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.)

Mrs. T. U. – All I ask is that they sit and talk with me a little.

Charles U. – These are busy days. There's no time for idle chatter.

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Mrs. T. U. – I'm 73, in good health, and have my own little apartment. My three sons and my daughter are all in homes of their own and, of course, the great joy of my life is seeing them and their families. They're good children, visit me regularly and frequently invite me to their homes.

But there's something important missing. It's patience. They dash in, ask me how I feel, don't even listen to my answer, and dash out again! If they'd only sit down, stay for tea, chat with me a while, tell me interesting things. And when I'm in their homes, it's no better. They slip away for TV. Even the children don't converse.

At my age, pleasant talk is the best treat and I'm a good listener.

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Charles U. – I'll speak for the four of us in answering Mother's complaint. We're still in the stage of life where actions speak louder than words. Mother knows our hearts are in the right place. When we see she's okay, we hurry along on our way.

Take me, for instance. I stop up to see her every other morning on my way to work. Sometimes I'm double parked, sometimes I'm late, sometimes I've an extra errand to perform en route. I leave her the paper, kiss her goodbye, and skip.

There's more time to talk when she comes to my home. We discuss things at the table, the children tell her things. But why is yak so essential? It's deeds that count.

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The Council: Mrs. U. might not feel so bad if she got around more and discovered that polite conversation is extinct in many families. It's been replaced by eloquent "grunts!"

To get members of one's family to really listen requires the sort of attention-getting teaser the advertising boys use, like: "My new alligator doesn't like bath salts!" Even then, Charles might mumble, "Hmmm," while wondering why his car stalled twice that day.

What Mrs. U. is asking is the one thing her children won't give: themselves. They will dole out some of their time, on the run, and gifts and postcards, from cruise stopovers. But she might as well stop asking them to pull up a chair and meditate, reminisce, contemplate. Why, in that time they might be . . . well, attending a lecture on The Care of the Aging!

No, she might as well settle for the conscientious calls and invitations, sans palaver. At least she's not one of those neglected by children who seem to have lost her address.

Unfortunately, as folks grow older, there are fewer and fewer people in their circle who are willing to listen to them. Mrs. U's best bet for that would be a new circle, such as a Senior Citizens group in her church, a neighborhood Golden Age Club, or even a discussion team she might organize herself.

Meanwhile, Mrs. U. can excuse Charles. What would she like to say to him? "Remember that old Mrs. Doe who used to chase you?" And then some gossip about her? . . . Charles may be trying hard to forget Mrs. Doe, Mom!

Two Members Introduced Into Kiwanis Club

Thomas Reeder, attorney, and James Obenour, representative here for General Tires, were formally inducted as members of Medford Kiwanis club Wednesday at the club's luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club.

Recognition also was given to Coy Watson, Cameo Camera television film producer, and Ben Roeser, Ford Gum Machine representative. They are transfer members.

Past president Bill Singler conducted the induction, and past president Dr. Abner Clark presented pins to Reeder and Obenour.

Speaker at the luncheon was Clifford Cordy, Jackson county horticultural agent, who discussed the pear decline problem in this area and in California and Washington.

Outlook for Good Crop

Cordy reported a heavy pear bloom in the valley, and the outlook for a good crop. He indicated that decline may take some toll but that replanting will help fill the gap. The horticulturist reported some frost loss in the valley. Loss was heavy in spots, he indicated, but for the valley as a whole, the commercial loss was not great.

Pear decline involves loss of vigor or death of a tree, Cordy mentioned. It started in this area in 1956 and 1957 and has become increasingly worse.

General types of decline, Cordy reported, are graft union, involved with the root stock and with a virus as the suspected cause, and a type involving fertilizer poisoning and watering, with which a fungus disease may be tied in.

The horticulturist said that there is nothing that can be done to cure pear decline, but that measures can be taken to circumvent it, like use of more resistent root stock and change in fertilizers and watering systems.

