

Yard Stick Measuring of Morals Ignores Merit of Actions and Deeds

BY MARTHA LEE

WE have become a nation of yardstick moralists and our standard of yardstick morals rules.

Morals have been reduced to a problem of feet and inches and the supreme "ruler" sits with yardstick in hand ready to pounce upon the unwary.

According to some authorities it is a matter of two or three inches in the length of a skirt whether a girl is moral or immoral.

It does not matter what her personal actions may be, if her skirt does not conform to the yardstick moral code she is placed on the black list.

And then to the other extreme, if a girl wears her dress three inches longer than Dame Fashion decrees, she is immediately placed on the old-fashioned list.

It is possible to measure from both ends of the yardstick.

A furious battle has been waged over movie kisses. Finally an agreement was reached. A screen kiss now can be ten feet long, measuring the length of the film, without becoming immoral. One inch more and the film producer can be placed on the yardstick black list.

The yardstick league has extended its activities to the clock. If a girl sits on her front porch with her best friend until 11 o'clock, she still can be called moral. But if the clock hands point to two in the morning, the girl is immediately banned by the yardstickers.

Morals are defined in the number of inches the hands travel around the face of the clock.

What did the girl and fellow talk about on the front porch? What did they do? Oh, that doesn't matter at all. She is a good girl and was in the house by 11 o'clock.

Automobiles come in for their share of condemnation. "She went out with a fellow and they drove more than one hundred miles around the country before coming home," aver the yardstickers.

"She must not be a very nice girl to take such long trips with a fellow," they add.

"Oh, this girl. She just went out for a little ride in the car," beam the yardstickers.

"They went only five miles."

Sure, they parked on a side street. They were safely within the yardstick moral code.

The other couple that was condemned was riding around in the country, looking at the moon and singing softly. Innocent pleasure.

Recently at a certain Indiana college, the yardstick moralists slipped up in their plans. A decree was handed down by the powers that be that all co-eds must wear bloomers "extending to the top of the hose."

The number of inches was not specified. That was where they made a mistake.

Most of the co-eds to whom bloomers were an unwanted garment wore opera length hose. But they complied with the yardstick just the same.

Some day we will get away from yardstick morals and base the standard on actions and personality.

We do not know whether Carrie Nation wore bloomers, but we know that she waged a gallant and winning fight against King Alcohol.

Base the moral standard on actions and deeds rather than the yardstick.

"Does a good clean-cut girl ever win?" Well, just read this letter.

Dear Martha Lee: Is this possible? I'm in love with a fellow and no matter what he does, my heart aches for him. Can this be true?

I've known him since we were in grade school and we went to high school together. He says I am the only girl he ever loved. But I'm not his only girl.

He has other dates and it just tears me to pieces. These other girls are wilder than I am.

I can't have other dates because I know he loves me.

He loves me, doesn't he? I'm a good, clean-cut girl.

A HEART OF A THOUSAND PIECES.

The good, clean-cut girls always win out, my dear, and you too will win finally.

But there is one thing standing in your path. That is jealousy. I can see you are jealous of this boy and that may prove fatal to his love.

Forget your jealousy and let him play around with the other girls.

If you are natural in your actions and are sure your love is reciprocated, then you have nothing to fear. You will win.

Prize Recipes by Readers

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Queen of Muffins

One-fourth cup butter, one-third cup sugar, one egg, one-half cup milk, one and one-half cup flour and two and one-half teaspoons baking powder. Cream butter and sugar and add well beaten egg. Sift baking powder and flour and add with milk to first mixture. Bake in oiled muffin tins twenty-five minutes. DOROTHY LOWE, 609 Wilson St., Columbus, Ind.

Shower for Bride

Miss Florence Wilhelm, 944 Bradbury Ave., entertained Friday evening with a Five Hundred party and shower in honor of her sister, Miss Edna Wilhelm, whose marriage to Leon M. Riles will take place June 12. A color scheme of pink and white was used in the appointments. Guests with the guest of honor were, Mrs. Frank Granam, Walter Miller, Louis Groh, Norman Dunn and P. Hatton, and Misses Bradford, Josephine Watson, Marie Wehinger, Hermadine Kroeger, Velma Thomas and Bertha Lippert. The hostess was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Anna Wilhelm.

Lingerie Ribbons

Lingerie and other ribbon should not be pressed by the iron. Get the iron very hot, stand it on end, take each end of the ribbon and pull it quickly across the hot iron. It will look like new.

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