

The Family Council

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

Rosemary G. - I want to take a job.
John G. - But she doesn't need one!

Rosemary G. - I am in my 50s, mother of two married children, and have a lot of excess time and energy.

I do some volunteer work and have many friends and social activities, yet I have a strong urge to accomplish something. A friend of mine recently opened an antique shop in our community and has asked me to work there three afternoons a week, while she goes out to do her buying.

I have never had a job and this really intrigues me. I love to meet people. But my husband is terribly old-fashioned. He thinks my taking a job reflects on him as a provider and that it is demeaning to me. I think that's a ridiculous point of view in this day and age.

John G. - We live in a very conservative community and everyone here knows us well. None of the other wives work and they would think it very odd for Rosemary to take a job. They would certainly wonder about my financial status.

I can't understand why a woman can't keep herself busy enough with social activities and volunteer work. There is also the garden, shopping, visits to the children. Rosemary often admits she is exhausted after a day of such activities. How can she handle a job?

I have no objection to women working if they have to help support their families, but this business of women working to "keep occupied" is just silly. Women should enjoy their advantages when they have them.

The Council: Possibly it would help this couple to understand one another's points of view a little more deeply.

To John the word "work" means a tough struggle - a life-or-death battle that calls for manly courage and ability. He pities the woman who is forced to make her way in that harsh world and can feel only irritation at the spectacle of a woman entering such a world for her amusement.

To Rosemary the word "work" stands for an exciting challenge. Since she has never held a job, she feels she has been sheltered from the world of greater activity that lies outside her home. She has

successfully met the challenge of creating a home and raising a family. But she is still young and energetic and quite naturally feels she still has much to contribute to life.

In most communities there is much important and challenging work to be done on the volunteer level. But unless a woman can become deeply concerned about some particular problem to the point where she makes a substantial contribution, she may feel volunteer work doesn't offer enough of a challenge.

Since John feels so strongly about this, it would be worthwhile for Rosemary to investigate the opportunities for volunteer work a little more thoroughly. She may find she has overlooked some important service.

If, however, Rosemary fails to find service that completely captures her interest, we think her husband should try to be less rigid in his views. It is true that his point of view is rather old-fashioned. It is most unlikely that anyone in this community would get the idea that his wife's working three afternoons a week in an antique shop has been caused by financial reverses.

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70.9 Per Cent Voted in Primary

Salem (UPI) - Some 70.9 per cent of Oregon's registered voters went to the polls in the May 20 state primary, Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said Thursday.

Pre-election estimates ranged from 50 to 65 per cent. Sherman county had the largest overall turnout with 78.4 per cent. Wallowa county was at the other extreme with only a 50 per cent turnout.

Lane county Republicans showed the highest percentage in turnout for both parties with 83.8 per cent. The Democratic turnout was best percentage-wise in Sherman county, 78.8.

Average per cent of voting in each party was 69.6 per cent for the Democrats and 72.7 for the Republicans. Total Oregon primary registration this year was 797,036.

British Columbia Forests Ablaze

Kamloops, B. C. (UPI) - Police recruited men off the streets of this Rocky Mountain town early Friday to help battle 300 forest fires.

New fires were started Thursday night by an electrical storm along a 200 mile front. Other forest blazes, some a week old, blacked thousands of acres of timberland elsewhere in British Columbia.

The new fires were being fought by a force of nearly 1,000 men. One blaze at Spius Creek, near here, covered 4,000 acres.

Polaris Missile Rehearsal Succeeds

Cape Canaveral, Fla. (UPI) - A Navy Polaris missile launched from a land-based tube flew more than 1,100 miles to its target today in a successful rehearsal for its first firing from a submerged nuclear submarine.

MEN FROM MARS

Los Angeles (UPI) - Democratic Convention delegates, seeing television reporters with electronic gear and antennas strapped to their backs, asked: "Take me to your leader."

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Guatemala Police Seek Patients Who Fled Asylum Fire

Guatemala City (UPI) - Police searched Friday for scores of mental patients believed to have escaped from a fire which ravaged their overcrowded asylum causing heavy loss of life.

By late Thursday 150 bodies had been recovered from the gutted one-story building which housed 1,600 patients. Some of the corpses were found in shreds of strait-jackets and retainer sheets that had made escape impossible.

Authorities said at least 225 persons had died in the pre-dawn blaze and 300 more were injured. But an indefinite number of patients had not been accounted for and officials feared they had used the chance to run away.

State of Mourning
 The dead included two persons killed in a collision between an ambulance and a truck during the height of the rescue operations, in which 250 police and firemen participated.

Guatemalan President Ramon Ydigoras Fuentes declared a national state of mourning in what was by far the country's worst fire disaster.

He told UPI the fire started in a sewing shop of the institution, where one of the women patients authorized to use the room apparently left a candle burning.

Some Resist Rescuers
 Because of the hour, only a skeleton crew of doctors and male nurses were in attend-

Back Stairs: Ike's Newport Residence

By STEWART HENSLEY
 Newport (UPI) - Back stairs at the summer White House: President Eisenhower, as an old Army man, should feel right at home in the three-story frame residence he and the First Lady are occupying on the Naval base here during their summer vacation.

The 85-year-old dwelling was built to serve as the home of the commanding officer of Fort Adams when it was one of the Army's principal defense establishments in this area. In 1951 the old fort was "disestablished" and the reservation turned over to the Navy as part of its sprawling base.

The house, with wide verandas overlooking Brenton's Cove, Newport Harbor and the old fort, is painted yellow, with white trim. Its architecture is officially described as "New England Mansard."

Interesting Study
 The logistics involved in maintaining the summer White House at this seaside resort city provide an interesting study of virtually every modern form of transport and communications.

The President is whisked from Washington to Quonset Naval Air Station in 50 minutes by jet and arrives on the front lawn of his Fort Adams residence at Newport by helicopter ten minutes later. He uses a power yacht, the "Barbara Ann," to commute from Fort Adams to his office at base headquarters across Newport Harbor.

From his residence to the Newport Country Club, where like golfs, is only about three minutes by auto.

At the club he uses an electric golf cart to get around the course. And he is able at any time to reach any point in the world by a network of constantly open communications.

First Lady Favorite
 The President is the news-maker here but the First Lady is the favorite of the local shopkeepers.

As one member of the Newport City Council said when greeting the Eisenhowers at the Universal Postal Union, now an agency of the United Nations, was established at Berne, Switzerland, in 1875.

Quonset Point Naval Air Station: "She's the one who spends the money."
 So far Mrs. Eisenhower has made a couple of expeditions into town to look over local wares. On one trip she purchased a \$1.13 plastic necklace at a variety store. On the other she looked over antiques at a swank shop on Bellevue ave.

John Snider Elected To Aeronautics Board
 Salem (UPI) - Portland restaurant owner Gene Waddle has been named chairman of the State Board of Aeronautics. New vice chairman is William F. Maddroth, Eugene. The board also elected two new members, John Snider, Medford, and Roger Loenning, Haines.

Methodists Elect Another Bishop
 San Jose, Calif. (UPI) - A new bishop was elected Thursday at the Western Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church meeting here. Dr. Everett W. Palmer, 54, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Glendale, was elected on the eighth ballot.

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