

Woman With Children Commits Injustice When Failing to Ask Alimony

BY MARTHA LEE

THE problem of alimony is always before us in some form or other. Huge sums are demanded from wealthy, or even moderately well-to-do, husbands in divorce cases. Judges are becoming more and more disgusted with the outrageous demands of women who refuse to keep their part of the matrimonial bargain, but still demand that the erstwhile husband keep them in luxury at the expense of his own future financial or domestic security.

Quite different is the type of woman who, after the matrimonial bark has crashed, starts out on her own with the idea of being entirely independent of her former husband. In many cases she has a child or two for whom she asks nothing.

However much of a relief she may be from her parasitic sister, the woman who refuses or fails to have awarded to her by court a reasonable amount to help support her children is making a grave mistake. Unless her ability is remarkable she will find that supporting a family is a great responsibility and that in attempting to do it without the assistance to which her children are entitled she is doing them a serious injustice.

Few men of the right type would fail to offer to meet this obligation. If they do fail, they should be forced to do their share.

Dear Martha Lee: I was going steadily with a boy until a month ago. He left suddenly and did not say anything about parting or calling. I haven't heard from him since.

Do you think I would be out of place to write or call him? I don't know what I have done for him to act this way.

Babs, I shouldn't worry too much about this affair if I were you. You have not told me your age, but from your handwriting I judge that you are in your teens. Therefore, in my opinion, you are too young to devote all your time to one boy. Besides, I think that the boy has been very rude to you and you should certainly wait until he looks you up of his own accord and explains his curious behavior. It isn't up to you to make the first move and you could do so only at a great sacrifice of dignity.

Dear Martha Lee: My husband and I have been separated for two years and I have had to work continually to support my three children. I am tired of work—everything. Should I put my child in a home for three years and get her later? She is sick and needs a doctor every week. Will the bones take her in this condition? I am not able to pay a doctor, and something must be done.

Lorine, your problem is indeed a great one. I would suggest that you get in touch with your husband and try to arrange with him a definite plan to help support your child. It is not up to you to attempt this alone, and you cannot possibly do justice to the child without assistance. If the child is in need of medical attention you should take her to a clinic. I believe that you can put her in a day nursery for a very nominal amount, or even a free nursery. If you decide to do this be sure that you select one of the nurseries operated by reputable charitable organizations. I shall be glad to help you do this if you will inform me as to your decision on the matter.

Prize Recipes by Readers

NOTE—The Times will give \$1 for each recipe submitted by a reader adjudged of sufficient merit to be printed in this column. One recipe is printed daily, except Friday, when twenty are given. Address: Recipe Editor, The Times, 2130 Central Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Prizes will be mailed to winners. Write on one side of sheet only. Only one recipe each week will be accepted from one person.

Rhubarb Meringue Pudding
Two cups milk, one and one-half cups bread crumbs, one cup rich stewed rhubarb, two eggs, one-half cup sugar, one tablespoon butter, one-half teaspoon salt, one-half lemon and grated rind, four tablespoons sugar. Soak the bread crumbs in milk; add the sugar, butter, lemon rind, and egg yolks. Pour into a pudding dish and bake in a moderate oven until firm. Cover with the sweetened rhubarb. Make a meringue of the stiffly-beaten egg whites and sugar. Heap on top of the rhubarb and set in slow oven until a delicate brown.

MRS. JOHN A. PARKS,
2130 Central Ave.

D. A. R. April Meeting
Miss Sara Frances Kackley, 4511 Broadway, entertained with a guest day meeting of the General Arthur St. Clair chapter D. A. R., Monday afternoon. Mrs. Charles N. Thompson talked on "General Lafayette in Indiana."

Mothers' Club
Mrs. James Kingham, 1540 Barth Ave., was hostess for the Delta Zeta Mothers Club meeting today.

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PARIS CALLS ENSEMBLES 'ALTOGETHERS'



Two of Poret's two-piece "altogether": red crepe de chine at the left, trimmed with rich white wool embroidery; at the right, grey crepe de susper treatment. In the center the frocks are viewed with their coats.

