

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.)

Ina Z. — He wants to decide everything, even how long my hair should be.
Fred Z. — I'm the one who has to look at her, and I know what I like.

Ina Z. — It may sound silly to be complaining that my

husband is too attentive, too adoring, too admiring, but I'm beginning to feel like Liza Doolittle in "Pygmalion." Fred is "making me over" and in love with his results.

I've gotten used to his correcting my speech. He likes "Yes" instead of "Yeah." I've even welcomed his jacking me up when my grammar slips, or my posture slumps. And I defer to his judgment in matters of eye shadow, bathing suits, spike heels. I even give him the final say when I buy a hat, though I walk around town sometimes looking like George Washington. Fred likes tricornes.

But now I'm rebelling. For some reason Fred has a "thing" about long hair on a woman. He's a commercial artist and illustrates stories for the magazines. You'll notice that all his heroines wear their hair down to the waist or up in chignons. But this heroine is sick of it. Yet Fred goes into shock when I broach a haircut for me.

Fred Z. — Ina will admit that I have taste, good taste. The highest proof of it is that I selected her as "my phantom of delight." And each day I'm more certain that my choice was justified.

As an artist, I have developed certain standards. I try not to impose these dogmatically on Ina. But maybe I'm a bit like "enry iggins" in the play, because I've usually been able to persuade Ina that following my ideas can bring her new confidence and new satisfactions.

She hasn't gone wrong yet. In selecting her hair, I've saved her from looking like a cartoon. Ina has little sales resistance. I strengthen her. But having her soft, flowing tresses cut off would break my heart. I'm one of those husbands who never had a sister and always longed to have a really feminine woman in my home. Let the men have the haircuts.

The Council: Unshorn locks may have been part of the strength of Samson and Hercules, but they're Fred's "weakness" — on ladies, that is.

He equates that crowning glory, the sort you can run your hand through and through and through (and maybe never get it out of), with the essence of womanhood. When the luxuriant, shining abundance is part of his adored wife, this proud husband doesn't want to yield an inch. I want more of her, not less, he'll say, fending off the barber!

But to Ina, the long hair is a bore. It's heavy and its upkeep is a burden. Shampoos become engineering projects, involving unsnarling and d currying.

The decision here should be Ina's. Is she a woman or a mannequin? It's her hair, it bothers her, she'd like to try it short.

Let us suggest that Fred shift his concentration from his wife's physical attributes to her other womanly charms, one of which will be this newly-formulated "spirit" to speak up for what she wants. No doubt Ina has a full complement of wiles to bring to bear upon Fred to help him forget the dear departed braids and chignons! One of these may well be a chic Jacqueline coiffure.

If, ex post facto, they're both miserable over the shearing, the misery is eminently remediable. As any barber with a broom can tell them, there's plenty more where that came from.

ENDS HOSPITAL STAY
West Los Angeles — (UPI) — Comedian Mel Blanc was scheduled to leave UCLA Medical Center today, nearly two months after he was injured critically in an auto crash. Blanc, the voice of Bugs Bunny and scores of other cartoon characters, will recuperate at his home.

Lenten Message

By RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING
Archbishop of Boston
(Written for UPI)

The holy season of Lent is a time of prayer and penance in commemoration of the passion and death of Our Blessed Lord. He suffered and died for our sins. We all had a part in His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, in His crucifixion and in all the phases of the tragedy of Calvary. He died for the sins of all mankind. We are not guiltless of His passion and death.

During the holy season of Lent we are expected to make reparation for our guilt and to pledge our loyalty to Christ and Him crucified by avoiding sin in the future. The test of our sorrow for sin is our purpose of amendment.

Personal sanctification, although a tremendously personal thing, does not exclude our responsibilities as our brother's keeper. We must love our neighbor as ourself. Everyone today is our neighbor.

We, the followers of Christ, in the free and prosperous land of America should practice during the Lenten season poverty of spirit, the abandonment of luxury; we should follow the way of the cross, and a program of total detachment from the materialism of our day. This is the only proof we can give to the world that we are not part of the materialistic philosophy of the times, that Americans are not money-mad and without spiritual ideals.

We belong to a nation under God. Our traditions are rooted in the knowledge and love of God. But God's ways are not our ways. We carry the cross of Christ or we wear the dollar sign of luxury. During the present Lenten season we must prove to the world by deed and not rhetoric, that we live to work for God and neighbor. That is freedom. We do not work to live. That is slavery. Lent is a challenge to live to work for God, for our sanctification and for our neighbors, i.e., for those in greatest need.

Legion Post To Observe Birthday

American Legion Post in Medford will hold its annual birthday party Saturday, March 18 at 6 p.m. in the legion home at 404 Walnut st. The event will mark the 43rd anniversary of the legion.

Members of the legion auxiliary will present a birthday cake to Commander Granville Brittan and will serve the dinner. They will also introduce the local essay contest winner.

Dave Foote, Central Point, who attended Boys' Nation in Washington, D.C., will speak to the group on his experiences while there.

Keegan Townsend, Legion athletic director, will tell of the American Legion Junior Baseball program.

The main speaker of the evening will be Dr. Frank Haines, professor of history at Southern Oregon college who will tell the history of the American Legion.

Entertainment will be provided by the McLoughlin Junior High school orchestra.

Jennings Pierce will act as master of ceremonies.

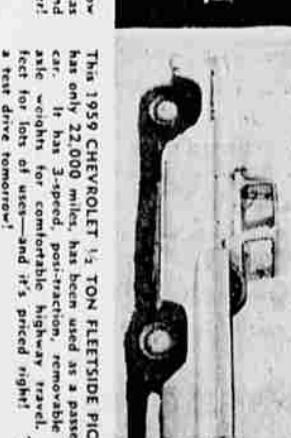
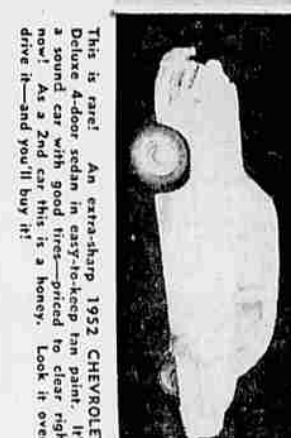
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Lodge To Sponsor Poster Contest

Emil Johnson, chancellor commander of Talsman lodge, Knights of Pythias, has been notified by Ray O. Kaser, grand secretary of the Knights of Pythias of Oregon, that the Order will sponsor a Highway Safety Poster contest in Medford and Crater High schools.

Two divisions of the contest are held — one for students in the freshman and sophomore years, and one for students in junior and senior classes. A grand prize winner will be chosen for the best poster in both of these divisions.

The contest closes May 1. Further details are available through the local lodge, Charles A. Lasher, 2810 El-Hott st., SPRING 2-8702, is contest chairman.

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