



HOPING TO ACHIEVE world's first polar orbiting satellite shot, scientists at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. (circled star), are readying big rocket. It is scheduled to pass over both the North and South poles, scanning all of the earth's surface as planet spins beneath it.

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.

Gloria F. - I am 15 and I am having a lot of trouble with my mother about a particular friend of mine.

This friend is 20 and she goes to college. I met her last summer at camp. I was a junior counselor and I worked with her helping to take care of some of the younger children. This girl, Helen, is very understanding of me - more than I can say for my own parents. She gave me some very good advice about boys and dating and how to wear my hair and a lot of things like that.

I have had her stay over at my house a couple of week ends and she has invited me to visit her at her college. My mother doesn't want me to go. She says she wants me to break up this friendship because she doesn't like Helen. What about my likes?

Mrs. L. F. - I can't understand why a 20-year-old girl should want to waste so much time on a little teen-ager like my daughter. Gloria is quite childish in many ways. Yet this Helen, who is supposed to be a bright college student, will talk to her by the hour. They write long, long letters to one another.

One reason may be that Helen comes of a broken home and has no brothers or sisters. She told me she always wanted a younger sister and I guess she sees Gloria in that light.

But I don't like the idea of Gloria's going to an outsider for advice about dating and boys. I don't think Helen is adult enough herself to give such advice. Besides, she seems like a nervous type and I don't think the friendship is healthy.

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ship may have elements that are not "healthy," but we don't think that Mrs. L. F. ought to express this idea to her daughter. She would do far better to observe carefully and move cautiously.

Gloria is now basking in the pleasure of getting plenty of attention from someone who must represent an ideal to her. Mrs. L. F.'s barging in with demands that the friendship be broken up could only trigger rebellion or worse - unexpressed rage and resentment.

Mrs. L. F. should be aware of the fact that each of these girls may have something worthwhile to give the other. She would do well to avoid making slurring remarks against Helen or the friendship, but she should point out the error in any wrong "advice" Helen has given. Gradually, Gloria may get the idea that if Helen had much experience in matters concerning the opposite sex, she would probably have less time to lavish on a 15-year-old.

If Mrs. L. F. respects her daughter's rights to privacy and to personal taste in choosing friends she will be in a much better position to contain and control the situation. Since she has an uneasy feeling about the intimacy she should put her foot down on the week-end excursion. Gloria will be able to take this with more good grace if she feels that her mother is fair-minded and is not trying to sabotage a relationship that is important to her.

The most important aspect of this problem is the positive one. Gloria should have some worthwhile goals in her life and plenty of happy relationships within her own age group. If she has these she will eventually become bored and burdened by what she will begin to sense is Helen's need for her friendship.

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Family Timber Farm Loans To Be Available

Portland—UPD—L. W. Sawyer, state Farmers Home Administration director, said Wednesday a new program of loans for timber management on family-type farms in western Oregon would be pioneered by his office.

Sawyer said if the plan is successful it may be used elsewhere.

Up to now, Sawyer said, no credit has been available to small woodlot owners for timber management purposes. He said there was a need for replanting, thinning and good forest management practices "all of which require money." Limited to Farms

The loans, he said, will be limited to farms on which at least 80 per cent of income is derived from farm operation and not more than 20 per cent from timber. This may be relaxed later, he said.

Borrowers will be required to follow a forestry management plan prepared by a qualified forestry technician. The Forest Service here said there are 19,640 small ownership class farms in western Oregon with from 10 to 5000 acres of timber on each. Most of them are not more than 200 acres, however. Possibly half the number might qualify for the loans, Sawyer said.

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