

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

Ellen R. — Mother is a character.
Mrs. H. R. — I have a warm, Latin temperament.

Ellen R. — I am a girl of 15 who has a lot of trouble in life because my mother is a character. Don't get me wrong. I love my mother, but she embarrasses me and my brother half to death.

For one thing, she hugs and kisses all our friends — boys and girls. It's true our friends feel very welcome in our house, but other kids' mothers don't act like that. Mother has also started a crazy custom. When we sit down to eat all the gentlemen at the table must walk around and kiss all the ladies. Well, some people don't go for that kind

of thing and are very embarrassed.
When I tell Mother how I feel she shuts herself in her room and cries. Then she does the same thing next time.

Mrs. H. R. — I guess I'm just a misplaced woman. I don't have the cold Anglo-Saxon temperament of most Americans. My parents were warm Latins. I was brought up in a home where affection was freely given and taken. Fortunately, I married a man who has a warm temperament like mine. But how is it our children haven't inherited it? They are both cold propositions and they hurt me by their standoffishness.

I think there is too little love in our world today. People are embarrassed by a display of innocent affection, but they stare unashamedly at erotic love scenes on screens and big billboards. I'm not afraid to be different from "other kids' mothers" if only my children won't hate me.

The Council: Mrs. H. R. has some good points, but she is a bit too self-righteous and closed to the feelings of others. Displays of affection are nice, but they are not the essence of life. Love involves a deep consideration for others and we think Mrs. H. R. is a bit lacking there — although she is very sensitive as far as her own feelings are concerned.

Mrs. H. R. does not see that her children are not necessarily cold because they object to too much physical contact with her and between her and their friends. At their age they are painfully aware of the sexual implications of touch and they are forced to do their best to understand and master their impulses. It may seem simple to an adult to differentiate between a friendly embrace and an erotic one, but it is not so easy for a teen-ager. It is quite likely that Ellen feels her friends may misinterpret her mother's affectionate advances, but she is too shy even to admit this idea to herself.

Mrs. H. R. seems to preen herself a bit on her Latin temperament, but she should be aware that the Latins have always placed restraints upon themselves. A young girl's shyness and withdrawal from physical contact was respected and was not considered evidence of coldness.

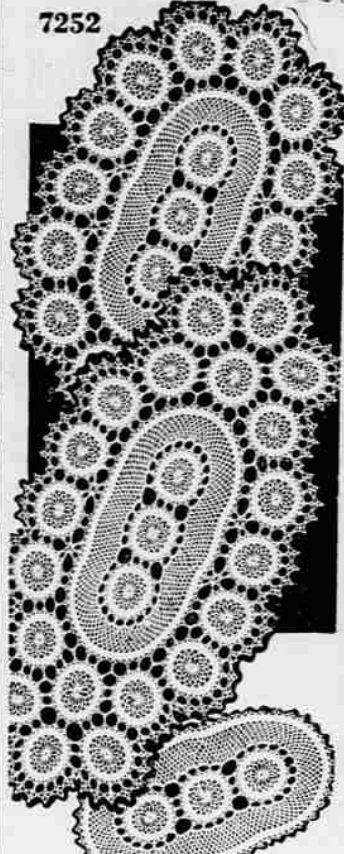
For all her giving of affection, Mrs. H. R. should know she is a demanding woman. The love she wants from her children will come in its own way and its own time if she doesn't try to force it.

On the whole, we think Ellen and her brother are lucky to have a mother who errs on the side of displaying too much affection rather than one who gives too little.
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Conformity To God's Holy Will Major Lesson To Learn In Life

By His Eminence John Cardinal O'Hara Catholic Archbishop Of Philadelphia Written for UPI

Conformity to God's holy will is the greatest lesson we have to learn in life. While we can hope to attain this in its perfection only in heaven, we are bound to strive for it on earth. To saints as well as sinners our Blessed Lord said: "Unless you do penance you shall all likewise perish."

With the help of God's grace we sinners strive by self-denial to bring our stubborn wills into conformity with the will of God.

The church gives us the season of Lent as a forceful reminder of the duty crosses in order to lighten the burden of the cross borne by Christ on the way to Calvary. That cross

was weighted down with our sins; Christ bore it through love to us, to save us from hell.

These thoughts may be useful in your planning for a spiritually profitable Lent. To parents the thoughts of conformity to the holy will of God should suggest the importance of training their children from infancy to accept self-denial as the only sure pathway to heaven.

STUDY IN GERMANY

Hornbrook — Phil Zediker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zediker of Big Springs, recently was selected to be a foreign exchange student. Phil, a Yreka High school student, expects to go to Germany. He also received a silver star recently for outstanding work as a 4-H club member.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Here's the Inside Story On Duck's Waterproofing

There has been in use a very long time an expression synonymous with the idea of waterproofing which tells what water does when it hits a duck's back. But if you stop to think about it you will realize that it runs off equally well from a duck's sides and stomach. The duck family is just about immune to water penetration.

Watch the raindrops hit on the hood or other metal parts of an automobile. They puddle; then the puddle forms into a companion puddle and they both run away together. The finish of the metal, if it is protected by wax tends to shield the finish; the wax acts as a repellent. Just about the same thing happens when the water runs off a duck's back. The feathers have been oiled.

'Slick Feather' An oiled feather is a "slick feather"; too slick for water to soak into it easily. The duck family is not alone in the feather waterproofing business. Most birds spend considerable time every day oiling their feathers. Even birds that never go in the water, only approaching it when they want a drink, must prepare themselves against sudden showers or all-day or night rains.

Most birds have a tiny "faucet" located on the back, just forward of the tail and hidden in the feathers. The bird squeezes this tiny "faucet," gets a little "oil" in the bill, then carefully pulls the individual feather through the bill, imparting to the feather a thin film of oily material. The amount of "oil" secreted by this small duct is very little, but the bird, by judicious use of the material can adequately oil, and thereby waterproof, all the feathers on its body. The actual amount of "oil" used is infinitely

small, but in the way it is applied it goes a very long way. Saliva on Bill

Along with the "oil" on the bird's bill is a certain amount of saliva that tends to extend the small amount of "oil" in the bill. Then the oil is pulled along the entire length of the feather, in a sort of nibbling action. Someone thought up a name for this. They called it "preening the feathers."

Although the members of the heron family of birds do not swim, they do a great deal of wading around in water. For them, nature changed the design. Instead of the tiny oil-duct at the base of the tail, these birds have oily areas scattered over their bodies.

This saves them a great deal of time and accomplishes about the same results, for water runs off their backs as quickly and just as readily, as it does off the duck's. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1960)

Couple Arrives Early for Dinner

San Francisco — Mr. and Mrs. Martin Welch had their dinner in the packed dining room at a downtown hotel restaurant here and then settled back for the speeches.

Only then did they realize that the \$10-a-plate banquet for which they had purchased tickets wasn't scheduled until the next day.

FORMER RESIDENT

Central Point — Mrs. A. M. Seiness of Redding, Calif., was here last week on business and pleasure. Mr. and Mrs. Seiness formerly owned the Seiness Variety store on Pine st.

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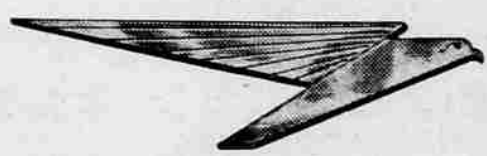
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