

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.

Charles F. - She says she still loves me.
Eileen J. - I was only 18.

Charles F. - I have recently returned from Navy service to face an awful shock. My parents told me that the girl I planned to marry had been involved with a married man in our community and that there had been quite a scandal.

I didn't think Eileen would have the nerve to look at me again, but she called me and begged to see me. I finally went and was shocked by the difference in her. She had lost about 20 pounds and really looked like a case for a rest home. She said the whole thing had been a horrible mistake, that she had always loved me and still does and wants to marry me.

My parents say I'd be nuttier than she is if I march down the aisle with her, but in a way I feel I love her more than ever. I do feel she is basically a good kid and I know the guy she was involved with was the lowest thing on two feet.

Eileen J. - I know how Charlie feels and I certainly wouldn't blame him if he never wanted to look at me again. Even if we hadn't planned to get married before Charlie left for the service, why would he or any one else want to marry a girl who had been the scandal of the community?

All I can say in my own defense is that I was only 18 and this man was more than twice my age. He had had many affairs before and everybody admits that he is a fascinating guy. I was so flattered when he took an interest in me that I was just swept off my feet.

I have never been really serious about anyone except Charlie. I feel that if we married and moved away from here we could be happy. Charlie's parents have been awful about it all.

The Council: Eileen's defense of herself has some

strong points, but we certainly wouldn't recommend marriage at this time - not for either party.

It is true that a girl of 18 may have to put up some stiff resistance against an experienced and fascinating seducer of more than twice her age, but a girl of 18 of sound character and upbringing also knows better than to subject herself to such an unusual temptation. Yes, every seduction is a two-way street and the most aggressive male becomes disheartened in the face of persistent cool disinterest.

An important question both Charlie and Eileen ought to ask themselves is why is Eileen now so impatient for marriage? After a disastrous experience, most individuals find it necessary to take some time to pull themselves together again. They don't know their real feelings until they have given themselves a recuperative period.

Much of what Eileen says suggests that it is not love so much as fear that draws her to Charles at this time. Her lack of understanding of Charles' "awful" parents indicates immaturity of thinking and feeling. Surely, even a very young girl can understand why parents wouldn't want their son to marry a girl who has just been involved in a scandalous affair.

Eileen is clearly in a dreadful position at this time and is trying desperately to save herself. The only reason that we can see for Charles' loving her "more than ever" is that he is touched by her helplessness. These two elements make a very poor basis for marriage. If there is any real love involved on either side here, it will survive a good long wait.

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The shrew, a mouse-like creature that is the world's smallest mammal, can consume its own weight in insects every three hours.



MARKING NEW MILESTONE in science, two-headed dog is presented to newsmen in Moscow. Dr. Vladimir Demikhov (right), noted Russian transplanting surgeon, is feeding animal created by grafting head and two front legs of puppy onto back of neck of full-grown shepherd.

Higher Education Board Approves Bond Issue Sale

Portland - (UPD) - The State Board of Higher Education Tuesday announced plans to sell on May 26 a bond issue for \$9,055,000 to finance construction of buildings on Oregon campuses.

Bids on the bond issue were called Tuesday. It will be the largest single issue in the 26-year history of the state system and raise the bonded debt for higher education to \$25 million.

Bonds will be retired over 30 years with income from student fees.

Projects to be financed by the issue include:

Oregon State College: Two dormitories to cost \$3,360,000; student Union addition, \$1,325,000; health service addition, \$290,000.

University of Oregon: Married student housing, 48 units, \$375,000; Memorial Union addition \$440,000.

Portland State: Student center addition, \$1,475,000.

Southern Oregon: Student center addition and dormitory remodeling, \$125,000; new dormitory, \$400,000.

Oregon College at Mon-

Missing Chipmunk Case Said Solved

Medford police have reported solving a case of two missing chipmunks on Mae st.

Theodore Roosevelt Ford, 336 Mae st., informed police Monday morning that his son's pair of pet rodents had disappeared from their cage in the backyard and that the cage itself had been damaged.

Later in the day, an investigating patrolman was told that a 10-year-old neighbor boy had been responsible. The boy reportedly returned one chipmunk and stated he would have his father repair the cage. The other chipmunk had been observed near the cage, and plans were being made to trap it.

mouth: Student center, \$975,000.

Medical and dental schools: Student center, \$385,000. Student center, \$385,000.

The board said planning has been done for all projects and bids would be called this year for all but one dormitory at Oregon State and the University married housing units. These two will be started in 1960.

The Board approved purchase of property at several institutions, including \$52,800 for five parcels of land at Oregon State, \$40,000 for the University and \$26,200 at Portland State.

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

A 'Picture Postcard' Spot - Almost

"UNTIL THEY CAME" "Let no one say, and say it to your shame. That all was beauty here until you came."

It was a quiet little lake, nestled snugly in a group of trees. Pond lilies dotted its surface; the blue sky was reflected in its limpid waters. From a little distance, on the natural elevation of the highway, the lake resembled a shining gem, unsullied and unspoiled.

One American child in five goes to a hospital within a year and the duration of the average stay as a patient is five days.

At the near edge a snow-white bird stood like a statue in the shallows. At the opposite shore a boat was tied to a tree. The whole thing looked like a picture in a travel folder.

Winding Road There was even a winding road wandering through a pine woods; ending near the idyllic spot; all the ingredients of a dream, laid outdoors. But others had traveled that road before. Along it had passed some who were thoughtless, lazy, greedy, stupid and selfish. Some had come here, not because they sought beauty, solitude or communion with nature, but to rid themselves of their trash.

Along the winding road, in great piles, were empty paint cans, bottles, discarded bed-

spring, piles of plaster, tar paper, old automobile tires, old shoes, and a disgusting miscellany of rubbish that somebody didn't want. Even on the shore of the little lake, where the road approached, were heaps of junk. Here, in unsightly piles, was the residue of what we call a high order of civilization; debris from a culture we believe to be of a high order.

Neither is the little lake, nor the road leading to it the only recipient of the visitations of the debris-dumper and the rubbish-runner. Any or all of the side roads are sullied and spoiled by these unsightly patches of discarded junk. The dumper thinks it's cheaper for him to dump his trash along the highway than to have it hauled away and disposed of in an orderly manner.

'Dumper-Valve' His own home and yard may be spotless, orderly and beautiful; his car may be bright and new; he may even be a fastidious person in his dress, but somewhere in the dim recesses of his brain there is a "dumper-valve" that opens and shuts with disgusting regularity. Someone said once that "a

thing of beauty is a joy forever;" a quiet lake, a lazy river, a winding country road, a group of trees, or a sandy beach should be a beautiful and unspoiled bit of the outdoors. Even after we pass, it should remain clean. God's great outdoors can continue to be a very beautiful place. It is just common decency for each of us to keep it that way.

so that those who come after us will find a beauty spot instead of dump. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1959)

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