

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a physician, 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. C. — With a nation between us, she should write more often.

Florence C. W. — Some people can dash off letters easily. I can't.

Mrs. S. C. — On this visit East, I want to have something out with Flo. My husband and I and the rest of our family are Californians. Our two daughters, however, are married. One lives in Iowa, the other, Flo, in New York. What I'd like to know is whether I'm right in asking Flo to write us regularly and end our worries about her. All we get is an occasional short note. Her sister, on the other hand, writes 4-page letters every week, with interesting clippings and snapshots enclosed. We circulate them, and they are treasured by all of us at home.

Imagine how distracted we were when Flo mentioned that one of her children was running a fever, and then complete silence for a month! Now I hear the baby was all right the next day. Long-distance phone calls cost too much, so Flo should write us every week at least, like her sister.

Florence C. W. — How can a mother be so blind and selfish? Doesn't she understand my problems? First of all, I have 3 small children and no help. Second, letter writing has always come very hard to me. I'm not glib and facile like my sister. She can roll out, saying whatever pops off the top of her head. I practically chisel out each word and sweat hard over each line. I just never can get relaxed enough to dash off an easy note, the way some people do.

But, most important, Mother knows I write to her as often as she writes me. I manage to answer each letter and postcard. Why doesn't she write more often? She has more time for writing than I. And the worst of the matter is, even after I've squeezed out a letter, Mother complains about me to the relatives and criticizes me. I do my very best.

The Council: To paraphrase Sir Walter Scott's lines about the "tangled web," we'd say, Oh what emotions start to flare, when mothers venture to compare! Mrs. C. cannot expect Flo to ape her sister. Each has her own forte, and Flo's isn't putting pen to paper for small talk. The other daughter's facility at this makes Flo's small output look like dereliction of duty. But actually, isn't she keeping her mother as well informed on major matters as is her Iowa sister? All she's skipping is

what the editors call "filler," and it's omissible. So after coaxing Mrs. C. to be grateful for the painfully carved epistles she does receive from New York, and for not having two carbon-copy daughters but rather two individuals who are true to her in their fashion, we turn to Florence to whom letter-writing is such a agony. Why? Were you scared by an English teacher? Letter-writing should be as easy as conversing.

Maybe Florence gets stage-fright at the thought of her letters being passed around the family. That particular block can be removed by trusting to Mrs. C.'s judgment or by flat prohibition. Legally, a letter remains the property of the writer, not the recipient.

With Mrs. C. Less demanding, and less reproachful, perhaps Florence can loosen up more when she takes pen in hand and begin to enjoy the release which comes with sharing the thoughts of the moment with a distant loved one. Here, then, are some pointers which may make it easier for Florence to "dash off" a communicative, so that doing so adds up to a refreshing interlude instead of a chore. What to say? Nothing's too trivial. Deathless prose is not expected. Jot down what you're wearing, doing, eating. Imagination, at the other end, fills in. Remember it's the fact of your taking the pains to write, more than what you write, that counts. Just be a sharer. If you've read a story, seen a movie, met a friend—give.

Interestingly enough, the U.S. Post Office Dept. sets aside a National Letter-Writing Week in October each year to encourage the exchange of personal letters. This year the slogan, we hear, will be "Keep Friends Near With Letters." With your mother so far away, Flo, a four-cent stamp becomes your magic carpet.

Locals

Cushions Damaged — Firemen dispatched to Medford clinic, 1025 East Main st., when smoke was reported in the basement about 11:50 a.m. yesterday, said that someone apparently had dropped a cigarette on a davenport. The cushions were damaged.

Trash Fires — Firemen said they went to 848 Palm st. and to 539 North Holly st., last evening to put out trash fires burning during prohibited hours.

Permits Issued — The Medford building department issued permits Wednesday to Thomas Vance to erect a residence at 1876 Brookhurst st. at an estimated cost of \$21,000; to Larry G. Dawson to remodel his residence at 162 De Hague st. at an approximate cost of \$1,000; to Hutchins and Clarke Construction company to erect a residence at 54 Mace rd. at an anticipated cost of \$8,500; and to D. R. Waltemire to remodel the front porch of his residence at 1093 West Main st. at an estimated cost of \$1,000.

Reports Theft — Daniel Francis Dugan, salesman from Seattle, reported to Medford police Wednesday the theft of a suit and briefcase from his car while it was parked on Central ave. between Main and Sixth sts. The theft occurred between 4 and 5 p.m. Tuesday. Dugan said he valued the items at \$160.

