

# 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.

**Mary S.** - I don't want Jane to marry the boy.  
**Gary S.** - It's her own life choice to live a decent life.

**Mary S.** - My problem concerns my 16-year-old daughter Jane, who wants to get married. The boy is just 18 and about to go into the service.

Several weeks ago Jane gave me the shock of my life by telling me she had been having relations with George. She is not pregnant, but she wants to get married. She says she will continue to live with us until George gets out of the service.

I feel that neither of them is ready for marriage and that George is the worst kind of fellow for her. He has always hung around with a rough crowd and has spent time in a reform school. If Jane marries him, she'll lead a miserable life or they'll split up in no time. My husband says let her go ahead.

**Gary S.** - The way I look at it is Jane has just gone bad and there's no way to change her now. Maybe if she gets married and has a kid or two she'll get her feet on the ground and there's a chance she'll live a decent life.

What's going to happen if she doesn't get married? She'll run around with every Tom, Dick and Harry and we know now only too well what she'll be up to.

We have tried to give our children the right upbringing, but it looks as though we've done wrong. Jane. What we've done wrong, I don't know. But I was in my hands of her. We're just in for more heartaches if we try to do anything to change her at this stage of the game. Let her look out for herself. We have three other kids to worry about.

**The Council:** It's a big mistake to believe a teen-ager can't be changed. Adolescents are still very flexible and responsive to change. In fact, it is the last stage of life in which change is easy. The youngster is still very unformed; habits have not been deep set; a way of life has not been set.

However, it is not easy to mold a child at this age - particularly for the parents, with whom a problem child has a troubled relationship. At this period, a sympathetic and understanding outsider can be a great influence for the good. But there should be strong cooperation between the parents and the outsider.

Gary's readiness to wash a 16-year-old girl down the drain is shocking. This girl badly needs her father's tenderness. She undoubtedly takes Gary's lack of respect for her as an indication of what all men would feel toward her.

If things continue this way in the S. home, Jane's battle for self-respect has been lost in the first round. We think she deserves a better chance than that.

Mary is right in her feeling that the girl shouldn't be shunted off into a marriage that is almost certain to end in disaster. On the other hand, the parents' refusal to consent to a marriage does not spell the end of the problem. It's only the beginning.

The S's may have tried to do right by Jane, but somewhere they have failed. Possibly Jane is deeply insecure or hasn't been given an understanding of sex in relation to responsibility and moral value. The girl should get religious guidance, as well as personal help from a family agency.

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**Motto Association Picks July's Winner**

Los Angeles - (UPI) - The Let's Have Better Mottos association today announced the winning motto for July:

"I have great plans for washing today."  
Also-rans included:  
"If you died tonight, could anyone straighten out the mess you're making?"  
"I'm not talking common sense, I'm talking policy."  
"I gave my wife a going-away present, but she won't go."  
"I'm accustomed to your face, but it still scares normal people."

**CHIEF ENGINEER DIES**  
Boston - (UPI) - Jesse R. Glacester, 59, vice president and chief engineer of the Perini Corp., died Monday.

## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

**FUTELESS IS FOREVER ASKING INFORMATION FOR NUMBERS... HE'S THE SCATTERFILE TYPE...**



**SO HE WRITES THE NUMBER DOWN... BUT WHAT ON? TEN MINUTES LATER... HERE WE GO AGAIN...**



## Back Stairs: Ike Away 112 Days

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
UPI White House Reporter

Washington - (UPI) - Backstairs at the White House: There were 182 days in the first half of 1960. During that time President Eisenhower was away from Washington 112 days. This, of course, includes the time devoted to his extensive trips to Europe, South America and the Far East, and a lengthy spring stay in Augusta, Ga.

He was not away from Washington for 112 24-hour periods. The figure includes a few days on which he re-

turned during the morning from out-of-town trips, and several one-day flying trips in which he left Washington early in the morning and returned in the late afternoon.

Privately, Eisenhower makes no apology for his travels, or his frequent games of golf. He feels that no political critic can judge accurately the recreation he needs to stay physically well.

The Chief Executive's excellent health record for the past three years - during the heaviest activity of his White

House career - indicates he has found the proper therapy after three serious illnesses.

Few men of 69 are as free of painful or irritating physical symptoms. In October, Eisenhower will become the oldest American ever to occupy the White House.

Public acceptance of presidential recreation is far more sympathetic today than it used to be.

Walter Lord, in his new book, "The Good Years," recalls the advice outgoing President Theodore Roosevelt gave William Howard Taft, the Republican presidential candidate in the 1908 campaign.

