

# The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman'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.

**Freda S.**—All I want is a little fun.  
**Mr. G.S.**—Why can't she relax with a good book?

**Freda S.**—I am 14 and I'm having an awful hassle with my father about staying out at night—no later than 10—with some of my friends. My mother is understanding, but Dad is awful.

I'm certainly no juvenile delinquent. I have a good average at school and take piano lessons so I have to do homework and practice every night. After that I'm exhausted and I just want to relax. We hang around a playground or go for sodas at the drug store.

On Saturday night I usually babysit, so I certainly don't have much social life. All I want is a little fun. My father says we act like idiots, but it happens to be fun to me.

**Mr. G.S.**—I have seen those girl friends of Freda's "hanging around" outside the playground and I think it's awful. They giggle, shriek, sometimes pass around cigarettes and try to attract the attention of the boys. It's disgusting and I don't see why Freda has to be part of all that. Why can't she relax with a good book?

My wife says Freda is "only a baby" and we expect too much of her, but I say this "baby" will be wanting to get married in three or four years and it's time for her to start acting like a young lady. I suspect that Freda is just afraid of being different from the other girls. I can't make her understand that she should aim higher.

**The Council:** Freda should realize that she is extremely lucky to have a father who takes so deep an interest in her development. It is some-

thing to be proud of and boys will for her future.

On the other hand, Mr. G.S. should recognize that most adolescents have a powerful drive to fit in with the crowd and this impulse cannot be dismissed as wrong. It is an important part of their development. Teenagers need to relate in some way to their own generation. The fact that Freda's mother is on her side indicates that she recognizes Freda lacks something important in her life.

However, we don't care much for the picture presented of Freda's opportunity for social life. We don't think "hanging around" a playground at night is the best way for a young girl to enjoy sociability. Freda should seek out some supervised activities in the neighborhood—a "Y" or church group. This is not purely a matter of safety, although that element is important. She would be using the time better and learning to socialize on a

## 'DAVEY CROCKETT' WEDS

Santa Barbara, Calif.—(UPI)—Actor Fess Parker, 35, "Davey Crockett" of television fame, married Margy Rinehart, 31, Tuesday.

## STORM STATUS

Washington—A hurricane does not become a hurricane until the U.S. weather bureau determines it has a wind velocity of 75 or more miles per hour.

more adult level. The "hanging around" kind of socializing is all too often an activity indulged in out of a feeling of inadequacy. Members of the gang bolster one another's ego in a rather unproductive way. That's why they look and sound foolish to outsiders.

Mr. G.S. should try to understand his daughter's needs and help her find a good way of satisfying them. If he merely overrides her, the needs remain unanswered and she may find other equally unsatisfactory ways of dealing with them. She can't settle down with a good book when she urgently wants friends and gaiety.

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## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Neal Blackford, the mother of twins, discussing a strike by matrons and custodians that closed St. Louis schools for two days:  
"I never saw so many happy little faces outside school yesterday."

Paris—Runaway heiress Gamble Benedict, 19, telling her brother Douglas to stop trying to persuade her to leave her married 34-year-old boy friend:  
"You're wasting your time."

Washington—Mrs. Trudy Cooper, wife of one of the seven U.S. astronauts, Air Force Capt. Gordon Cooper, stating that she would like to accompany him on a space flight:  
"I'd rather be going with him than having someone else go."

San Jose, Costa Rica—Capt. Manuel Rojo del Rio, Cuban paratroop commander reported to have resigned his post and left Cuba, discussing Premier Fidel Castro in an interview with "La Nacion":  
"There is something diabolical in his eyes that frightens the bravest man. They reflect madness."

# 3 Oregon Congressmen Deny Backing Social Security Group

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
Mail Tribune

Washington Correspondent  
Washington—An officer of the Social Security Clubs of Oregon, Inc., has charged a rival organization, United Social Security Organizations, Inc., with using the names of Oregon's two U.S. senators and a congressman to help solicit memberships at \$10 per person.



A. Robert Smith

Sens. Wayne Morse, Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) all say they have not endorsed the program of either group not given any authorization to use their names in membership campaigns.

Social Security Clubs has headquarters in Portland, headed by Floyd K. Dover. United Social Security is headquartered at Eugene, headed by Gordon S. Slayter. Both organizations claim their goal is to get \$150 a month pensions for retired folks.

The allegations were made by Laura Atterberry of Mapleton, state secretary for Social Security Clubs. In letters to the three lawmakers, she claimed that United Social Security membership sales agents are "going over the state showing letters supposedly written" by Morse, Neuberger and Porter "endorsing their program, to people who have a great deal of respect for your views."

