

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.

Eunice D. - I don't want things to be this way.
Michael R. - But she knows I love her.

Eunice D. - I am 23 and my fiancé is two years older. We had planned to be married at the end of this year.

A few months ago Mike and I started having intimate relations. We were very sure of one another and we had begun to find it increasingly difficult to put limits on our love-making. However, I've tried to limit our intimacies because this just isn't the way I want things to be.

Recently I was asked to help entertain a distant relative from another country. I spent quite a bit of time showing this young man (he is three years younger than I am) some of the sights in our city. I later discovered that Mike had spent this time with a girl with whom he had an affair the year before. When I objected Mike pointed out that I had been "holding out" on him - implying that the other girl wasn't. I am upset enough to break our engagement.

Michael R. - I am very much in love with Eunice and she knows it. That should be enough for both of us. Whatever happened between me and this other girl (and I'm not admitting that anything did) can't change the fact that it's Eunice and only Eunice I want to marry.

Eunice knows very well why I was upset about her having spent all that time with that relative. He may be a little young but he obviously thinks he's God's gift to women. Eunice even told me that he had gotten quite aggressive with her, although she backed down when I offered to put him in his place in a way he'd never forget.

I'm afraid that Eunice feels I don't care for her as much as I did before we became intimate and that isn't true. She seems to feel that every time she gives herself she cheapens herself. I can't convince her that I really want her for herself and not for any cheap thrills.

The Council: If Mike is sincere in his statement he can prove it by not making any further demands on Eunice until they are married.

It is quite evident that this relationship has been greatly spoiled by the premature physical intimacies. The jealousy shown by Mike and his ugly retaliation probably would not have arisen if he had been more certain of the inflexibility of Eunice's high standards. Eunice would have been more sure of herself and her own standards - so sure that she wouldn't have found it necessary to discuss her relative's misconduct with her fiancé. She would simply have dropped the relative when he ceased to behave like a gentleman.

Since both Eunice and Mike are quite aware that she has been made unhappy by the turn their courtship has taken, it is more than foolish for them to continue in this direction. Eunice is apparently afraid that she will drive Mike into the arms of another woman if she insists on "holding out." This anxiety, her guilt and the pressure she feels to indulge in intimacies she doesn't wholeheartedly want, set the worst possible patterns for their future relationship.

Apart from these very important considerations, there remains the fact that Eunice and Mike are missing one of the finest periods of their relationship - the time when they can deepen their understanding of one another on the mental and emotional levels and establish strong bonds of trust and mutual interest. They have converted it into a period of fear, doubt, hostility and limited pleasures.

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Newark, N.Y. - When police here received a report that a pet skunk had been lost, the following entry was made on the log:

"Fellows, don't try to pick it up because you may get hold of the wrong skunk."

The first public power supply system began in England in 1801.

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Kidney Transplant In Non-Identical Twins Successful

Paris - (AP) - A team of 30 specialists using atomic techniques, have performed the second successful kidney transplant in medical history between non-identical twin brothers.

Details of the surgery performed on the 37-year-old brothers at Necker, France, on June 29 have been disclosed in the professional medical journal "La Presse Medicale."

The procedure involved administration of massive doses of cobalt radiation to the brother who received the kidney so his body's chemical defenses would accept the transplant.

Doses of X-Ray The only previous case of a kidney transplant occurred last Jan. 24 at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston when John M. Riteris, 23, of Milwaukee, Wis., received a kidney from his non-identical twin Andrew.

John received doses of X-ray to prevent rejection of the new tissue by his body.

In the operation at Necker, the patient, identified as M. G. S., suffered from a chronic kidney disease. He had been given only a short time to live.

A surgical team headed by Dr. Jean Vaysse worked closely with specialists in the fields of urology, blood and kidney diseases.

Extreme sterilization safeguards had to be taken because the massive radiation had reduced the ability of the sibling brother to fight infection.

Skin Grafted The recipient of the kidney underwent surgery for 4½ hours. His well brother, M. A. S., was operated on for 2½ hours to remove the good kidney he was donating.

Before the surgery, a piece of skin had been grafted onto the recipient's body from the donor's to test body chemistries.

Both brothers came through with one functioning kidney apiece - enough for human life.

The technical article in the journal indicated that the physicians could not draw the conclusion that similar operations always would be successful.

As in the Boston twins, M. G. S. and M. A. S. had many points of similarity, although they were not identical.

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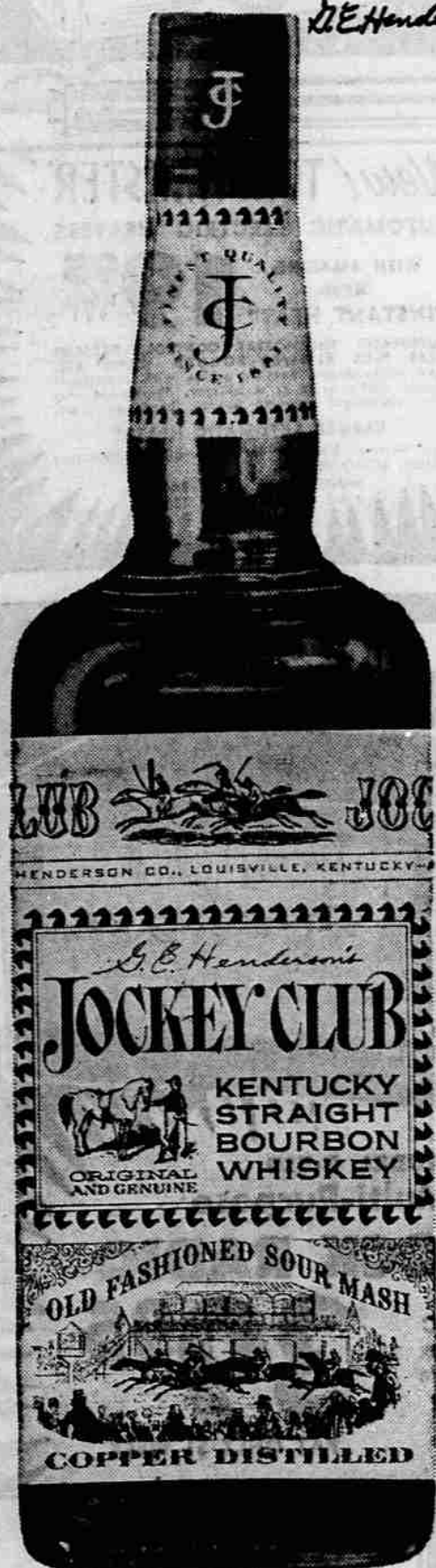
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