

Family Council

Stephen D. - My brother's family is neglecting him.
George D. - Who is he to talk?

Stephen D. - My brother and I have lived far apart for the past 15 years. Somehow we have never gotten around to visiting one another. Recently business took me to his city. I went to visit him - only to learn that he was in the hospital and had been there for the last month. The doctors hold out little hope of his getting better.

I found my brother in a big ward filled with very ill patients. It was an awful place and he said the care and food were terrible. He said he wanted to go home, but that his wife and children didn't want to care for him any more.

I begged my sister-in-law to take her husband home and told her she is actually murdering him. Then the children jumped on me and made threats against me.

George D. - My uncle suddenly appeared out of nowhere and has decided to lead a campaign to save my father from us. But when my father first got ill several years ago, we wrote to him about it and he just sent my father a "get well" card and dropped the whole matter. He has never shown any more interest in all these years.

My mother has had a very hard time caring for my father in the past year or so. She went far beyond her real strength and she didn't want to send him back to the hospital. She only agreed to do it after we worked on her day and night, trying to make her see there was no sense in killing herself.

After all that, my uncle suddenly comes up with this "murder" business. Where does he come off with that stuff?

The Council: We can understand Stephen's feelings, but he seems to have lost his head in this sad affair. Stephen hasn't seen his brother in 15 years. He now confronts a considerably older man, wasted by the ravages of an apparently incurable disease. He finds him in the midst of unpleasant surroundings and learns that his brother is not there out of his own desire. He has been sent there by his family.

It all looks very, very bad, but Stephen had no right to run screaming "murder" before he checked his view of the thing and looked into some of the facts. We suspect that Stephen's own guilt at his long neglect of his brother may have something to do with his too-ready accusations against others.

If Stephen had given himself some time to cool off after the first shock of seeing his brother again, he might have learned a few simple facts - an outstanding one being that it is unlikely that a hospital would keep this man in a ward bed if the doctors felt that it was possible for him to be treated at home. Another fact is that an invalid is often not the best judge of his own situation. When the sick man complained to his brother about the treatment he gets at the hospital, he was undoubtedly also speaking about a certain amount of physical distress that can't be relieved by medicine.

Because he has been out of touch with this family for so long, Stephen knows nothing about them or their trials. The only decent thing for him to have done was to ask what he could do to help.

The next time Stephen feels impelled to make wild accusations, we recommend that he open his Bible to the passage that reads "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone."

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Lumbermen's Group Gets Merit Award

The West Coast Lumbermen's association recently received an exceptional merit award from the National Association of Home Builders and Producers' Council, for excellence of its product literature.

Particularly mentioned was the west coast association's development of their recent literature directed to the home building on behalf of west coast lumber.

Senate Confirms Three Appointments

Salem -UPI- The Oregon Senate Monday confirmed three appointments to the State Water Resources Board made by ex-Gov. Robert D. Gaines.

They were John D. Davis, Clayton; Byron C. Brinton, Baker; and Karl Onthank, Eugene.

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ALMOST INCREDIBLY, Guido Grassi (right), asks Italian-speaking prison inmate at Washington State Prison, Walla Walla, if it is really true he has been pardoned to return to Italy. Grassi has been in prison 35 years for slaying three persons. He has children in Italy.

Disappearance of Minnesota Family Of Seven Puzzles

Silver Lake, Minn. -UPI- Authorities today admitted they have hit a dead end in their search for a contractor who vanished Dec. 30 with his wife and five small children, leaving behind a pile of debts.

Friends discovered the disappearance of Earl Zarust, 30, a native of Silver Lake and a town councilman, and his family when they noted milk and newspapers untouched on the doorstep.

The front door of Zarust's newly built home was left unlocked and a Christmas tree stood in the living room. Don Knot, a business associate, said Zarust left four buildings uncompleted and owed him \$11,000. Knot said he is finishing the buildings to try and get his money out of them.

Checked Every Angle
McCloud County Sheriff Leon Odegaard admitted he was unable to find a trace of the missing Zarusts in more than a month of searching.

"We don't know what to do next," Odegaard said. "We've checked every angle. There simply isn't a trace of them. The only thing we can think of now is to ask help from higher authorities."

However, the situation is further tangled by refusal of relatives to swear out a missing person warrant for Zarust.

