

# 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.

**Alan A.**—My wife has taken up with a woman of bad reputation.

**Elaine A.**—I'll choose any friends I please.

**Alan A.**—I am at a loss to know how to deal with my wife. She has taken up with a woman of bad reputation and I can't get her to understand that she is harming our married life and our three children.

This woman—Carol—has been married three times and is known in our community as a home-wrecker. What she and my wife can have in common is more than I can imagine. My wife had a wonderful upbringing and never went out with anyone but me.

Things have gotten so bad that the neighbors are all talking. One of the women in our housing development came to tell me about it. She said she is very fond of my wife and hates to see others get the wrong impression of her.

**Elaine A.**—I think that woman who spoke to my husband has more nerve than brains. Who is she anyway—my governess? I am 27 years old and I'll choose whatever friends I please.

I met Carol when she happened to be passing the baby carriage and caught my baby as he almost took a dive for the sidewalk. I was so grateful I could have kissed her. Then we started talking and I found her very pleasant. I don't approve of some of her language or the way she dresses, but outside of that she is very nice.

I have noticed that some of the other women have steered clear of me since I took up with Carol. I don't care because I find her more interesting to talk to than a lot of them.

**The Council:** We can find only one villainess in this story—and that is the woman who went bearing a silly tale to a too-easily-upset husband.

We get the impression that Elaine is the kind of person who is sure of herself and her own standards. She is not afraid to be grateful, courteous and kind to a woman of doubtful reputation because she knows she cannot be easily tainted. Alan offers no complaints about his wife's behavior since she has taken up with Carol, so we are assuming that the possible evil influences have failed to materialize.

It is possible that Carol has had a lurid past—yet is capable of good and of appreciating respect and consideration when they are given her. The friendship of a woman of good reputation and character may

mark a turning point in her life.

If Carol is so disturbed as to be beyond the help of a kindly woman, the chances are that Elaine will find herself forced to give up this friendship. Elaine could be wrongly affected by Carol only if she were herself very confused and unhappy with her lot. In view of the absence of such signs, we would consider her quite capable of successfully choosing her own friends.

We think Alan ought to bear in mind the incident that brought the two women together—the saving of his baby from a dangerous fall. It is a reminder of the possibility of good which lies in everyone.

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## Manager Named for New Bank Branch

Glenn M. Lusk, formerly of Kennebec, Wash., has been named manager of the new East Medford branch of the Rogue Valley State bank, Clarence Young, president, has announced.

The new branch is expected to open in the Medford Shopping Center area Sept. 19. The shopping center's first business opened last Thursday.

Lusk formerly was assistant manager of the Kennebec branch of the Seattle-First National bank of Kennebec and prior to that was assistant cashier of the Valley National bank at Milton-Freewater. He also has been with the Old National bank of Spokane.

Lusk has been active in various civic affairs, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and Toastmasters. He is an officer in the Air National Guard.

## Jackson Highway Project Bids Opened

Salem—Bids on highway projects totaling about \$1,500,000 will be opened by the State Highway Commission here Sept. 10.

Contracts will not be awarded until the Commission meets here Sept. 24.

No interstate highway projects are involved, as the Commission has closed down bidding on these projects until congress provides money for them.

Bids by counties included: Jackson: 51-foot concrete slab bridge about 2 miles south of Gold Hill; 88-foot concrete slab bridge about 4.5 miles south of Trail on Rogue River drive.

## Baker Youngster Injured in Tumble

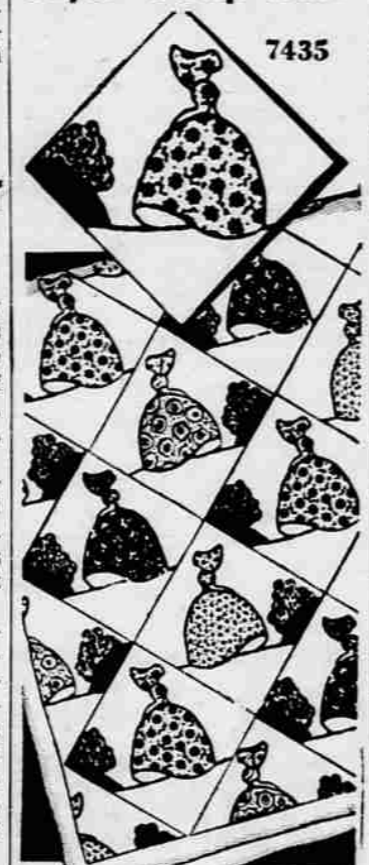
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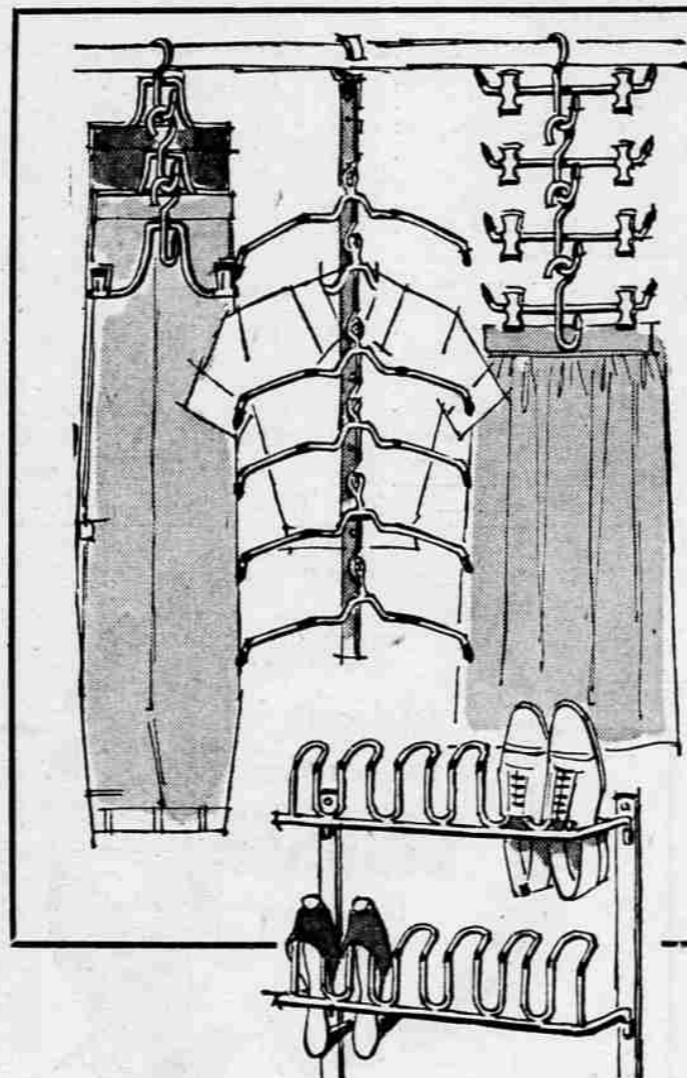
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