

# 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, which are entered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Helen Z. - My son is better off not seeing his father. Mrs. D. E. - A boy and his father should be friends.

Helen Z. - Mal is 10 and I've been divorced from his father for a year. I've come to dread the Sunday visits, as I find they do Mal no good and often give him a headache, nausea, and a troubled night. Now that my ex-husband is planning to remarry, he won't mind it a bit if we drop those Sunday duty calls, and Mal will have some peace.

Mrs. D. E. - As Helen's mother, I'm urging her to encourage a strong bond between Mal and his dad. She'll be making a worse mess of things than she's already done if she lets an estrangement grow between the two - it's a serious thing to deprive a boy of his male parent. If she had a brother as substitute it might work, but Mal needs his father.

The Council: Helen must never forget that Mal knows he carries his father's "blood" within him and he must be proud of that blood. By belittling, depreciating, diminishing her ex-husband she may be subtly conveying to Mal the idea that this blood is tainted. If so, he'll feel doomed and hopeless. Regardless of her own opinions, this man and she have shared in

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## 4-H NEWS

Westside Home Improvement Members of the Westside Home Improvement 4-H club enjoyed a week end of camping at Woodruff meadows recently with Mrs. Walter Ricks, club leader, and her husband, in charge.

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## Dennis the Menace

If his friends thought that Lungbuster really had a chance, they already would have hired a brass band. Hysterical Laughter Should this balloon produce any sort of reaction other than hysterical laughter, a second one will be sent aloft.

"Some of the prospective candidates for next year's presidential nomination are quietly working behind the scenes in a 'Stop Lungbuster' maneuver."

A balloon of that sort gets its lift from the fact that the person being stopped actually has never started. It pre-emptively launches of still another type.

"Sen. Lungbuster had quietly passed the word that he would not accept second place on the ticket."

Finally we have "Sen. Lungbuster, often mentioned as a possible presidential candidate, announced today that he will seek re-election to the Senate instead."

## Alaska Bear Kills Mining Engineer

Fairbanks, Alaska—UPI—William Strandberg, mining engineer and brother of State Rep. Harold Strandberg, was killed by a bear late Friday near Tofty, about 150 miles west of here, the State Police reported today.

John Monable, State Police captain, said he received a sketchy radio report on the death of Strandberg, who was 52.

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## Feeding the Family

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