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Disappointing Girl Friends To Date Boys Strictly Out

By SHEILA JOHN DALY
This mail is full of girls and some of them take this pitch:
'There's a group of us girls who have gone thru high school together and have always been great friends. We were graduated in June and since then have been working at various jobs. Sheila John Daly says that we seldom see each other any more unless we all plan to get together for an evening. We usually manage this about once every two weeks, meeting for a movie or an evening of bridge at one of our homes. These parties always turn out so well, and it's doubly interesting when we haven't seen each other for a while and so have a lot to talk about. We bring every one up to date on our separate activities.
'There's only one unpleasant note in the whole deal. One of the girls, very pretty and popular, seems to think that the plans we make are not very important and are easily broken if something exciting comes up for her in the way of a date. We all like her very well, you can't help that, since she's so sweet in every other way - but it's annoying to have her phone at the last minute on the evening we're going to meet to tell us that she has a date and won't be able to make it. We make our plans at least three or four days in advance, so she can't say that we spring them on her out of the blue. At least twice we've been planning to show bridge, and when she didn't show up our evening was spoiled because it was too late to get any one to take her place. Just how important is a date?'
Ah, a villain in the tale! A little will of the wisp who can't be counted on to show when the girls make plans together, but just let the party be a boy-meets-girl affair, and she'll turn up with bells on, and in her best sack and spoodle, too. Going out with boys is, of course, important. In fact, we can hardly think of a better way to spend a free Saturday night. But if going out with a fellow means upsetting the plans of six or seven of your gal pals, the importance dwindles.
Often a group of girls who have gone around together ever since they were bewildered high school freshmen agree among themselves that since dates with men are often few and far between with the one or two, a gal won't be censured if she breaks an appointment with the girls to make a date with the man in her life. But this presupposes that the girls see each other frequently and that the plans they have are casual and can easily be postponed to another date.
But when these gals are out of school, see each other only at infrequent intervals, and the plans they make are definite and not easily changed, it's extremely rude for a girl to upset the whole deal by accepting a date with a fellow at the last moment. She might as well say that she finds the company of her buddies interesting only when she can find nothing more exciting to do with her evenings.
It doesn't help a gal's prestige with fellows, either, if she discovers that to go out with them she's only too ready, willing, and able to break plans with her little friends.
To help a girl's prestige and help thinking he's a pretty important young character if the girl he asks out is willing to break other engagements to keep one with him, and he will probably wonder just how often his particular honey chile gets date bids if she's so eager to accept one from him even if it means going to the trouble of upsetting other plans.
So except in very rare cases (such as when Van Johnson comes to town for a Friday night) breaking gal plans to make boy plans is strictly out. You not only lose friends among the gals but you forget that some of your chums have mighty interesting big brothers. And that's worth looking into!

Charity Head

Mrs. Florence M. Mason of the Bureau of Catholic Charities, Cleveland, O., who was elected President of the National Conference of Catholic Charities at its 32nd annual meeting just held at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind. Mrs. Mason has been a member of the executive committee of the National Conference of Social Work, of whose Case Work Division she is now Chairman. She is also a member of the National Council of Catholic Women, and the Child Welfare Services of the Federal Children's Bureau. (NC Photo)

Walter Retracts Story on Nun

Portland, Ore. (NC) - A fascistic of a retraction for all statements derogatory to the Catholic Church contained in an "exposed nun" pamphlet is carried in the Portland archdiocesan weekly, The Catholic Sentinel.
The retraction, signed from a hospital bed by John K. Rosmer, of Silverton, Ore., with the nun's Protestant step-daughter and step-granddaughter and a Catholic priest as witnesses, states that the author was "misinformed about the matter which I printed in the pamphlet."
"I am sorry for any scandal that I gave by my writings," Mr. Rosmer wrote, "for in any lecture or conversation - pertaining to religious matters, I have often denoted the existence of a real personal God. I now wish to declare that I believe in the one true God and not the polytheism against Him and against my fellowmen."

Sodality of Our Lady Her Sodality Year

By REV. HOY B. MORPHY
Diocesan Director for Sodality
We are at the present time... Her Sodality Year...
This year of your Sodality, then, is important. And this first month of the new year is vital to the success of the whole year. The Sodality of Our Lady has very definite purposes to fulfill: first, of course, the members aim at closer devotion to Our Lady, the Mother of God, their patroness; then, through that love and with the protection of Our Lady, the members aim at self-sacrificed, at sanctification of their neighbors and at defense of Christ's Holy Church.
These are the purposes of YOUR Sodality too. Decide now upon the method of organization that will most effectively enable the members to achieve these ends. We recommend though we do not insist upon the committee plan as best, by far and large, for most societies, because different groups are given the responsible task of seeing that these purposes are really fulfilled. The Sodality chooses the type of work which seems most congenial for the coming year and serve on the committee that does that work.
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National Council of Catholic Women Women's Dignity

By Rev. Albert J. Shannon, Director
In their personal dignity as children of God a man and a woman are absolutely equal.
But a man and a woman cannot maintain this equal dignity of their souls by respecting and activating characteristic qualities which nature has given each of them.
(Pius XII)
'Women's Duties in Social and Political Life,' Par. 7 and 8.
Again in these opening paragraphs of his address to women, Our Holy Father warns against the error that seems to be creeping into the lands of liberty, viz. the error of equal rights for men and women in every phase of their earthly life.
There is so much talk today of our rights, that I wonder sometimes if we don't forget that our rights are limited. A woman has no right, for instance, to shoot her husband just because he squeezes the tube of toothpaste in the middle of the night, or a man to hit out the air from his neighbor's tires simply because he got a 1948 car you couldn't get.
If our rights were not limited, they would lose their value. We have to be free, but must be bound, to have liberty, but must have limited rights. Give one man unlimited rights and all men will lose their individual rights. Witness the land where the Russian dictator rules.
All this is what Christ, the way to the truth and the life meant when He said: 'You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' (Jn. VIII. 32).
Now as regards women, what is the truth?
The truth is that 'in their personal dignity as children of God a man and a woman are absolutely equal.' From the hands of God they both issued; back to that divine embrace they both are destined to return. Equal destinies, therefore equal dignities.
But the paradox is that the dignity of each cannot be maintained by conferring equal rights to each. 'Nature has given each of them, physical and spiritual qualities which cannot be eliminated, without nature it...

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