



QUOTH THE MAVEN

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Three Whole Days

Frankly I had never expected such a thing to happen at this point in my life. But all our sons and daughters were away at camp or college and my husband and I found ourselves alone in the house for three whole days.

At first I didn't know what to do. The only time we had ever been alone was on vacation or when we were first married. And never in our own home.

A friend offered to send me some "suggested topics for husband-wife discussion," but I refused. My husband and I vowed to try togetherness alone.

The first morning I decided to serve breakfast in the bedroom. Well I didn't decide really. It was the paper hanger; he took over the kitchen and dining room. I had no alternative.

Then the painters came and they conferred with me on a life or death question: which shade of orange for the front door?

I showed my husband the minuscule color samples. "Which shade do you like best?" I asked.

My husband is a man of decision. To all my questions he answered, "Yes." Then he left for work.

I called up my neighbor to tell her my husband doesn't understand me and she held my hand during the decision-making crisis. "I figured you must be having work done," she said, "when I saw some men asleep in your front yard."

(My biggest problem all day was the flies. It was the dog. In and out the house she went a million times. Without her brothers and sisters for company, she was bored.)

I intended to have an elegant dinner the first night with candlelight and like that but thanks to the painters I settled on corned beef sandwiches.

But my husband came home early and said, "Get dressed. We're going out to dinner tonight."

I said, "Whadyousay?" I can't remember my husband asking me out to dinner before. Always I am the one who announces, "Tonight we're eating out with the Kleins." Or "Could I interest you in the local beanery?"

We also went to a movie, even though it was the beginning of the week.

The next day my neighbor called and asked us over for dinner. "What's it like being by yourselves?" she asked. Then she leaned over confidentially and said, "You been fighting for two days straight, huh?"

I was too embarrassed to tell we hadn't. Our three days together were fine for my

ZEL LOWMAN HEADS BOY SCOUT DRUG PROGRAM

A new approach to drug abuse prevention will be launched by the Boy Scouts of America next year, and a community and state leader has been named to head the program in this area. Assemblyman, Zel Lowman, of Nevada Power and Past President of Boulder Dam Area Council, will serve as Chairman for Operation Reach in the Boulder Dam Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, according to Dr. Sam Davis, Council President. Operation Reach was developed nationally to supplement the traditional physical and mental fitness program of the National Youth Organization and was tested in four pilot projects earlier this year.

In accepting the leadership of the program Lowman said that "The most important fact to recognize about drug abuse is that it is a symptom of other underlying problems. Scouting's efforts to prevent drug abuse aim at the conditions that cause it."

Lowman also pointed out that scouting does not expect to solve the drug abuse problem, but it can apply the resources of its many members to make a real contribution toward the ultimate solution within



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the methods of the organization. A group of volunteer and professional scout leaders will attend a regional orientation session this fall.

Operation Reach was developed after a national indepth study

husband and me. I got a chance to do some housecleaning chores that would be difficult with the kids home. And in the evenings my husband and I sat and talked about the things we did during the day and some of our hopes and dreams too.

At times we also mentioned the children. Being alone gives you a chance to make a couple observations. Like the fruit I bought in the morning was still in the refrigerator by nightfall. And the phone was silent for long portions of the day.

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