

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. 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.

Eva A.—Did we do wrong about mother?

Grace G.—I don't see how they can face themselves.

Eva A.—My elderly mother died several months ago after an unsuccessful operation. The doctor told us there was a 50-50 chance of success, but that if he didn't operate she might live a little longer although she would suffer great pain.

My brother and I were in favor of taking the chance. Mother couldn't make a choice because she was not told her true condition. My sister Grace was against taking the chance.

Since my mother's death Grace has been carrying on terribly and blaming my brother and me. She drives us crazy with her accusations. Did we do wrong?

Grace G.—I am the eldest daughter and I was always closest to Mother. Nevertheless, I wasn't told the full facts about her illness until a few days before the operation.

Mother lived with me for the past 10 years, yet my brother and sister took her to the doctor and made all the arrangements for the operation. When I tried to intervene Eva and my brother told me I was in no emotional condition to make decisions. They just wouldn't listen to me. After all, they might have discussed it with me earlier so the shock would not have been so great.

I can't see how my brother and sister can face themselves.

The Council—When blame is cast on others for matters that can't be remembered, we think the blamer ought to take a deeper look into his motives.

It is evident that Eva and her brother made their decision in good faith and based it on medical information. Probably they should have consulted their older sister earlier in the game, but judging from Grace's present reaction, we believe she was not consulted because they feared a wild emotional outburst which might seriously affect their mother.

Probably they believed they were relieving Grace of an undue share of responsibility when they took it upon themselves to bring their mother to the doctor.

We believe Grace is fully aware that there was nothing strange or wrong about her sister and brother's decision. Certainly, at heart she knows they had hoped to give their mother a better chance to live—without suffering. Yet she continues to blame. Why?

It is quite likely that Grace is using her sister and brother as scapegoats for her own guilt feelings. Despite her long devotion to her Mother, there were probably times during which deep in her heart she wished she didn't have the responsibility of caring for an elderly, ailing woman. She may have doubted her efforts on behalf of her mother to make up for these unworthy thoughts which she couldn't help, but that brought her to a vicious cycle in which she felt even more exploited by the need for caring for her mother.

Now that she is freed of her responsibility, Grace only knows that something is bothering her in the depths of her feelings and tries to transfer this uneasiness. She relieves herself a bit by telling her brother and sister, "You are responsible, not I."

Of course, nobody has been responsible here and it would help Grace to face her own true feelings and recognize the realities of the situation. (Copyright 1960, General Features Corp.)

Woman Injured When Hit By Car

Two automobile accidents were reported to state police Friday, both causing minor injuries.

About 4:46 p.m., a car operated by Eugene Herman Belliveau, 50, of 3131 Madrona lane, Medford, struck Olive M. Diemaggio, a 62-year-old transient fruit worker living in Grants Pass.

The pedestrian was hit on Highway 99, about a block north of the Lithia drive-in. She suffered numerous cuts and abrasions, and was taken to Sacred Heart hospital.

Police said she was attempting to cross the highway and was knocked to the ground by the vehicle, which was traveling slow.

On Highway 62 near the Cascade gorge about 8:46 p.m. Friday, a car operated by George Frederick Jones, 20, Star Ranger station, Applegate, went into a ditch.

A passenger, Lon Edward Gridman, 19, also of the Applegate, was injured when the right, rear door of the car was forced open, throwing him out. He was taken by Medford Ambulance service to Rogue Valley hospital.

Jones said he was traveling north toward Prospect and met another vehicle whose lights blinded him, causing the accident, according to investigating officers. He was advised that a complaint would be filed against him in Medford district court for having no operator's license.

DAM BUILDING PLANNED

Knoxville, Tenn. — UPI — Construction begins next week on the Tennessee Valley authority's 21st dam, at Melton Hill on the Clinch river near Oak Ridge. When the dam is completed, a 44-mile long lake will be formed behind it.

26,000 Acres Are Burned on State, Association Land

Salem—Preliminary figures on the total acreage burned over by forest fires on state and association units up to the first of September ran upwards of 26,000 acres of forest, brush and grass lands, according to Assistant State Forester James H. Walker.

This is 8,000 acres above that burned during the same period last year, he said.

The major part of the difficulties arose as a result of dry lightning storms during the night of July 19 which scattered some 50 fires over the Blue mountains of northeast Oregon state units, Walker said.