Portland Produce — (UPI)—Dairy market: Portland—To retailers: AA extra large 46-50c; AA large 45-49c; A large 44-47c; A medium 43-46c; AA small 21-23c; cartons 1-3c higher. Butter—To retailers: AA and A grades 42c; cartons 1c higher; B prints 66c. Cheese (medium curd)—To retailers: 47-48c; processed American 3-10 lb. loaf, 45-46c.

Portland Livestock — (UPI)—USDA—Weekdy livestock: Cattle 20-24. Mostly choice steers 10-14 lb. 28-35; high good-choice 28; cutter-utility steers 16-19; choice heifers 28-30; good month 23-25; 25-30; canned-cutter cows 10-14-30; utility-commercial bulls 20-30. Calves 110. Good-choice vealers

Astronauts Not Hep

Russian Cosmonauts Well Ahead In Language for Outer Space Travel

By DICK WEST

Washington (UPI)—Not only are we behind the Russians in space travel but, it would appear, in space language as well. Our astronauts apparently do not have the same gift for soaring dialogue that the Soviet cosmonauts have demonstrated. Remember how amazed people were when Yuri Gagarin, the first Soviet spaceman, went into orbit? It wasn't the flight that amazed

Obituaries

GEORGE P. MUELLER

The body of George P. Mueller, 67, who died Thursday at the Camp White Veterans Domiciliary, will be forwarded this evening to Lowell, Mich., for funeral services and interment. Perfunctory home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Mueller, the son of Albert C. Mueller and Elsie Wyss, was born in Rockford, Ill. Dec. 22, 1894. He was a veteran of World War I, serving with the U.S. Army from June 25, 1918, to May, 1919. He was employed most of his life as a miner.

Survivors include his wife, Madeline G. Mueller, Contact, Nev., and one sister, Catherine A. Mueller, Rockford, Ill.

LUTHER HAZELWOOD

Luther Hazelwood died in a local nursing home Thursday afternoon. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral directors.

JOHN HAGBERY

Funeral services for John Hagbery, 88, of 741 West Jackson st., Medford, who died Wednesday, will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Hillcrest chapel on the North Phoenix rd. The Rev. Gerald Nelson of the First Methodist church will officiate.

Committal will be held in the Hillcrest Memorial park with Conger-Morris Funeral directors in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hagbery was born April 10, 1876, in Winneshiek county, Iowa. He was a retired cattle rancher and had lived in this community for the past 17 years.

Mr. Hagbery was married Nov. 21, 1919 in Miles City, Mont. to Musa Stephenson. Survivors, besides his wife, are two daughters, Mrs. Helen Muller, Central Point, and Mrs. Ruth Barracough, Medford; one sister, Mrs. Helen Larsen Meeteetse, Wyo.; three grandsons, two granddaughters, and several nieces and nephews.

Casket bearers will include Mora Cary, J. R. Williams, Chester Jensen, H. E. Moore, Ned Barracough, Daniel Fox, Worthy and S. C. Hiltson.

FRANK JANTZER

Frank Jantzer, 73, of 1031 North Central ave., Medford, died at a local hospital last night. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral directors.

23-26; cut-utility 15-20; good-choice slaughter calves 22-25. Hogs 17-21. No. 1 and 2 butchers 20-25-30; 2 and 3 grade 19-20; 1 and 2 sows to 350 lb. mostly 16-17. Sheep 20-28. Choice-prime spring lambs 19-21 lb. 18-19; choice-prime spring lambs with 2 and 3 teeth 17-20; cut-goat ewes 3-20; 3-30; choice-fancy 80-90 feeder lambs 16-17.

them so much as it was Gagarin's gabble. "I am eagle, I am eagle," the cosmonaut chortled. It had an electrifying effect. "Imagine that!" people exclaimed. "The Russians have a talking eagle." There were, however, some

Wild Plum Crop Said Frozen Out in Spring

The wild plum crop in the Klamath Falls and Lakeview areas was frozen out during early spring frosts, the Jackson county extension service reported this morning.

A number of Jackson county people usually go to that area on Labor Day week end to pick fruit for jams and jellies, it was noted. Bear Creek Orchards uses the fruit in its special jams and jellies.