"The folly of mankind is difficult to fathom," Roosevelt told Taft. "It would seem incredible that any one would care one way or the other about your playing golf, but I have received literally hundreds of letters from the west protesting about it. . . ."

"I, myself, play tennis, and that game is a little more familiar. . . . You never saw a photograph of me playing tennis. I'm careful about that; photographs on horseback, yes; tennis, no. And golf is fatal."

But Teddy felt it was little or none of the public's business when he disappeared for days at a time bear hunting in the wilderness of Louisiana, or spent protracted periods at his Oyster Bay, L. I., home.

## Dublin Elects Non-Catholic Mayor

Dublin - (UPI) - Maurice E. Dockrell, 52, has become the second non-Catholic in recent times to be elected lord mayor of Dublin.

The predominantly Roman Catholic City Council picked Dockrell Monday. He is a member of the Protestant Church of Ireland.

Robert Briscoe, a Jew, held the post in 1956.

reward and flew away, the soft velvet-like "jaws" of the blossom closed, preventing the pilfering ants from entering the little store-house where the sweets were buried. To the bumblebee alone, this common, yet strange wild flower, probably does represent breakfast. Not of "eggs and bacon" but of honey-nectar.

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# Secrecy Labels Ordered Taken From Tons of Old Documents

Washington - (UPI) - The defense department has issued orders to strip the secrecy labels from tons of old documents which have accumulated in guarded storehouses across the land.

Reduced storage costs for records no longer needing protection could run to several hundred thousand dollars a year.

The declassification process will be automatic for most documents from now on, Deputy Defense Secretary James H. Douglas announced. Time will be the criterion for discarding secrecy classifications.

**12-Year Time Limit**  
The automatic time limit feature is the keynote of the new plan. Once a paper is 12 years old, it will be "declassified" entirely. Anyone who wanted to examine it, presumably may do so.

Douglas' directive exempted "extremely sensitive documents" from the automatic downgrading plan, however. It may take 25 years to get records such as an intelligence report or an item on submarine tactics, cut down from "to secret" to the minimum classification of "confidential."

Such sensitive papers can be turned loose to the public - if ever - only after special review.

The Pentagon action was enormous in scope. But it will benefit chiefly historians and researchers.

In this particular action, the department did not deal with complaints - and there are many - about its handling of day-to-day data about America's defense policies and military forces.

**Standard Caution Repeated**  
Douglas did repeat a standard Pentagon caution, contained in earlier directives, that "arbitrary and unreasonably withholding" of information should be avoided. He said concealment of mistakes and embarrassment is no ground for withholding

otherwise releasable data. Assistant secretary Murray Snyder said the department had scrupulously observed that

Snyder, who is in charge of the declassification project as well as all other Pentagon information activities, hailed the downgrading of old documents as a "trail-blazing effort that will be copied" by other government agencies. To emphasize the enormity of the project, he cited

the downgrading of one batch of archives that occupied 7,000 cubic feet of space - the equivalent, he said, of a dozen stacks as high as the 555-foot Washington monument.

The opportunities for savings are obvious. It costs about 80 cents a year for each cubic foot of unclassified records stored in ordinary warehouses. But the cost is \$2 for secret material kept in expensive buildings with special

files, alarm systems and guards.

In 1958, the department issued an order declassifying most of the defense documents which originated prior to 1946. There were at that time 325,000 cubic feet of documents, probably comprising 650 million pieces of paper.

The Pentagon said that documents being downgraded by today's directive included:

World War II reports on the lend-lease program, some Korean war reports, inventories of defense department real estate and facilities, documents on personnel management, training materials, reports on administration in oc-

cupied areas, papers dealing with war-time controlled materials, plans, production and procurement, records of combat units deactivated after World War II.

Materials which may be kept secret 24 years and released only after special review include:

War plans of large land, sea and air combat forces, intelligence and counter-intelligence documents, radar and aerial photography, reports on the jamming of radar and other electronic devices, documents on structural and performance data concerning ships and armament, documents that affect U. S. foreign policy.

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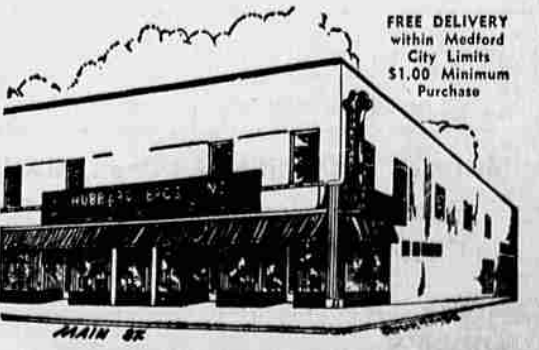


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