GIRL ABOUT TOWN

BY MARILYN

Time was when I was a healthy robust young woman who enjoyed beefsteak and mushrooms, pate de foies gras and an occasional aperitif. Life was fresh and invigorating; my existence was a song; my digestion excellent.

Now I have become a sniveling, sniggering, snuffling idiot, all because we moved to Twenty-First and Delaware Sts.

Now at dinner time, preferably at week-end dinner times, when I am entertaining a small dinner party, instead of the usual commonplace hors d'oeuvre for my guests, I arrange the unexpected, the unusual, the unique, that touch of je ne sais quoi, which makes the perfect hostess.

Guests Like the Noise
Usually the meal starts off with just a minor accident, on the corner. A rear tire is knocked off or hood gently smashed in. Scarcely anyone is hurt. Of course, the noise is a bit nerve wrecking but the guests seem to enjoy it.

After the main course which is gulped between attacks of acute nervous indigestion, we always have what we call in this vicinity, a "bus tarantella," that is, one bus executed a few original ideas of its own in the middle of the street, which unfortunately often involves a vital part of some other car.

Within the past two weeks we have had one car turn over completely, one bus smash another car injuring three occupants, one has hit an east and west going sedan, injuring the driver around the eyes.

Compare Disasters
Almost any rainy day the occupants of the four corners at Twenty-First and Delaware Sts., George W. Price, Dr. McAlexander, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall T. Levey and daughter, meet regularly in the middle of the street to pass the time of day, chat pleasantly awhile of a story, "Mary Ellen's Birthday Cake," appearing in the April issue of Child Life magazine.

Another former Kokomo resident, John McKee, artist, is a regular contributor of a page of illustrations to the same magazine.

Mothers' Luncheon
Jonquills and yellow tapers decorated luncheon tables for the pre-Easter meeting of the Delta Tau Mothers Club today at the chapter house, 5432 E. Washington St. Mrs. F. A. Schmiedel, Mrs. William C. Gardner, Mrs. Joseph Shepherd, Mrs. Warren Gibson, Mrs. F. T. Fairchild, Mrs. Charles Fields and Mrs. Edna Finley were hostesses.

Club Guest Day
The Conversation Club of Bloomington observed Guest day Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. A. Barnhill. A lecture on the Canadian Rockies was illustrated. Mrs. Charles E. Mathews sang, after which luncheon was served.

Business Meeting
Alpha Chapter of Omega Nu Sorority will hold a business meeting at the home of the secretary, Miss Maratha Behring, 1405 Barth Ave., Wednesday evening.

Yearly Election and Luncheon of Music Fraternity

Mrs. James H. Lowry was re-elected president of Sigma Alpha Iota musical fraternity at the annual luncheon and election Monday at the Indiana College of Music and Fine Arts.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Ruth Sterling Devin, vice president; Mrs. Martha Martin, recording secretary; Miss Marion Barr, corresponding secretary; Miss Marjorie Waltz, treasurer; Mrs. Bernard Barry, chaplain; Mrs. Roy Downs, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Frank Huter, editor; Mrs. S. K. Ruick, publicity chairman; and Mrs. Robert Blake, social chairman.

Mrs. Lowry was also elected delegate to the national convention of the fraternity at Ithaca, N. Y., June 23 to 25.

Covers were laid for fifty at the luncheon.

W. C. T. U. Candidate
"It's up to the people," is the statement made by Mrs. Medelia Waldron Cox, Valparaiso, Porter County W. C. T. U. leader, who is suggested as a candidate for sheriff of Porter County on an out-and-out liquor law enforcement platform. "I want to be sure that this is a real call for service and therefore I am giving it careful consideration," she said.

Sunshine Club Convention
The State convention of Sunshine Clubs of Indiana high schools will be held in Shelbyville April 27 and 28. Dr. Lillian Gay Berry of the Indiana University Latin department, will speak, and on Friday night there will be a banquet.