He pointed to the vulnerbility of oriental root stock, and said that this area has more trouble with other types of decline since the valley has only some 500 acres of trees with oriental stock.

U of O President To Review Forms

Eugene –(UPI)– Dr. William C. Jones, acting president of the University of Oregon, has agreed to review rating forms used on the campus. Students have protested them by pickets and petitions.

A student counselor, Gayle Osburn, was fired from her job when she objected to the use of the forms which asked her to rate freshman girl students on such questions as aggressiveness toward the opposite sex.

Jones said he would appoint a committee of faculty and students, mostly women, to confer with Dean Donald DuShane and suggest improvements.

ARRIVES FOR VISIT—Princess Grace of Monaco is surrounded by her children after they arrived in New York from Nice, France. The Princess, carrying Prince Albert, 3, is followed by a nurse with Princess Caroline, 4. The former movie star will visit her family in Philadelphia. (UPI Telehoto)

List of Bills Passed, Signed

Salem — (UPI) — Measures approved by the Oregon legislature:

By the Senate

SJR34 — Allows legislature to create district and circuit judgeships in certain instances.
SB68—Notaries public.
SB512—School districts.
SB524—Taxes.
HJR32 — Printing 1961 session laws.
HB1162 — Counsel in criminal cases.
HB1396—Livestock.
HB1451—Permits to collect food and shellfish for educational and scientific purposes.
HB1468—Wreckers' licenses.
HB1598—Exempts non-profit retirement homes from the state corporate excise tax.
HB1635—Forbids gravel dredgers from dumping polluted water into streams that might endanger fish.
HB1661—Allows Hawaii, Alaska to join the Pacific Marine Fish Compact.
HB1665 — Legislative reapportionment.
HB1686—Blind commission.
HB1740—Juries.
HB1117 — Raises district judge salaries from $9,000 a year to $11,000.
HB1171—Challenging jurors for implied bias.
HB1194—Milk.
HB1225—Architects.
HB1357—Car contracts.
HB1490—Radiation sources.
HB1637—Stricter provisions for sand, gravel removal from areas where fish may spawn.
HB1736—Boilers.
SB502—Ban on farm picketing at harvest peaks.
SB175 — Removal of material from riverbeds.
SB211 — Authorizes transportation between Portland and Dammasch Hospital.
SB275—Definition of policeman as used in public employees, retirement.
SB312—Local budget law.
SB320—Refunds of the use fuel tax.
SB458—Creates new five-member welfare commission.
SB538—New funds for student loans.
SB72, 80 — Education for able and migrant children.
SB455 — Klamath Basin market news service.
SB508—Licensing of businesses by counties.
SB545—Relating to taxes.
SB546 — Relating to electrical safety.
HB2075, 2100—Budgets for secretary of state, Board of Control.
HB1013—Damages for wrongful death.
HB1169—Warrants.
HB1200, 1201 — Soil and water conservation.
HB1204—Warehouses.
HB1214 — Relating to tax accounts.
HB1337—Revising code for state militia.
HB1465—Frozen desserts.
HB1483, 1503, 1602, 1636—Judges, witnesses and law.
HB1636—Boat operations.
HB1026 — Sanitary district elections.
HB1037—Relating to taxes.
HB1056—Relating to teachers.
HB1077—Motor carriers.
HB1160—Trials.
HB1271—Fish and game.
HB1353—Red lights for firemen.
HB1380, 1387 — Testimony and witnesses.