Thirteen of these developed into project fires which necessitated calling out all available personnel from other districts as well as the two emergency fire camps and crews from the prison camp in the Tillamook burn.

These crews together with pickup fire-fighters were able to control all the fires within a period of four days, Walker said. The units which recorded the greatest acreage burned during the period were the Northeast Oregon state unit with 12,000 acres and the Central Oregon state unit with 6,000 acres, the forester said.

Other units which have been having difficulties during the season include the Southwest Oregon state unit with 2,000 acres burned over, the Coos association with 1,800 acres, Klamath Agency state unit with 1,300 acres and Douglas association with 1,100, Walker said.

"One of the big factors in the successful control of these fires within a relatively short period of time has been the intensive training program and organization of the fire control activities," Walker said.

"When project fires occur there is always a critical need for men who have had experience and have the ability to direct men on the fire line. This has been accomplished through the organization of five intensively trained overhead fire teams made up of from 10 to 13 men. These men have been selected from all protection units in the state organization. They take over complete control of the fire fighting crews on a project fire."

"Added to this is the intensive training program that is initiated each year in preparing the thousands of men in the protection forces for the critical task for fire suppression. There is also the large backlog of equipment such as the tank trucks, four-wheel drive automotive equipment, power saws and pumps, bulldozer equipped Caterpillars as well as thousands of hand tools in the various caches in the state."

The peak of reservations and admissions was reached a month earlier than normal this year. The situation has now leveled off and the normal rate of cancellations just about offsets new admissions and reservations.

Predictions are that fall term enrollment will reach 7,450, a 10 per cent jump over last fall's 6,768.

MIGHT ENTER MINISTRY

New York — UPI — Steven C. Rockefeller, 24, son of New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, will begin a course at Union Theological seminary Sept. 19 to find out more about "the faith and the ministry" before deciding whether to enter the clergy.

JULY IMPORTS DROP

Washington — UPI — The Commerce department estimated Friday that imports into the United States in July amounted to \$1,119,000 for a decline of 15 per cent from June and about 10 per cent below the July level last year.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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Central Point Woman Hurt in One of Three Accidents in Medford

A 70-year-old Central Point woman sustained undetermined injuries in one of four traffic accidents reported to Medford police Thursday.

Injured was Mary Esther Smith, route 1, Central Point. She complained of pain in her neck, head and leg, according to police, and was taken to Crater Osteopathic hospital.

She was a passenger in a car operated by Clifton Fred Smith, 71, same address, which was struck from the rear by a pickup truck operated by Walter Kenneth Snook, 27, of 125 Laurel st., Central Point, about 12:20 p.m. on North Pacific highway north of Table Rock rd.

A citation was issued to Snook charging him with following too close. Police said both cars sustained considerable damage.

Alice Clara Bell, 39, of 1121 West 10th st., was cited by police for following too close as the result of another accident which occurred about 11:12 a.m. on Riverside ave. at its intersection with Manzanita st.

She was the operator of a vehicle that collided with the rear of a car operated by Vernon Rodrick Buchanan, 60, Sumner, Wash. Both cars sustained considerable damage, police said, and the Bell vehicle was towed from the scene.

A third accident occurred on North Riverside ave. at its intersection with Austin st. about 12:05 p.m., when a car operated by John Taylor Mast, 31, of 605 King st., collided with the rear of a vehicle operated by Bernice Crenshaw, 60, of route 1, Central Point. Damage to both vehicles was moderate and minor, respectively, police said. Mast was cited for having no operator's license in possession.

Vehicles operated by August Tikkanen, 55, Bly, Ore., and William Eugene Gass, 22, Grants Pass, collided at the intersection of Beatty and Edwards sts. about 11:05 a.m. according to city police.

No citations were issued, police said. The Gass vehicle was towed from the scene by wrecker.

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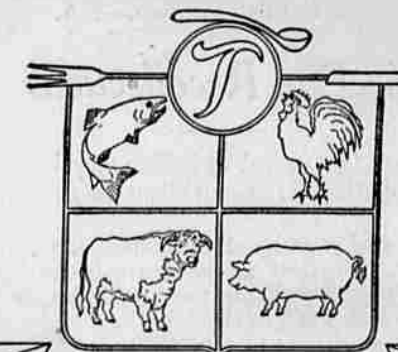
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