



MEETING OUTSIDE OF HAVANA, Phillip Bonsal (right), U. S. Ambassador to Cuba and Premier Fidel Castro discuss relations between two governments.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper 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.

Ethel P. - She blabbed my secret.

Richard P. - She meant no harm by it.

Ethel P. - I recently broke off all relations with my very best friend and my husband tells me I'm wrong. I'd like to know why.

I broke off because she blabbed about a very important secret. I had told Irene that I was going to have a baby as soon as I found out about it. We have been best friends since our high school days and I wanted to tell her even before my family. I begged her to say nothing about it to another soul.

Well, unfortunately, as the result of an accident, I lost the baby. And then I discovered that everybody, and I do mean everybody, knew all about it. I was so upset I could have killed her.

Richard P. - The way I look at it is this. If Ethel hadn't lost the baby, she would have taken a different view of the whole thing. She might have been a little annoyed that Irene couldn't keep her mouth shut, but she wouldn't have gotten so furious.

After all, it isn't Irene's fault that the baby was lost and the way Ethel is acting she is taking it all out on Irene. Irene meant no harm, but like all women she doesn't know how to keep a secret. It isn't as though she said anything mean. She just broadcasted a piece of news. I feel that Ethel is going to

be sorry about the loss of Irene's friendship. The girls always had a great time together.

The Council: We think that Richard has the right view of the whole event and Ethel would be wise to listen to him. In addition, we think that Ethel should always remember that the only real secrets are those that are told to nobody.

We don't think that women are necessarily more untrustworthy than men. It's just that they usually relate personal things while men like to "blab" about business and political "secrets." The same impulse operates in both cases. Everyone feels flattered about being "in the know." It enhances their prestige in their own eyes. Then the temptation is to publicize the fact that they have been honored with the revelation of this secret.

We think that Ethel should be aware that Irene probably did not blab to the world at large. She most likely chose one other close friend who in turn repeated it to another close friend. Everyone cherished the secrecy of the secret as she passed it on.

Ethel should recognize that she probably would have been equally tempted if the case was reversed. It takes a rather exceptional person to really keep a secret and it is a little foolish to insist that a friendship must stand or fall on such exceptional qualities.

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McLEOD Executive Meeting Held

McLeod-The Lions auxiliary of Prospect held their executive meeting Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, at the home of Mrs. Heston Grieve. There were 14 members present.

The auxiliary will sponsor a crab feed March 21 and a card party March 14, to which the public is invited.

The next election meeting will be March 25 at the home of Mrs. Vic Chapman with Caroline Harding as hostess. Members are urged to attend as plans for the spring board meeting which will be held in Portland April 21, will be discussed.

A farewell party was given in the Upper Rogue Grange hall Thursday evening, Feb. 26, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barker, who are leaving New York April 3 for Harve, France, on the steamer America and will visit Jimmy Richardson, a student in Barcelona, Spain. Jimmy is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson of Laurelhurst road and he attended school here.

Also, in Vienna, Austria, they will visit a son of an Army friend who is taking music there, and also friends in England and Germany. They expect to be gone about 3 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Finnstrom have returned to their home here at McLeod on the Rogue river, after spending several years in Buenos Aires where Mr. Finnstrom was connected with the McCormick Steamship line. He is now retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moorehead are visiting in San Francisco, Fresno and Los Angeles before returning to their home here.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Chapman surprised them Saturday evening, Feb. 21 by a pot luck dinner in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Miss Eda Larson and Mrs. Faran Mason have returned from Los Angeles where they attended the wedding of Edgar Abernathy.

Mrs. Alice Conger, who has been visiting relatives in

Roseville, Calif., has returned to her home here.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanderson last week was Mrs. Sanderson's mother, Mrs. Katherine Bunce, of Rogue River.

Luncheon guests Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the home of Mrs. Caroline Harding were Mrs. Willie McLean and Mrs. Milly Walker of Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kness visited friends in Bly, Ore., last week.

Mrs. Caroline Harding returned to her home here after visiting with friends in Cottonwood, Calif., for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hume and twin daughters, Jacqueline and Josephine and Mrs. Caroline Harding expect to attend the boat show in Roseburg the week end of March 7.

On Feb. 18 the Eagle Point speech class journeyed to Linfield college for a three-day speech tournament.

The class consisted of Carol Scott, Lana McGreen, Georgia Weidman, Susie Palm, Debbie Dunlap, Adelene Jensen, Suzi Chubb, Jackie and Joey Hume and Rolf Gusland. Bert Simmons, speech coach, and Charles Pettigrew took the students up.

First place winner was Georgia Weidman in Visual Aid; second place winners were Carole Scott in salesmanship, and Jackie Hume, Visual Aids.

Miss Jackie and Joey Hume were guests of Beverly Tresham at her home in Eagle Point Saturday night, February 28.

The Ray Tresham home was the meeting place for Roger Hooper, Bill McClune, Gary Ayres, Larry Smith and Judi Bradshaw. The evening was spent in going to a show, after which Beverly gave a slumber party.

Salem-UPB-The House Judiciary committee has tabled House bill 182 which would have provided for confidential communication between a reporter and his news source.

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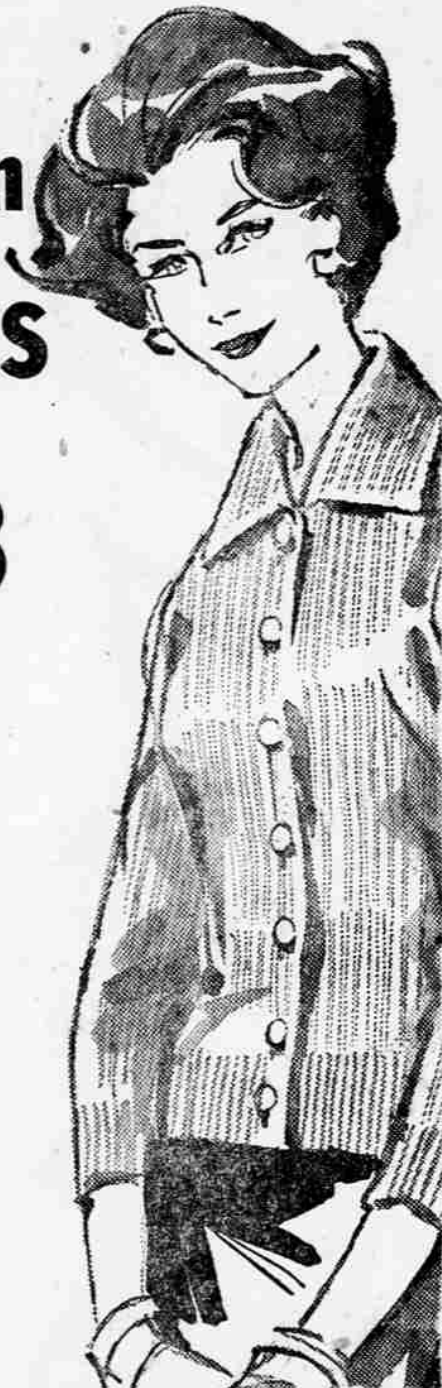
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