

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.

Paul F. - They won't let me take a job at a swank hotel.

Mr. T.F. - He has gotten too big for his breeches.

Paul F. - I am 16 and am having a lot of trouble with my parents. They want me to work in my father's store this summer, but I have better ideas.

I have been working in that old hole of a store for the past four summers and I am sick of it. A friend of mine can help me get a job in a swank resort hotel, where I could make twice as much money in tips and have a good time besides.

The worst of it is that my folks don't really need me in the store. I know that they just want to keep an eye on me. They don't like my friend and they think we are up to something funny. I think the folks should realize that I ought to have some wider experience than just working in their store.

Mr. T.F. - Paul sure has one thing right. We do want to keep an eye on him. We do think that he and his buddy are up to something - and it's nothing good.

Paul has gotten too big for his breeches in the past year. He boasts about how much he can get away with. He gets some of the smartest kids to write his school papers. He bluffs through his exams and constantly tells stories about how he made a fool of some teacher. But next thing you hear is that the same teacher has given him a high grade.

Paul is a smart kid and a good-looking one, but he thinks he can get away with too much. He has the attitude that life owes him everything without his having to do a thing.

The Council: - The T.F.'s are wise to recognize that Paul has a problem. Occasionally, the parents of such a boy are fooled into thinking that he is, indeed, quite a wonder and will manage to breeze through life in fine style.

It is true that some individuals manage to acquire a good deal of worldly success on a maximum of brass and a minimum of work and ability, but parents who are concerned about more than the superficial aspects of their children's lives should strive to give them a different outlook.

Paul's problem is basically psychological, but it also has to do with some false values he has acquired. A person who tries to get ahead by outwitting or hurting others rather than by honest effort has a deep sense of inferiority. He needs to belittle others to keep up his own self-esteem.

Some people strive to overcome a sense of inferiority by setting high goals and making a strong effort to achieve them, but others, like Paul, get the idea that bluffing is a better and smarter way. Such individuals have managed to get some approval from parents or other adults for this behavior - or they have seen

Valley Couple Buy Rogue River Home

Mr. and Mrs. Jack James, Fern Valley rd., have purchased the Rogue river home, "Idlewild," from Mr. and Mrs. Scott V. Davis. The James, who plan to move in immediately, will make it their permanent home. Mrs. Davis reported. The Davis' make their home at 1914 East Main street, Medford.

The river area where the house stands is known by the early day residents as "happy camp," a camping site for Indians on their way to Klamath county. A large oak tree in the area was used to anchor the ferry the Indians used to cross Rogue river.

James is a contractor associated with Graff and James company.

ALMOST A DIPLOMAT

Hollywood-UPA-Actor Boris Karloff was born William Henry Pratt in England. He was the youngest of the nine children of Edward Pratt, a government civil servant, and was slated for consular service until he ran away from home to become an actor. He was 22 years old at the time.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Swallowtail Butterfly

The flight of the swallowtail butterfly is leisurely, almost to the point of being deliberate. These graceful creatures loaf along at the rate of about six miles an hour, flapping their scaly, colorful wings at approximately 25 flaps to the minute.

Like all butterflies the brightly colored wings are covered with tiny scales that brush off easily, like dust or powder. These scales have their surfaces crossed by numerous parallel ridges.

The swallowtails have exceedingly long tongues capable of penetrating into deep-throated flowers. When not sipping water or the nectar from a flower, the tongue is coiled, like the hair-spring of a watch, up under the insect's head.

The swallowtails are the largest and the most gaudy of our butterflies, some measuring as much as five inches across the wings. These insects are characterized by being dressed in "tails." These tails are extensions on each of the hind wings. Their only purpose, as far as is known, is purely decorative. The exception to the rule is the so-called blue swallowtail who, for some reason, is "tailless" but is called a swallowtail nevertheless.

Brownish-Black
The giant swallowtail is brownish black with a double row of yellow spots on the wings. Viewed from a distance the spots seem to merge together and look like a solid color band. The base of the hind wings have a yellow edge. It has conspicuous "tails" as though the insect were attired in a full dress suit.

The swallowtails have large heads and fly only during the

daylight hours. They are as much a part of summer as the sunshine or the flowers. They are attracted to rotted fruit, as well as decayed animal flesh. They often gather by dozens at the edge of a mud-puddle during dry weather when all other sources of water are dried up. Water seems to be as essential to them as the nectar of flowers.

Often Green

The larva of the swallowtail is usually bright colored, often vivid green, naked, and capable of emitting a very disagreeable odor when disturbed. This is supposed to be a protective device to discourage any hungry bird that might want butterfly flesh for a meal.

The larva attaches itself at the top of a suitable support, hanging head downward. Usually a girdle of silk threads is thrown about the middle to keep the sleeping creature from swinging in the winds that will surely blow before it awakens from its strange sleep into a gaudy, swallowtail butterfly with a full dress and "tails."

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Hollywood - (UP) - Lauren Chapin, who plays the younger daughter in the "Father Knows Best" TV series amuses herself in her spare time by pursuing the hairdresser's art. Her mother, certain that Lauren will become a beautician if she gives up acting when she grows up, says the girl is always fussing with false hair pieces-washing, curling and combing them. When she's free at the studio, she invariably visits the hairdressing department to try on wigs, braids and buns.

