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.

James W. – My sister is unfriendly to my wife.

June G. – You can't force yourself to like someone.

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James W. – I am in my mid-20s and have been married less than six months. My problem concerns the relationship between my wife and my family, particularly my sister.

My parents were opposed to my marriage because my wife is a divorcee. However, when they realized we were deeply in love they accepted the situation although they are not as warm and friendly as I would like. But my sister, June, and her husband have been very unfriendly.

I'd like to have a warm, close relationship and I want my wife to feel comfortable with my family. That isn't possible if my sister and her husband constantly turn down our invitations and rarely invite us to their home. How can I prevent a breach in the family?

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June G. – I am just as sorry as Jimmy about this situation. I don't want a breach or a feud, but the fact is that you can't force yourself to like someone and I find I just don't like my sister-in-law.

Ann has been very hoity-toity with everyone in the family. She hurt our parents by waiting two months before inviting them to her home. She has given several parties without inviting any members of our family. She didn't invite my husband and me for about three months and took offense when we didn't jump at her first invitation.

I am very fond of Jimmy and I feel he should have found a better wife. I feel sorry for him tied to a wife like Ann. I want as little as possible to do with her.

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The Council: Things have certainly gotten off to a poor start in this family relationship, yet there are hopeful signs.

The affection between this brother and sister is a springboard from which they can jump into a more mature and understanding relationship. A marriage always acts as somewhat of a jolt to the old family ties and some adjustment is often necessary before a new relationship can be formed.

June shows an unwillingness to accept her new sister-in-law into the family. She must change her attitude on this score if the breach between her and her brother is to be avoided. Perhaps she has never considered the possibility that her brother may see some defects in her husband. Even if he does he probably accepts this brother-in-law simply because he is the man of his sister's choice. None of us can afford to set ourselves up as judge and critic of another's marital choice.

June should also consider the fact that Ann has been deeply hurt by an initial rejection from her husband's family. Her delay in inviting the family to her new home may well have been caused by a fear of further criticism. The fact that she eventually came through with the invitations indicates a desire to let bygones be bygones and set up a good relationship.

It isn't quite true that we can't force ourselves to like others. We can help ourselves to see their best qualities and gloss over their imperfections. It is a good idea to train ourselves to be more critical of ourselves than of others. Too many people reverse the process and reserve all the tolerance for their own shortcomings.

Kindly acts beget other kindly acts, just as unkind ones beget more of the same. So we recommend that June switch to the right track.

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Thunderstorms Take Six Lives in U.S.

By United Press International

Thunderstorms which spread across much of the country Sunday were believed responsible for six deaths.

Robert Shook, 27, and his wife Marjorie Ann, 22, were struck and killed by lightning during a summer storm at Linwood, Mich.

The young parents of three children were visiting across the street from their house when the storm broke and they tried to return home.

Four children died when lightning set fire to a barn on a central Michigan farm.

The victims, Raymond Crofoot, 6, and his brothers, Leonard, 5, Edward, 3, and Allen Dale, 16 months, were playing in the barn when the lightning storm broke. Their bodies were found among bales of hay.

Salem – (UPI) – The use of 12½ per cent of O and C and National Forest fee money received by counties to offset state school support appropriations was favored by the legislative interim committee on education meeting here Monday.

Incentive Pay On Wool Program Being Mailed

Incentive payments on the 1959 wool marketing program are going out in considerable volume throughout the state, Pacific Wool Gowers reported.

Pacific Wool Growers to date has processed and sent out incentive payments totaling $46,145.97. Incentive payment amounts to 43.2 per cent of the net price the grower received for his 1959 wool, according to R. A. Ward, general manager.

Pacific Wood Growers has joined with the National Wool Growers and the various state wool growers' associations in recommending to the Secretary of Agriculture, at his request, that the incentive price level for the 1961 wool marketing year be established at 62 cents per grease pound, which is the same as it has been each year since the passage of the National Wool Act of 1954. The Secretary requested the views of producers as provided by the law, so he could announce the price level in order to assist producers when shaping up their flocks this fall for next year's production.

