

Changing Status of Men, Women Cause Marriage Misunderstandings

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New York (AP)—The good old days were when men called their wives "my ball and chain."

Now the men have traded places. They're the ones who hamper a woman's freedom rather than the other way around. And as a result, everybody is mixed up.

Take the word of marriage counselor Ruth Engle: "There's never been a time in history that girls had so much freedom before marriage—and been so tied down afterwards."

Mrs. Engle feels many marital woes arise because women no longer have a well-defined role. They are educated for careers far removed from homemaking. Then: "It's a terrific letdown when a woman finds herself confined to home and babies. It brings out resentments she takes out on her

husband—even though he isn't actually to blame." Mrs. Engle is associated with Mrs. Jane Mayer in a private counseling agency, Marriage Council and Family Guidance, Inc. On the basis of four years experience listening to marriage troubles, her sympathy is with the men. "The husband used to be recognized as head of the house. Now all the slogans emphasize togetherness—and that means trouble. Both partners feel their so-called rights are more important than a good relationship with one another."

Mrs. Engle notes that now nearly all women work before marriage. They have money to spend as they want and few restrictions on their comings and goings. "Then come the wedding bells—which toll a death knell for feminine independence."

"They mean the wife has one income—her husband's. She is financially dependent. And it's worse when a child comes along. She's confined to the house and "the routine gets her down."

Mrs. Engle is a great friend of household help—and finds it unfortunate that servants nowadays are virtually non-existent. "As housewives, women don't get as much free time as their grandmothers," she says. "Servants, unmarried female relations, big families, all used to share the work. Now the wife does it all."

Mrs. Engle thinks women should be educated primarily for their ultimate destination—marriage. She is a strong advocate of premarital counseling in high school and college.

This doesn't mean women can't study languages, typing, chemistry or Zen Buddhism if they like. But Mrs. Engle says they should have a realistic view of what they're getting into in marriage and "be ready to handle it as an occupation with its own special skills."

Mrs. Engle sticks to the idea that woman makes the marriage. She concedes that some men are impossible to live with. But she also notes it is more important in our society, emotionally and economically, for a woman to be married.

"If a woman is able to see the relationship as more important than the idea of individual happiness, a marriage can work out."

She adds: "The most important thing in marriage is to make the other person happy—not to think 'What do I get out of it?'"

Learn to give and it comes back to you. People are starved for praise; give it and your partner will bloom.

Living happily ever after isn't automatic. You have to work at it, constantly.

"Boredom is the most deadly thing for a marriage. If either partner has no interests, either separately or jointly, it's difficult to keep the relationship alive."

"Bring in new things to do, develop activities and hobbies. Otherwise the husband or wife will start looking around for something—or somebody else."



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A 16-page booklet describes the accelerated program to develop all National Forest resources to meet the increasing demands of an expanding population during the next 10 to 15 years. The program carries out the charge of Public Law 86-517 passed this year, directing that the National Forests be administered for multiple use and sustained yield.

The Forest Service describes the program as a race against time. "We are trying to make the potential yields of water, recreation, timber, forage, and wildlife from these public forests keep up with a growing population's growing needs," said Richard E. McArdle, chief of the Forest Service.

Almost everyone will receive direct benefits from this program because almost everyone uses some National Forest resource or product, the booklet points out.

For instance, your beefsteak or lamb chop may have summereed on a National Forest range. National Forest water may have irrigated the farms that supply you with food. The pad on which you write and the pencil you use may have been produced from National Forest trees.

Perhaps your outdoor recreation takes you to National Forest streams, campgrounds, onto wilderness trails, or over scenic automobile roads. The program will provide greater use of National Forests which means fuller enjoyment, more jobs and expanding wealth.

The booklet outlines specific National Forest projects needed to carry out the program. Among them are increasing the water yield, harvesting more timber, stepping up tree planting, improving the timber stands, building up the range, improving wildlife habitat, improving fishing on 7,000 miles of streams and 56,000 acres of lakes, more than tripling the camp and picnic facilities, construction of roads and trails, and better protection of the National Forests against insects, disease, fire, weather and harmful rodents.

Operation Multiple Use also provides for intensified research to develop more efficient, effective, and economical methods of managing and utilizing the forest resources.

Among other research projects being conducted are studies of forest fire behavior, new techniques for eliminating runaway fires responsible for 90 per cent of forest fire losses, and forest genetics.

A copy of "Operation Multiple Use—Program for the National Forests" booklet may be obtained from the Forest Service, US Department of Agriculture, Washington, 25, D. C., or from any Forest Service field office.

Christian Church Choirs To Give Cantata Friday

The choirs of First Christian church, Morehead City, will present a Christmas cantata, Son of the Highest, Friday night at 7:30 at the church. Three choirs, the adults, the CYF group and the Chi Rhos, will sing, with Mrs. Wayne Kirby as soloist.

Directing the choirs will be Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Lottie Olsen and Mr. James Pittman. The public is invited to hear the cantata.

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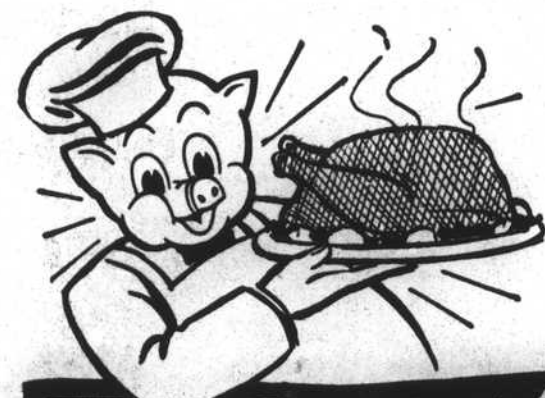
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