

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's 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.

Laura S.—She should break off the relationship.
Betty R.—But I love him.

Laura S.—I am trying to help out my friend who has gotten into a lot of trouble, partly because of me. I introduced Betty to Ed. I was sure she would like him and she did a little too much. She was swept off her feet and got involved in an affair with him almost at once. This

has been going on for several months and she says she wants to marry him. He appears to care for her a lot, but is very vague about marriage.

I saw that she should break off the relationship entirely as he has proven that he is not a man to be counted on. He isn't the sort of a person who would make a good husband. But Betty insists she'll

never love anyone else. **Betty R.**—I don't think Ed is as bad as Laura says. I recognize that what has happened was at least half my fault. If I had resisted Ed I think he would have respected my wishes and still kept me as a friend.

Ed has many qualities that I would like to find in a husband. He is interesting and has a good sense of humor and he is very attractive to me. At times he can be very sweet. I really love him very much and don't want to break it off.

The trouble is that he clams up at any mention of marriage. If I get stubborn, I

don't hear from him for weeks on end. By the time he calls again I am so glad to hear from him and so eager for contact with him that I take the easiest course.

The Council: Betty has indeed gotten herself into a peck of trouble. From the looks of things, she has gambled away any possibility of happiness she could have had with this man.

Unfortunately, Betty has also invested a good deal of herself in Ed. Her "love" consists to a great extent of her awareness of all that she has given to and hoped for from this relationship.

It will be hard for Betty to

swallow the fact that her emotional investment up to this point will yield no return. She'll probably have to step out with a loss. The more she puts into the relationship, the more she will have to lose under the present terms.

If Betty sincerely loves Ed she will not be able to go on accepting the physical gestures of love without the underlying content. If she still wants affection and tenderness from him, and she still has some hope of marriage to him, she must give up the relationship as it now exists. She must make clear to him what she really does want. If Ed is not willing to give this,

he is of no use to her any-

Switzerland is a confederation of 22 cantons, including three that were joined in the 13th century.

way. It is just possible that a firm and clear-cut decision on her part will force him to sit up and take a new view of her and their relationship.

Betty should make it her business to gain a better understanding of her emotional needs as a woman and as a self-respecting human being through consultation with a doctor and a clergyman.

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Farm Forum Will Stress New Frontier

Spokane —UPI— Delegates to the sixth annual Pacific Northwest Farm forum here Feb. 9-10 will concern themselves with the challenge of changing agriculture.

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P. R. Gladhart, forum chairman, said Friday the topic has been chosen because modern farming is a mixture of art and science. Gladhart said that with the country's changing economy the farmer is no longer on some geographic frontier. Rather, he said, the farmer is on a frontier of ideas. The timberline in mountains is an elevation beyond which trees do not grow.

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