

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.)

Frank V. - I don't want to be a party to his pranks.
Oren M. - When will he stop being a wet-blanket?

Frank V. - A fellow who works in my department has asked me and another co-worker to act as ushers at his wedding in April. We're glad to do so. He's not been in the city long and hasn't many close friends. We've been spending lunch hours together and also have accompanied him and his fiancée to theatre and parties.

But already Oren, who'll be the other usher, is cooking up a few practical jokes to play on the couple at the reception and before they leave. For example, he wants to put a firecracker in the car, set to go off when the door slams. I can't stand that childish nonsense and I don't want to be included in, and blamed for it.

Oren M. - Frank would make the ideal pall-bearer, not the usher at a pal's wedding. Our job is to do the thing up brown, give the couple a send-off to remember. I have a million ideas, the sort to make the bride and groom chuckle every time they think of them - like trick inkblots on his white shirt, and boutonnières that squirt. But Frank won't cooperate. And, even worse, he threatens to tip Bob off if I go ahead with any fun plans. I certainly won't try anything to disturb the decorum of the ceremony. But I'm sure Bob chose Frank and me as his attendants because he wants us to liven things up later. But Frank wants to be a dud.

The Council: There's one in every family or in every office, the prankster who thinks that smile on your face de-

notes pleasure all the time. Does it occur to him that it may mean, "Goodie, I can shake you at last! You're not one bit funny!"

Real humor is kind. It warms and relaxes you. But practical jokes, on the other hand, warms the joker. He feels ten feet tall, at your expense. What's so hilarious about scaring the confetti off a pair of newlyweds by making them think there's a bomb in the honeymoon car? Sure, they'll laugh. But it's from hysteria, not joy or gratitude. And anyone with a weak heart won't find his health improved, to say the least.

We're not killjoys, but we vote with Frank. A wedding is an occasion for airing the full spectrum of fine human emotions. The solemnity of the nuptial rites evokes the deeper feelings, and gradually during the reception a party, the lighter sentiments have full play. When it comes to belly-laughs and guffaws, tradition suggests the send-off high-links of old shoes, tin cans, and funny signs tied to the getaway car. Oren may be able to improvise there, but within "expectable" limits.

At the same time we have a helpful word for Oren. What is this great need within himself for making people laugh by making other people appear foolish? Evidently he has an inordinate need to attract attention to himself, and can't do it in quieter ways. He loses sight of the cruelty he may be visiting upon others, in his desperate attempt to feed his own ego. The "good sport" may laugh it off, but he doesn't like Oren the more for his "sense of humor."

We suggest that Oren find, or be helped by a counselor to find, ways of being noticed which are more adult than giving a guy a hotfoot or a trick cigar.

Norblad Presents Secretaries With European Vacation

Washington - (UPI) - Two Capitol Hill secretaries are counting the days until March 15 when they start on the dream trip of their lives - thanks to Rep. and Mrs. Walter Norblad of Oregon.

Louise Carlson and Betty Fox, long-time secretaries to the Oregon Republican, told today of how their boss called them into his private office one day.

"We really didn't know what he wanted - he never called us in together like that," said Louise, who has spent 15 years on Norblad's staff.

Sat and Listened
So they sat and listened as Norblad said he wanted them to do him a "favor."

"On the afternoon of March 19 I'd like you to go to National Airport and take a plane to New York," he said. "Then I'd like for you to catch a jet to London."

The secretaries sat open-mouthed as Norblad went on to outline a 17-day trip cov-

ering seven countries - his gift for their "faithful service" over the years.

"Words failed me," Betty said. "I just couldn't believe it. It's incredible."

Had she ever heard of anyone else "on the Hill" giving such a gift paid for out of his own pocket?

Places To Shop
Betty said Mrs. Norblad had helped plan the trip and had told them to go to the Tower of London to see the crown jewels - "all those lovely, juicy diamonds." She said Mrs. Norblad also had told them the best places to shop on their trip, which ends when they fly back from Paris.

Neither Betty, whose home is in Arlington, Va., nor Louise, whose legal residence is in Salem, Ore., has ever been to Europe.

"No, no, no!" Betty exclaimed when asked, "Why I'd never been west of Alexandria either until I went to Oregon."

Ever since Louise and Betty got the news, there has been increased interest in the possibility of staff jobs opening up with the Oregonian.

Judges Selected for Speech Contest

Judges have been chosen for the Voice of Democracy contest at the Medford High school, Frank L. Otley, commander of Medford's Veterans of Foreign Wars, has announced.

They are Dr. Elliott Becken, Omar Bacon, Bruce Metzger and Mrs. Dorothy Sutter. Judging will be Monday, Jan. 28, at 4 p.m. in the Medford High school and will be directed by Tom Schuyler.

