

Flirtation Doomed To Become Only A Habit

Having made a previous public comment to do so, the Den today is devoted to a discussion on the question: "Are women, as sexual beings, becoming obsolete?"

First of all, let the clarification immediately be made that no claim is being made that women are becoming obsolete as mothers, ladies or human beings.

BUT THE DEN believes that unless there are reverses in present trends, women are very apt to become obsolete as sexual beings.

That is to say, women are losing their ability to be sexually attractive. Of course, a woman will always be female, and to this extent will always be a sexual being.

But what good is it to be a female if you have lost the ability to attract? For purposes of definition, then, a woman must not only be a female to be a sexual being but must appeal. Otherwise, her physical characteristics assume biological importance only.

HAVING ATTRACTED the attention of all my female

readers, let me set the background for today's lecture on the rapidly increasing obsolescence of sex.

This writer has been told about the good old days when men would stand on the curb and whistle at a shapely ankle. Today, I don't even know what a shapely ankle is.

But, many years ago a woman's ankle had sex appeal. That may sound strange to many of my readers, but I think some of you old-timers can recall those days and make some degree of sex appeal.

Those were the days, also, when a woman's bare arms had some degree of sex appeal. Society had dictated it was improper for a woman to display her ankle or arms—back there in them good old days.

Although that was before my time, the Den was around when the hem was still below the knee. I was a young boy but old enough to remember the knee was attractive.

SOMEWHERE in the back of my mind are memories of those same dirty old men standing on curbs whistling at a lady's legs—from the knee down.

Then society broke a very important barrier—the knee. At first, there was a great deal of turmoil and deep concern about the immoral state our nation had found itself in.

Girls were being sent home from school by the scores. Indeed, some high school girls were even suspended from school for daring to appear in the hallways with a skirt which did not completely cover the knee.

The hem then climbed an inch above the knee and the shouts of horror grew shriller. And the lineup of young gals at the principals' offices grew longer.

Those were the years when young boys wore ducktail haircuts and were being suspended if hair dropped over the ear. Ear, not neck.

But the young gals escaped suspension from school when the PTA mothers began to appear in pickup skirts an inch above the knees. The "immodesty" of the PTA moms brought a quick halt to continued suspensions by principals.

ANYHOW, we lived through the era of the knee's exposure.

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By EMORY DANIELS

And, if you remember, the era of the knee's exposure was also accompanied by the introduction of the tight skirt which was accompanied by more stress.

With the exposure accomplished, the knee joined the ankle and arm as entries in the hall of fame of biological parts once great as sexual attractors.

Today, the man who whistles at a woman's knee does so only out of force of habit. I have never whistled at a knee and can think of no good reason why I should.

Once exposed, the knee as a sexual object became obsolete. Today, the knee is simply a joint which helps a lady bend over to pick up the hanky she dropped. (Where's the young man that used to pick up hankies?)

The hem continued to climb higher, short skirts were joined by Bermuda shorts and then short-shorts. Swim suits gave way to bikinis, night-gowns went to Goodwill and along came the culotte shorts.

Next came the V-shaped neckline for the everyday dress, that you wear about town. The necklines got lower and have reached a point where all of the bosom is exposed except the part no one particularly wants to see anyhow.

Further exposure of the woman's bust we cannot afford. Unless necklines climb back upwards, the breast also will be candidate for the hall of fame.

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TODAY, 1970, we have reached the point where all that is beautiful has been exposed. What, in 1975 or 1980, will young men whistle at? Probably other young men.

The fashion trends are even a bit more extreme now with the peekaboo look, which could be all right. But the other day, this writer was in a laundromat and saw a young (35?)

housewife with a see-through white blouse and a black bra. It doesn't take courage to call that style ridiculous! Why should fashion designers try and be so obvious at exposure when there is so little left to expose?

BEFORE CONCLUDING, let me state that I would not try, to judge on the morality of exposing the ankle, arm, knee, calf or breast.

