

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. (Copyright 1961—General Features Corp.)

Elissa G.—A one-room apartment imposes more restraints than he realizes.

Abraham G.—She doesn't make many concessions to our awkward living arrangement.

Elissa G.—When we were married three months ago, Abe and I considered ourselves lucky to find even a tiny apartment within walking distance to both his job and my college. Although it was only one room with kitchenette and bath, we signed a two-year lease to take us through my graduation and Abe's training-squad stretch in the office.

Naturally we were prepared for some discomforts. But Abe piles them on for good measure. He's a jazz-hound. Fine. But can't he hold off until I go marketing or visiting? No. He has the room shaking while I try to study. My only refuge is the bathtub. That's where I cram for an exam.

And even worse, he brings his friends in while I'm relaxing in bed or otherwise unrepresentable. "It's just for a minute," he says, "while we swap recordings."

Abraham G.—I know our set-up is hard, but I thought Elissa could take it. She used to boast that she could concentrate in a dormitory full of roommates when she went to Bryn Mawr. Maybe it's because they stuck to Hindemith and Grieg, while I prefer Gerry Mulligan. I tolerate and suffer through her clerical suff even though, to me, most of it is just funeral music.

I've tried not to annoy her with my list of complaints, because I feel we must live-and-let-live to get through this tough period. But if we're trading beefs, how about Elissa's hour-long yaks on the "phone, right next to my newspaper? And her walnut! She loves cracking them. What of her face-cream and lipstick in the desk and the paste and pencils? And her snoring!

We must each get rid of our intolerances in such close quarters.

The Council: Living in such confinement is indeed a trying situation and, with their love to keep them warm, the G.'s are indeed trying to reconcile split-level idiosyncrasies. Ingenuity is taxed and at a

premium, no doubt, when such problems as entertaining, or convalescing, or deep concentration come up. Elissa and Abraham are seeing, at first hand, how many of the world's problems can be traced to lack of "lebensraum." As just frail humans, they've set themselves a project best suited for superhumans who can fly through walls and become invisible! They're worse off than the "doggie in the window" who can curl up in a fluff of confetti.

But we suspect that, after this honest airing of their gripes, each will gird anew for the challenge of Life in a Breadbox. No doubt they realize that this is an acid test of their love. If it survives the abrasions and confusions—and lack of illusions—of such raw proximity, it's a pure unquenchable flame!

As they endeavor to compile their own rulebook, here are some random suggestions for Elissa and Abe to ease the strain: Get an earphone attachment for the record-player, plus earplugs for the non-listener. Elissa's studying should be pursued mainly at the library. Each should plan to be out (marketing, walking, visiting) so that the other has the apartment alone, for either silence or noise, several times a week. Most important, try to sub-lease and move!

The overall guide for each of these govt'tants is: What must I not do? Or, if they prefer: Disobey that impulse! The G.'s know they were attempting something difficult. Now they suspect it may be impossible, but as the Army Air Forces slogan puts it, that just takes a little longer to do, about as long as that lease runs.

Examinations Open For Federal Positions

New examinations are now open for federal civil service positions as engineering technicians, supervisory sound physicists, and cartographic compilation aides.

Additional information and applications may be obtained from most post offices or from the Eleventh U.S. Civil Service Region, Federal office building, Seattle.

Rugby, England—(UPI)—The magistrates refused an offer by James Cleary to leave his wife as a deposit while he went to get money from his brother-in-law to pay a fine.

Senator Morse To Speak for MUN

Eugene—Nearly 500 Oregon high school International Relations League members will participate in a Model United Nations conference to be held at the University of Oregon March 2 to 4. Sen. Wayne Morse, former Congressional delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, will address the opening meeting.

The MUN session is the 14th annual conference sponsored by the University's Institute of International Studies and Overseas Administration and the International Relations committee of the Oregon Education association.

Dr. Robert L. Allen, associate professor of economics

and assistant director of the Institute, is in charge of the conference. Egon P. Bodtker, Eugene, graduate student in political science, and Albert R. Gutowsky, Chicago, graduate student in economics, are assisting Dr. Allen.

Paul R. Ward, graduate student in political science who is in charge of the intercollegiate MUN conference scheduled at the university in April, will serve as president of the General Assembly at the high school conference.

The Berlin crisis, economic development, disarmament, and human rights will be the principal topics for discussion.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins
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The French Poodle Is From Germany

She had been clipped. She was as chic in appearance as she was expected to be, and apparently she knew how nice she looked for she stepped daintily along the street in her fur-trimmed jacket. She tugged gently on her jeweled leash, attached to her petite little collar which was resplendent with simulated jewels. Ordinarily she would be carried but the day was warm and sunny and her fashionably dressed mistress allowed the tiny miniature poodle to trot along the avenue, the target for the eyes of every passerby.

The poodle has all the justification in the world to be proud; also it just about lives up to its heritage of being probably more human than any other member of the canine world.

Claim to Fame
Intelligent as these little dogs are, they do not know how illustrious the breed actually is, or how great is the acclaim achieved by their ancestors. Five hundred years ago, a German artist, Durer by name, used the poodle in many of his paintings. At the time the dogs were probably called "pudels."

Goya, a famous Spanish artist, also painted the poodle. During the reign of Louis XVI, this vivacious dog was enthroned in France. Probably the name French poodle was derived from this distinction, although it is believed by students of dogdom that the breed originated in Germany.

Several hundred years ago, dog trainers pooled, of the aptitude of the poodle, and as a result, about all dog acts contained one or more of this breed.

There was more reason than just appearance for calling the poodle the "circeus dog," for the poodle is easily trained, and is agile and willing. Physically it is well adjusted to acrobatic tricks. The breed's natural intelligence is high, learning quickly, and even today, is considered to be "about as smart as they come."

'Truffle Dog'
At one time the poodle was crossed with certain breeds of terrier and later trained as a "truffle dog" used by seekers after the underground fungi, considered such a delicacy in England.

The well-bred poodle is of a solid color, either black, white, gray or a peculiar and remarkable shade called "apricot." Often the skin is pink with gray spots. The smallest of poodles, called the "Toy," stands 10 inches high at the shoulder, and weighs less than 12 pounds. The miniature is under 15 inches at the shoulder.

When freshly clipped, according to the latest established fashion, the poodle somewhat resembles a majestic male lion; a lion reduced to a soft, cuddly size. Little wonder the poodle always walks with a haughty dignity and a queenly carriage—it has every right to.

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