



HEARS VOICES—Jack Reed can sit alone in his office in Dallas, Texas, and hear voices. At first he thought the sounds were coming from the wall, but an investigation showed that squelch static from short-wave or FM transmitters containing occasional voices were being received by his gas heater. He has received police calls as well as other communications. (UPI)

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.)

Mr. J. S.—Why waste money? He's not college material.

Mrs. J. S.—We can't show favoritism. He wants to go.

Mr. J. S.—It shouldn't be hard to talk our 15-year-old son out of planning to go on to college when he finishes high school. Ever since he got his first Required Reading List in sixth grade, he's just about squeezed through in English. That keeps him in the lower third of the class. He can't get into a good college with his marks, so why not steer him to a trade school? He's a whiz with hand tools.

Mrs. J. S.—I'm not convinced that Harry is any less bright than his older brother who was in the top 10 per cent of his graduating class. It's just that Harry is the silent type, hates to talk, and has a terrible time when forced to write things out on exams and in compositions. But he's fine in math, and surprises us with puzzles he thinks up and solves. He has an idea

college will be interesting. Let him try it.

The Council: When doubt exists about a "material," it's brought to a testing laboratory. But what happens when doubt exists about the validity of the testing? The material is unlabeled, awaiting further tests. That's what's going on now in regard to that glib phrase: College material. It will reassure Mrs. S. to learn that new attention is being given to the "average" student, the one who doesn't shine on verbal aptitude tests, because it is found that many of them are "late bloomers" who first find themselves in the rich atmosphere of college. At Brandeis University for example, there's a special fund for needy applicants who show qualities of leadership, despite unimpressive marks. Columbia university admitted 72 students who did poorly on entrance exams and found that, with proper motivation, many of them rose to the top of the freshman class. Harry deserves a chance to develop his true potential, clouded over thus far by possibly misleading "labels."

Six Persons Die As Flames Sweep Michigan Home

SPRING LAKE, Mich. (UPI)—Christmas turned to tragedy early today when six persons, including four children died as flames swept their two-story frame home on the outskirts of this West Michigan community.

State police said the bodies of all the victims had been recovered.

The victims were identified as Donald Dennison, 43, his wife, Alma, 36, and Dennison's four stepsons, Louis, 10, David, 8, Billy, 7, and Allen, 6.

The father of the boys, Louis Rupp, a Dowagiac, Mich., used car dealer arrived at the scene about three hours after he had been notified of the tragedy.

Could Do Nothing "We got there the same time the fire truck did," trooper Roy West, 32, of the Grand Haven state police post, said.

"The whole thing was ablaze. There was nothing we could do until the fire was put out," he added.

West said the second floor of the home collapsed.

"The bodies were found in the beds," he said. "They were burned beyond recognition."

Neighbors said the couple had been married only recently.

Americans Urged Not To Visit Cyprus

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The State Department is urging Americans not to visit Cyprus now because of armed clashes between Turkish and Greek factions on the island.

The department said Tuesday that there are no reports of any injuries among the estimated 1,500 U.S. citizens on Cyprus, however, and no advisory had been issued for them to leave the island.

World's Fair Loses Money on Canadians

SEATTLE (UPI)—The Seattle World's Fair last year sought to attract Canadian visitors by offering to accept their money—worth a few cents on the dollar less than American currency—at face value.

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