

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.

Rose E.—She should stop working now that she has the money.
Ethel L.—But I'm used to working.

Rose E.—My sister and I are in our mid-50s and grandmothers. I have been more fortunate in my marriage. My husband has done well financially. My sister's husband never has done well and never will. My sister has worked most of her married life, even when her children were young.

Our father died recently leaving us each a nice sum of money which could bring a fair return if it is well invested. I was very happy for my sister because I felt that at least she'd be able to stop working.

Instead Ethel says she wants to give each of her children substantial gifts and buy a new car. She also wants to take a long trip with her husband. Our father left this money for her. She owes it to his memory not to throw it around.

Ethel L.—Rose has always been bitter and resentful toward my husband because I married him instead of somebody else. The "somebody else" was her husband's brother. He too has been very successful financially and Rose has never lost an opportunity to let me know she feels I made a big mistake.

But I don't regret my marriage. My husband has been unhelpful in business, but we've managed to get along. The only thing I regret is that we aren't able to go much for our children when they get married. Well, now I have a chance to make up for it.

I know father agreed with Rose about my husband, but he didn't specify in his will that he wanted me to do anything special with the money and I have a right to do as I please. I am used to working and I want to keep it up as long as my health holds out.

The Council: Rose is an extremely overbearing person and all wrong in this affair. It is definitely not her business to analyze her sister's marital and economic situation, or to hand down judgments.

Women like Rose, who are seething with criticisms, grievances and annoyances about others, need to look inward, not outward, for the source of their unhappiness. They tend

to project on others the restlessness and anxiety they feel. They want to straighten out the lives of others, but can do nothing with their own.

Ethel appears to be of sound mind and certainly has sufficient maturity to know what she wants out of life. We get the strong impression that she has had far more happiness out of her marriage than Rose has had out of marriage to her successful husband.

It is impossible to read into this case the source of Rose's difficulty. We can only say that she should be aware that she has one. It is very possible that she would be much better off if she had to go to work like her sister. It might give her a sense of accomplishment. It would certainly help take her mind off matters that don't concern her.

Ethel should use the money as she chooses without guilt feelings about her father's money. Undoubtedly her father hoped it would contribute to her welfare and well-being. She is the sole judge of what that involves.

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Jayne Mansfield Replaces Mae West

Shaw AFB, S.C.—(AP)—Faithful old Mae West is on the way out, replaced by a modern Jayne Mansfield.

That's progress for you, old timers at the Air Force base here said.

For years the Mae West life jacket has saved the lives of pilots down at sea. But the experts have been tinkering with the vest and finally a new one is being introduced to the Air Force. Pilots immediately dubbed it the Jayne Mansfield, "a pretty good replacement for Mae and up to date."

The new jacket has the advantage of being inflated prior to wriggling out of the parachute harness. In the old style Mae West jacket, the pilot down at sea had to first shed his parachute before inflating the life vest.

SENTENCED TO PEN

Toronto—(AP)—Seven women and one man were sentenced to penitentiary terms Thursday for trafficking in narcotics. As they were led back to their cells the group began singing "That Old Gang of Mine" with slightly altered lyrics.

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