In Confidence by Flo



Readers desiring a personal reply can address Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper

DANGEROUS GROUND

Dear Miss Flo:— I am a girl of twenty-four, living at home with my parents in a small but fairly progressive suburban town. I have a problem which I cannot answer for myself, and I hope in you to find some concrete suggestion for my difficulty. I am very much in love with a man who is married and has two children. He also cares for me, and wants to get a divorce and marry me. My quandary is—what shall I do about it? In all justice to his wife, I must admit that he hasn't an excuse in the world for a divorce. His wife is a charming woman and an ideal wife. I presume she understands his soul perfectly and in justice to him, he isn't posing as a misunderstood husband. Please advise me.

Dilemma.

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Into the life of every girl there comes the married man who succeeds in convincing her that he should have waited for her. Time and time again girls have been warned about listening to the married man's plea, but when he appears he seems to hold a certain sparkle for her which no Prince Charming ever held—a fascination that only forbidden fruit can possibly have.

If you're wise, you'll do anything on earth to get yourself free from his clutches. As long as you didn't meet him when he was a bachelor, make up your mind to do without him. You can run away from temptation if you want to.

The very fact that you are in a quandary indicates that even in the face of your great love for this man you have a sense of justice that would make your road anything but smooth were you to follow the dictates of your heart, and let him get a divorce and marry you. You are fully aware of the fact that it isn't the fair thing to do. You admit that he hasn't an excuse in the world to cast off his wife and children—how then could you possibly justify his action were he to do so?

Were you a younger girl infatuated with a married man, the answer could be very easily stated—"foolish girl, you have yet to cut your milk teeth." But you are achieving the more mature years of grown womanhood and the response cannot be the same.

There is but little use to point out to you the fact that the man who so carelessly throws off the responsibilities of a father and husband without the least provocation other than a new fancy might continue to do so were he married to you— that the philanderer in spirit or action cannot be expected to change his methods. The married man who yet retains enough decency to offer you marriage at the expense of his wife and children is no more worthy the name than the more courageous or unscrupulous philanderer. But why censure the man philanderer. Are you any less such than he—can you consider yourself a great pride to your own sex if you deliberately take from another woman her husband—her children's father?

And certainly it reflects no great credit on a girl who claims a fair education and advantages to be forced to seek for her mate a man already married. It speaks volumes for her lack of attraction to the opposite sex that she must pick out a man already attached—who, being married, would naturally not be so hard to please as an unmarried man who has no difficulty in finding pleasant companionship.

My dear, there are but two things for you to do. The first is to tell this man wherein his duty to his wife and children lies—since he fails to see it. The second piece of wisdom—and this only if you find your affection irresistible, is to get away from the scene. Propinquity is dangerous and breaks down the best moral resolves. Move elsewhere, if necessary. Work out your own future, get a broader view of things—and make your slogan in the future—"married men must work out their own problems—nothing but bachelors and widowers for me."

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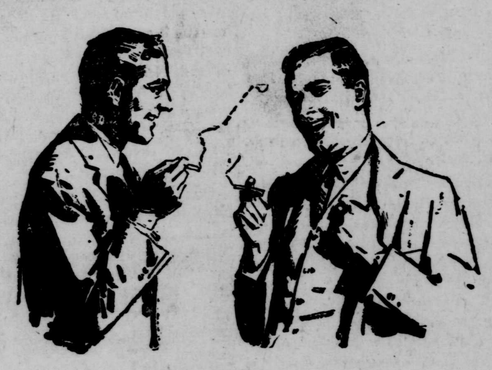
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FARM BUREAU NEWS

Officials of Timonium Fair have named Wednesday, September 8th, as Farm Bureau Day at the Fair this year. Announcement to this effect has been made in a communication received at the State Farm Bureau by State Secretary-Treasurer, M. Melvin Stewart from M. L. Daiger, Secretary of the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society.

This makes the third successive year that the Farm Bureau in Maryland has been similarly honored, thereby giving the membership in the state an ideal opportunity to show something of its physical and numerical strength, to say nothing of its interest in the various agricultural exhibits and demonstrations to be seen there.

Plans are already afoot in the State Farm Bureau office to make this an even more interesting and attractive event than either of the preceding Farm Bureau Days at the Fair. And while it may be a little early to give any idea of what the program for the occasion may be, it is a sure thing that there will be plenty of fun and amusement for all those who attend the fair on that day.

Hundreds of Farm Bureau members throughout the state are well aware of the good time and the splendid programs that have been carried out on the two previous Farm Bureau Days at Timonium and it is needless to add that no effort will be overlooked for the making of the 1926 celebration even more attractive and worthwhile than those of 1924 and 1926. The State Farm Bureau office is already casting about for suitable contests, stunts, etc., to amuse and entertain the Bureauites in order that the day may be made profitable as well as pleasurable.

Some may think it a little early to begin planning for this event, more than six months ahead, but when it is remembered that the Fair officials deem this event to be of sufficient importance to make the announcement weeks ago, it looks like the Farm Bureau of Maryland should be getting in the band wagon with some publicity along this line.

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