

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.

Mary R.—I owe my parents special consideration. My husband and I are in our mid-20s and we have been married a little more than a year. We have quite a lot of serious disagreements about one special matter—my parents.

My parents are elderly and live near us. I have a brother and sister who live in a different state and only visit my parents twice a year. Two years ago my youngest sister was killed in an accident, so naturally my folks are quite lonely and in depressed state of mind.

I feel that it is up to me to cheer them up. I make it my business to see them every night. My husband says he doesn't want to go over there every night so I go alone. Then he is furious that I leave him alone. He says that he should come first. But I feel that in this case I owe my parents some special consideration.

Mary R.—Married life certainly is not what I expected it to be. The day after we returned from our honeymoon Mary insisted upon spending the whole evening with her parents. I wanted to enjoy being alone in our new home, but nothing doing.

I feel that when a woman gets married she's got to put her husband before her parents. That's what marriage is all about and everyone agrees with me. The way things are now we may as well have remained single.

When I get home after a hard day's work I like to get into comfortable clothing and relax in an easy chair over the newspapers or TV. I don't want to have to make conversation with anyone's parents—including my own. But I would like to have my wife with me. Here I am, married a year, sitting home alone every night of the week.

The Council: Harry draws a sad portrait of himself, indeed. However, it appears to us he is partially responsible for creating this melancholy picture.

The issue "who comes first, me or your parents?" is a rather childish one. Harry is like a little boy who says "if you loved me you would give me the biggest piece of cake." He retreats in a sulk for some reason Mother is unable to give it to him.

It is true that marriage partners are pledged to one another—"forsaking all others"—but this pledge has a larger interpretation than Harry chooses to place on it. What is involved is a pledge to share in one another's feelings and needs, not simply to consume one another's physical and psychic energies.

Mary says "I owe my parents some special consideration," but if her marriage were established on a more satisfactory level, the statement might be "we owe my parents." Mary and Harry are now a unit and should

Charges Dismissed Against Shockley

Charges of making a false statement in writing were dismissed Friday against Kenneth Wayne Shockley, box 612, Jacksonville.

Shockley has made a full restriction, has enlisted in the Navy and is now on active duty, the district attorney's office said. The charges involved issuing a bad check Jan. 3, 1958.

Elbert Lionel Hawks, 1017 West 10th st., Medford, who is charged with petty larceny, was fined \$50 in district court and received a 30-day suspended sentence. Hawks was placed on probation for two months. He was charged with taking groceries from the Groceteria.

try to function as such. Basic principles aside, we do feel that Harry has good reason to complain about not having his wife at home evenings. Spending every single evening at the home of parents certainly sounds like quite a bit too much even if Mary and Harry did it together. We doubt very much whether the parents expect or even want so much attention.

We do believe, however, that if Harry showed understanding and consideration for Mary's feelings about her parents, it would be much easier to arrive at a compromise. (Copyright 1958, General Features Corp.)

About 400 Groups To Participate in Great Decisions

Corvallis—Some 400 neighborhood "study groups" throughout Oregon are slated to review state history and future goals in coming weeks in preparation for the Oregon Centennial.

Starting Jan. 25, Oregon's 1959 Great Decisions discussion groups—open to the public—will begin a 10-week public affairs series with the first two weeks devoted to Oregon history and potential growth for the future.

Ways to boost Oregon's per capita income, now less than the national average, prospects for new industries, and community problems of industrial expansion, taxes, and education needs are among issues up for discussion. "Fact Sheets" Informal discussion groups will be armed with brief, information-packed "fact sheets" on Oregon resources and current problems. Forestry, agriculture, and Oregon's \$400 million annual export-import trade are among topics reviewed with an eye to the future. The illustrated fact sheets are "1859-1959... Building Today's Oregon," the introductory program featuring Oregon history; and "What Frontiers in Oregon's Future?" for the second week's discussion.

Information on how to organize neighborhood discussion groups and obtain study materials are available from county "Great Decisions" councils, State Chairman Mrs. Mabel Mack, Oregon State college extension service, said. Details may also be obtained from local county extension agents.

The Oregon Centennial, coupled with requests last year from Oregon Great Decisions groups for "some Oregon issues," prompted the Oregon flavor in this year's public affairs discussion series, Mrs. Mack stated.

Foreign Policy Following discussion of Oregon issues, groups will continue an 8-week study of foreign policy issues with fact sheets prepared by the Foreign Policy association, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational agency.