Winners from Phoenix, Central Point and Medford will have their speeches tape recorded Feb. 2. The tapes will be taken to District 7 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for further judging.

Citations and Savings Bonds for the winners will be presented at a student assembly, Otley said.

Perry Resigns As Association Head

Larry Perry, elected president of the Jackson County Horsemen's association when the group organized recently, resigned at a special meeting Wednesday.

An association spokesman said Perry resigned because other obligations made it inadvisable for him to continue as president.

John Belknap, vice president, reported that the next regular meeting of the association will be held at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 13 in the cafeteria at the county fairgrounds. A new president will be elected at that time.

Measles Top List Of County Diseases

Measles topped the list of communicable diseases in Jackson county last week, Dr. A. E. Merkel, director of the Jackson county health department, reported.

There were 12 cases of measles in Talent, and 1 at Central Point.

Influenza was second in number of cases. There were eight in Ashland and five in Medford.

They were scattered cases of other communicable diseases: whopping cough, three in Medford; chicken pox, four in Medford, one in Central Point; mumps, three in Central Point, two in Medford; trench mouth, one in Ashland; infectious hepatitis, one in Medford; and gonorrhea, one case reported.

JOLLY GOOD FUN

Hineckley, England - (UPI) - Businessmen Robert Ryley and Roy Cuncombe are using the cold wave to stay fit by skating nine miles daily along a frozen canal to their offices. "It's wizard. You feel so fit when you get to work," Ryley said.

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By CLAY R. POLLAN

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4-H Club News

Mixers and Fixers
The Mixers and Fixers club met at the home of Mrs. Robert Webster recently with Cheryl Anderson, president, calling the meeting to order.

All members were present but Paula Ragsdale. Kathy Webster, Karyl-Ann Robins and Cheryl Anderson exhibited skirts they had made.

Paula Ragsdale was elected news reporter, and Audrey Friese, song and game leader. Each girl sewed a button on a piece of cloth and learned to tie knots in a piece of thread.

Refreshments were served. Cheryl Anderson, Reporter

Snappy Cooks
Corinne Florey and Sally McKay will demonstrate making muffins and Cindy Ryerson will demonstrate table setting at the next meeting of Snappy Cooks 4-H club Jan. 31.

Kathy Ross and Corinne Florey lead the club members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag at a recent meeting. Members answered roll call by naming vegetables starting with the first initials of their names. A trip to a grocery store is planned in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned and a game was played. Corinne Florey, Reporter

Scrambled Eggs
The Scrambled Eggs 4-H club of Central Point held its third meeting with Patty Warne, the president, calling the group together.

Patty Warne and Linda Talley demonstrated making muffins. Milana Briggs was introduced as the new reporter. Coral Hall will serve refreshments at the next meeting.

Milana Briggs, Reporter

Jacksonville Goody Cookers
The December and January meetings were held at the Glathar home.

At the December meeting, unexcused absences of officers were discussed. A February social was also discussed. Dana Dunlap and Donna Huckel did a demonstration on cookery terms. Pat Glathar gave a demonstration on parliamentary procedure.

At the January meeting, it was decided to postpone the February social to a later date. The next meeting will be held at the home of the Dunlaps. It was decided that everyone should bring what they are making for their project. Record books also will be checked at this time.

Pam Dunlap and Louise Wirth gave a demonstration titled how to make a Jello salad. Marta Heffner and Karen Charley gave a demonstration on how to make a center piece with a tree branch.

Pat Glathar, Reporter

Galley Gals
The first meeting of the Galley Gals 4-H club of Williams was called to order by our leader, Mrs. Fischer, and our assistant leader, Mrs. W. T. Parsons.

Members of the club are Vicki Ralph, Patricia Conner, Debra Tompkins, Shirley Craig, Harriet and Claudia Fischer, all of Williams.

We elected officers. They are Vicki Ralph, president; Patricia Conner, vice president; Debra Tompkins, secretary; Shirley Craig, song and game leader; Harriet Fischer, treasurer, and Claudia Fischer, reporter.

At the next meeting, Harriet and Debra will demonstrate measuring dry and liquid ingredients. Claudia Fischer, Reporter



Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS
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Feelings of Frustration Felled Furless 'Fidgets'

In spite of the well established fact that he and his kind are considered highest in IQ rating of any member of his large and diversified family, "Fidgets" seemed actually stupid-stupid, at least by any human measure.

For any creature so universally recognized as monstrous and hideous, he and his kind are strangely delicate. Fidgets and those of his ilk preceding him, have proved an animal can become so excited he may die from extreme nervousness.

You might have trouble believing an octopus has feelings of frustration or that it can become so unstrung it can die, but hardly any other explanation seems possible.

