

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.

Jim C.—She's jealous of other people's children.

Nancy C.—I am not. I just want peace.

Jim C.—My wife and I have been married eight years and have no children, although we would like to have a family.

Unfortunately, my wife has been pregnant several times but lost the babies. We have seen many doctors and there seems little likelihood of our becoming parents.

I come from a large family and am just crazy about kids. I can spend hours fooling around with nieces and nephews and the children of friends. My wife, Nancy, is against our spending a lot of time with these people who have children. I feel she is jealous and she shouldn't be that way. If we can't have children, why not enjoy other people's?

Nancy C.—Three years ago I wanted to adopt a child, but Jim was against it. He said if we couldn't have one of our own we should forget it. Well, I'm willing to forget it, but what's the big deal for us about hanging around with our friends' children?

I think it's rotten of Jim to say I'm jealous. I wish the best in the world to our friends and relatives and their families, but I can only take so much of other people's kids.

If I had my own I'd have to put up with them all the time—noisy, cranky, etc. Since I haven't I want peace of mind.

The Council: Jim's desire to be with other people's children seems reasonable enough.

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by Marian Martin

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on the surface, yet in view of his refusal to adopt a child, it's a little peculiar. If he can get so much pleasure from his contacts with the children of others, why does he reject the possibility of bringing up another's child as his own?

This oddity in Jim's attitude, plus his crude accusation of jealousy, indicates that some hidden forces are at work. It seems to us that Jim's underlying motivation is to hurt his wife. He certainly doesn't seem to try to make her feel better about the fact that she has been unable to bear the desired children.

We do not know the causes behind Jim's desire to wound. Possibly he feels he has been cruelly treated by fate since he can't have a child of his own, or he may have a more deep-seated anger against life and women in general.

In any case, Nancy has had some pretty hard blows in losing unborn children several times and is in need of all the sympathy, affection and reassurance a husband can offer. Instead she gets just the opposite—a form of censure for having failed to please him.

Jim should try to recognize that he has deprived Nancy of a child every bit as much as she may have deprived him. His case is less excusable because he refused a child. Nancy did not refuse to bear one.

Jim shows he is more emotionally maladjusted to the situation than his wife is. It is he who must make the greater effort to change. Since he doesn't want a child enough to try to adopt one, he should accept the fact that he and his wife will probably have a childless marriage.

Contacts with the children of friends and relatives may be pleasant, but they are necessarily limited in time and emotional scope. If Jim wants some of the emotional satisfaction of contributing to a child's welfare and development, he should look into the possibility of doing volunteer work for a church or civic group that has a program for this purpose. Nancy may also find an outlet in such work if she can feel it is unconnected with any rebuke on her husband's part.

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Toastmasters Club Has New Members

Ersel Hallsted spoke on "The Cracker Barrel, Doomed by Automation" and Dick Swan on "War for the Wilderness" at the Monday meeting of the Medford Toastmasters at the Jackson hotel.

Evaluators for the talks were Dr. Ralph Hibbs and Dwight Wilson. Russ Mitchell was general evaluator for the evening.

Karl Clinkenbeard and Dale Niedermeyer were accepted into membership at the meeting.

Douglas A. Roach, president, opened the meeting with Dr. John Welch giving the invocation. Otto Kannasto was toastmaster; Dan Hull, table topic chairman, and Myrtle Merriman, table topic evaluator.

Medford Girl Makes College Honor Roll

Melva Gebhard, 1519 North Riverside ave., has been named to the fall honor roll of 69 students at Lewis and Clark college, Portland. Requirements are a study load of 15 or more hours and a grade point average of 3.50 or better.

Miss Gebhard is a junior history major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gebhard, Medford.

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield makes appearances in Portland, The Dalles and Salem this week, winding up in Forest Grove Sunday at the inauguration of new Pacific University President M. A. F. Ritchie.



SCOUTS VISIT GOVERNOR—Jim Schmidt, Medford, (left) and Charles Johnson, Central Point, (right) were among the Explorer Scouts of this area who recently traveled to Salem to report to Gov. Mark O. Hatfield in this area. The young men were selected to represent the 4,367 Cub, Boy and Explorer Scouts of the Crater Lake Council. Young Johnson presented the report to the governor. Others making the trip were Jim Joiner, Grants Pass (second from left), and Harry Simmons, Yreka, (second from right). Andrew H. Schmidt, council cabinet advisor, accompanied the group.

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Yes, He Did See A Fish in the Tree

Looking up through the branches of the pine tree I could see a dark object with a familiar shape, apparently caught in a large tree branch. It looked out of place, for it appeared to be a fish.

A careful scrutiny through the binoculars showed it to be a large catfish—its gills opening and closing, its body shiny and wet looking. It appeared to weigh at least four pounds, apparently balanced cross-ways on the tree limb.

