

COLLEGE MEN SHUN BEAUTY IN PICKING MATES

Rate Brains First in Quiz on Qualities of Girls for Marriage.

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CLEVELAND, July 17.—Brains not beauty, wins the majority of men.

Such, at least, was the inference from a survey made by Prof. Thornton W. Merriam of the Case School of Applied Social Science.

In a list of desired qualities and characteristics in their prospective wives, good housekeepers scored the highest vote from a group of marriageable young men.

Housekeeping First
Personally, good health, and high intelligence ranked next, according to the ballots, 60 per cent of whom were university graduates, 20 per cent of whom were completing their university courses, 15 per cent of whom were high school graduates and 5 per cent of whom had completed part of high school courses.

"Willingness to have children preceded 'good looks' in importance. Thirty-five per cent considered a wealthy girl vital to their ultimate happiness and one man voted that companionate marriage was of 'exceedingly great importance'."

The survey, according to Professor Merriam, was prompted by the complaint of a number of young women whose social contacts were made in churches.

Girls Make Complaints
"They told me that the average young man of 30 or so, whom they met at church functions, were not their mental equal," he said.

"So I decided to find out where the average young man meets the girl he goes with and what his objections toward marriage were."

"Economic conditions and lack of sufficient salary" is the "greatest obstacle" which the majority of the young men found to marriage. The girls they "step out" with are usually introduced to them by friends, the survey showed.

An average salary of \$200 a month was the income believed necessary for marriage.

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By United Press
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BERTIE LOU WARD married ROD BRYER, who had previously been engaged to LILA MARSH. They spend an ideal honeymoon and the only shadow on the young bride's happiness is the fact that she accidentally overheard a friend refer to her as Rod's second choice. This shadowy thought returns and finds Lila playing dictator in their apartment, because she "knew what Rod liked."

Too much hospitality in the new home upsets their financial budget. This worries Bertie Lou as does the persistent assurance of Lila. So she is happy when Rod accepts a position in New York with TOM FRASER.

Anxious to make a good impression, they go to an apartment. The cost of things amazes Bertie Lou and she is embarrassed when MOLLY FRASER urges her to buy more clothes than she can afford. She starts a charge account against Rod's wishes. Feeling under social obligation to the Frasers, and after having won some money from Tom at poker, Rod reluctantly invites the crowd to a night club.

Lila arrives to find the party and seems to enjoy Bertie Lou's disfigurement. The first cost more than \$100 and he had to borrow from Tom as he had only \$20 with him. Lila and he upbraid Rod about the extravagance and the next time.

CHAPTER XVII
BERTIE LOU was prepared for almost anything when she entered Molly's apartment. A maid admitted her and said that Mrs. Fraser was still in the dining room, adding: "She asked to have you shown in there, madam." Molly's servants were always well instructed in formality.

Molly and Lila were still seated at table, lingering over sweets and coffee. Sheets of writing paper were spread out before Lila and she was busily engaged in scribbling on them when Bertie Lou walked in.

Molly arose and pulled out a chair for her.
"Thank goodness you came," she said in greeting. "We couldn't have waited very long. We're going shopping."

Bertie Lou looked at Lila. "If I like Lila, said, in a sweetly coaxing tone that Bertie Lou never had heard her use before.
"For my trousseau," she added with a shyness most unbecoming to her. Bertie Lou felt like laughing.

"But why in the world do you want me along?" she asked bluntly.
Lila turned to Molly. The latter got up again. "I think Lila has something confidential to say to you," she answered Bertie Lou.

"I've got a few things to attend to before we go out if you will excuse me. You'll be more comfortable in the drawing room, I think." Lila gathered up the sheets of paper. "My shopping notes," she explained, and led the way to the living room.

Bertie Lou followed, wondering why Lila's father could afford to buy the sort of trousseau for her that she obviously had in mind.
"Will it shock you to know that

Cyrus is paying for my things?" Lila asked, astutely, reading Bertie Lou's thoughts.
"Not a bit," the latter replied candidly.

Lila made an impatient gesture with a well-manicured hand. "Oh, please don't begin by being sarcastic," she begged, with a touch of her natural temper.

"Was I?" Bertie Lou inquired innocently. "You asked me a question."

Lila sighed. "I don't suppose it has occurred to you that I'd like to be friends with you, Bertie Lou?"
"No, not any more than Mrs. Astor, maybe," Bertie Lou laughed.

