

wives to see how many had policies. All of them had, or were interested in having, one type of policy: simple burial insurance.

One wife summed up the feelings of the group when she said, "At least I'd like to take care of my own funeral expenses. My whole life I've been dependent on somebody else!"

SELF-SUPPORT isn't the only problem my married friends have, either. "If anything happened to Mike," the fear of loneliness might be unbearable for my friend. But me, I know all about this matter of loneliness!

It is the chronic disease of all single people, widowed, unattached, or divorced. Loneliness no longer frightens me, for I've learned to fill my time purposefully and put extra effort into organizing my social life.

It's true that during her twenties a single woman is fairly self-conscious. Hostessing a party alone or going to an

affair dateless is hard. But poise comes with years, and long ago I made it my business to have fun when I was out.

If you doubt that bachelor girls have gay evenings, look around at the next party you attend. Chances are the married mammas will be clustered in a corner talking recipes and kids. Across the way, "poor little" Miss Smith will be enjoying herself with half the men. She'll probably be trimmer and more stylish, for she is not tempted by neighborhood coffee klatches and refrigerator nibbling. And she takes special care of her hair and clothes on a more lenient budget.

As everyone knows, of course, clothes don't make the woman. But as a lot of married women seem to forget, conversation does.

Miss Smith has probably kept abreast of current affairs, ideas, books. Her horizons extend beyond diapers and the PTA. Men are attracted by her stimulating talk, and Miss Smith can go

stronger and last longer in pursuing fun. After her day's work, she doesn't carry around the emotionally draining problems of a growing family.

I HAVE some wonderful examples around me of older friends who, for one reason or another, never married but managed to find satisfaction.

Sarah is one of them. A nurse, she served our country in both World Wars. Today she is a supervisor in a large general hospital. Warm and sympathetic, she has not only saved lives, eased pain, and helped bring a new generation into the world, but she has been the sage adviser to most of her friends. Socially Sarah is wanted by everyone, and whenever you see her at a party, some worried father or husband is quietly spilling his woes before her. She has learned the great art of listening and saying little, but of making her few words meaningful.

Helen is another singular single

woman. The most popular teacher in her school, she has organized a drama group, a service club, and numerous other extras for her "kids."

"You know," she said to me recently, "maybe I made a big mistake by not marrying and having a family of my own. I don't know! But I do know that I've had hundreds of children in my life, and I think I've been able to make life a little better for a lot of them."

She has, too! For Helen, like Sarah and Lois and countless other unmarried women, has remained charming and tender and feminine throughout her life. She has found what everyone seeks: respect, love, friends, work, and the feeling of being needed.

Should you feel sorry for such a person? Self-conscious about her? Guilty because of her? I should say not!

In some ways, the single woman does live the life of a bird in a gilded cage. But unlike that musical miss, she's neither to be pitied nor censured!

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