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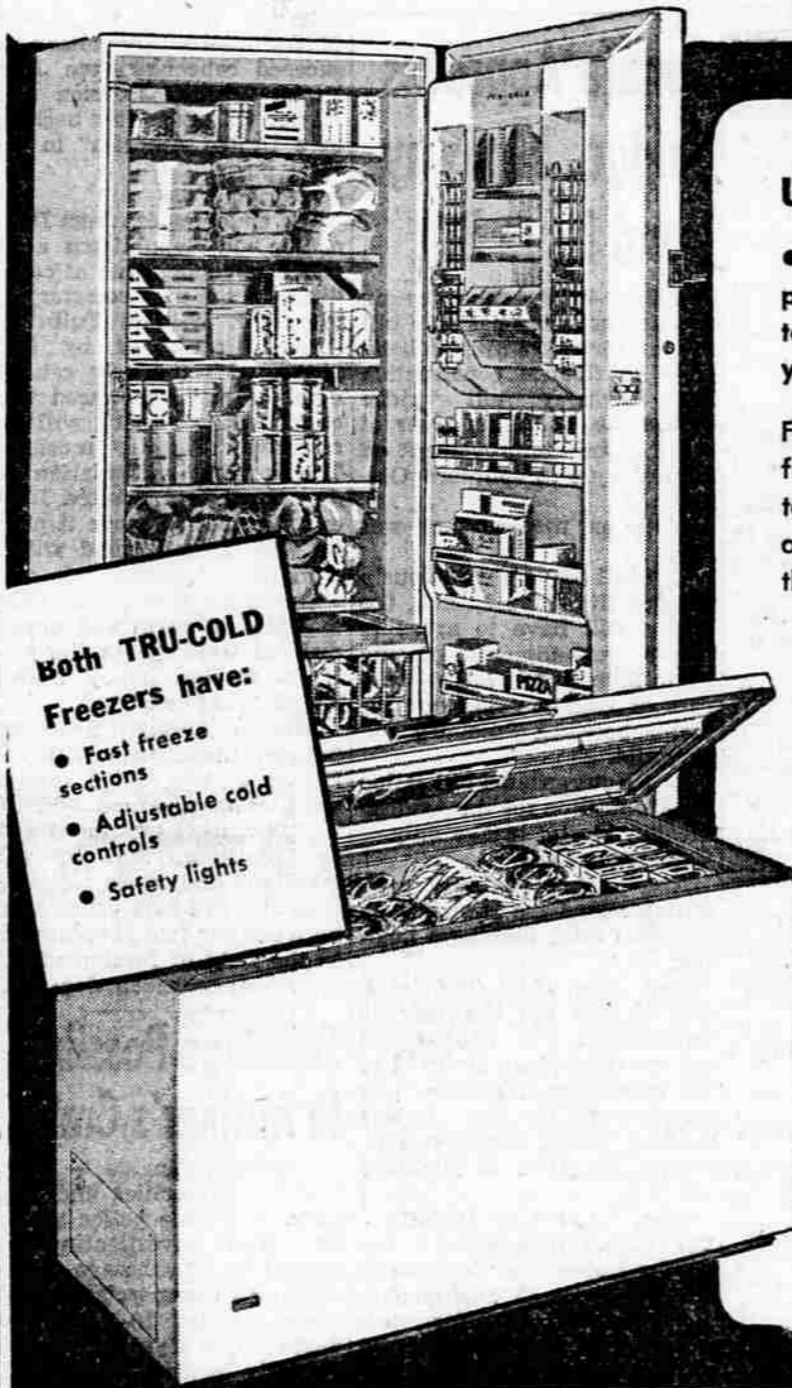
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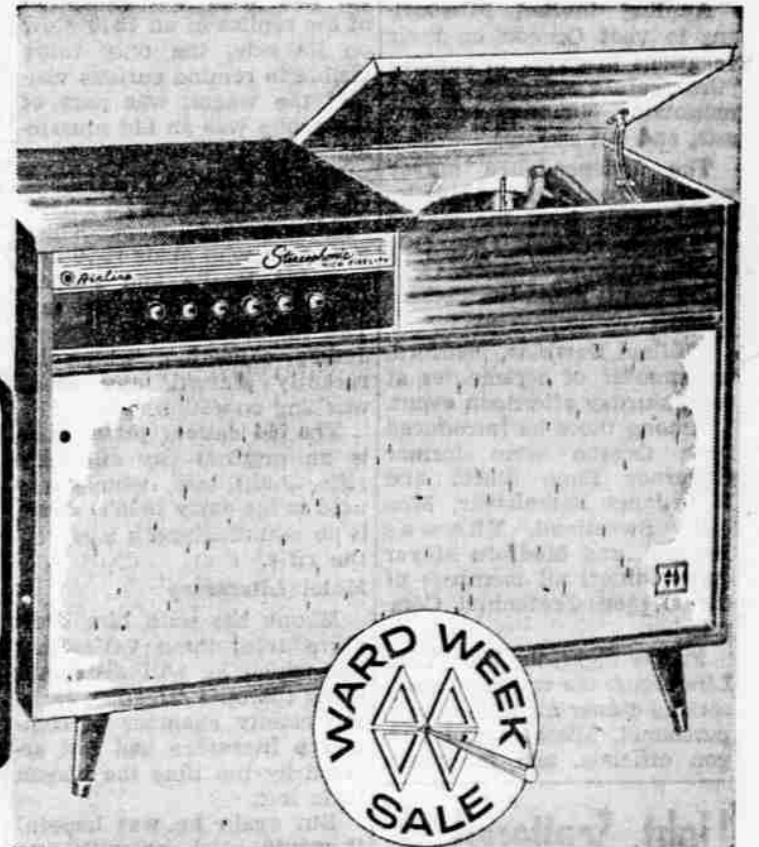
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