

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 case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. M. S.—Greta should wait until it blows over. Greta S.—I'll never make friends unless I transfer.

Mrs. M. S.—I am very much worried about my 16-year-old daughter, Greta, who has made a lot of enemies just through doing the right thing. She found out that some of the boys and girls at her school were doing wrong things and she told the teacher about it. These kids had found a way into the schoolyard after dark and were playing "games" that could have led to a lot of trouble. Thanks to my daughter, the principal was able to put a stop to it in time.

Somehow it leaked out that Greta was a "stool pigeon" and ever since her life at school has been miserable. Both boys and girls have

stopped talking to her. She wants to transfer to a different school but I think it will blow over soon.

Greta S.—I just don't feel that I can ever be friends with any of those boys and girls again after the way they have treated me. Even the ones who weren't involved in this thing won't have anything to do with me.

When I told one of our teachers how I was being treated, she lectured the whole class and told them I was a heroine. Afterwards they treated me worse than ever. The way I see it, I will never be able to make friends unless I go to another school.

My mother doesn't understand my problems. I never was very good friends with anyone at this school. We were new in the neighborhood when I started here and they never really took me into the gang. I want to start out in a new place with a clean record. I want to date like everyone else.

The Council: From the account Greta gives, we gather that she did the right thing for the wrong reason and she is paying the consequences of the wrong part of the action.

Greta says she was never really "taken into the gang." She felt as left out of things before as she does now, but now she is aware of active hostility. We think Greta brought this on herself by acting out of a desire to win favor with someone—even if only a teacher. Probably the boys and girls, who were never really her friends, sense this.

Greta has a fairly difficult social problem and she'll have to face this at any new school. She is somewhat childlike, tending to court favor from older persons rather than her own age group. Undoubtedly, she is afraid of the boys and girls of her own age. She should be helped to recognize that she must get over this fear, must stop standing in corners and waiting to be "taken into the gang." She must go out to them in a friendly spirit.

Greta ought to try doing just that at her old school. She should join in group activities and try not to be too upset at being treated a little coldly at first. She should put less stress on how others treat her and more stress on how friendly she can be toward them.

We wish to emphasize that she did the right thing in reporting a serious misdeed. If she had good friends before that, many of them would stand up for her now.

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Local Man Named To Head Group

James J. Dunlevy, manager of Rogue Valley Country club, was elected president of the Rogue River Valley chapter of the Oregon Restaurant and Beverage association at a meeting in the Cave Shop restaurant in Grants Pass recently.

Dunlevy will assume his duties immediately, succeeding James Clithero. Other officers are Ruth Arndt, vice president for Jackson county; Calvin Gormley, vice president for Josephine county; and Fairman Connell, secretary-treasurer. New directors to the state board of directors are Clithero and Calvin Gormley.

Elston Ireland of Ireland's restaurant in Portland spoke at the meeting.

Public Hearing Set On Fertilizers

Salem—(UPI)—A public hearing on proposed secondary elements for fertilizers will be held here next Tuesday by the state department of agriculture. The 1959 Legislature authorized the department to make a secondary list of elements to be guaranteed by manufacturers of fertilizer in Oregon.

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