

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a physician, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. This article is a summary of a family disagreement presented in 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.)

Mr. H. R. - This would be the worst time to tell him.
Mrs. G. A. - He would be greatly relieved to know the truth.

Mr. H. R. - My wife and I adopted a baby boy 19 years ago. We weren't impressed with the importance of telling him that fact, the way adopting parents are prepared to do today. The agency left it up to us. And somehow, we postponed it, awaiting the psychological moment.

Then calamity struck. About the time Clyde was starting school, when we were about ready to break the news to him, my wife became ill. To our dismay, the diagnosis was muscular dystrophy. The next 10 years were a nightmare to all of us, ending with my wife's death two years ago. Clyde is now in college, hoping to become a doctor some day.

He's just about getting over the loss of his mother. Certainly I can't spring this shock on him in the middle of his studies.

Mrs. G. A. - It's been agony for me to stay on the sidelines all these years, watching my brother and his family suffer. I did what I could to relieve them, comfort them, help them, both financially and with small personal services. But I knew enough not to try to butt in where Clyde was concerned. Every happy breath they drew came from that wonderful boy. He's an absolute prince.

But now I must speak up. I'm urging, even nagging my brother to get the truth across to Clyde immediately, regardless of consequences. I happen to know that he turns down invitations to parties at college, and seldom dates a girl. Why? Because he knows muscular dystrophy may be inherited and he'd be afraid to fall in love and marry, in view of his family "history." Imagine how relieved he'd feel to know he's adopted.

The Council: Whenever we discuss adoption, we are amazed at the wide spread response. More people than the average reader suspects are either adopted, adopting, trying to adopt, deciding to adopt, or offering an unexpected (usually illegitimate) baby for adoption. It's almost as popular a topic as second marriage.

Our basic advice, however, is always the same. Tell the truth. Tell it early. Tell it warmly, skillfully. If the "telling" just won't come, get help. Let the beautiful message, and it is a glorious tale, be conveyed by a clergyman, a doctor, a guidance counselor. Above all, don't let it fester in the family air, waiting for just THE right moment. As Mr. R. has found out, that moment may come and go unrecognized. A new "right" moment must be arbitrarily set.

The not-telling problem presented here is poignant and unusual. But Clyde is a bright, well-adjusted young man. He won't be easily derailed or grounded. Especially with his pre-med background, he may have the scientific facts to help him understand the psychological reasons why he wasn't told long ago, and the medical reasons why he should feel relief at being told now. Though he is bound to his late mother by every filial tie, by devotion and gratitude and admiration, he is not flesh of her flesh. Under the circumstances, this becomes a "break," for there is a hereditary factor in the disease which afflicted her.

Branchfield Gets Award for Service

Salem — Rep. Edward Branchfield, Medford, received an award of appreciation last week end from the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs advisory committee for his services to war veterans.

Branchfield served on the veterans' department advisory committee as the Disabled American Veterans representative for 11 years until his resignation in November when he was elected to the state legislature from Jackson county. He was chairman of the advisory committee at the time he resigned.

Arch L. Brewster, Salem, was appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield to succeed Branchfield, and attended his first meeting of the committee.

Yakima Man Bound Over to Grand Jury

Darriel Eugene Springfield, 24, Yakima, Wash., was bound over to the grand jury Monday in Jackson county district on a charge of larceny in a dwelling.

Bruce Kellington was appointed his attorney. He waived right to preliminary hearing.

Springfield was returned from Reno, Nev., by sheriff's deputies. He is charged with taking a revolver from a Medford residence Jan. 8.

Mysterious Sniper Terrorizes Residents of Detroit Suburb

Bloomfield Township, Mich. — (AP) — Bloomfield Hills is a small, wealthy Detroit suburb of expensive modern homes. But its residents live behind drawn curtains.

At night, outside lights are left burning until dawn. Bloomfield Hills is a city gripped in fear. A sniper who stalks the town by night has attacked three times, firing a 22 caliber gun through windows of the private homes.

Two times he had missed his targets. The third time the mother of five children was shot in the head and fell dead in the kitchen of her home.

Mrs. Mary Godfrey, 38, was shot to death Friday night as she brewed a pot of coffee in the kitchen of her \$40,000 split-level home.

Police were without leads. The entire 19-man force was on duty patrolling the snow-covered, dimly lighted streets in search of the sniper.

They were looking for a teen-aged boy. Police Chief Norman Dehnke said they believed a boy was responsible for the shootings because of the hour they occurred, early evening, and the fact the sniper traveled on foot.

Dehnke said he planned to talk with two youths as soon as they returned from a skiing trip.

Mrs. Godfrey, the attractive wife of a Baptist lay minister, had been watching television with her husband when they decided to have some coffee. She went into the kitchen, which fronted on the street, to prepare it and did not return.

Her husband, Donald, 44, told officers he went to look for her when she did not return and found her on the floor. At first, he said, he thought she had fallen and hurt herself.

But she was pronounced dead on arrival at a nearby hospital and an autopsy revealed a 22 caliber bullet had penetrated her left eye and entered her brain.

Two Earlier Incidents
 The first sniping incident occurred last Tuesday night, and the second came about 24 hours later. The first shooting was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hans, only two blocks from the Godfrey home. They were watching television when the sliding glass door that opened onto their back yard broke. But the shot failed to penetrate the second thickness of glass.

The next night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pittley the sniper struck again. Their daughter, Nancy, 16, was reading a book in the family room of the house when her dog, Cippie, began barking. She let him out and he stopped about halfway to his dog house on the rear of the property and began barking.

Nancy said she went back inside and closed the drapes. "Suddenly," she said, "there were two snapping, cracking sounds, very close together."

She and her mother investigated and found two holes in the plate glass of one of the sliding doors. On the floor of the room were fragments of two bullets.

WEEK ENDS AT HOME
 Kansas City, Mo. — City Judge Alex Peebles sentenced John L. Johnson, 22, Tuesday to three months of week ends with his family. Mrs. Johnson said at a peace disturbance hearing that her husband was a good worker who brought his paycheck home, but disappeared week ends. The judge ordered Johnson to leave home week ends only in the company of his wife and three children, and told Mrs. Johnson to report his progress to the court.

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