Agent in Florence Area

Mrs. Atterberry contended that an agent was working the Florence area, selling memberships at \$10 per person, with the use of letters from the Oregon solons. She alleged that over 600 memberships were sold in November. She said the sales agents receive \$4 to \$5 in commissions for each \$10 membership they sell.

"Our organization, the Social Security Clubs of Oregon, Inc., would like to know if they have such letters from our Oregon lawmakers or if they have the rights to use your good name among our voters to rob our old folks of \$10 they cannot afford," Mrs. Atterberry wrote Congressman Porter.

"Mr. Porter, please have this stopped if untrue, for your sake and that of our elderly people. We need a more adequate social security, but not at the expense of our people who need every dime they now receive," she wrote. Mrs. Atterberry said her

group charges \$2 a year to members "and we do not show letters from important people to receive the several hundred members we do have." She added: "United Social Security, Inc., is advertised as a non-profit organization but the president gets a wage, and each agent receives his commission. Is that non-profit?"

Tactics Deployed

Porter said he deplored tactics of "people who go around and talk about pie-in-the-sky proposals like this to get \$10 from people who can't afford it." He said he was glad to see elderly persons organized in behalf of improvements in social security programs, "but I don't want to see them misled or for my name to be used. I have never endorsed the program of any particular group."

Porter pointed out that the cost to the federal government of paying all persons \$150 per month at age 60

would be \$42 billion a year, and if other benefits sought by these groups were granted the total cost would be \$60 billion.

Sen. Morse wrote to Mrs. Atterberry that he had not endorsed the United Social Security group or any other. When some persons asked his opinion of joining such an organization, he told them that is their right but added:

"A 4-cent stamp invested in writing to your congressman and senator is much more effective, in my opinion, than the dues you might pay to someone else to represent you here."

Morse added, however, he didn't want to "discount or belittle the work of this particular group which is soliciting your membership because I know very little about it."

Social Security Clubs claims 5000 members in 21 states, mostly on the West Coast. United Social Security was formed by Slayter af-

ter he broke away from the other group. United is affiliated with National Pension Federation Inc., Washington, D.C., and claims chapters in 36 states.

Neither organization has any connection with the federal government or its Social Security Administration, as some members have been led to believe by agents soliciting memberships.

No Serious Consideration

Dover's group is for \$150 a month at age 60 for every one entitled to social security benefits. Slayter's group wants \$150 a month for all men and women at age 62. Legislation introduced in Congress to implement these proposals has received no serious consideration because of its whopping cost.

Sen. Neuberger wrote Mrs. Atterberry he had given no "blanket endorsement to the program of any particular organization in Oregon organizing to promote social security reform."

"In view of the many critical demands on our federal budget, I do not see how Congress would be justified at this time in authorizing a pension program involving

a minimum of \$150 a month social security," Neuberger said.

He pointed out that he has favored individual employee

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## Committees for Kapers Listed

Jerry Lausmann, advertising chairman for the 1960 Medford Kiwanis Kapers, and Fred Morlan, assistant advertising chairman, have announced special committee appointments for advertising sales.

They are Dr. Billy Blackstone, dentists; John Dellenback, attorneys; Gordon McKinzie, insurance; Robert Voegtly, wholesale lumber and mills; Richard Paine, fruit industry; Dr. Merle Folland, doctors; Darrell Miller, automobile dealers; Bill Clark, retail gasoline distributors; Dwight Houghton, banks, savings and loans; Paul Mitchell, retail grocers; Jack Edson, retail lumber; Jack Moreland, electrical dealers; Jim Ambler, concessions and special activities and Vic Milnes, program printing and distribution.

Dates for the 1960 Kiwanis Kapers are Feb. 24, 25 and 26, according to Darl Glead, general chairman. Title of the 1960 show will be "Around the Town." Kapers presentations will be at Medford High school, using the Medford Kiwanis club membership and other interested groups.

Proceeds from the show will be used to continue support of the children's dental clinic, which operates at the county courthouse under Kiwanis and dental association sponsorship.

SMALLEST CAPITAL

Carson City—This city, founded in 1858, was made the capital of Nevada in 1861, and today is the nation's smallest capital in population figures.

ACTRESS ILL

Hollywood—(UPI)—Actress Kathy Nolan, costar of the "Real McCoy's" television series, was hospitalized Tuesday for treatment of Asian flu.

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