



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 a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Mrs. S. O.—I don't know whose side to take—hers or the camp's?
Louise O.—I'll skip swimming till they get more showers.

Mrs. S. O.—My daughter, Louise, is 11 and is attending a day camp. The directors have arranged for Louise's group to use a small private swimming pool every afternoon. But since the owner of the pool is very fussy, the swim suits are all alike, gray leotards which have been sterilized. They are handed out to the girls as soon as showers have been taken. Because there are only two showers and the swim session is short, the counselors want the girls to strip fast, get showered en masse and then jump into the suits and dive right in.

This means that there's no privacy. Most of the girls don't seem to mind disrobing and showering in front of each other. But Louise does. I've always encouraged modesty at home and this parading upsets her. What should I do—make her adjust or talk to the directors?

Louise O.—I'm not the only one who's been sitting out the swim period at camp. At first, half the girls refused to get undressed that way. Each day a few more weaken and join the public display, but there are still three of us who are on strike against being forced to undress and bathe in a group. If the camp can't get a bigger pool or one with dressing rooms, my mother should ask for her money back and let me stay home. Maybe the other two kids will quit, too, and then we can find a public pool somewhere and go swimming by ourselves.

Some of the kids who don't mind those crazy rules are kids who have been away to all-summer camps. They say you lose all your modesty fast in those places. Well, even if I went to an overnight camp, I'd still want to be left alone to dress and undress—even if I had to make myself a tent out of a sheet.

The Council: At the risk of inviting letters of protest from dedicated nudists, we must favor Louise's position as against the camp's and advise Mrs. O. to do the same. Clearly this body-baring wasn't in the prospectus

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London Physician To Speak at Cancer Lectures in City

An authority on breast cancer from London, England, will be the featured speaker at a two-day program on cancer of the breast in Medford next month.

Hedley J. B. Atkins, professor of surgery at the University of London, will speak to West Coast physicians at the third annual John Tomlin Memorial Cancer Lectures Aug. 15 and 16, according to Dr. Brian D. Stringer, chairman of the Jackson County committee on arrangements.

Dr. Atkins, director of surgery at world-famous Guy's hospital in London, became director of the breast clinic there in 1937. During the two-day meeting here, he will lecture on breast cancer in general practice, on current treatment of breast cancer, and on new developments in breast cancer research. Discussion and questions from the medical audience will be encouraged.

The Tomlin Lectures were established by a bequest of the late John Tomlin, Medford businessman, to the Oregon Division of the American Cancer Society, and are designed to bring doctors of southern Oregon and northern California the best of present knowledge about cancer. Last year more than 90 physicians attended the meeting.

To Speak at Rotary

Preceding the Tomlin Lectures, to be presented at the Rogue Valley Country club, Dr. Atkins will discuss Charles Darwin at the Medford Rotary luncheon Aug. 14.

Auxiliaries Contribute 1,627 Hours at VA Center

District 4, covering Jackson and Josephine county auxiliaries of the American Legion, contributed 1,627 hours of volunteer services at the VA Domiciliary during the year ending July 1, Polly Offutt, representative in charge, has reported.

There were 35 women participating in this activity, which includes regular visits each Monday for passive games and other features.

The auxiliaries of Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Central Point conducted birthday parties during December, April and July, with one scheduled for August.

The various units of the state have contributed approximately \$5,000 toward veteran programs, including outlays for parties, and prizes as well as the VA social work fund.

In addition, 100 cartons of cigarettes are supplied each month by Oregon Legion auxiliaries. An average of 160

Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS

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A Mistake To Bring Tenacious Carp to U.S.?

As a source of cheap and plentiful food for the underprivileged of the Middle Ages, the now-common carp was introduced into Europe from its ancestral home in Asia.

It was about 800 years ago that the first numbers of these disgustingly prolific fish were placed in European rivers and ponds. Mother carp, following her natural biological behavior pattern, lit the fuse for the carp population explosion.

