Family Council

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Mrs. E. N. – I am terribly upset about my 17-year-old daughter who has recently become very friendly with a girl involved in a scandal in our community.

This girl had an affair with a married man while she was a senior in high school. Everyone knew about it except the wife. When the wife found out she became seriously sick and that broke the whole thing up. The girl's family sent her away for a few months. Now she is back and my daughter has made a friend of her!

I have talked myself deaf, dumb and blind, but Wanda will pay no attention to me when I tell her this is no friend for her. People will think all kinds of things about her. Birds of a feather flock together, I always say. I know Wanda isn't like Karen, but how will other people know?

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Wanda N. – I don't think it's right for everyone to come down on somelike like a swarm of locusts just because of one mistake. Karen fell in love with this man before she knew he was married and after she found ou., it was just too late.

Karen lives on our street and I can't ignore her the way some people do. She has joined the same club I belong to at the "Y" in our community, so we have gotten into the habit of coming home together. Occasionally we go to the movies. But we don't go out with boys together because Karen is a year and a half older and wouldn't go out with my crowd.

I don't say Karen has to be my best friend, but I do like her and I wouldn't give her up just because of some nasty gossips.

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The Council: Mrs. E. N. seems to be blowing up this "friendship" out of proportion and is thus glamorizing it in her daughter's eyes.

Undoubtedly it is disturbing to Mrs. E. N. to see her teen-age daughter walk down the street with a girl who almost succeeded in breaking up a home, but she should try to control her emotional reactions enough to take in the entire situation.

If Karen were Wanda's only friend and if the girls were spending all their free time together, there might indeed be something to worry about. The fact that Wanda also goes out with her own crowd and that she meets Karen in an acceptable social setting should be enough to reassure her mother. Malicious tongues might wag at anything under the sun, but no well-meaning, sensible person should condemn Wanda solely because of her casual friendship with a girl with a "past."

On the other hand, we think Mrs. E. N. is right to be concerned about any influence Karen might have on Wanda's moral outlook. The other girl should certainly not be discussing her affair with Wanda. If she does, Wanda ought to recognize that she is hearing from a very troubled young woman and she should steer clear of any entanglement with her.

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Bureau Predicts Continued Storms

Suitland, Md. (Science Service) – A continued succession of vigorous storms moving across the country from the southwest through the central plains and into the northeast is the weather pattern foreseen for the coming 30 days by the Weather Bureau's extended forecast section here.

Its 30-day outlook for the period from now until mid-February called for temperatures to average below seasonal normals over the western half of the nation. Greatest temperature extremes are expected over the Plateau states. Over the eastern half of the country near normal averages are anticipated, except for the southeast, where above normal temperatures are in prospect.

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