

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.

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Bernice N.—I am 14 and am very unhappy at home because I have nobody in whom I can confide. I have many problems, maybe more than most teen-age girls, but I can't go to my parents because they are always busy with their own affairs.

All the girls tell me they discuss their problems of dating and petting and such things with their mothers. My mother doesn't approve of my being interested in such things. She never even really told me any of the facts of life—just gave me a few hints. I learned the rest from friends.

I would also like to talk to my father about my future, but he just laughs at me and tells me to do my schoolwork now and be a good girl, and the future will take care of itself. I have an older brother, who happens to be a real jerk, so he's no help at all.

Mrs. E. N.—If ever a girl got lots of attention, Bernice did. She's the only girl in the

family and has always been doted on by both of us, especially by her father. Yet she always has complained that nobody "understands" her.

Some of Bernice's questions are just silly and impossible. She'll ask, "What is going to become of me?" or, "How many dates should a girl have before becoming engaged?" or equally silly questions about sex. The fact that she has gotten answers doesn't stop her from asking again. It is not true that I did not tell Bernice the facts of life. I told her as best I could. She seemed very embarrassed and did not ask any questions, so I didn't go into unnecessary details, but she knows I would have been glad to answer all her questions and didn't want her going to friends.

The Council: Bernice appears to have many fears and uncertainties about her first steps into womanhood. It is very probable that she doesn't know exactly what she is afraid of, but would like to be reassured by her parents. It would be a good idea if Bernice's parents got into the habit of answering some of

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Horace Greeley's Advice Said To No Longer Apply To West

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Washington — If Horace Greeley were alive today, his advice to young men to "Go West" would no longer necessarily be good advice. This is the view today of Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, often called the leading historian of the American West, who is professor at University of Texas and president of the American Historical Association.

Of the West, Prof. Webb says: "It is my country. I have spent my whole adult life trying to understand it."

This contradiction of Greeley by Webb is one enigmatic

feature of an otherwise complimentary commentary concerning the current and future growth of the West in the current issue of U. S. News and World Report magazine.

Webb and the magazine go to great statistical lengths to demonstrate the spectacular strides the western states have made economically in the past couple of decades. This growth is symbolized by the fact that the West now "has the biggest bank, the biggest university, the largest dam, the most oil, the most land. Its one big lack is water, and the West is planning to tap the oceans to get that, eventually. Plans like that made the West what it is — fastest growing region in the nation, with all that means in terms of a shift in the balance of population, industry and political power," the magazine reports.

Power Shortages Solved
Of the Pacific Northwest, it states: "Oregon and Washington were among the first states to feel the impact of the West's new technology and industrial growth. Power shortages, once a threat, have been solved by a vast expansion of power capacity that is still going on."

"Oregon, with about one-fifth of the U.S. timber supply, has put this basic resource on a constantly renewable basis, assuring the state of steady growth in the future. Portland has a building boom underway, is the center of another potential 'strip city' reaching up toward Seattle on the north, and south about 50 miles to Salem."

Since 1940, the 17 western states have grown at a rate 66 per cent above the national average. Population has shot up from 27 million in 1940 to 42 million now. Personal income is up from \$15 to \$85 billion. Manufacturing is up from \$3 to \$23 billion.

"Much of the west is indebted to the federal government for policies and projects that underlie and shape its rapid development," the magazine explains. "It is in the West that military aircraft largely are produced. The West provides the testing ground for missiles and new aircraft. It is the center of atomic-weapon development. Here are found the big bomber bases and the first ballistic-missile bases. Into the West in the 10 years has gone about \$8 billion worth of federal public works. The giant dams that harness rivers of the West were government-financed. New dams, providing power and irrigation, are constantly being planned. . ."

Water Resources
"The federal government, over the last 25 years, has put more than \$10 billion into development of water resources of the West alone. Private industry has more than matched the federal investment in power by providing electricity to supply expanding industry and a rapidly increasing population."

No longer the "colonial" region to be exploited for its raw materials, the West now is no longer hungry for investment capital. Western railroads are doing well in freight and passengers. Jet aircraft are about to shrink transcontinental distances, bringing the Pacific Coast to within five or six hours of the Atlantic seaboard.

Why, in this context, should Prof. Webb contradict Horace Greeley?
He appears to believe that while the West will continue to grow fast, the South will enjoy an even greater economic surge. He put it this way:

"The old South, in my opinion, has great potential. I think it is going to be a region of great opportunity in the next 50 years. It has more water than any other section, the capacity to produce timber faster than any other region, great possibilities in the soil which we have only begun to recognize and manage."

