

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.)

Rose J. - If we split up, it will be his family's fault.
Mr. D. J. - She is out to drive my son into bankruptcy.

Rose J. - At present my husband and I aren't on speaking terms. Every argument we have revolves around his family and the business. I keep trying to open his eyes to the run-around they're giving him. For the hours he puts in working for his father, he could make twice the salary and we wouldn't have to be dependent on them for a lift whenever our bills pile up.

They not only work him to death in the family business at coolie wages but, knowing that I see things clearly and will try to put Harry wise, they have poisoned his mind against me. Only they, not he, would accuse me of caring just about his money. He should be angry at them, not me. If he quit and took a job elsewhere, we'd get along fine.

Mr. D. J. - There is no satisfying this woman. Four years ago when she married my son, he was still an accounting student working part time. She promised to keep on working until he had his degree and a good job. After they rented an expensive apartment and mortgaged themselves for years with new furniture, she stopped working and urged him to quit studying and take a sales job in her old office.

Harry was lost there. So, although I had already retired, I went into business again, opening an auto-parts shop. I expect Harry to run it and I pay him a good salary. In fact, he's not worth the check I give him each week because the profits are skimpy. But I must stop Rose's nagging. She won't be satisfied till Harry holds up a bank and brings her the vault.

The Council - The big question for Mr. J. is: "How did I get into this fight?"

Anything that was ever good about this match, as well as whatever's sick about it now, is between husband and wife. What has happened is that a flabby-spined husband has wriggled over to the supposed-to-be neutral corner of the arena and is pushing his father out towards the center to handle Rose's thrusts. So we remind Mr. J. that Harry

is a big boy, old enough to get married and presumably old enough to face his wife in a disagreement. Don't be the fall guy, Dad.

This leads us to Rose whose pique should not be directed against her in-laws but against her husband who (1.) not knowing what he really wishes to work at (2.) bends to the will of anybody who blows him a fresh idea, and (3.) blames his discontent on her.

The financial wedge between the pair is easier to deal with than the emotional, although one will partially dissolve the other. The casualty may have to be Mr. J.'s new business, unless he can find someone else to hire. Harry's immediate project must be standing on his own feet - vocationally, financially and psychologically. Some day, when his backbone is stronger, he may well return to his father's shop. But now he'd be wise to seek employment with non-relatives. And, since his beginning wage will certainly need padding, Rose should sign up for a job now, too. This would put the lie to charges against her of slave-driving, money-madness, crassness.

But above all this case requires a few hours of marriage counseling to sort out the emotional snafu. We doubt that Mr. J. is the villain Rose paints, and that Rose is the conniver Mr. J. fears will ruin his son. Not only must surface bruises be healed and reputations restored, but also inner wounds must be examined, explained and "dressed."

A counselor can help Rose and Harry achieve first self-respect and then respect for each other. Love? Let's wait.

4-H News

Kandy Kids
The second meeting of the Kandy Kids 4-H club was held Nov. 14 at Mrs. Don Bradshaw's home. The meeting was called to order by Donna Bailey, president. The roll was taken and minutes were read.

A new member, Myrna Long, was introduced. Record books and booklets were handed out to the members. A brief discussion was held on the new projects. The goals for next year also were set. Several plans were made for a Christmas activity.

The meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Don Bradshaw. The next meeting will be Dec. 12 at the home of Carol Foote.

Spoons and Needles
The Spoons and Needles 4-H club met at the home of Mrs. F. Norris recently.

Jane Humphrey, assisted by Debbie Croy, demonstrated cutting vegetables. Ginny Nelson explained making sandwiches, while Terri Sue Woodcock made tummy sandwiches. Judy Wicksam dem-

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS

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The Worm, Poison and Last of the First Robin

The outdoor picture, framed by the large window of the living room, was not particularly pretty. A strip of green grass, an electric light pole, a web of overhead wires, a curb and pavement. On the opposite side another green strip, another house, almost exactly like the first. All the houses had "picture windows."

The narrow strips of green grass helped a little. A recent spring rain had washed the grass clean and revived it. Some of the shrubs had put forth green leaves.

In one of the houses a man stood gazing out proudly at his green lawn. He focused his eyes on a movement in the yard. Turning, he said to the family, "I guess spring is really here; here's the first robin."

The family came to look out the picture window at Ameri-

ca's most beloved bird, robin redbreast.

The robin cocked his head, bringing his left eye into close scrutiny to the ground. He had heard an earthworm moving in the grass roots. The worm, not insensible to even the light step of the bird, waited immovably for the danger to pass. Worm-memory, however, is short lived. The worm forgot what it was waiting for and began to emerge from its water-filled burrow.

A sudden flash of beak, an accurate aim, the robin rared back, feet braced, and pulled. The elastic muscles of the earthworm stretched, but in their stretching they released their contact with the burrow and the worm - body popped from the earth. It was a big worm; the robin gulped several times before the end of his slippery meal disappeared down his throat.

The children behind the picture window laughed with delight, remembering about the "early bird getting the early worm." The parents smiled. The very fat robin really did go "hop, hop, hopping along the yard."

That morning there were many worms. Again the bird cocked his head to listen at the grass tops. Again the short wait, the quick thrust and the backward pull. This worm had a better contact with the earth. The pull continued, the worm body broke in two. The robin, thankful for even half a worm, swallowed the front section while the worm's other half slid into the hole.

The father explained to the children what had happened: they were glad the bird got half the worm. While he was talking, the family watched. The robin was still watching and searching. But there was something wrong. The children noticed it first. "Look," one said, "the robin looks funny."

A change had occurred. The bird, his feathers ruffled, had stopped. His head nodded; several times it bobbed until the bill touched the grass tops.