"That's what puzzles me," Odegaard said. "Why doesn't some relative come and list Zarust as missing? The family is coming in to check daily to see if we've found him."

The sheriff said no one saw Zarust, who has been in the contracting business for nine years, his wife, Caroline, and their children, Sandra, 10; Susan, 8; Cary, 5; Douglas, 3; and Russell, 2, leave their home or the town.

Takes Birth Certificates
There was no sign of a struggle, Odegaard said, and some of the family's winter clothing was gone. He said the family apparently left in their late model automobile.

Inquiries to the State Department and to Canadian border officials have failed to turn up any sign of Zarust, Odegaard said.

The principal of the parochial school attended by Sandra and Susan said both children had perfect attendance records until their disappearance during the Christmas school vacation.

Odegaard said there was "just one thing" to indicate

Need for Lent Said No Less Than That of Earlier Generations

Editor's note: Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. In the following message, a noted clergyman discusses the meaning of the Lenten season and its application to modern life.

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There are many ways of expressing the values of Lent. As a season in the church year it grew into the round of Christian life quite naturally as a time of serious preparation for the great good news of Easter. There is an historical explanation of it, but history is human experience, and our need for Lent is no less than that of men of earlier generations.

Most Important Value
Its notes of penitence, of self-examination, of spiritual concentration, of fasting from the things of this world in order to focus our lives more directly on the things of God, are notes that should be struck all through the year, of course. But during Lent these notes are struck more strongly, and by all of us together.

And this is one of the most important values of Lent, that we all observe it together. Lent is a time of spiritual quickening not only for individuals in Christ's church, but for the church itself. We worship together in Lent more often, and with the expectation of deepening the spiritual ties between us and between us and our Lord. We read and study and discuss together because Christ is borne between us, and we are His family.

For Sake of Others
If we fast we do it for the sake of others as well as for ourselves. And when Easter comes the Resurrection will be seen as His gift to us as we

Zarust might have been planning to flee.

"Just a short while earlier, Zarust went to the county courthouse and picked up all his kids' birth certificates," he said.

Population of the U. S. increased six times from 1850 and 1950 - from 23 million to more than 151 million.

Pacific States Pool Suggested For Resources

Sacramento -UPI- California Gov. Edmund G. Brown proposed Monday that California, Oregon and Washington pool their water power and consumer resources.

He made the suggestion in letters to Gov. Albert D. Rosellini of Washington and Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon.

The governor noted reports that the Bonneville Power Administration, a federal agency in the northwest, faces deficits and a possible rate increase unless a market for the power it produces can be found.

Brown said that if the power could be brought to California, "it might assist us in a supply of energy for pumping of water in the proposed statewide water program."

Not Limited to Water
Brown, however, did not limit his proposal to water but suggested that the Pacific Coast states should not accept any short-range program.

He said that this was necessary "because increasing population will require more and more industries to furnish jobs - and industries can be attracted to the West if power rates are kept low."

Brown said about three billion kilowatt-hours of energy are going to waste each year in the Northwest. He suggested that engineering experts from the three Pacific Coast states make a three-state study of the advantages and disadvantages of a power tie-up.

Preliminary studies indicate that power for pumping in California could be made available by construction of a transmission line connecting the Northwest plants to switchyards at Shasta Dam, Brown said.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Onions Are Good—And Embarrassing

Onions taste good when you are eating them, but, if some friends drop in unexpectedly you can be embarrassed. The fact that you ate them "because they are healthy" does not lessen the social sting.

Onions always have been attributed with curative properties. Many diseases have been reported to evacuate an ailing human body when the vegetable was eaten, or used as a poultice. Fried onions, in a sack, placed hot on a patient suffering from pneumonia or some other respiratory diseases, was prescribed by our forefathers and may have resulted in alleviating suffering.

Gave Complete Rest
At least they gave the sufferer complete rest; for few of his friends could tolerate the smell long enough to tire him out by a well meaning visit.

Another benefit onions were supposed to bring about was a cure for insomnia. Eaten with bread and butter just before retiring, they brought about restful and immediate slumber.

It is rather ironic that this homely garden vegetable belongs to the lily family. It has been cultivated from antiquity in India and Egypt, but probably originated in ancient

Persia. Used for food and flavoring for many centuries, it still retains a great popularity, in spite of its offensiveness.

