

# 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.

**Natalie E.**—She has no right to Mother's things.  
**Elaine J.**—I have no memento of Mother.

**Natalie E.**—My sister and I are both married with children. We have never gotten along well and things have been worse since our mother's death a year ago.

Mother had been a widow for five years and she died without leaving a will. She had little cash in a savings bank and this was divided between my sister and me. However, Mother's personal things—her clothing, a little jewelry and some household equipment—went to me. I felt I was entitled to this because I took care of Mother during her illness.

Elaine seems to think that she's entitled to half of Mother's things. She didn't have any responsibility for Mother and I don't think she has a right to anything. The stuff isn't worth anything anyway.

**Elaine J.**—Natalie keeps insisting that the stuff isn't worth anything, but she draws a blank when I ask her about a lovely necklace Mother once got as a gift from Dad and about a wrist watch I gave her as a Mother's Day gift. Also, when I visited her, Mother said she wanted me to keep a certain china tea set because she got it as a gift when I was born.

Natalie keeps throwing up at me that I did nothing for Mother. But I couldn't help

that as I lived quite far from her and I was tied down with a baby the two years before her death. I would have done even more than Natalie if I had the freedom.

I haven't a single memento of my mother and that certainly hurts. Natalie just walked off with everything in sight.

The Council: This quarrel has all the ugly earmarks of a fight between two youngsters—neither of whom can tolerate the other's existence because each sees in the other only a rival for the parents' love.

Now the parents are gone, but the basic fight between these two sisters can go on forever if they don't make the attempt to grow up emotionally and break the old pattern.

The objects involved are, in themselves, of only slight importance. Even if there are a few pieces of valuable jewelry, the emotional weight that has been placed upon them is of far greater importance to both sisters than their monetary value.

Natalie must be aware that she should not have taken every item of her mother's personal belongings without consultation with her sister. Possibly she is entitled to a few things of special value as compensation for the responsibility and heartache of caring for her mother through the last illness, but she should have shown some understanding of the fact that a personal memento from a deceased parent is terribly precious.

But Elaine made a mistake to demand half of her mother's belongings. Aside from the fact that it would be impossible to determine exactly half of the value of a group of used objects, Elaine puts herself in the ugly position of eyeing her sister's haul with childish envy. It should be enough for her to mention some item or items she would like to keep. Her sister should hand these over without the slightest reservations—possibly offering more than has been asked.

That would be action of mature and civilized women. (Copyright 1959, General Features Corp.)

## Knits in the News

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of RICHARD J. RACH, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed by the Circuit Court of Oregon for Jackson County, Administrator of the Estate of Richard J. Rach, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at the offices of Harbison and Piazza, 207 U.S. National Bank Building, Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

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A. E. Piazza, Administrator

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of ODESSA J. KENNEDY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed by the Circuit Court of Oregon for Jackson County as co-executors of the estate of Odessa J. Kennedy, deceased, and is hereby notified to present the said claims with the proper vouchers to the undersigned at the offices of Harbison and Piazza, 207 U.S. National Bank Bldg., Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated and first published the 15th day of December, 1959.

ERNEST R. KENNEDY, Executor

HAROLD BRYANT KENNEDY, Executor

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