

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.

Olga R. — I hate my rival — the golf clubs.

Frederick R. — She should travel without me.

Olga R. — I am one of that unfortunate tribe — the "golf widows."

We have been married 25 years. Our three children are grown and one is married. I had long looked forward to this time of our lives as the period when my husband and I could start enjoying our second honeymoon.

I thought we might travel, do things together. Well, we do travel—to the golf course. I have grown to hate my rival—the golf clubs.

I enjoy the game, but I feel there are other things in life to enjoy. I want to see the world. To Fred the world is a golf course.

Frederick R. — What is the sense of spending thousands of dollars just to do something because everyone else is doing it? That's the way I feel about travel.

I don't like museums, strange foods, packing, unpacking, dragging yourself around when your feet are tired.

As far as I'm concerned, Olga should go on some of these trips she has a yen for. She could go with her sister or one of her women friends. She says she doesn't want to leave me alone, but I could be perfectly content without her—for a little while.

American is good enough for me any day!

The Council: We wish we knew the ideal way around this sand trap, but we're stymied.

The attempt to find an ideal solution would be a little like aiming for the 19th hole and we think Olga ought to try to adjust to accepting an answer that would be a little below par.

She should not deprive herself of the fun she has looked forward to. It may be a little disappointing to have to give up her dream of traveling with her husband, but how many of our dreams are fully realized, anyway? Two women traveling together will have more fun than a woman with a reluctant husband.

It is possible that when Olga comes back from her trip and speaks of the places

she has seen and the good times she has enjoyed, Fred will begin to feel like a bit of a duffer. He may suddenly catch the wanderlust from her.

It is also possible that after a short time as a "travel widower," Fred will begin to realize how difficult it is to accept the role of a second fiddle to a hobby. He may become more willing to compromise.

To other "golf widows" who are uninterested in travel or unable to consider it, we would suggest the same basic solution. If you cannot develop an enthusiasm for golf, build up a little courage and initiative and find your own enthusiasm. It does take a little spunk to get out of that rut of helpless annoyance in the face of your rival, but it is worth all the energy you can muster. It could be the beginning of much richer living for you.

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Percolator Lid Causes Police Alert

Tulsa, Okla. — (UPI) — A percolator lid disappeared in a Tulsa department store Wednesday and store officials alerted police.

A full search of the large store was planned, but just before police were ready to start the inch-by-inch hunt they arrested Charles West, 18, an employee of the store, and charged him with taking the lid.

West confessed. Store officials whisked the lid away from him and put it in a vault for safekeeping.

Today, the lid was back on its percolator, on display in the store.

Too much fuss for a coffee pot lid?

It's valued at \$30,000 and is solid gold with incrustured rubies and diamonds.

The percolator? It's valued at \$100,000.

REDS RELEASE FILM

London — (UPI) — A film of the recent meeting in Peking of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-Tung has been released in Moscow, Radio Moscow reported today.

Aquacade Show Slated Friday

Ashland — Final rehearsals are being held at Twin Plunges for the third annual aquacade, "South Pacific," scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, show directors announced.

Approximately 200 Ashland and Medford children are expected to participate in the intricate swimming maneuvers which include a "Baby Ballet."

Other events include the young intermediate synchronized swimming class and advanced synchronized swimming class. The latter is composed of teenagers who have performed in previous aquacades and have met advanced class requirements.

Background scenery will be of the South Pacific. It was created by Bob Ebert Southern Oregon college student from Portland.

All proceeds will go to Ashland Lions club projects.

Increase Noted in Savings Bond Sales

Residents purchased \$93,803 worth of U.S. Savings bonds in Jackson county during July, according to the U.S. Treasury department. This was an increase of \$16,000 over the same period a year ago.

Despite the improved sales, the county still lags \$31,000 behind last year's figures for sales during the first seven months of the year. To date this year, figures show, \$531,929 worth of bonds have been purchased in the county.

State-wide, \$851,000 more worth of bonds were purchased during July 1957. Total sales last month for the state were \$3,769,873, and total sales for the first seven months of the year were \$22,397,000 which compares favorably with the \$21,604,513 figure shown for last year during the same period.

Realty Company Notes Sales Boost

The west coast division of Strout Realty has reported the largest July volume of business in the past 12 years. The record was reached by July 23.

Better than average daily sales reports by the western division on July 7, of \$244,000 and on July 17, \$218,000 helped establish the record, officials said.

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