Oregon fact sheets were prepared by Oregon State college staff members in cooperation with state organizations and agencies and the FPA. Newspapers, television, and radio stations will also review the Oregon and foreign policy issues and the program is scheduled for many high school social studies classes.

Great Decisions is carried statewide through the OSC extension service in cooperation with the FPA, the general extension division of the state system of higher education, the state department of education, state library, and some 25 state organizations.

The word Texas, or Tejas, is derived from the Spanish pronunciation of a Caddo Indian meaning "friends."

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

LITTLE OLD LADY tottered to a front pew in church, and was so visibly moved by the preacher's sermon that she dropped a twenty-dollar bill in the collection plate. Suddenly, however, she gave an ejaculation of dismay, literally scampered after the man with the collection plate, and extracted her twenty dollar bill. "What's the matter?" queried the collector. Explained the reverent lady, "I just discovered I'm in the wrong church."



Vernon Duke, who wrote that haunting song "April in Paris," points out the vast difference between a composer and a songwriter. A composer, he says, is a man who knows his craft; a songwriter writes hits.

George S. Kaufman reports that he's met what is unquestionably the champion bore of New York. "Other bores," he says, "have sometimes cornered me in corners—but this one cornered me in the middle of a big drawing room!" © 1959, by Bennett Cerf. Distributed by King Features Syndicate.

Dog Bite Results In Damage Suit

A \$7,500 damage suit resulting from a five-year-old girl being bitten by a dog has been filed in circuit court.

Mrs. Robert Kinkade, 743 Oak st., Ashland, is seeking damages for her five-year-old daughter, Suzanne, from Gail S. and Mildred Brewer, Ashland. Brewer is operator of an insurance agency on 1255 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland.

The complaint charges that the Brewers kept a German Shepherd dog on their premises which was ferocious, vicious, mischievous and accustomed to attacking and biting people. The girl was a "business invitee" on the Brewers' premises when the dog attacked the child, biting her about the head, eyes and face, the complaint charges. External and permanent injuries were inflicted, it is alleged further.

Mrs. Kinkade charges further that the Brewers failed to take reasonable control of the dog.

INSPECTS NAVAL UNITS

Bonn - (UPI) - Vice Adm. Friedrich Ruge, inspector of the West German navy, starts a 10-day visit to the United States today. He will visit the Pentagon in Washington, naval units at Norfolk, Va., and the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Umbrella production in West Germany in 1957 was 30 per cent higher than in 1956 and sales for the first time exceeded \$25 million.

Realty Firm Opens In Central Point

M. A. Mead has opened the Central Point Realty company in the building formerly occupied by Cris Barker. Mead has announced. He handles all types of real estate and appraisals.

Mead, who has been in the real estate business for about seven years, is the former owner of Mid-Way Auction yard at Four Corners, and has done subdivision development in Central Point. The latest development is a 30-acre tract just north of Crater High school.

Harry Mussen, who was associated with Barker in the office, is now associated with Mead in the company.

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Great Decisions Program on TV

The Great Decisions program and how individuals may form discussion groups will be explained on a television program over KBES-TV between 10 and 10:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, according to Mrs. Hugh Friel, chairman of the program in Medford.

Ray Petley, representative of the general extension division, Southern Oregon college, and Hugh Simpson, of Southern Oregon college, will explain the program.

Information and fact sheets will be available at the Jackson County Public Library in Medford or the Ashland library. Information may also be obtained from committee members. Assisting in the program this year besides Mrs. Friel, are Mrs. John Ousterhout, Eagle Point, publicity; Mrs. Florence Lance, 128 South Holly st., Medford, who will be in charge of tabulation; Don Gerren, Eagle Point dairyman; Mrs. Don Lowrance, Ashland public schools; Dr. Clifford Miller, Medford; Mrs. Justin Smith of Medford public schools; Glenn Klein and Miss Mary Pat Lucy, county extension agents.

4-H Club News

4-H General Meeting Providing entertainment for the next Central Point, West Side, and Table Rock 4-H general meeting will be some Crater FFA members. Meeting time and place is the Central Point Grange hall, Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

The FFA parliamentary team will demonstrate a "model meeting." Also a group will entertain with songs. All new members enrolled in 4-H for this year are urged to attend. Any boy or girl interested in 4-H are also welcome.

Carol von der Heilen, Reporter

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