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The Family Council

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

Mrs. E. B. — Natalie is a bright child, yet she is full of unreasonable fears.

Natalie B. — All they do is make fun of me, and tell me to snap out of it.

Mrs. E. B. — To look at her, you'd think Natalie was the happiest girl in the world. She's close to the top of her class in high school where, at 14, she's a sophomore. And she's popular, both in school and in the neighborhood. But, inside herself, she seems to be shaking all the time.

Most children get over their childhood fears, but Natalie has carried hers along to adolescence, and added a few more. I'm used to having her run into my bed at the first stroke of lightning. In the summer we can't get her into the ocean above her knees, so great is her fear of drowning.

At present, though, it's her fear of the dark that's getting worse instead of better. Here she's older, more sensible, yet still insists upon my holding her hand, staying with her, and leaving a night-light on, just as she did at five and six.

Natalie B.—My family isn't helping matters by ridiculing

me. The other day my older brother handed me a bottle with a nipple on it, as a gag! And my father said he's buying me a brand new teddy bear for my next birthday.

Maybe I have a vivid imagination, but I don't feel safe in the water. I see myself knocked over by a wave and unable to get up. When I was young, the house across the street from ours was struck by lightning so it could just as well happen here, to us.

Yes, the dark terrifies me because it's so mysterious. I hear scraping and squeaking and can't explain it. I feel better when my mother tells me it's a door or a chair, and not a prowler.

I think I'm afraid because I feel helpless about so many things. Instead of laughing at me, I wish they'd help me feel more powerful.

The Council: Natalie must have had some frights, far back in her infancy and childhood, which no one was aware of, no one allowed, no one explained. So, keeping them locked inside her, she has added new and more explainable fears, and needs patient, expert help to exorcise them, one by one and then release her from her apprehensive attitude toward life.

Ridicule is cruel and futile. Glib exhortations to "forget it" are just talk. Natalie must be able to look squarely at the thing she fears, examine it closely, and then end her fear by doing the thing she has always feared to do.

She (and the rest of us) were born with only two fears, say the psychologists: the fear of a loud noise and the fear of loss of support. All other fears are learned, and they grow from the biggest fear of all — fear of the unknown. Therefore, Natalie's fears can only give way before the Known. She must know, and more important, that some of the things she's calling "threats" aren't that, at all.

The pitfall which Mrs. B. and the family may be falling into is attributing some of Natalie's "acting-up" to the self-dramatization of an imaginative adolescent. That's where a psychological counselor comes in handy, distinguishing deep-rooted terror from mere attention-getting histrionics.

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Proposal To Cut Surplus Feed Grain Eventually To Touch at Retail Level

Washington —(UPI)—The success or failure of the Kennedy administration's recent proposal to cut production of surplus feed grains will be felt eventually at the retail grocery counter and in the federal treasury.

The exact effect of the new plan on retail food prices is

almost impossible to predict, and Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman has said that it would not be measurable. Freeman also has conceded, however, that if his plan works as he hopes it will, retail prices of some foods like eggs and beef would not drop as far as they might under present farm laws.

If consumers have to pass up some possible small food savings under the plan, however, Freeman maintains that his proposal to raise farm price supports and restrict production of feed grains would:

—Not increase prices of beef and pork, and probably allow chicken and egg retail prices to slide about two per cent during the next year or two.

—Save taxpayers up to about \$500 million on eventual costs of the 1961 price support program.

—And increase the gross income of typical feed grain producers 10 to 12 per cent through higher support prices and government payments for keeping land out of production.

The relationship between the feed grain surplus problem and the price the housewife pays for beef, pork, milk, chicken, and eggs, is simple and direct.

Feed grains — corn, grain, sorghums, barley, and oats — are the most important raw materials in production of milk, meat, and other live-

stock protein foods. When grain supplies are heavy and prices low, livestock feeding picks up and the result is bigger supplies of livestock goods at lower prices. When feed supplies tighten, the higher cost of these raw materials is eventually felt in higher-priced steaks, chops, and cheeses.

Two factors would operate to ease the impact of any successful federal production-cutting plan on retail food prices at present.

Record High Surpluses

One is the fact that the government currently is holding record-high surpluses of feed grains. If current production can be cut below farmers' actual needs, government stocks can be released to prevent market shortages and prevent steep price increases. Agriculture department experts figure that if the 1960 corn support price of \$1.06

per bushel is increased to \$1.20 for 1961, corn market prices would average about \$1.15. In 1958, corn was supported at \$1.36.

A second point is the fact that the normal production cycles of both beef and pork are currently on the "up" side. Cattle and hog herds are increasing and production of both meats will be heavy this year.

Not Straight Basis

Any future increase in the cost of producing livestock products would not necessarily be passed through to consumers on a straight percentage basis. Hog raisers, for example, get only 52 cents of the consumer pork dollar with the rest going for processing and marketing charges. A one percent increase in hog values raise retail prices only about one-half of one percent if marketing costs remained the same.

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alle will stop fearing deep-water when she masters deep-water. It may be worth a trip to Atlanta where there's a famous swimming coach, Fred Lanoue, who guarantees to

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