There had been others caught ahead of Fidgets-several of them in fact - all apparently well, happy and healthy, but all short lived: they all worried themselves to death. Remembering those which had lasted such a short time, we were very careful when we found Fidgets in the deep water trap. We decided to give this one every chance to survive.

Rests Calmly
When the cage was pulled up, there he was, calmly resting on the floor of the trap, a well adjusted octopus. We never lifted him from the water, we lowered a tub underneath the cage, and lowered the cage into it. Then we raised the cage, tub and octopus together.

Carefully we loaded the

Advisory Board of Hospital Meets

Surplus of incomes over expenses for the past fiscal year totaled \$38,874. Business Manager B. J. Stormberg told members of the Sacred Heart hospital advisory board at the first meeting in 1963.

Stormberg presented the summary of income and expense accounts for 1962.

R. B. Thierolf, president of the board, reported plans for the new hospital "moving full speed ahead" since receipt of approval of Oregon state authorities. He said that Jack Edson of Edson and Pappas, architects, would be invited to give a detailed report at the February meeting of the board.

An invitation to view the mock-up room of the new hospital, current; on display on the fourth floor of the Sacred Heart hospital, is extended by the board to all area residents the board announced.

outfit into a waiting truck at the dock. Fidgets had not been out of water a single second. Arriving at the big tank that was to be his future home, we reversed the loading process. We lowered tub and all into the water. Not even a breath of fresh air had struck the soft body.

With the cage still under water we released the cover. Fidgets took his time. Very slowly and with deliberate intent, the big octopus crawled from the trap, or more correctly he flowed out of the cage. He looked around and began to consider his new surroundings.

A pile of rocks occupied one side of the big tank. In the rock pile were numerous crevices, caves and open passageways, purposely made for the delight and satisfaction of any homeloving octopus. Fidgets saw the rock pile. He folded his eight tentacles into a bunch and siphoned his way rapidly, by jet propulsion, toward it.

Plainly Seen
The water was clear; we could see him plainly. His body was as large as a football, his longest tentacles nearly 3 1/2 feet long. In the clear water he looked even bigger than we knew he was. His eyes shone balefully; his bulbous body pulsed with a regular and steady rhythm.

A day or so later Fidgets ate a small dead fish. To all intents he seemed as contented as an octopus should be, except that he blushed red so often. Waves of vivid color washed over his soft body in recurrent waves. He was almost technicolored; he would be turns bright pink, blue, gray or mottled, often in capid succession. One color would actually run into another, and at the same time the body would alternately swell and deflate, like the lungs of an animal taking one deep breath after another.

To the casual observer the color change looked rather pretty, but in reality the octopus was suffering from a high state of nervous excitement; he was running a temperature and generating a case of jitters. His nervous system was building up to a "top-blowing" explosion. Fidgets died with a full stomach and in a healthy condition; he was so high-strung he literally "blew his top."

Name Selected for Rental Association

Jackson County Property Owners Rental association was chosen as the official name for an organization of owners of rental property in this area at a recent meeting.

Mrs. Mark Boyden was elected president of the association. Other officers are Wally Iverson, vice president; Mrs. Barbara Cameron, secretary; Vernon Rasmussen, treasurer; Mrs. O. L. Bell and Mrs. Herbert Lewis, publicity chairmen, and Mrs. Maurice Ritchey, program chairman.

Judge L. L. Sawyer, district judge of the small claims court, was speaker at the organizational meeting.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Ashland at the city library Feb. 19.

Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy says he would be "delighted" to see Sir Winston Churchill given honorary U.S. citizenship.

He made the statement when asked about bills now pending in the House and Senate to make the British leader an honorary American citizen.

Self-Employed Farmers May Use Optional Method

Some self-employed farmers may be entitled to use an optional method for figuring their net earnings from the farm for social security credit, Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the social security office in Medford reminded farm operators today.

He pointed out that:

(1) If the gross income from agricultural self-employment is not more than \$1,800, the farmer may count as net farm earnings either the actual net or 2/3 of the farm gross income.

(2) If the gross farm income is more than \$1,800, and the net farm earnings are less than \$1,200, the farmer may use either the actual net or \$1,200.

(3) If the gross farm income is more than \$1,800, and the net farm earnings are \$1,200 or more, the actual amount of the net earnings must be used.

May Obtain Protection
Jacobson said that use of the option enables farmers with gross income as low as

\$600 to obtain social security protection for themselves in their old age, if they become disabled before that time, and for their survivors in the event of untimely death.

He emphasized, however, that regardless of the way in which the net earnings are figured, the farmer must have net earnings of at least \$400 (from farming alone, or in combination with other self-employed earnings) to get social security credit for the year.

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