

Family Council

Marian S. - I don't want to spoil our marriage.

Michael D. - She is being unrealistic.

Marian S. - My boy friend and I are both sophomores in college - different colleges, unfortunately. We are both 20 and have been going together since we were 15.

In the first years of our dating we did very little petting. We were usually with a crowd and we would just kiss good night at the end of our date. Since we have been going to college, however, we see little of one another and then we want to be alone. By degrees the barriers have broken down and now Mike suggests that we go all the way.

We are very much in love and plan to be married. But we must wait at least three years. That's a long time to wait. Yet I don't want to do anything to spoil our marriage.

Michael D. - Marian certainly doesn't need to worry about my love or loyalty. We have had five years of steady dating and I've never given her any cause for jealousy and always treated her with the utmost respect and consideration. I never made any demands although I knew that more aggressive guys went further with girls who were by no means tramps.

Anyway, I feel there's a limit to how good a man can be about this thing. Three more years is just too much and we both want very much to finish college and get a start in jobs before we marry. Our families can't help us any further than college and we must work before we get married.

I think Marian is being kind of unrealistic about this.

The Council: The tone of Michael's statement suggests that he is holding a threat over Marian. He cites his long years of decent behavior and implies that he should now be rewarded - or else. We think he has worked himself up to a pitch where he now feels that he has been a sucker and demands that Marian make amends.

It would be worse than foolish for Marian to submit to this form of blackmail. We gather that she is now afraid of the competition. Aside from the moral aspects of the case, Marian would be making a big mistake to accede to Michael's demands because she would be doing so out of fear.

The big mistake in this relationship is the five years of steady dating which preceded this period. There is no good reason for this prolonged period of steady dating at this age. At ages 15 to 20, Marian and Michael could not possibly be certain that they were the only ones for each other. They clung together out of fear of being left out of dates entirely. Now they feel more or less stuck with one another and are fearful about the future. Calling these feelings love does not make them that.

If love and the desire for a happy future together were uppermost in the minds of Marian and Michael this issue would not arise. Michael would accept and respect Marian's standards. Marian would not fear that upholding her standards would result in the loss of Michael's affection.

After this long period of steady dating, it is indeed difficult for Michael and Marian to venture into the turbulence and insecurity of dating others. But we think that is just what this relationship needs - a break. If after a couple of years of free social relationships, Marian and Michael find they still want one another, they will be far better prepared for marriage and for the restraints and unselfishness required for successful married life.

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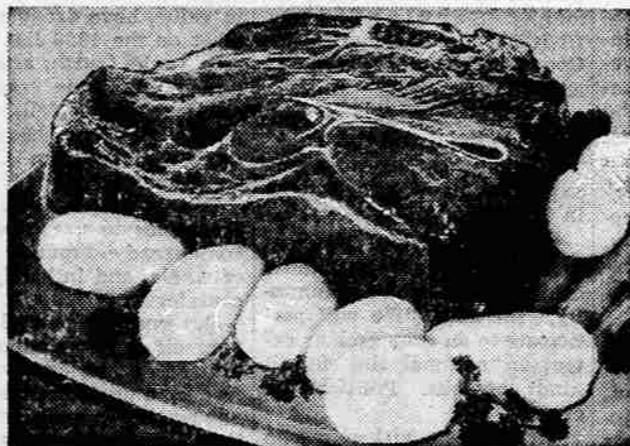


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