

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 Denny-Features Corp.)

Mrs. J. T. - Her Leona is forever tattling to me about my children.

Mrs. E. Y. - Someone has to tell her when her kids are breaking things.

Mrs. J. T. - I wish Mrs. Y. would tell her Leona to mind her own business. This is a 10-year-old snop who comes running to my back door with the latest bulletin on who's hitting my kids or who they are punching. And if one of them so much as throws a leaf at her, she bellows for me to come out and make them stop "fighting" with her.

Well, I'm not interested. In case Leona thinks she's a heroine for keeping me posted, I want her to tell me I'm not handing out medals to tattletales. She just has no friends, nothing to do, so she keeps busy spying on what the other kids do and then tells on them. Maybe the kids would like her more if she joined in, instead of finding so much fault.

Mrs. E. Y. - It's not tattling to give important information. Mrs. T. can't play ostrich and pretend her sons are just sitting still on a bench and watching the sunset. She figures what she doesn't know won't hurt her. Well, it hurts others and we'll tell her. It's her duty to make them play right.

The other day those kids almost started a fire. They made a tent of a wool blanket and set up lighted candles in their garage. When Leona ran over to tell their mother she became angry and yelled, "Go back and blow them out!" We live next door and Leona can't help noticing the dangerous things those children do. Mrs. Y. should be grateful.

The Council - Tattletales, informers, tale-bearers are a sad but ugly lot. Mother Goose disposed of them summarily in the old childhood jibe:

**"Tell tale tit,
Your tongue shall be slit,
And all the dogs in town
Shall have a little bit."**

But Mrs. T. must distinguish between tattling for the sake of stirring up trouble, and

honest reporting of vital information which she'd rather not know about. Leona's communications seem to fall into the latter category. Mrs. T. merely resents not being able to say she didn't know, when trouble or damage ensue.

On the other hand, Mrs. Y. must help her daughter distinguish between a "public service bulletin" — to prevent disaster — and a spoiled exaggeration to call attention to "goodie-goodie little me" and "awful - awful them."

The child who snitches should always be listened to. Sometimes, as with Leona, the telling is legitimate and should be acted upon promptly. You wouldn't call Paul Revere a tattletale, would you, for his earnest spreading of the word?

But sometimes the tattling reveals a troubled child — lonely and feeling "out of things." Mrs. Y. must ask herself whether Leona pounces on complaints about Mrs. T.'s children, as a way of getting even for being left out of their games. Her tactics make her even more unpopular. Can she be helped to understand and accept some of the games played by the neighbor children?

These mothers can ease the situation. Mrs. Y. can help her daughter find enough satisfying activities not to mind being left out of the next-door excitement. At the same time, Mrs. T. can explain to her children that Leona isn't a stool pigeon, but a good citizen who knows when to sound an alert. And she can thank her for same.

Court Records

MEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT
Donald George Peterson, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Earl Clavin Gaddis, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.
Lillian Verna Knight, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Mina Edith Burrows, disobeyed traffic sign, \$10.
Clara E. St. Clair, expired vehicle license, \$5.
Joseph William Kee, disobeyed traffic sign, \$10 suspended.
Raymond Leitch McComb Jr., expired vehicle license, \$5 suspended.
Dick L. Chamberlain, disobeyed traffic sign, \$10.
Mary Margaret Lucas, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Richard Tipton Rosemus, disobeyed traffic sign, \$10.
James Douglas Teton, defective equipment, \$10 suspended.
James Hanley Price, violation of basic rule, \$25 suspended (Driver Improvement School).
Robert Steve Speaks, improper left turn, \$10.
Arthur William Coulter, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Lorraine Evelyn Zimmerman, improper left turn, \$10.
Raleigh Melvin Conley, failure to yield right of way, \$25.
Alena Alexandra Makinin, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.
Mary Frances Whitman, failure to yield right of way, \$25.
Neville Charles Hewitt, disobeyed traffic sign, \$10.
Janet Eileen Hubbard, excessive noise, \$10.
Steven McKindra, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Margaret M. Elkins, improper left turn, \$10.
Lenna Larie Chase, improper left turn, \$10.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Wednesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

DATE	LIBRA	SCORPIO	SAGITTARIUS	CAPRICORN	AQUARIUS	PISCES
APR. 21	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3
MAY 21	4-6	4-6	4-6	4-6	4-6	4-6
JUN 21	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9
JUL 21	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12
AUG 21	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15
SEP 21	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18
OCT 21	19-21	19-21	19-21	19-21	19-21	19-21
NOV 21	22-24	22-24	22-24	22-24	22-24	22-24
DEC 21	25-27	25-27	25-27	25-27	25-27	25-27

The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Alvarez*
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Emeritus Professor of Medicine
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Use of Hypnosis in Psychiatry

Recently Prof. Alfred Auerback, of the University of California in San Francisco, said that a questionnaire sent to 828 psychiatrists in California, asking them what their present-day attitude is toward hypnosis, of those who replied, 46 per cent said they had tried using it, but only 13 per cent still used it occasionally in a suitable case. They said that in their practice, the results of hypnosis had proved unpredictable, with many poor or transient results. Putting a person into a hypnotic state was often difficult, and in such cases the patient was likely to wind up displeased with the doctor.

Poor results from hypnosis were reported in 201 cases, but in many of these, the lack of success may have been due to the poor training of the hypnotist. Some of the poor results reported followed a combination of hypnosis and ordinary psychiatric treatment.

The commonest difficulty reported was that after hypnosis, the patient was thrown into a mental upset, usually an acute anxiety state, a panic state, or a depression. Occasionally suicide followed. As many psychiatrists have long ago pointed out, persons with an unstable nature, and particularly the person who is

very dependent on someone, or is headed for a nervous breakdown, can be injured by hypnosis. In order to avoid mishaps, hypnosis should be used only by men who are skilled enough in this technique to recognize the type of person who is likely to be hurt by it.