Growth on Upgrade
The South has lagged behind the West in its growth over the past few decades, but it has been on the upgrade. Prof. Webb pointed out that in demand bank deposits in 1930, out of every \$100 in the nation, the South had \$10.65, the West had \$11.37 and the North had \$7.98. By 1950 the South had \$19.83, the West \$20.51 and the North \$59.66.

"The South is in a most-favored position in what may be called the new industrialization," said Prof. Webb. "A fabricating industry—especially in minerals—is never based on one resource, but on a combination of resources. The North had a trinity of industrial resources in coke and coal, limestone and iron ore. These ushered in the age of steel and gave the North its industrial supremacy."

"The South today has a similar industrial trinity which may be as potent for the future as the North's trinity had been for the last century. This trinity is hydrocarbons—which are oil and gas—plus sulphur and water, which exist together along the Gulf Coast."

"This is the trinity of the Age of Chemistry. Only in the South do these three elements exist in juxtaposition. They are the basis of the petrochemical industry which is concentrated in that area and growing at such a rate that no one can calculate its future."

Greeley was giving advice when the frontier still existed. Prof. Webb says the situation has changed because "the frontier disappeared and, hence, they can no longer go West and make a new beginning and a new start on the terms they could down to the end of the 19th century. The second factor is that the institutions have caught up with us. The corporation arose, and we are living today not in a frontier world, not even living in an individualistic world—we are living in a corporate world."

Even Alaska's vast unsettled lands—sometimes called American's last frontier—are not for "John Doe and Richard Roe and his family to go up there and live the sort of life that our fathers lived in the 19th century. It takes more capital organization and preparation to do the job." That's why Greeley is now passe.

Meal Inspection Supervisor Named

Salem—UP—Dr. Lewis E. Bodenweiser, Salem, has been named supervisor of disease control and meat inspection for the State Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Bodenweiser, holder of three veterinary degrees, was in private practice in Missouri members of the bar and in Oregon. He has been an assistant state veterinarian since September, 1955.

Agriculture Director Robert J. Steward said Dr. Bodenweiser performed outstanding services in prior major staff assignments.

This past summer he organized an outstanding research conference on ornithosis, bringing to Oregon the leading state, federal and private workers in the field, Steward said.

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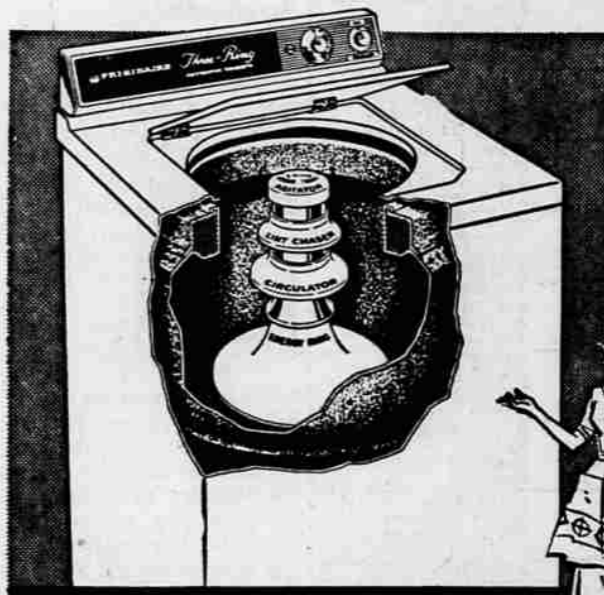
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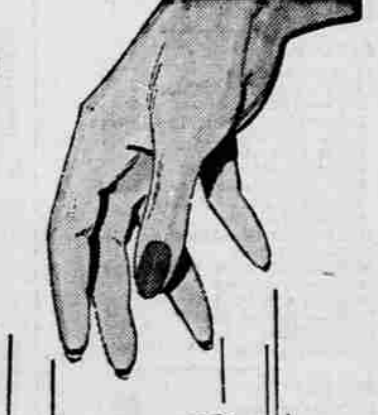
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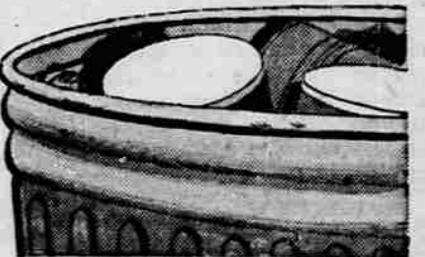
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