The National Wool Act provides that the support price for shorn wool shall be at such incentive level as the Secretary determines necessary to encourage an annual production of 300 million pounds of shorn wool. The 1960 production was 265 million pounds, an increase of 34 million pounds since the program started in 1955. Oregon's clip has increased from 6,723,000 in 1955 to 8 million in 1960. The present Oregon clip is 27 per cent larger than the 1949-1958 average.

The amount available for payment under the incentive program is limited to 70 per cent of tariffs collected on imports of wool and wool fabrics over a period of years.

No Delays Seen In TV Channel

The granting of the new Medford television channel license will have no further delays, barring some sort of disaster, according to Ray Johnson, manager of KMED, one of the organizations applying for the station.

Hearings on the channel were originally set for May 25, but were postponed for various reasons until Sept. 13.

Exhibits were exchanged last Wednesday, Johnson said.

After the hearings, which may take from one to three weeks, all three applicants will be given a chance to present a summary of why they think theirs was the best presentation.

With the written exhibits, oral testimony and summaries, the Federal Communications examiner will then give an initial decision. This should come sometime in November, Johnson guessed.

If the decision is not satisfactory to either of the losing firms, they may then appeal to the full Federal Communications commission. This decision will be final.

Johnson said that he considers all three applicants to be "legitimate." The commission's decision will be made according to which group best serves the needs of southern Oregon, he said.

Indecent Exposure Cases Reported on Increase in City

The Medford police department recently reported an increasing problem of "indecent exposure" cases in this area. Ashland also reported an increase in such cases recently.

Police Chief Charles Champlin said that "molesting" and "indecent exposure" cases have rapidly increased since early spring. Within the last 10 days, at least eight incidents have occurred, involving molesting of children and exposure by adults.

Champlin said crimes "of that nature" always begin in the spring and reach a peak in late spring and early summer. Although several cases may be reported during a season, he noted, several may be contributed to one person.

In presenting the situation, the chief issued a warning to local residents, especially parents. With schools scheduled to begin next month, parents must alert their children to the "possible dangers" apparent, he continued.

Safety Talks

Although for the past six years the local police have given safety talks to local elementary children, parents have been asked to remind children to (1) stay away from strangers, many who entice youngsters by offering a ride home or candy; (2) report any unusual incident or "suspicious persons" directly or indirectly to the police; and (3) attempt to secure identification of persons connected with these crimes, either personal appearance or vehicle license numbers.

Thus far this year, eight molesting cases have been reported, and about 18 indecent exposure incidents. Since these crimes are "hard cases to make," only four "exposure" arrests have been made, the chief reported. The figures are "about the same" as last year, during the same period of time, he added.

The span of suspects is "under 35," according to Champlin. No special areas have been designated where the "suspects" operate, although many reports have come from city parks, and near schools during the fall.

Penalties for Offenses

Officers said that penalties for such offenses can range from a $100 fine, 50 days in jail, or both–for indecent exposure or disorderly conduct– to a term in the state penitentiary for molesting. For more serious "sex offenses," police added, heavier penalties are provided.

Champlin emphasized the fact that youngsters, as well as teen-agers and adults, should "be careful," and "play it safe." Above all, he pointed out, report immediately to the police any attempt or actual offense of this type.

He added that the department's chief problem in apprehending and convicting persons involved, is that residents are "too embarrassed" to tell it to police officers.

COMFORTABLE—A little Boston bulldog that weighed less at less than eight ounces on July 4th picked up the name of Firecracker and captures the hearts of visitors at the Eanes kennel in Georgetown, Texas, where she lives. Firecracker greets guests from her comfortable home in a teacup. (UPI Telephoto)

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

The Chow Dog Has A Proud, Ancient Heritage

The chow-chow grandmother made was composed of cucumbers, small onions, pieces of cauliflower, and sometimes flavored with mustard or a collection of other spices. She called it "chow-chow" or "mixed pickles."

It is doubtful if she or any of her contemporaries knew that "chow-chow" was an easy way for the old sailing masters to describe a cargo of miscellaneous articles, saving them the tedious listing of individual items.

Probably the word "chow" was a form of pidgin English used to describe food or a mixture of several objects. It may even have been an expressive way of circumventing the difficulties of mastering an Oriental language. And, ridiculously enough "chow-chow" became the name of a breed of Oriental dog.