Don't Know Enough

As Professor Auerback says, unfortunately we physicians still don't know enough about the mechanism of hypnosis, or when it should be used. Even among psychiatrists, few have had sufficient experience with the method. Some men exaggerate its virtues and claim remarkable results, while others are more impressed with the possibility of its doing harm. There is need for more research on the problem. Professor Auerback is against the giving of short courses in hypnosis. Psychiatrists are much against a recent proposal in certain states to pass laws that would permit untrained lay persons to treat mental illnesses with hypnosis.

BALCONY COLLAPSES

Jefferson City, Tenn. — A 15-foot high balcony gave way beneath more than 200 Carson-Newman college students Monday during services at the First Baptist church. No one was seriously hurt.

Cape Canaveral — The Atlantic missile range announced Monday that no rocket firings will take place during an 11-day Christmas holiday observance beginning Friday.

Golden Antlers to Be Given Members

Two members of the Medford Elks lodge will receive the Golden Antler award in recognition of outstanding service to the lodge in its community efforts.

The announcement was made by Exalted Ruler Leonard Carlson. The awards, the first to be given by the local lodge, will be given S. G. Sherwood and O. J. Brenner. Sherwood has been a member of the lodge since April 15, 1926, and has served as chairman of nearly every committee. A retired postal employee, he has been active in the lodge's charity programs. Brenner has been a member for four years and has served on committees and is now a

BANK STORY

London — (UPI) — Barclay's Bank officials told today of the clergyman who entered one of their branches recently and asked for traveler's checks.

"What denomination?" asked the cashier.

"Church of England," replied the clergyman.

THANKS GOD

Washington — (UPI) — Evangelist Billy Graham, in a pre-Christmas Pentagon service, said Monday God prevented war over Cuba as a result of "prayers of millions of all races." He gave due credit to American diplomacy and military strength, but said "I like to think that... God intervened."

Realtors Exchange Elects Officers

H. O. Martin of H. O. Martin Insurance and Real Estate agency, was elected chairman of the Southern Oregon Realtors Exchange club which was organized this fall in Medford. Other officers include Miss Edith L. Hoag, T. J. Hight Agency, Inc., vice chairman; Ann G. Rice, Rice and Barker Real Estate Inc., secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Clarence W. Bell, Ashland, Clarence W. Bell Real Estate, assistant secretary.

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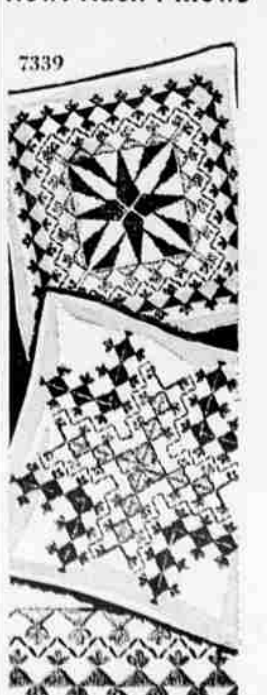
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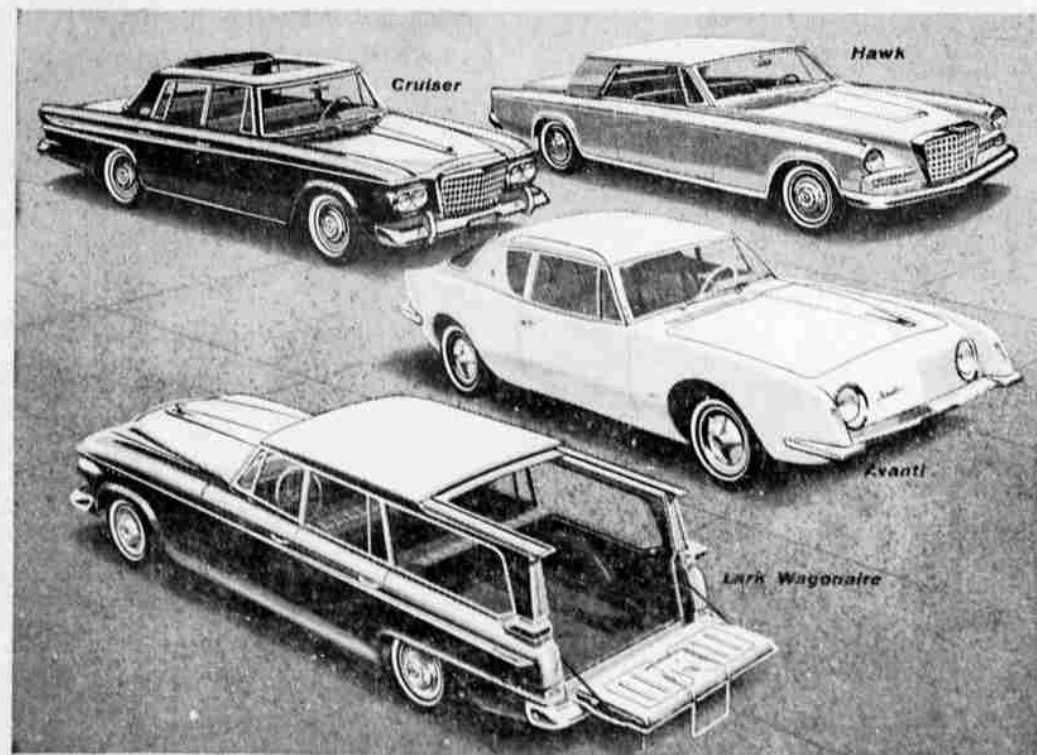
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