While the family watched, the very fat robin fell over on his side. One wing fluttered feebly, both legs jerked, then the little body relaxed and the head dropped into the grass.

The man remembered the lawn had been sprayed with a powerful poison the day before. The earthworms, themselves carrying the poison, had poisoned the robin, a situation that occurs frequently in nearly every neighborhood.

It will be a sad commentary on human intolerance when the "last robin" goes hop, hop, hopping along the poisoned greensward; progress will have taken another step backward.

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by Marian Martin

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Influenza Heads List of Diseases

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Medford reported 6 cases, Ashland 7, Central Point 4 and Jacksonville 2.

Rogue River reported 6 cases of pinkeye. Two cases of gonorrhea were reported in the county.

Other cases reported included one case of impetigo at Trail and Shady Cove; four cases of scarlet fever in Eagle Point; one case of German measles at Ashland, one case of whooping cough from Medford and one case of measles in Medford.

Court Records

MEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT
Ruth Edith Hawkins, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
Wayne Gordon Blachly, disobedient stop sign, \$10.
William Wallace Trautman, expired operator's license, \$5.
David Lee Ragnetti, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.
Mary Alice Cass, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Benjamin Franklin Sours, no operator's license in possession, \$5.
Monty Charles Penwell, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Timothy Glen Johnson, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
John Mark Ross, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.
Marion Ann Lausmann, expired vehicle license, \$5; violation of basic rule, \$10.
Thomas Lyndell Shope, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Donald Lloyd Bhamhall, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Larry Dennis Sander, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.
Ralph Junior Newman, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Harold Crandall Sutherland, violation of basic rule, \$25.
Charles Ralph Adams, expired vehicle license, \$5.
Jerry Lee Jarman, excessive noise - exhaust, \$10.
William Nolan Fraser, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Charles Ralph Adams, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Marie Elizabeth Richey, improper left turn, \$10.
Cyrus Charles Dunlap, improper left turn, \$10.
Harold Jean Davis, driving on wrong side of street, \$15.
Arling Corrin Lothius, inadequate equipment, \$10, suspended.
Thomas Keith Tolbert, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Glen Raymond Best, violation of basic rule, \$25.
Bruno Fred Blank, violation of basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT
Louis Spencer Houston, no public utility commission permit, \$25.
Donald Raymond Baker, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
David Roy Latimer, no operator's license, \$5.
Virgil William Wilson, insufficient funds, \$15.
Leon Gordon Stanley, overload, \$15.
Donald K. Dunlap, overload, \$15.
John James Kamody, excessive noise, \$25.
Robert Charles Jantzer, no public utility commission permit, \$25.
Margaret Ann Cox, failure to yield right of way, \$15.
Arthur Hamilton, Ashland, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, \$300.
Catalino Julian Martin, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.
Francis Johanna Elliott, failure to dim lights, \$15.
William Jansson Scott, no operator's license, \$5.
Mike McClain, no vehicle license, \$5.
Lester William Rhodes, failure to transfer title, \$5.
Ervin Merrill Christian, excessive overhanging load, \$15.
Lloyd Windel Whitaker, truck speeding, \$25.
Norman George Bursing, no vehicle license, \$5.
Jimmy Wayne Lunceford, no operator's license, \$5.
Raymond Rex Note, no safety chains, \$15.
Clinton Fredrick Ayres, no safety chains, \$15.
Michael Roy Shultz, no operator's license, \$5.
Charles Newton Fletcher, overload, \$32.
Maynard Arlie Brood, overload, \$75.
Francis Joseph Runyon, illegal possession of deer, \$50.

Clane, divorce complaint.
David Harper vs. Sharon Harper, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Eugene LeRoy Mars, route 1, box 233, Rogue River, and Ethel Agnes Ross, McCurdy, 330 North Holly St., Medford.

John Lester Kruse, Davenport.

Iowa, and Verna Darlene Tomlinson, 136 West Pine St., Central Point.
Ronald Lee Fader, 55 Pine St., Ashland, and Karen Sue Hender, son, 111 South Keene Way dr., Medford.
Stanley D. Hiestand, 1585 Oak Patch rd., Eugene, and Violet E. Rugs Bellows, 430 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland.

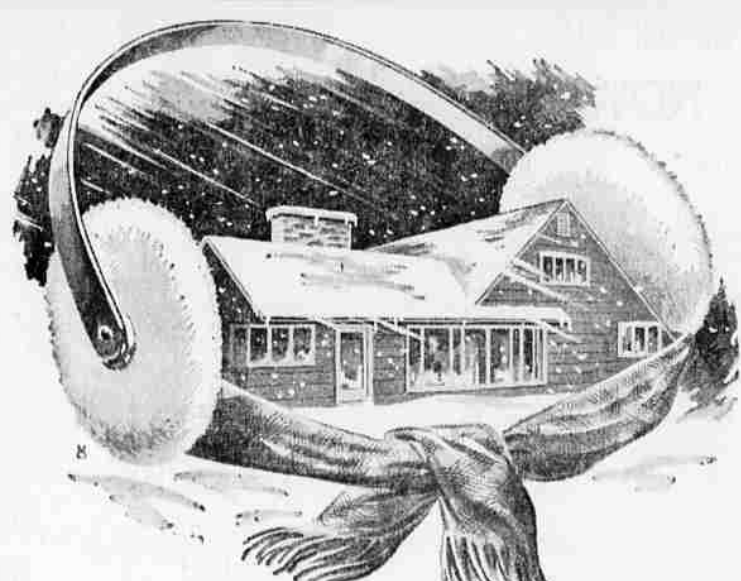
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