From a Long Line

This aloof and lordly member of the canine family can trace its ancestry back a very long way. A hundred or more years before the birth of Christ, the Chow dog was considered a sporting or hunting dog. Some students even claim the Chow goes back much farther than 2,000 years, thereby indicating that this dog is about the oldest recognizable type of canine that man knows anything about.

The south of China, around Canton, seems to be where most of these dogs were used. For centuries they were used as bird dogs, much the same as the setter and the pointer are used today. About 80 years ago, the first Chows were imported into England and soon reached a high point of popularity. Since 1900 the Chow has become a common dog in America, and for good reason. The Chow is a short, compact, powerful dog with a rough, heavy coat underlaid with a soft wooly undercoat.

The head is square, with short erect ears and a blunt muzzle. It is the only breed of dog in the world having black or blue-black lips, tongue and mouth parts. A peculiar characteristic of the Chow is the scowl that never leaves the face, giving the animal the appearance of being just a little provoked or slightly angry all the time.

Glorious Days

"Every dog," they say, "must have his or her day," and this Oriental dog known as the "Chow-chow" has had a glorious succession of them. In its long association with humans it has encompassed the entire gamut of the uses to which "man's best friend" has been put, for this dog has the stamina, dignity and strength to survive under every and all circumstances and conditions. The Chow has come a long, long way from his mastiff ancestors in ancient Tibet and the samoyede of northern Siberia, and he has done it gracefully and with haughty dignity. The confusion of euphonic expression as to "chow-chow" meaning mixed pickles, a mixed cargo in the hold of a sailing ship, or a wooly haired dog with a blue-black tongue has been only a minor handicap easily overcome by the "Chow."

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MORE PLUMBING

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Wall Street Chatter

New York – (UPI) – Bearish factors indicating that the current rally will probably be of a relatively short duration, according to Spear and Staff, Inc., are as follows:

First, the rally began without a previous selling climax or any wholesale liquidation of stocks. Advances that begin from such oversold conditions usually last longer than those that begin as the present rally did.

Second, the quality of market leadership has been of a relatively poor nature.

Last, the best acting stocks have been for the most part defensive, money-rate and specialty stocks while cyclical issues, bull market leaders, have been generally neglected.

Paine, Webber, Jackson and Curtis observes that industrial stocks as a group have already recovered about one-half of their preceding downswing and that further intermediate progress may not be easy. The firm says there is little on the horizon that seems likely to invoke a continuing broad uptrend in average stock prices.

As the economy continues to lack a dynamic spark, no fundamental basis exists for a renewed broad market upsurge, according to the Investors Advisory Institute. The current rally should therefore be considered a technical rebound, it says.

Bucyrus Erie strikes Purcell and Co. as an attractive commitment at this time for worthwhile capital gains while involving small risk. The stock seems to have more than discounted the sharp decline in earnings from $4.33 in 1956 and a price of 56. Indications are that the company has turned the corner, Purcell thinks.

ROYALTY TOURS U.S.

Washington–(UPI)–King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Denmark will arrive in Los Angeles Oct. 4 for a two-week visit to the United States. The royal couple will visit San Francisco Oct. 6-8; Chicago Oct. 8-10; Washington, D.C., Oct. 11-14; New York City Oct. 14-15, and Albany, N.Y., Oct. 16.

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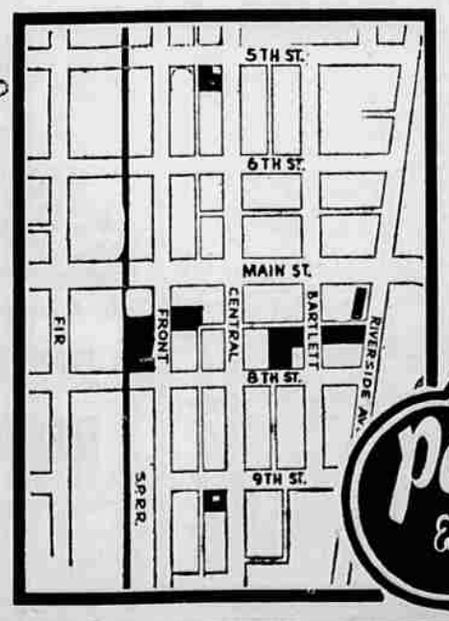

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