

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 1951—General Features Corp.)

Edna B. - Just because I don't date, my parents make me feel like a failure.

Mrs. D. B. - A girl of 14 should show some interest in boy friends, we believe.

Edna B. - What's wrong with preferring to spend my week ends and spare time with my family or my girl friends, or even curling up with a good book or a stack of magazines, alone? My parents, especially my mother, make me feel there's something the matter with me for not going to girl-boy parties, going around with boys, or - what some of my classmates do - running after boys.

The truth is I'm friendly with both boys and girls in school. Out of the school, the boys my age aren't dating much. They join teams and go places together. Besides, I can't see dancing with them or playing kissing games. They're not the type.

Maybe later when I'm 18 or 19 I'll go out with boys. And maybe they'll be the intellectual type, so I won't have to bother with pop and Fabian and rock-n-roll.

Mrs. D. B. - I'm certainly grateful that Edna does so well at school, keeps up with her piano practicing, and holds on to a few nice friends. What worries her father and me is a rather snobbish, uppity attitude toward boys, and even girls who invite her to boy-girl parties. At this early age she acts like a man-hater.

Of course she's a generally friendly person and loves her father and me and young brother devotedly. But we and her classmates are no substitute for the social life every young girl should prepare for.

Edna shies away from the opposite sex when it's a matter of meeting them socially, or in any situation that doesn't involve books and study.

If I could only get her to dress up and attend a party, I think she'd change.

The Council: Edna sounds like a remarkable girl and, since they say certain good traits skip a generation, probably takes after her grandparents for commonsense! What's the rush, Mrs. B.?

This mother talks as though she had a reclusé of 40 on her hands, instead of a perfectly normal adolescent of 14.

How refreshing to meet a teen-ager who's not yet in the three-deep crowds at the mascara counter. Not yet for her the contest to be the "hottest" number at the dance. Edna is standing pat on her right to be young and savor the simple things around her. Time enough for sophistication and perhaps, disillusion.

In an enlightened turn-about, Mrs. B. can become a cheerleader rather than a needle in Edna's side, during this difficult (and courageous) holdout. How about inviting Edna to round up a few non-dating girls for a pajama-party, pillow fights and all, with coats and sleeping-bags for overnight accommodations? Or insuring her fun-times via picnics and trips to TV shows?

For Edna is not yet at the point - emotionally - where she cares about (or is comfortable with) the opposite sex as social delights. Trying to hurry her in what should be a natural awakening is like telling her to do a week's eating at one meal.

Court May Review Racial Sit-ins

Washington - (UPI) - The Supreme court is expected to take another look soon at racial sit-in demonstrations despite its rejection of an appeal by student demonstrators in Tallahassee, Fla.

Three more appeals from Baton Rouge, La., are on the court's docket and may be acted on March 20. Appeals from other states also are on the way to the high court.

Eventually, the court seemed bound to establish legal guidelines for handling the widespread Negro and white demonstrations at privately operated lunch counters in the South.

The court Monday without comment denied review to a group of Negro students and to a white group.



PURCHASED SLAVE-Mrs. Catherine Washington, 100 years old, shows a photo of a slave she purchased for \$1.50 when she and her husband were missionaries in Ethiopia. Mrs. Washington, born 42 days before the Civil War began, sent their newly purchased slave girl to Mrs. Washington's home in Baltimore. The girl later attended a Memphis, Tenn., college and is now living in the south. According to Mrs. Washington, the former slave is now about 70 years old. (UPI Telephoto)

OF SMITH & MEN

By Jack Smith
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I'm encouraged, as would-be novelists must be everywhere, by the long-postponed interest in "Barthol Street," a novel written 15 years ago.

Its author, a J. Edward Day, is said to have paid \$1,000 to have it published, after exhausting other avenues of breaking into print.

"Barthol Street" fell immediately into a deep sleep from which it did not emerge until its author was appointed Postmaster General of the United State by President Kennedy.

I wrote a novel 15 years ago called "Squid Alley," which is not the name of a real street but an imaginary avenue down which the capital ships of the U.S. Navy used to steam in pursuit of the inscrutable enemy during World War II.

It's called "Squid Alley" because one time my hero, Vice Admiral Prometheus Barley, fell off the bridge of an aircraft carrier and was carried off to a paradisaical isle by a giant squid.

That may seem pretty far fetched, but a lot of incredible things happened in that war, including the might a sergeant-major of my acquaintance was arrested by an over-eager shore patrolman halfway up a ladder leading to the Navy nurses' private quarters at Pearl Harbor.

What right the shore patrolman had to be halfway up that ladder I don't know. In any case, the sergeant-major was kept in the brig all the way to two Jims, where he was let out. He distinguished himself at once by stopping a mortar fragment with his rear end, which otherwise might have hit another man.

In any case, Vice Adm. Barley's aircraft carrier slips through "Squid Alley" unscathed, except for the loss of the Admiral himself, and a park is almost named after him in Los Angeles, but not quite.

Meanwhile Barley is nursed back to health by a Viennese femme de nuit who has escaped from war-torn Europe in a Messerschmidt she has charmed out of Hermann Goering in a deceitful interlude, which is limned in by a flashback.

