

FAMILY COUNCIL

George H. - We still can't agree on how to pair off for our vacation.

Kermit H. - If Dad gave us the car there'd be no problem.

George H. - We delayed want us all to pile in without clude our children in the arrangements. We have a son, Kermit, who's 20 and a daughter, Ruth, a year younger. They were busy taking summer courses and we figured this would give us a chance to be together in a carefree way, before they return to college at the end of the month.

But everyone has bright ideas on where to go and what to do, yet two things are agreed upon—namely, that it mustn't cost much because our Vacation Fund is practically nil, and also that there can't be much fun without the car. Taking it from there, I want us all to pile in without much luggage and go camping somewhere rugged and informal. My wife votes for a resort town instead, somewhere "civilized" she says. And the kids propose inviting other kids and just going sightseeing in the car, with my wife and I using the bus and trains.

Kermit H. - This debate has been going on all summer and it certainly won't be settled to the satisfaction of all four of us. We're each lively individuals with decided tastes and it would be quite a stunt to work out a program to suit us all. First, we felt that Dad and I should go off alone on a fishing trip, leaving Mom and Ruth to enjoy a room at the shore where they can have summer theatre, movies, window shopping and plenty of rubbernecking. But then the folks harped on the idea of our doing something together. It's a fine idea in theory, because we don't see each other very much during the year. But frankly Dad and Mom would be bored visiting bowling alleys with me, and glass factories with Ruth—places of special appeal for us. The best idea would be spending some time at home together, and then faring forth, they by bus and we kids by car, to interesting spots.

The Council: Nothing can immobilize and paralyze like indecision, and nothing breeds indecision so plentifully as trying to please everybody! We're reminded of George Bernard Shaw's observation about the man who tries to write the perfect last will and testament. He "dies intestate." Just so, the H. family will have no vacation at all if they try to evolve one that's perfect for each—especially with one car and scanty cash.

There's no reason why this lively family can't sally forth to a few spots which have something for everyone, and some of them do. State parks offer that touch of nature Mr. H. craves, yet they're not all far from the towns and even big cities which call to Mrs. H. and the young adults.

One idea we're glad to pass along is to center the trip around one theme of undeniable attraction—say, trees, fences or waterfalls, or even mines, canneries or orchards. This helps the itinerary to almost write itself! Some tourists trace their route from one shrine to another, the shrines being historic, religious or artistic. In the East, for example, one can joggle from New Jersey to Massachusetts and gape at the birthplaces of James Fenimore Cooper, Walt Whitman, Washington Irving and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow along the way. In between there's bound to be those glassworks, bowling alleys and other fascinations Kermit mentions.

Of course best of all for suiting every inclination are the periodic World's Fairs. Here a party can land in one piece and then permit its individuals to dart off on the tangents that tickle them. There's one still operating in Seattle (until Oct. 21) and the special feature for the H.'s, young and old, would be the number of free amusements and thrills. One can dabble with computers, ride rocket ships, test new cars, take instant movies—thanks to expensive industrial exhibits. But if the H.'s can't make it, well, we hope they can do the New York version of same in 1964. It's a way to be together and still have solo fun.

PILOT SUSPENDED
Portland—(UPI)—The pilot of a DC-8 jetliner has been suspended by the Federal Aviation Agency for 30 days for landing the huge plane at the tiny Troutdale airport near here Aug. 12.

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