Some people will tolerate the onion, but will draw a determined line when its near relative is brought onto the

table, or into the food. This relative, the garlic, is the "strongest" member of the family and is more often ridiculed than all the others.

Garlic has a far-reaching effect. A "garlic breath" has the disgusting carrying power of a forest fire and a persistence that clings to even the clothes and hands of those intrepid souls who hold the feelings of their fellowmen in contemptuous disdain, and eat this potent vegetable.

A less known member of the lily family is the "leek," a small onion-like plant that grows abundantly in rich, damp woods. Farmers are particularly watchful in the

spring to see that their cows do not eat them as they impart to milk a strong and unpalatable taste.

The leek also is used for human food, and in some sections of the country is gathered and sold in fruit markets for flavoring. Early Americans used them medicinally. And our forefathers treated the common cold by eating generous amounts of onions. The real sufferers then were his family and friends. The human nose has been a martyr since the first man ate a bulb he found in the ground, that was later named an onion. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1959)

Hatfield Threatens Executive Veto Use

Salem -UPI- Gov. Mark Hatfield Monday served notice on the Legislature that he would use his executive veto power when he thought the state was spending too much money.

Hatfield made the comment in supplementary remarks to his budget message.

Hatfield also noted in supplementary remarks that Oregon had just completed a \$35,000 tax study by Dr. John Sly.

"If we ignore the recommendations of our most recent professional examination, we will be like a patient paying a considerable doctor bill but refusing to take his prescription because we don't like the taste of the medicine. Either we follow along the general lines of advice or we continue to doctor ourselves in hit and miss fashion," he said.

