

Pitying Single Girls Is Usually Wasted; They're Quite Happy

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"I wonder why Sue never married?" one married woman says to another in pitying tones—adding that Sue is indeed attractive. Then there is more discussion of Sue's fine qualities—and more head-shaking.

It's hard to understand why these wives feel sorry for Sue. She has her own car, all the pretty clothes she wants and can take a trip this summer without dragging along two or three whining children.

She makes her living in just 40 hours a week, while her married sister works some 60 or 70.

And she isn't sensitive about being an "old maid," for that term is definitely out of style.

TIME WAS when almost every family had an unattached female who was dependent for support on the rest of them. Most outside employment was closed to her so she often became the family drudge. Her insecure economic position made her all the more meek and mousy.

But times have changed.

A girl gets as good an education as a boy nowadays and can work at almost any job she chooses.

In the last decade, especially, women have had many more chances to meet men, in the services, in offices and in various clubs. Most of them have had at least one chance to marry—if they wanted to.

Nor is the unmarried woman one whit less attractive than the married one. If you doubt this just take a look around at the next cooking-school or other gathering of wives you attend.

FROM THE run-down, I-don't-care look of some of these females, you wonder how they ever snared a man in the first place.

The bachelor girl doesn't complain about her lot either. Not the way the wives do. The discipline of a job has helped her that you have to take the bitter along with the sweet.

Seldom do you see her letters in the "Dear Mary Lane" columns of the newspapers. She's too busy to dwell on her troubles, and she's free from the two main sources of it that many wives have—money arguments and in-law conflicts.

She meets people all day long and doesn't become introspective as does her homebound counterpart who has time to brood while she irons, scrubs or does the mending.

THOUGH the unmarried one is aware that she's missing something by not having her own family, she knows that the choice was hers.

Looking around at her friends' husbands, she feels she wouldn't want most of them—on a silver platter.

She simply wouldn't "buy" some of the matrimonial bargains other women seemed anxious to snap up.

She's developed a philosophy that leaves her at least as contented as most married women. As an unmarried girl of long standing once told me, "You're perfectly happy, once you quit looking."

4-H Leaders Have May Square Dance

Oakland County 4-H Leaders association has planned a square dance for 9 p.m., May 15, at New Hudson school. The school is located two blocks from the corner of M-16 and Pontiac Trail.

Mrs. R. H. Dudley of Charing Cross road is leader of the local Avondale 4-H Horse club. Assistant in selling tickets for the dance will be Birmingham members Robbie and Virginia Dudley, Judy

Wilde, Jim Perry, Paul, Sarah and Jim Garlick, Frances Spencer and Bill Lacy.

Barnum PTA Elects

Officers elected at the May 6 meeting of the Barnum PTA are president, Fred Meyer; mother vice president, Mrs. Robert Bruce; father vice president, Art Stewart; teacher vice president, William Ladd; secretary, Mrs. Don Holmes; treasurer, John Middlemas and historian, Mrs. Doris Lange.



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Mother's Day Week-end Brings Children Home

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EAST BEVERLY—Mother's Day week-end brought Jean Reynolds and her brother Richard home from Ann Arbor to visit their mother, Mrs. Floyd Reynolds, Sr. of Auburn drive. Richard will have completed three and a half years in the Dental School at the University of Michigan in June.

Jean, who is teaching English in the Ann Arbor high school, has recently returned from a ten day trip to Washington, D. C. where she and seven other teachers chaperoned the 250 seniors who took the Washington trip. While there, they met with Senator Ferguson, toured the White House, and met Attorney General Brownell.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Semar returned May 6 to their home on Kirkshire after a three week trip to Florida. With them were their two children, Claudia and Bill.

While there they visited Miami Beach, Palm Beach and Daytona Beach. While deep sea fishing in the seven dens of Cub Scout

Miami Beach, young Bill had the distinction of catching a twelve foot, shark the best catch of the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bela of Auburn drive have announced the birth of a daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, born May 7. The Belas have two other children, Catherine 7 and Andrew 4.

Recent visitor at the Walter Hurley home on Sheridan was Mrs. Hurley's mother, Mrs. Harold P. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor left Friday to return to her home in Connecticut.

Pack 89 spent last week making gifts for their mothers which were gratefully received on Mother's Day. Den No. 2, led by Mrs. E. T. Downs, were visitors to the Zoo on Wednesday, and today, May 13, the monthly Pack meeting will be held. Highlight of the meeting will be the giving of Webelos awards to Lynn Trowbridge and Dennis Nounford, who will be going into Scouting.

Starting this Tuesday morning, Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. W. F. Rostoll, Mrs. Thomas Devine, and Mrs. Robert W. Krogh formed their golf foursome with the Newcomers Club of Birmingham. They will now be playing every Tuesday morning at the Stoney Croft Golf Club throughout the summer.

Mystery Highlights Plans of Program For BBWC Meeting

It's "mystery night" May 20, when the Birmingham Business Women's club has its Mothers' banquet. The affair, in charge of Miss Helen Larkin, will honor one member with a "This Is Your Life" program.

Special guests of the affair will be mothers of members, and the "mystery guest." Miss Larkin is being assisted by Margaret Dafee, Carrie Bassett, Thelma Zimmerman, Gena Mort-

mer, Georgina Kellogg, Harriet Mudge, Virginia Brennan and Marie Stauffer. The meeting will be closed with a benediction by Hazel Lawler.

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