Grotto Auxiliary
The woman's auxiliary to Sahara Grotto met today at the Lincoln.

no stop signs either on the west side or the east side of Delaware St. might have some faint connection with the multiplicity of injuries to life and property here. A young man from Connersville was cut over the eye in a minor accident which demolished his car. Living in Connersville, he should have known that Delaware was a preferential street.

Nowadays a slam, bang, shrill scream of breaks and a crash of glass, followed by sickening thuds mean only one thing in my life. But if the strawberry soufflé is particularly tempting we casually enjoy our dessert and the gentlemen a Corona as they bet on whether it is a Buick or a Chrysler this time.

Progressive Club
Miss Margaret Shipp and Mrs. Louis Haerle gave the program at the meeting of the Progressive Club Monday afternoon with Mrs. Lee Burns, 4205 Washington Blvd.

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Directors Election by Council

Five directors of the Indianapolis Council of Women were elected at a business meeting of the council which preceded the church day discussion luncheon at the Broadway M. E. Church today.

The directors elected are: Mrs. M. E. Robbins, Mrs. Walter Geisel, Mrs. E. Mae Hahn, Mrs. W. C. Bartholomew and Mrs. C. R. Rush. Mrs. Allen P. Fleming was elected parliamentarian.

Dr. Frank Lee Roberts, pastor of the Central Ave. M. E. Church talked on "Women in the Home," and Dr. W. A. Fortune, Lexington, Ky., talked on "Woman's Life in the Church," following the luncheon.

Covers were laid for 150.

Stresses Motherhood

"Woman needs to dedicate herself to the idea of motherhood," Dr. Fortune said in his talk. "The present situation makes it difficult to have children in the home. The poor must work. The rich have a social life which makes children inconvenient, and the middle class is kept from having children by the expense of living."

"Companionate marriage, frequent divorce and the philosophic idea of marriage are destroying the old ideals of the home," Dr. Fortune continued. "It is a tremendous problem facing us in which women must take the lead."

Changed Conditions

"The changes that have come during our generation have placed women in a new world. She no longer has to marry to make a home and all professions and business are open to her. The change in position has made man lose some of his chivalrous regard for her and her insistence on single standards has meant to her that she should come down to his level."

Mrs. M. D. Dwyer gave several musical monologues and the Indiana Central College quartet sang.

Church organizations, affiliated with the council, with the names of their presidents and delegates who were hostesses followed:

Bethany Class, Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Mrs. A. B. Glick and Mrs. Irving Mink; Broadway M. E. Ladies Aid Society, Mrs. M. C. Lewis and Mrs. J. L. Masters;

When Billy arrived upon the scene Alan was all molasses candy. Even then I didn't tumble. It was a grand party for a while and everything was going beautifully when in walked Alan's lady friend of the scented stationery.

Just play that on your ironing board. Alan actually invited that hula walker to my party. Well, thereafter all the frost was in the icebox. Oh, no, I didn't let her suspect that I hadn't expected her.

Alan stood off grinning after he'd introduced her to me. I dripped welcome all over her, but for once I made Alan come right out in the kitchen and take an active part in the main features of our entertainment. He's always sidestepped the heavy stuff and considered he'd done enough with his parlor tricks. But this time he cracked ice and ground coffee and spread caviar, while I told him what I thought of his nerve.

He tried to flunk it, but I told him I'd go out and give his friend the bum's rush if he didn't listen to me. Then he said he'd do the same to my special guest, and if I had any sporting blood I'd see that he'd only handed me the kind of a nifty I had coming.

That sort of tied my hands. But the party was spoiled for me. So I didn't care when Mabel Clary showed up. She was another surprise. Florence invited her. By this time I was prepared to see anybody walk in. Not that I've anything against Mabel, but I was going to mind the influence she might exert upon Florence. I did not want her around while Florence is here.

It wouldn't take much urging to get Florence to stay and I don't think she's got enough talent for the stage. Besides, she told me that Mabel wants her to share a studio. If I thought Florence had a chance to make the grade, I'd do all I could to encourage her. But I can't see why she should make it difficult for every one in order to take a flop.

With all my love,
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