when an addict is deprived of his particular compulsion. Healthy restlessness would seek its outlet in many different forms of activity—handwork, headwork, social fun, civic contributions, family planning and many other things.

Elizabeth fools herself when she says "it isn't the cards, it's the sociability." Sociability is undoubtedly available to her in other forms, but she closes her eyes to these opportunities. She also fools herself when she claims that she is fulfilling

her responsibilities. She may feed her children and put them to bed on time, but she has substituted TV for a parent every evening.

It's a very poor substitute, especially in view of the fact that these children see little of their father. The lonely dinner Arnold finds on the table when he comes home is also a very poor substitute for a welcome from a wife.

Elizabeth should certainly make an effort to cure herself of the card-playing habit and to find worthwhile activities in her own home for at least five nights a week. The process of throwing herself into other endeavors with real enthusiasm will in itself act as a cure for her obsession.

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Shed Damaged by Fire Saturday

City firemen responded to several grass fires, one shed fire, and one false alarm over the week end.

Damage to the walls and roof of a shed at the William D. Williams residence, 3069 Crater Lake highway, resulted from a fire about 9:02 p.m. Saturday. Cause of the fire was undetermined.

A grass fire at the Keystone Orchards on South Stage rd. burned five acres before it was controlled, and another grass fire, reported in the 2500 block of Crater Lake highway was extinguished by heavy rainfall while firemen were enroute to the blaze Sunday. Firemen responded to a reported fire in the 100 block of South Holly st. but were unable to locate a fire. Several other grass fires of an inconsequential nature were extinguished by the department during the week end.

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Movie-Goers in Europe Targets of Attention by Picture Making Moguls

By VERNON SCOTT
United Press International

Rome — (UPI) — Europe is more important to Hollywood now than a coral full of glamour girls and matinee idols because it is the lire, pounds, francs and marks that spell the difference between financial disaster and money in the bank.

Therefore it is important to movie moguls to know the likes and dislikes of European audiences.

As in the United States, Europeans generally prefer well-established stars—Clark Gable, Doris Day, William Holden, Jimmy Stewart. Teen-age idols Elvis Presley and Spi Minoe don't draw flies over here.

The average age of movie-goers throughout the continent is higher than in America where teen-agers largely support the boxoffice. Newcomers are thus tremendously handicapped.

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Tobacco Plant Said To Change Good Chemical Into Bad One

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New York — (UPI) — While probing into the private life of the tobacco plant, scientists caught it red-handed in the act of changing a good chemical into a bad one. And casually, too, without even a suggestion of a qualm.

The good chemical is nicotinic acid, one of the "B" vitamins which people and beasts and plants must have if they're to live healthfully and to the full. The bad one is none other than nicotine.

So far as science knows the tobacco plant is the only plant which, after "making" beneficial nicotinic acid, turns around chemically and converts it into something poisonous, if it's in the right amount. But not poisonous for the tobacco plant, obviously.

Dr. Ray F. Dawson, professor of botany, Columbia University, and his team of private life-probing scientists, were unable, however, to find the slightest reason why the tobacco plant should do such a thing. So far as they would tell, nicotine is wasted on it—it does it no good.

Dawson and his associates used radioactive "tracers" to solve the chemical mysteries

of how the tobacco plant "makes" nicotine and where it gets the material. Nicotinic acid was suspected of being the material.

The scientists attached four atoms of radioactive hydrogen to the molecules of the living plant's nicotinic acid. Because the hydrogen atoms were radioactive, they could be traced through the plant's chemical workings. And, sure enough—the hydrogen atoms were in the nicotine molecules when the plant "made" them.

It is an important contribution to scientific learning because the current trend in tobacco processing is to reduce the nicotine as well as the tar content.

Two other scientists have shown that the plant can be persuaded (chemically) into "making" less nicotine than it usually does, indicating that nicotine production is not its chief reason for existing. L. G. Burk, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's research station at Oeltsville, Md., and T. C. Tso of the University of Maryland, did so by dropping tiny amounts of gibberellic acid on their leaves while the plants were young.