The needles of the tree effectively closed the view above the branch. The fish's body, what I could see of it, was sharply etched against the sky in the narrow opening between the branches. Nothing seemed to be holding it in place. As I watched, the fish struggled—then it rose up into the air above the tree and disappeared.

I dashed around the base of the tree just in time to see the

catfish, held securely in the talons of an osprey, sailing away toward the sparkling waters of the bay. The fish's head pointed squarely in the direction of the bird's flight. Looking up into the tree I could see why only the fish was visible from my former position; a screen of needles shielded the body of the bird from my sight.

Some time later I located the osprey's nest, a platform of sticks interlaced in the branches of a dead tree a half mile from the edge of the bay. Here on the nest both ospreys sat, glaring at a hostile world with their wild, yellow eyes.

These were the "fishing eagles" of the Indians. Many people still mistake the osprey for an eagle, for it is nearly as large, with a wingspread of five feet. Unlike the loud scream of the American eagle, however, the osprey emits a soft, mellow whistle which seems almost gentle for such a fierce-looking bird.

As I watched the ospreys there tearing away at the catfish, I remembered some of the startling facts that science had learned about these remarkable birds. The osprey's eyes have remarkable properties. The eyes are like high powered field-glasses.

From great heights these birds can easily see into the water below them and spot fish swimming below the water's surface. The osprey plummet from the sky in a power-dive, seldom missing the intended fish. Peculiarly enough, these birds have a preference in the fish they seek; selecting catfish if at all possible.

Unlike most fishing birds, the osprey does not seize the fish in the beak, but with the powerful talons of the feet. After catching the prey the osprey rises from the water with powerful wing thrusts, at the same time lining the fish until the head is directed in the direction the bird is flying.

The osprey lives entirely on fish; so to be near the food supply they always built the nest very near the sea. In the nests are laid the most beautiful of eggs. Each egg is spotted with red and various shades of brown in patterns and unusual arrangements. Even the young os-

Market Has Chance of Going Up in March, History Shows

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor

New York — (UPI) — In three weeks it will be spring, a period both Wall Street and business have been awaiting.

If past history holds, the stock market has a better chance of rising than of falling during March. In the past 63 years, industrial shares have risen in 38 and declined in 25, while the rail score has been 36 gains and 27 declines.

Spring is the time the auto salesmen hope their predictions of big sales totals will come true. If they are right, steel operations should hold high in several vital centers. Railroads should have more business, and building should have come out of its slump.

The month of March for the stock market has improved its gaining record in each of the past three decades. In the tantalizing thirties industrial shares showed seven March declines and only three gains. Progress in March

In the firming forties this group managed to show only four March declines and six gains. In the fabulous fifties, there were only three March declines and seven advances. The decade of the thirties

SIGN TRADE PACT

Toyko — (UPI) — Communist China and Hungary Sunday entered into a new trade agreement for 1960 following negotiations in Peiping, the Communist New China News Agency announced.

The birds would be destroyed by malicious gunners. So these untamed birds of prey now nest singularly in a dead tree, as far away from a human habitation as possible. Civilization is crowding in on the ospreys; not too many years remain.

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saw a market falling to new lows in 1932 and then rallying moderately. The 1940s saw industrials get to 200 or a little better. It took the 1950s to see the average cross 300, 400, 500, and 600.

What will the soaring sixties see? Some prognosticators are putting the average up to 800 or better after further misery for some stockholders before there is an influx of eager buyers.

The biggest market gain in March in the past three decades was made in 1956 when the Dow-Jones average rose 28.14 points. The biggest decline was in March 1938 when the average declined 30.69 points. In March of 1959 the market enjoyed a good rise in the first half and then declined with the average losing 1.79 points on the month.

Optimistic Forecasters

The market so far this year has suffered from exuberance of prognostication. As the predictors saw the future late in 1959 the golden

era of the 1960s was to produce a rip-roaring boom in just about everything.

The boom didn't rip-roar and the predictors were toned down. Meantime selling brought stocks down in a decline that carried through the first half of February.

The decline in turn brought caution into business and the whole economy steadied. Despite this braking of the boom, industry operated around its best levels in history in most lines even though the totals weren't up to earlier anticipations.

Helped Prevent Excesses

According to many Wall Street observers, this development was all to the good. It helped prevent excesses in business and in markets. And, they add, it brought stocks down to a more normal level with earnings and earnings prospects—made stocks more respectable price-wise.

The unsolved problem as the market goes into its third month of 1960 is whether

prices of stocks have adjusted sufficiently to bring in the big buyers.

Some of the market men hold that the list could muddle around current levels before meeting volume support. A few others expect further declines before the big buying point is reached.

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