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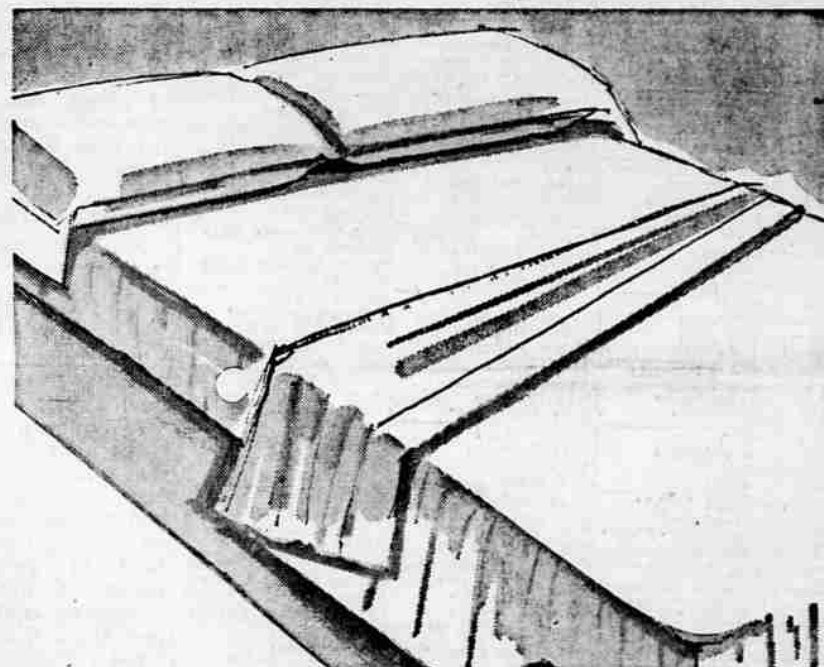
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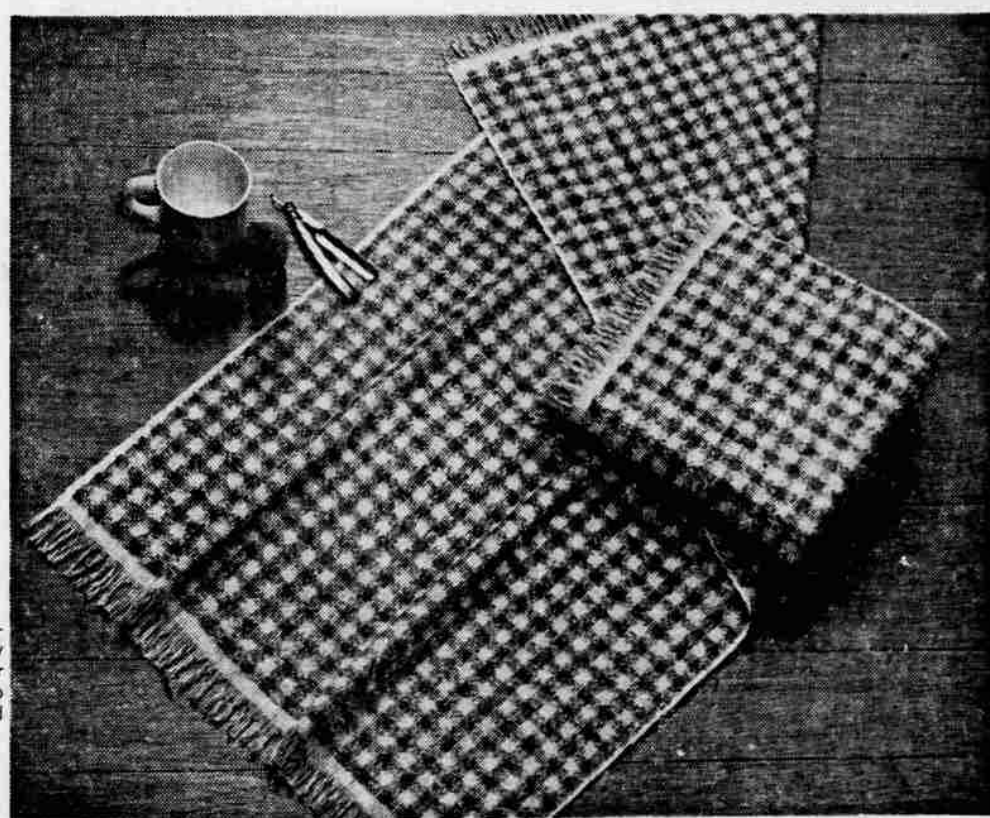
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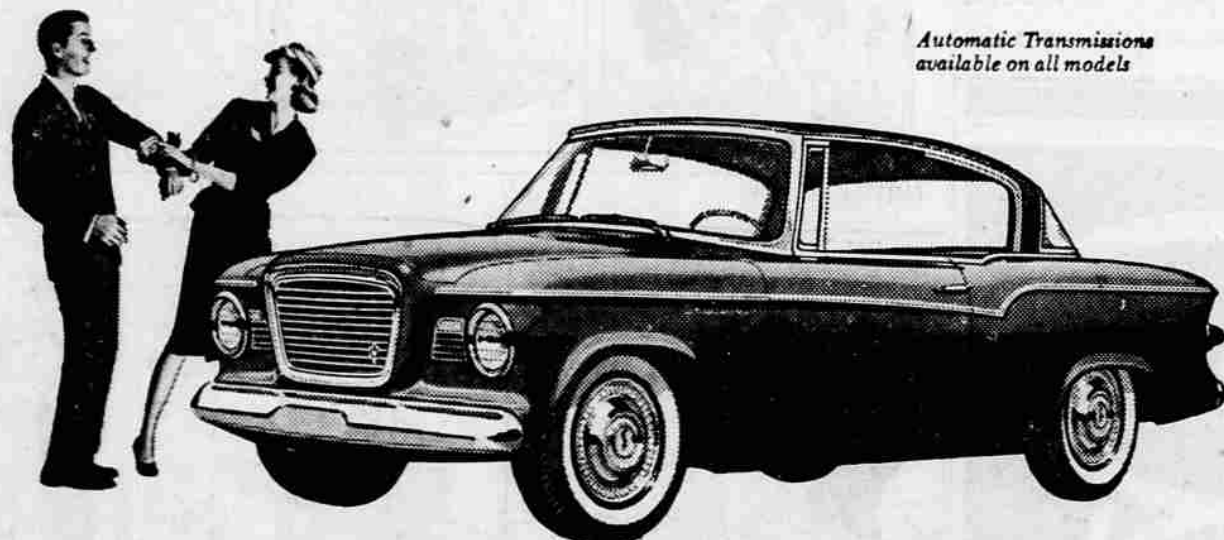
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