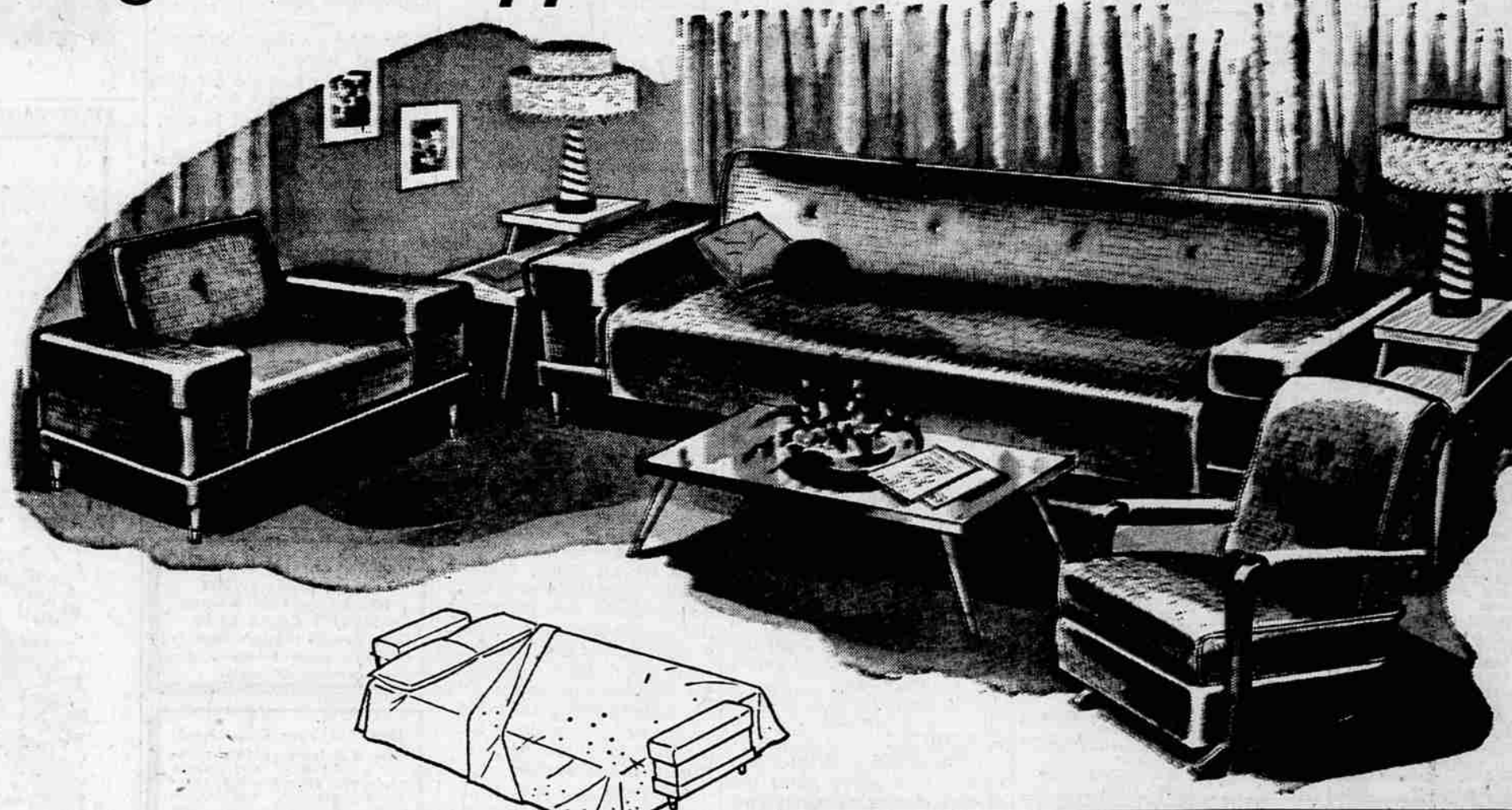
Gibberellic acid may be a new chemical to you and, indeed, it is a rather new chemical to science. It is "made" by a certain Japanese fungus and during the past few years, scientists have been impressed by its ability to make some plants grow faster than they would have without it.

Burk and Tso found that as more and more gibberellic was added to the chemistry of the tobacco plant, the output of nicotine went down and

down. It also stimulated the plant's growth and it could be that it was so busy providing the substance with which to get bigger, it had less to put into nicotine making.

The lobster is a closer relative of the spider than of the fish. Its hard shell, which does not increase in size as the animal grows, is cast off and it acquires a new one periodically.

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Eight Accidents Reported to Police

Eight automobile accidents in which one person was injured were reported over the July 4 week end by Medford police.

The injury, apparently a minor one, was suffered by John Mads Junker, 2061 South Stage rd., who declined medical treatment, police said. According to police, Junker was a passenger in a car driven by William Norman Bailey, 522 West 11th st., when it was struck by a car operated by Leva Morgan, 326 North Main st., Ashland. The accident occurred at the intersection of Eighth and Orange sts.

Police cited Morgan for failure to yield the right of way.

Films on Holy Land Scheduled Thursday

Mrs. Rose Bullock Frost, former Medford resident, will narrate and present films of the Holy Land at First Assembly of God, 1108 West Main st., Thursday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Frost, now of Oakland, Calif., recently returned from a Mediterranean and Holy Land tour. The colored films which will be shown were taken by Mrs. Frost. While visiting in Medford, Mrs. Frost is the house guest of her sister and father, Mrs. K. J. Knutson and W. R. Bullock, 615 North Columbus ave.

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