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FATHER'S DAY TO BE OBSERVED BY SPOKANE WOMEN

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Official Invitation Extended to
Herbert Schoenfeld and
Other Downtrodden Dads of
Seattle to Attend.

WHILE the question of Dad's Day is still in doubt, because of the coming of the Shrine Imperial Council here during the week when the day ordinarily would be celebrated, various organizations will mark Father's Day in Seattle as well as in other parts of the state on Sunday, June 20. In some cities, like Spokane, a Father's Day Association is in charge, but locally the observance will comprise only occasional sermons with reference to the occasion in local churches.

Father's Day is an outgrowth of Dad's Day, which was originated in this city. The extent to which the movement has spread is shown by the fact that the recent national conference of the Mothers' Congress came out strongly for a Father's Day similar to the Mother's Day, when red or white carnations are worn.

Dad's Day events in this city heretofore have been directed entirely by men who have jealously watched their prerogatives and have opposed any proffers of the fair sex. The Father's Day Association of Spokane is composed entirely of women, the five officers and twenty-six members of committees all being wives of Spokane men.

Downtrodden Dads Invited.

Herbert A. Schoenfeld, downtroddenest dad and head of the Dad's Day movement, yesterday was officially invited, together with other downtrodden dads, to attend the Spokane Father's Day, through Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, president of the association. It seems that in Spokane they have arranged a Northwestern League ball game with all fathers admitted free; a luncheon with the Spokane Ad Club and other features.

The invitation included a protest against the abandonment of Seattle's Dad's Day, as follows:

"I protest most emphatically against the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine intruding upon the rights of the Imperial Council of Dads.

"Invite your royal guests to join you, and if there be those who would not joy in your glad day for Dad, prevail upon your feminine organizations to prepare for them a pink tea, while the courageous make merry.

"Yours for Dad,

"MRS. JOHN BRUCE DODD."

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