Then in the 19th Century, the carp was introduced into American ponds and rivers. Here they were as much at home as in Asia or Europe. Today the carp is found throughout almost the entire world.

The carp is the largest member of the family of fishes to which the fresh water minnow belongs. It has been known to reach considerable size, although about 10 pounds appears to be the average.

Hardy Species

The fish is very tenacious of life, living and thriving in waters and under conditions which would be unfavorable to less hardy fish. There are recorded instances where carp have been kept alive in aquariums for 150 years. Specimens were kept in tanks in ancient Rome just for the amusement of the populace.

Long before that, the ancient Chinese worked with the hardy carp. They came up with a highly colored species, the goldfish.

In our ponds, streams and lakes, we have at least two prominent representatives of the carp tribe: the mirror carp and the leather carp. The one identified as the leather carp has a leathery skin which is devoid of scales. The mirror carp has one, two and sometimes three rows of scales along the sides of the body with naked skin in between.

Confirmed Vegetarian

The carp of our lakes and rivers is just about a confirmed vegetarian. It has a small, toothless mouth, but does have strong molar teeth imbedded in the bones of the throat. For creatures naturally avoiding fleshy material, the throat teeth serve the carp admirably.

They are not exactly fastidious eaters. Mr. and Mrs. Carp, as well as all the baby carp, root along in the lake or stream bottom like aquatic hogs, often upsetting the vegetation to the extent of creating an unfavorable environment for other fish.

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SOC Gets Part of U. S. Loan Money

Ashland—Southern Oregon college has been notified that a partial allocation of National Defense Student Loan funds totaling \$26,000 has been granted to the college for the coming school year.

This sum, Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, president of the college, pointed out, is only part of the total funds which will be available for the 1962-63 school year. Appropriations

for the total amount of money to be used at SOC for student loans next year have not yet been set by the U.S. Congress.

The National Defense Student Loan program in which Southern Oregon college participates was set up by the government in 1959. Qualified students may borrow up to \$1,000 per year throughout their normal four academic years.

This 3 per cent loan is then repaid to the school from which the loan was received over a period of 10 years following the termination of that student's instructional program. Students who teach for five years after graduation have one-half of their loan forgiven. This provision of the law is designed to increase the number of teachers available during the next few crucial decades.

Southern Oregon college has participated in the program since its inception. Approximately 289 SOC students have borrowed a total of \$97,930 since the program began, according to Dr. Alvin Fellers, director of student affairs. The amount of the average loan at the regional college was \$325 a year, Dr. Fellers said.

SOFT DRINK SALES

New York—Industrial sales currently account for 19 per cent of total soft drink industry sales in all types of outlets, according to Pepsi-Cola company.

CAR RADIOS POPULAR

New York—Four out of every seven motor vehicles registered in this country are equipped with car radios, Volkswagen of America reports.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

ON A LECTURE tour, silver-tongued Norman Cousins found himself aboard a crowded Pittsburgh bus, when a young lady boarded same, laden with two large bundles and a howling baby. She took a quick look around, then deposited the baby squarely upon Mr. Cousins' lap.

Surprised, Mr. Cousins inquired, "Why, may I ask, did you pick me?" "You have a kind face," replied the young woman without hesitation, "and besides—you're the only person wearing a raincoat."

A lantern-jawed lady who specialized in back-seat driving tapped her husband's shoulder as he needed their ease through midtown traffic and reminded him, "And furthermore, Honore, when you are driving, it is not necessary to preface every disrespectful remark you make with 'Pilot to navigator.'"

Overhearted in a Virginia motel: A mother, putting her youngest son to bed and admonishing him, "Now don't be scared by the dark. If you wake up during the night, just you holler for Mommy and I'll send Daddy in to you."

But you don't know what a GILLYGALLOO is. Well, it's a plover who lays square eggs so they won't roll downhill. And if you don't believe me, you can check up in a new book by Robert Gard and L. G. Sorden called "Wisconsin Lore."

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