

# The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Ellen J.**—He gives too much time to his ex-wife.  
**Jonathan J.**—It's for the children's sake.

Ellen J.—I was married, less than a year ago, to a divorced man. I am very much in love with him, and perhaps a bit jealous, but I can't help feeling that he devotes too much time to his ex-wife.

Jonathan calls his ex-wife every evening and spends about an hour on the telephone with her. He stops over at her home for a few minutes a couple of times a week to "see the kids." We have one or more of the children with us one day of nearly every week end.

It's gotten so that sometimes I feel like an intruder in Jonathan's life. I hoped to have children of my own, but I'm beginning to think that I and my children would always have to play second fiddle.

Jonathan J.—Ellen is such a silly girl. Why would I have divorced my wife and married her if she was "second fiddle"? I love Ellen and want to be with her, but she can't seem to understand that you can't shake off a relationship of nearly 15 years as if it was nothing.

One reason for our divorce was that my ex-wife is a very nervous, confused person. She can't seem to make decisions and comes to me with every prob-

lem. For the children's sake I have to help her out of the many muddled situations she gets involved in.

As for the children, they are everything to me and I can't conceive of leaving them entirely to the mercy of my ex-wife. She's too flighty.

**The Council**—It may come as a shock to Jonathan, but what he is attempting to do can't be done in our monogamous society. Only in societies where a man is permitted to keep more than one wife under one roof, and where each of the wives understands that her claim to a husband's attention is quite limited, can a man act as the head of two families.

Ellen rightfully resents her present position—virtually that of concubine. She wants Jonathan to make a real break, not merely a paper one, with his ex-wife. Since he has chosen divorce, he must do this, even at the expense of his children's happiness.

However, it is by no means certain that the children would be worse off if their mother is forced to assume more responsibility. The present situation is a most disconcerting one. They've got to begin to accept their mother as head of the household and their father as only a part-time Dad. This is what divorce means when children are involved.

It is assumed that the ex-wife

# On The Side

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Why are female writers constantly charging men with not being what they, said females, call "romantic"? Men have written over 90 per cent of the worth while poetry dealing with the subject of love. Most of the successful love songs have been written by men. Also why do men marry? A woman who is not married is spoken of in a disparaging manner. Her life is generally regarded as not being successful. Women hope to be able to combine love and marriage but their main objective is to be married and not be a spinster. On the other hand a man who is a bachelor is not thought any the less of because he has not married. In fact, some people consider him a smart fellow and envy him his liberty.

Then why do men marry? Why, because they are romantic. They marry for love.

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# By E. V. Durling

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In MacArthur Park, Los Angeles, Calif., there is a statue of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. A Californian asks if anywhere in the world is there another statue erected in honor of a living man. The query has me baffled. How about you?

**Names**  
At one time feminine illegitimate children deserted and rescued by founding homes were given names similar to the month in which they were born.

That is, a founding born the first month of the year was given the name January. One born in April was called April. One born in June was named June and so on. The practice was abandoned some years ago.

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**By Jimmy Hatlo**

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