Over-the-Counter Western Stocks

By United Press International

Bank of America	Bid	Asked
Cal Pac Util	30 1/2	31 1/2
Com Freight	11	12
Cypress Mines	24	25 1/2
Equitable S & L	38 1/2	41
First National Bank	36 1/2	40
Marathon	27 1/2	29 1/2
Merriman Knudsen	31 1/2	33 1/2
Multi Kennels	4 1/2	4 3/4
Mass Ind Growth Stk	10 1/2	11 1/2
Oregon Natural Gas	27 1/2	29 1/2
P & L	24 1/2	26 1/2
U.S. National Bank	66	70 1/2
United Util	30	31 1/2
West Coast Tel	18 1/2	19 1/2
Weyerhaeuser	23 1/2	27 1/2

Investment Funds

Stocks	Bid	Asked
Bullcock	13 1/2	12 1/2
Chemical Fund	9 1/2	10 1/2
Colonial Real	11 1/2	12 1/2
Easton Howard Stk	12 1/2	13 1/2
Fidelity	14 1/2	15 1/2
Fundamental Invest	15 1/2	16 1/2
Group Sec—Avia-Elec	6 1/2	7 1/2
Group Sec—Com Stk	11 1/2	12 1/2
Group Sec—Petrol	10 1/2	11 1/2
Mass Ind Growth Stk	10 1/2	11 1/2
Natl Growth	7 1/2	8 1/2
Thiele	7 1/2	8 1/2
United Accum	12 1/2	13 1/2
United Canada	16 1/2	17 1/2
United Continental	6 1/2	7 1/2
United Income	11 1/2	12 1/2
United Science	5 1/2	6 1/2
Value Line Inc	4 1/2	5 1/2
Wellington	13 1/2	14 1/2

Weather

FORECASTS — Medford and vicinity: Clear tonight and Saturday. Afternoon winds northwesterly 10-15 mph. Low tonight 45-50. High Saturday 60-65.

LOCAL DATA — TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 68, below normal 1. Record high this date 100 in 1920. Record low this date 41 in 1932. PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, none. Midnight to 10 a.m. none. Total this month 1.00 inch, 42 inch above normal. HUMIDITY: Lowest yesterday 16%, highest this a.m. 53%.

CITY	Yester. a.m. hr.	Low Prec.
Brookings	89	48
Crater Lake	67	39
Grants Pass	89	48
Howard Prairie	77	38
Klamath Falls	74	31
MEDFORD	90	49
Portland	97	54
Seattle	89	54
Spokane	78	33
Yakima	85	49
Eureka	56	51
Red Bluff	67	64
Sacramento	89	57
San Francisco	63	32
Los Angeles	79	63
Phoenix	104	63
Denver	63	44
Chicago	61	73
Miami Beach	88	80
New York	87	66
Washington, D. C.	83	66

FIVE-DAY FORECAST — Western Oregon: Clear, Sept. 31; Western Washington: Partly cloudy, Sept. 31; Northern California: No precipitation. Temperatures below normal.



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Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS

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This Mollusk Means Trouble for Boat Owners

Very few mollusks are actually destructive, but there is one glaring exception. This one has caused embarrassment and much expense to the owners of wooden boats which have occasionally suffered from the destructive effects of the wood-boring "shipworm"—the teredo.

Although usually called a worm, this creature is really a mollusk, closely related to the clam, oyster and scallop. The teredo's desire for a home is the reason for its destructiveness. He does not live on the wood of the boat's planking like the land termite, but makes holes in the planking for burrows in which to live.

There are many boats, fishing boats especially, that leave their docks with many more passengers aboard than the captain or the mate suspect. These little living augers may be in considerable numbers, yet their presence is never suspected.

And the little monsters are busy boring night and day, whether the boat is in motion or not. Given time they will bring about a complete collapse of the craft, or they will so weaken the piling of a pier or a bridge underpinning that it will tumble into the sea.

To combat the damage done by shipworms, many devices have been used; copper-based paint somewhat discourages the mollusk, making the wood unattractive as a home. Repeated paintings are necessary as the salt water is constantly at work weakening the applied paint.

Teak wood seems to be about the only wood the shipworm refuses to work in. The reason for this aversion is not too well understood, but the cost of teak wood would pre-

clude it being very widely used.

The small mollusk known as the "shipworm" enters the wood through a hole no larger than a pinpoint. As soon as it enters, it begins gnawing at the wood, making a roomy cavity.

As he continues to grow, he enlarges the tunnel, always eating lengthwise of the wood, following the line of least resistance by following the grain. If he encounters a knot or a bolt or even another worm, he turns aside, but continues eating and growing.

He has a long, cylindrical almost transparent gelatin-like body, with a tiny pair of shell-like valves on the head. The stream of sea water entering the opening the mollusk made carries the wood dust out, and brings in what food he needs.

Within the shipworm's body is a long, U-shaped tube that captures the microscopic animal and plant food the teredo will assimilate. For this reason a boat in motion probably would bring in more food.

The teredo has a close cousin that has the ability of boring holes in solid rock; and is aptly called the "rock borer."

The shipworm is a fast worker and may wreck a boat in a very short time. Their

presence in a boat hull is seldom noticed, as the little monsters are careful not to break through the outer surface. They are unpaying, uninvited guests; passengers that exact a heavy toll.

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