By the House:

HB1732—Enabling mining leases on Columbia river delta lands.
HB1008 — Tax reduction for zoned farm land.
HB1188—Watermasters.
HB1570—Motor vehicle accident fund.
HB2075, 2100—Budgets for secretary of state, Board of Control.
SJR111, SJR21 — Urging federal development of forest access roads and a youth conservation program.
SB95 — Psychiatric exams in criminal cases.
SB199—Maximum truck weights.
SB202 — Relating to fraudulent telecommunications service.
SB233, 235 — Controlling billboards on state and federal highways.
SB31—Purchasing by PUDs.
SB355—Vehicles.
SB362—Rural fire protection district elections.
SB443—Audits of public funds and accounts.
SB454—Public officers.
SB465—Insurance.
SB32—Reduction in weight-mile tax for heavy trucks (repassed).
SB256—Notices to heirs.
SB453—State scholarships.
SB476—School district reorganization.
SB24 — Restores authority of state weighmasters to arrest.
SB65, 66 — Allows interchange of authority between circuit and district judges in absence of the other.
SB81—Vagrancy.
SB96—Mental illness.
SB178—Elevators.
SB254—Indebtedness.
SB261 — County public welfare commissions.
SB266 — Authority of courts in divorce, annulments, separations.
SB269—Custody and support of minors.
SB375—Landscape architects.
SB379—County assessments.
SB417—Ad valorem taxes.
SB471—Domestic water supply corporations.
SB537 — County sanitary or storm sewage districts.
HB2011 — State aid for certain children.
HB2089—Women's prison.
HB2097—Pay hike for state police.
HB2109 — Budget for Fairview home.
HB1076—School district reorganization.
HB1141—Aid to the blind.
HB1234 — State property and money.
HB1245—Compensation of classified employees.
HB1258 — Unemployment compensation.
HB1364—Eggs.
HB1378—Permits wiretapping in narcotics cases.
HB1397—Reimbursement of student driver training.
HB1505 — Trailers and trailer parks.
HB1629—Gravel lease dredging stipulations.
HB1712 — Regulation of explosives.
HCR9 — Appreciation for daily invocations.

Signed by the Governor:

SB34 — Public employees' retirement.
SB36 — Stronger air pollution law.
SB91—Cigarettes.
SB93—Drilling licenses.
SB111 — Hunting, fishing licenses.
SB128—Elections.
SB155—Expenses for wage and hour commission.
SB163 — Children born out of wedlock.
SB212—County home rule.
SB264—Child support.
SB276—Public assistance.
SB316—Public employees' retirement.
SB352—Wild animal control.
SB510—Rights of way.
HB1457—Astoria-Megler bridge.
HB1735—Commercial fisheries.
HB2052—Expenses for 1963 Legislature.
SB351—Board of Dental Examiners.
HB1426—Slugs in toll bridge payment boxes.
HB1053—False swearing.
HB1176 — Allows incorporated cities and charter counties to maintain civil court proceedings in lieu of penal enforcement.
HB1215 — Commercial animal feeds.
HB1359 — Allows state planning department to accept grants and gifts.
HB1366 — Licensing or approval of certain institutions.
HB1422 — School district reorganization.
HB1439—Evidence of ownership by public utilities.
HB1471 — Unemployment compensation.
HB1494 — Water carriers in interstate commerce.
HB1523 — Effective date of annexation by cities.
HB1603 — Rural school districts.
HB1613 — County maintenance districts.
HB2060, 2067, 2080, 2103, 2107—Budgets for Finance Department, Veterans' Affairs, Armories, Fish Commission, Eastern Oregon State Hospital.
SB74 — Penalties for tampering with coin telephones.

Perjury Studied In GE Testimony

Washington –(UPI)– Chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) asked thes Justice Department today to study the testimony of General Electric executives before his Senate antitrust subcommittee for possible perjury action.

Kefauver sent the department contradictory testimony given Thursday about whether GE vice president Arthur F. Vinson condoned or authorized price-rigging by men working under him.

Testifying under oath, Vinson said he never even knew that $125,000-a-year division chiefs and $75,000-a-year department managers met with competitors to agree on prices they would charge for heavy electrical equipment.

Former executives who accused him of pressuring them into price-fixing either lied or were laboring under an "honest misunderstanding," Vinson testified.

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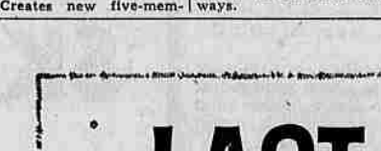

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