

# 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.)

**Flora H.** - He should pick the nearer school and come home often.

**Travis H.** - The other school offers more. She should manage alone.

**Flora H.** - My husband, an electrician, is about to sign up for a year's study in engineering. His firm has granted him a leave and, since I am a schoolteacher, we'll manage financially. But his absence will create a problem for us as a family. We have two sons, 10 and 12. Travis could attend an up-state university and get home frequently to be with us. But he prefers an out-of-town college which will keep him away months at a time.

**Travis H.** - The distant school offers me an advantageous bargain. My union will pay the tuition, and I'll cover only room and board. The year will go fast and Flora will find it well worth the sacrifice. I'll be in line for big corporation jobs. The boys are in school all day, and busy with their friends the rest of the time. We have a rumpus room in the basement with ping-pong and

# New Constitution Seen Vote of Confidence in Present System

Editor's note: The House is scheduled to act Monday on what some consider the session's greatest challenge: A proposed new constitution. It both preserves the past and looks to the future. This is the third in a series.

**By ANN H. PEARSON**  
Salem - (UPI) - The proposed constitution's treatment of the legislative branch is, in effect, a vote of confidence in the system that has evolved over the past century.

Unlike its treatment of the executive branch, where it looks to the new, the document ratifies the legislative branch pretty much as it is. The new constitution does, however, rely more on the legislature to implement its provisions than the present one.

The Constitutional Revision Commission proposed two main changes in the legislative branch: Annual sessions instead of one every two years, and an apportionment plan to bring representation in the legislature even closer to "one man, one vote."

**To Be Decided**  
The House and Senate Committees on Constitutional Revision decided to make annual sessions optional. Future legislatures will be able to decide whether to meet yearly.

And the House committee, in a departure from its Senate counterpart, decided to stick with Oregon's present apportionment plan, still considered the nearest to "one man, one vote" in the nation.

If the document gets the two-thirds vote it needs to pass the House, the apportionment differences with the Senate will have to be ironed out. The Senate committee has chosen a plan not too far from the present one, but allowing a slightly larger House and Senate.

On the legislature in general, the commission said it should be "effective, responsible, visible."

The legislative committees, which have been revising the commission's draft, agreed with this goal, even though rejecting the commission's more extreme recommendations.

**Consent Calendar Provided**  
For example, with an eye to efficiency at some future date when Oregon has more legislative business, the House committee added a provision for a consent calendar to speed action on non-controversial bills.

And in a constitution that is supposed to give a "framework for the future," language was reworded that leg-

islative voting might some day be recorded by machine.

Like the rest of the new constitution, language in the legislative article is simplified and some procedural details are transferred into the laws.

While the proposed constitution does not make many changes in the legislative branch, it does look to the legislature with new emphasis in another way.

The new document basically does four things: Makes substantive changes, sheds the obsolete, retains the time-tested, and shifts many procedural details to the statutes.

Thus it will be up to the legislature to implement the new constitution. The document provides a framework. Within that, it gives the legislature the flexibility to react to changing times.

## FAMOUS PISTOL STOLEN

Oyster Bay, N.Y. - (UPI) - The pistol used by Theodore Roosevelt on his famous charge up San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War has been stolen, police reported Tuesday. They said a thief broke into the former Roosevelt home, Sagamore Hill, and took the .38 caliber revolver from a showcase.

# Three Accidents Reported in City

David Leroy Ogdahl, 26, of 580 Mae st., was treated at Rogue Valley hospital early yesterday for a head laceration he suffered when his car crashed into a tree, according to Medford police.

Ogdahl told investigating officers he was forced to drive off the road to avoid hitting another car, which he said was driving on the wrong side of the street.

The accident occurred about 2:30 a.m. on Niantic st. between Walnut and Madrona sts.

Police investigated an accident which took place between 2:45 and 3 a.m. yesterday on Front st. between Main and Eighth sts. Officers said a parked car registered to Paul E. and Barbara J. Brown, 3385 Forrest ave., was struck by a vehicle registered to Harry and Lola Beatty, 1200 Leland st. Officers said damage was slight to both vehicles.

Frank Carter Price, 44, of 500 Barnes ave., was cited for having defective equipment after his car collided with a vehicle operated by Timothy Allan Brown, 16, of 1320 East Main st., about 5:26 p.m. Monday at Crater Lake ave. and East Main st. No injuries were reported, officers said.

# Rockefeller Sticks To 'No Comment' on His Marriage Plans

Albany, N.Y. - (UPI) - Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York appears to be sticking to his "no comment" replies to questions from newsmen on whether he plans to marry Mrs. Margaretta (Happy) Fidler Murphy.

At a news conference Tuesday, the governor parried several questions about his personal plans for the future and finally cut them off with: "Can't we change to a more productive line of questioning?"

Opinions were varied as to the effect of remarriage on the governor's political future.

Fred A. Young, newly elected chairman of the New York state Republican party, said he did not think it would affect the governor.


"If it's a solid marriage, what is wrong with it?" Young said.

Concerning personal plans all newsmen could get from the governor was that he planned to go to Brussels sometime after May 31 to help open a European branch of the New York state commerce department.

He said he was not going

**TO HONOR INDUSTRY**  
Oakridge, Ore. - (UPI) - Oakridge residents will honor the city's main industry Friday and Saturday with their 10th annual Tree Planting Festival.

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