

# 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 Deans. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

**Mrs. H. S.** - He failed biology and he's supposed to make it up this summer.

**Roger S.** - Why in the world must I know all about the amoeba and the paramecium?

**Mrs. H. S.** - Roger is 14 and a good student. But we moved from another state in the middle of the term and he had a difficult adjustment to make. He claims he just couldn't work up any interest in the topics and the experiments.

Fortunately he was able to register for a summer course. If he passes it, he'll be able to start the new term as a full-fledged high school sophomore. But already he's falling behind in his assignments and failing the weekly test. I can't understand his lack of interest. It's such an important subject. Perhaps the Council can discover why he has such an allergy to this particular study.

**Roger S.** - I used to attend a private school and the things we learned in Science made some sense to me. We planted seeds and took cameras apart and watched chemistry experiments. But this stuff I'm supposed to study now doesn't seem to have any connection with real life. Why must I know all about the habits of a paramecium? Or a caterpillar and its larvae?

I suppose I'll manage to pass the examination this summer. My mother's worried because I failed a quiz on definitions of jaw-breakers like Heliotropic and Dicotyledonous. But I'll just try to memorize my notebook. At first I thought I'd remember a few things because they were interesting. But the teacher just dictates the same old lessons. Why can't biology be about everyday things?

**The Council:** We're with Roger. Of all subjects, biology - which means the science of life - ought to start with knowledge about himself, his own life. That should hold his rapt attention. Time enough later to branch out to dissect birds, probe the secrets of plants, understand animal behavior.

Some gifted biology teachers are able to illuminate the cut-and-dried syllabus, so as to relate every law of nature, every revelation, to the child's day-by-day experience. Evidently Roger has not been fortunate enough to have received biology-plus-magic in the classroom. The old hackneyed notes have been droned out and lie lifeless in Roger's looseleaf book.

The curriculum makers may some day get around to shifting the emphasis in biology courses from simple flora and fauna to that complex specimen of fauna, the child himself. A prominent psychiatrist, Dr. Harvey J. Tompkins of St. Vincent's hospital, New York City, recently asked the State Association of School Administrators to introduce courses in understanding human behavior as an aid to mental health. But meanwhile Roger's teachers should realize that they could make the material, now so dull to him, (and most of it is "relatable") to his daily experiences and feelings.

Children can be very cruel to each other. They will hound the odd-ball, the one with a conspicuous name, nose, physique, accent. But if, from an early age, they are aided to realize that classmates have "feelings" just like their own, and that certain drives and needs are universal, much childish animosity can be averted, but more important, lessons of life-long value will be learned. As part of biology, Roger might be finding answers to: What sort of a person am I? Why do I feel the way I do? Why do I act the way I do? Then, he'd move on to: Why does Johnny show off so much? How can I make things easier for Harry who just got a zero? Believe it or not, science has discovered elemental truths about all of us which hardly any of us know. Learning them in school would serve us better than some of the material now taught.

Once a child has an idea of what makes him and his fellow humans tick, he may find beehives and ant hills even more fascinating to pursue.

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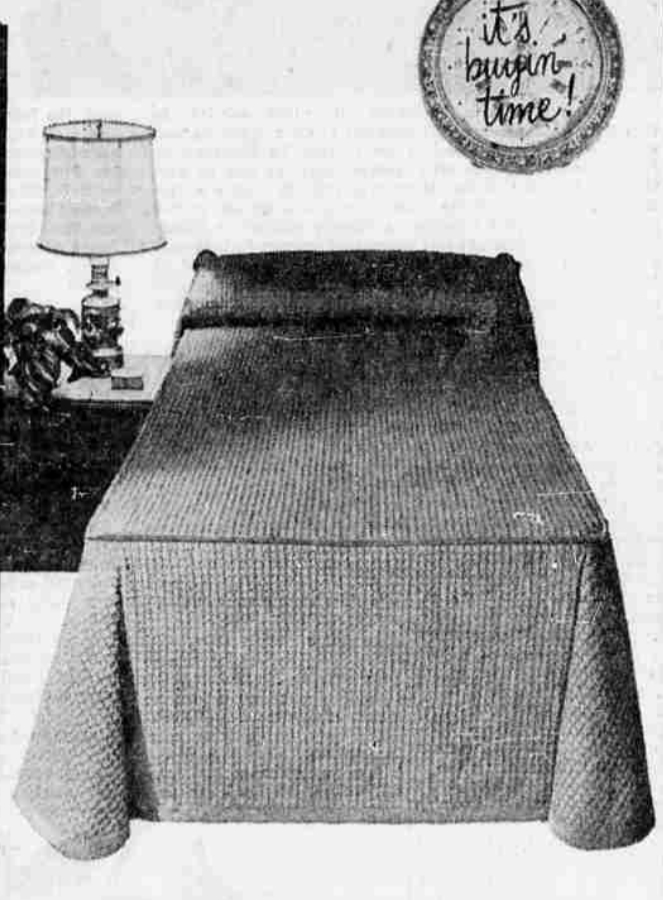


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