Morality is an individual matter and not the concern of this column. My point is that all this unnecessary exposure is impractical.

Women are being ruined by fashion designers, and I don't like it. Their ability to be sex-

ually attractive is being robbed, and that's too bad. A woman should be sexually attractive not to be whistled at but because she is a woman. And a woman has an inherent, God-given, right to attract men and enjoy doing so.

Vanity is not all bad and we ought to encourage our women to be vain. Let's give them reason to be vain.

I'm not arguing for the maxi or the granny look. The maxi

doesn't make a woman either. I think we have gone too far. But, take heart, ladies. You are not to blame for your demise. It is man's selfish greed for sex that has been responsible for your overexposure and forthcoming obsolescence.

Man will not save you. He is too selfish. So, women of the world unite! You have nothing to lose anyhow. Let's bring back the Greatest Show on Earth.

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Letters To The Editor

Reader Urges Defeat Of Annexation Nov. 3

OPEN LETTER to the people in the south part of Farmington Township:

Some of you know me and others may not. My name is Bill Christmas. I was born on Hamilton Street, in Section 36. I grew up there and live there now and am raising my family there too. I am a native and resident of Farmington Township.

I just hope you people can see the importance of the land grab planned by the City of Farmington. The city can give you nothing more, but more taxes. They are not interested in you, only your tax dollar. All they want is the Industrial Park, that we developed and created. And now that the job is done, they want to steal it. Don't let them.

It would take a long time to explain it to you. If you need more information, please stop and see me at my home. But most of all, remember to vote no on annexation on Nov. 3, 1970. Give Tipples a chance to clean up the township, and give us the vital services we need.

NO LWV STAND ON ANNEXATION

EDITOR: The West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters would like to clarify its position on the question of the annexation of the southern portion of Farmington Township by the City of Farmington as it will appear on the ballot at the election on Nov. 3.

The League of Women Voters takes a position on an issue only after study of the issue and a substantial agreement among its members on questions relating to the issue. In an area League, as the

Remember, the City doesn't want you. They want that approximately 20% tax increase you will be paying. **BILL CHRISTMAS** 21550 Hamilton Farmington, Mich. 48024

No LWV Stand On Annexation

West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League, only those members residing in a given political unit determine the league's position on matters relating to that unit of government.

The Farmington unit of the West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters has not studied the question of annexation as it will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot. The league can, therefore, take no position on the matter.

MRS. GILBERT O'GAWA, president
MRS. JOHN GAHAGAN, Farmington Local Study Chairman

NFH Club To Clean River

FARMINGTON North Farmington High School's Contemporary Affairs Club will join with other local organizations on Oct. 31, to clean up the Rouge River.

Any ecology-minded students who are interested in helping with this project should contact David Finney in Room A-6 or Donald Robison in Portable C.

Flags Given To DeMolay

FARMINGTON Farmington Chapter of DeMolay has a new American flag in its main hall and in its meeting room in the Farmington Masonic Temple. The flags were presented by the Ladies Auxiliary to Farmington VFW Post 4083.

Attending the presentation ceremonies were auxiliary members Willa Oumedeane, Americanism chairman; Irene Staub, president; Pat Osborne, hospital chairman; Martha Clifford, publicity chairman; Irene Johnson; Kathryn Courtney; Kathy Courtney, Miss VFW Americanism queen; Pam Clifford, Miss VFW Liberty Bell; and Janice Oumedeane, a liberty bell.

Michael Schlaff, master counselor, received the flags at the altar. Auxiliary members were escorted by Jim Lough.

THE RESULT of all these fashion changes was that the upper half of the woman's legs became exposed.

Today men still whistle at the calf, but it certainly does not carry the same degree of attraction as a few years back.

In fact, a few years back (like 20 years), the woman's calf was not exposed outside the sanctity of her own home. The calf is nearing obsolescence and in five years could be eligible for entry in the hall of fame.

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