

THOUGH 'TIS LEAP YEAR THE GIRLS ARE BASHFUL

Marriage License Records Show That Members of Fair Sex Are
Not Using Traditional Prerogative

Who said that the female sex is becoming more independent and less timid as they begin to take over the privilege of voting?

Here is some proof that it is not true. Right up in the Marriage License Bureau at City Hall, men take notice and breath their first sighs of relief since the new year began.

For, here it is, the end of the first month of leap year, and there has been no rioting at the Marriage License Bureau, no necessity of hanging up signs telling the crowds to "form on the right."

Not only that, but the records show no increase in applications whatsoever; if anything a very slight decrease. This morning save for one solitary couple from somewhere out of Frankford way, the bureau was empty. A mere glance at the single occupants could tell anyone that this had not been a leap year proposal. The gentlemen looked too content and the ladies not confident enough. When they went out, a sardonic smile arose, quoting:

"That's all there is; there isn't any more."

The officials of the bureau admitted that they were not having enough to do to keep them warm, these days.

"This is the way it's been for a long time now," they said. "You can see there's no need for adding to the force as far as we are concerned. Leap year hasn't made any difference in what is always the dullest time of the year."

Pressed further, they expressed doubt if the remainder of 1920 would bring any new records in the "bitching" industry. They are frankly pessimistic.

There is one day, however, which may tell a different story. On that day, the 29th of this month, the girls will have a chance to redeem themselves. If they fail then, they must be counted as still slaves of old-fashioned convention, which makes men the victim who

must get down on his knees and "pop the question."

That night will be "Ladies' Pop Night," and if the men are still fearful, despite the poor record achieved in conquests by the fair sex thus far, they are warned to stay home and go to bed or "stag it" to the movies.

If the girls pass that opportunity by and the bureau is still dull and quiet on the first days of March, then, indeed, can it be said that the ladies have only themselves to blame. It is their last chance.

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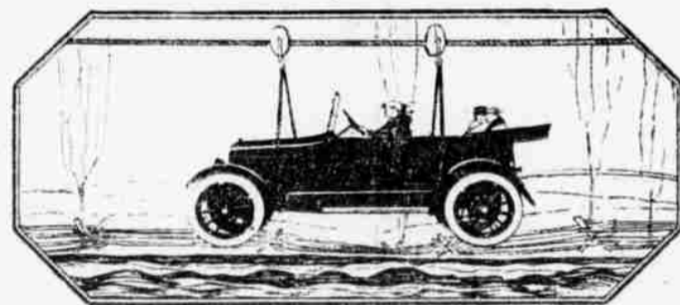
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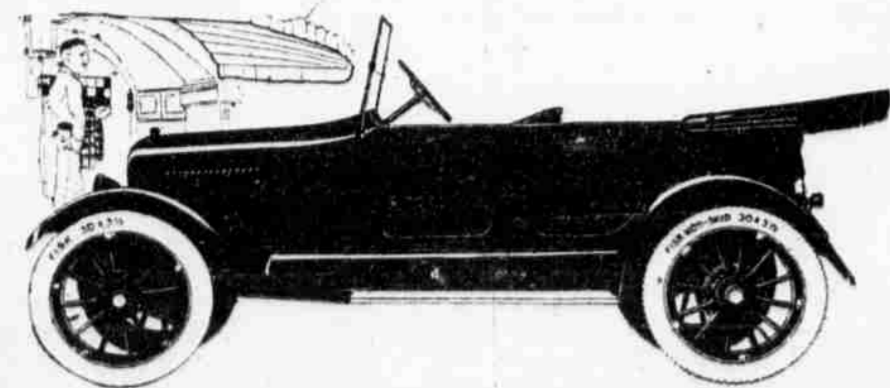
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