It all ends in Tibet, where the Admiral becomes a high lama. He also captures an Abominable Snowman and becomes the first human being to climb Mt. Everest. That part of it, of course, has not been borne out by history. I'll probably have to rewrite the whole thing. If so, I'll put in a belly dancer.

There are many other interesting turns of event, but it's not fair to divulge too much to the reader.

My problem now is how to become Postmaster General. I suppose I'll have to start out as a mailman.

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4-H Club News

Shady Cove Chefs

The ninth meeting of Shady Cove Chefs 4-H club was held at the home of Ken Vincent, Don Harper, president, was in charge. Plans were made for the club cooky sale March 11 at Shady Cove Cleaners from 10 a.m. to noon. Each member is making his favorite kind of cookies and also a poster to advertise the sale.

The cooking demonstration of orange foam pudding was made by Ken Vincent. The next meeting will be at Keny Bergren's home, where he will give a demonstration. Any changes in plans or dates will be announced.

Ken Vincent, Reporter

Bobbing Bobbins

The Bobbing Bobbins 4-H Sewing club held a meeting

RECORD MONTH

Salem - (UPI) - February was a record month for the State Veterans' Affairs Department in granting farm and home loans to GIs. Director H. C. Salfield said 1,079 loans amounting to \$11,882,950 were issued.

February 25 at the home of Mrs. Leonard Franek, 1876 Beall lane, who is leader. Six members, the junior leader and a visitor, Mrs. G. A. Roach, were present.

The first part of the meeting was spent visiting the county farm. Club members were transported there in cars of Mrs. Franek and Mrs. Roach. After returning to the Franeks', President Shirley Roach conducted the business session.

Ann Bowling and Carole Kuest were appointed volunteers to work on the 4-H window display. Shirley and Carol Roach and Kristy Chamberlain were appointed to find a skit for the club to present at the 4-H potluck dinner. Carol Foote and Joyce Anderson are in charge of finding a suitable pantomime for the club to use for the Friendship Follies.

The next meeting will be March 11 at Mrs. Franek's home. Members are to bring their portable sewing machines to work on their 4-H dresses.


Joyce Anderson, Reporter



VISITS HOSPITAL - G. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, talks with a mother as he views her newborn baby during a visit to the maternity ward of the Congolese Jesuit University hospital located just outside Leopoldville. (UPI Telephoto)

IT'S FORMFIT FASHION-BLOSSOM TIME!



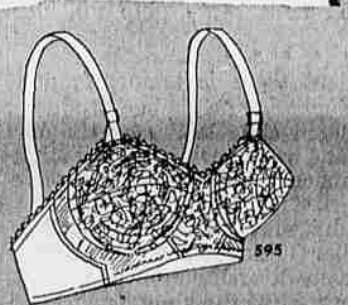
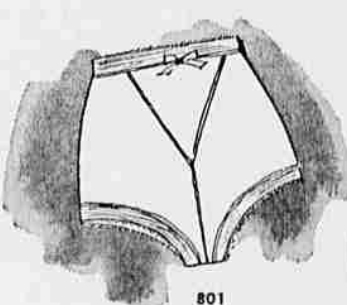
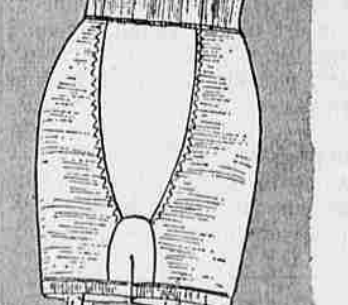
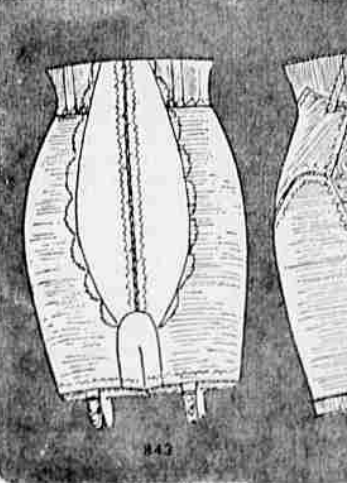
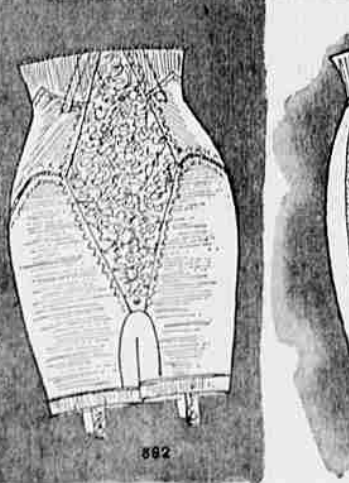
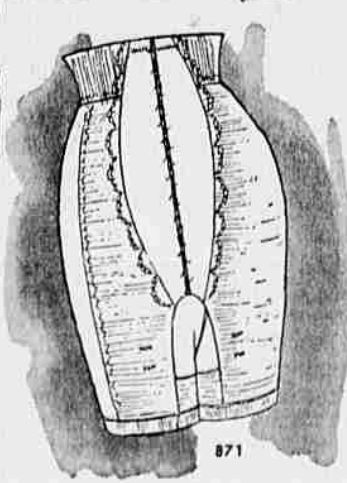
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