"Well, I think we ought to bury the hatchet now," Lila said. "Cyrus thinks we're friends. He's been wondering why he hasn't seen you here."

Bertie Lou got a ray of light. So that was it? Cyrus might be inquisitive. What had happened to Lila's home town friends? "I dare say Lila's afraid Molly might tell him about Rod," Bertie Lou concluded. "They're two of a feather. But what difference would it make if he knew?"

Sharply the answer came to her. "That would cut Lila off from seeing Rod."

"Why didn't you tell him the truth—that you were with us the night you met him simply because you were visiting Molly and Tom and we were giving them a party?"

"Because I'm starting a new deal," Lila replied unhesitatingly, "and I'm perfectly willing to forget the past if you are. After all, there isn't anything much to forget. You and Rod are happily married, I hope, and I expect to be."

She paused for breath and Bertie Lou eyed her admiringly. She was doing rather well.
"I know I've been a tremendous goose, Bertie Lou," she went on, effectively lowering her voice. "I'll admit I tried to make you unhappy and did a lot of foolish things. But I was never underhand about it. And you know what it is to have everybody in a small town laughing at you."

Bertie Lou nodded before she realized that she had betrayed herself.
"I was silly enough to believe that I was the only girl Rod ever could love," Lila continued with a frankness that Bertie Lou did not thank her for.

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Lila laughed, with tolerant amusement of her own credulity.
"I thought if I pretended to be crazy over Rod after his marriage, and pretended it in a ridiculous way, people would know it was just a lot of rot and that I never had meant anything I said about him."

Again she paused and this time waited for Bertie Lou to speak.
"I don't suppose you believe a thing I say," Lila reproached her. "No, I don't," Bertie Lou admitted.

"Molly said you wouldn't." Lila's voice held more than a trace of disappointment.
"I don't see why Molly should say that," she exclaimed. "I've never said anything to her about you and Rod."

"But I have," Lila owned. "I told her what an idiot I've been."
"Of course I know how hard it would be for you to forgive me," Lila went on, "but after all, Bertie Lou, we used to sit together in school and share our lunch and play house together...." her voice trailed off softly, reminiscently.

Bertie Lou couldn't help looking back to school days. She had been very proud of Lila's friendship then. Lila was the leading spirit of the class room and immensely popular. They had many memories to share.

"Remember the time I cut off your curls?" Lila asked. "And your mother shut you up in your room and I brought the kids around with a ladder to climb through the window?"

Bertie Lou remembered that, and how she'd felt so light-headed and comfortable all at once. She laughed. "I never enjoyed a bob so much," she said.
"But your hair is lovely now," Lila told her. "I mean it, Bertie Lou," she added suddenly. "And you have such good taste."

"I've always admired you for wearing just the right things, even if I have gone in for more display in my own wardrobe. It was a sort of frantic effort to express myself, I guess. Wayville was killing me."

"But everything is going to be wonderful now. Cyrus can give me the life I want. People who know how to live and not dried up mummies who go around with their hands in the air in horror at the thought of anyone having a good time."

"We weren't so dead in Wayville," Bertie Lou differed.
"We weren't? Say, Bertie Lou, wait until you've been out a few times with Cyrus and you'll know how dead you were in that one-horse dump."

Molly was happy. She liked to have a hand in things. Other people's affairs particularly. To make a match, or patch up a quarrel, or start one, was all the same to her. The Frasers had a car, but no chauffeur. Tom said he preferred to spend the money in "living," meaning nights clubs and parties.

Molly had the doorman call a taxicab. Bertie Lou demurred about accompanying them on the shopping tour, but Molly bundled her unceremoniously into the cab and told her not to be silly. Bertie Lou had a feeling of having lost her grip on herself, of being swept along against her will.

"Maybe we'll have time to look at a fur coat for you," Molly told her. "You can't get through a winter in New York without one. Even the office girls have them. And I'm a good judge of furs."

(To Be Continued)
Admit Looting Milk Bottles
By Times Special
KENDALVILLE, Ind., July 17.—Ward and Frank Shippey, brothers, 16 and 19 respectively, were fined \$5 and costs each, with six months' suspended penal farm sentences, when they admitted in city court here they stole money from milk bottles left at homes to be collected by dairy deliverymen.

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By Times Special
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