

Are You Afraid Of The Dark? Many Other Teen-Agers Are, Too



Everyone has fears, but the important thing is how one reacts to them.

If you're a teen-ager and you're scared of the dark and reluctant to admit it because you think it's juvenile, here's a fact that will brighten your life:

A lot of other teen-agers are scared of the dark, too.

In fact, you can assume that you are not alone in any of your secret fears.

We recently asked 973 young people in many parts of the United States if they have any secret fears. Although 59 per cent denied it, and 6 per cent didn't answer the question, 35 per cent admitted they do.

We imagine that many of those who denied it would, if they spoke their inner thoughts, change their minds. For fear begins in infancy and lasts through life.

As the late H. H. Walpole, a British novelist, once wrote:

"We are so largely the playthings of Fate in our fears. To one, fear of the dark, to another, of physical pain, to a third, of public ridicule, to a fourth, of poverty, to a fifth, of loneliness—for all of us our particular creature lurks in ambush."

And these fears, which Walpole attributed to older people, are your fears.

What's Yours?

Here are some of the fears of some of your contemporaries:

"I fear death, childbirth, humiliation," says Ann Rogers, 18, of Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Gary Carter, 17, of Alper, Ore., fears that "loved ones close to me will die."

Geri Goodwin, 15, of State College, Pa., has a common fear, but the courage to admit it—a fear of being alone in the dark.

"Speaking in front of people," is the fear that bedevils 17-year-old Prudence Perkins of Eugene, Ore.

Karen Edens, 16, of Waterloo, Iowa, has a secret fear of world destruction. Elaine Simel, 16, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a fear of being an old maid. Jerry Lieberman, 17, of Newark, N. J., "that I won't be accepted in college."

In all probability, you can find your own secret fear in that list. You might also wish to compare your answer with those we received to these questions:

Is your fear justified? Of the 35 per cent who acknowledged that they have secret fears, 23 per cent feel they are justified.

Are you trying to overcome it? Twenty-six per cent say they are. Is there anyone you confide in? Twenty-three per cent say there is.

Most Not Justified

Some fears are easy to justify, others are not, and others are not justifiable at all.

The girl with a fear of being an old maid, sees justification for her fear in the fact that "there are more women than men."

She has statistics to back her up. But this isn't true of most of our fears. And many of you will agree with Sherla Brown, 17, of Eugene, Ore., who says: "There are no sound reasons behind my fears, but they persist nonetheless."

Young people who are trying to overcome their fears have some pretty sound ways of attacking them. Sherla Brown, for example, says she does so "by talking common sense to myself and listening to the counseling of my mother."

And Karen Edens, the Waterloo girl with a fear of world destruction, is working on her fear "by strengthening my religious faith and my faith in human nature."

When it comes to confiding fears to someone, most of your fellow teen-agers choose their mother. Others talk it out with a good friend or their "steady."

And so you see, other teenagers also have fears. Perhaps that knowledge will help you place yours in the proper perspective, perhaps even lick it.

Good luck.

Questions Asked

Do you have any secret fears? What are they? Is your worst fear justified? Are you trying to overcome it? How? Is there anyone you confide in?

Resort Operators Trust Legislators

COOS BAY (AP)—The Oregon Coast Association, an organization of beach resort operators, decided this week that state legislature can be trusted to protect the scenic beauty of the coastline.

The organization approved a resolution favoring offshore oil exploration, provided that the drilling is "properly conducted, safeguarded and supervised."

Delegates rejected a resolution by Jack Churchill, a member of the Coast Association's Resource Advisory Committee, which called for detailed safeguards and specific recommendations against pollution.

Delegates voted on the other resolutions after speakers said that the legislature had studied the matter and could be trusted to safeguard the coast's interests.

A bill now before the legislature would permit offshore exploratory drilling. The bill has been criticized by Oregon Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton. He said the bill, as it is written, does not provide adequate protection of the coast's scenic beauty.

House Gets Bill To Curb Number Of Log Carriers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Senate passed 22-5 and sent to the House a bill to give the public utility commissioner authority to regulate the number of contract carrier log trucks.

Endorsed by Gov. Mark O. Hatfield, the bill would permit the PUC to reduce the number of log trucks. Private carriers would not be affected.

Sen. Al Fiegl, D-Roseburg, said the many small log truck haulers are in financial troubles because there are too many of them. He said their rates would not be affected.

But Sen. Melvin Goode, R-Albany, said the bill would result in higher rates, and that the state has no business trying to protect inefficient operators.

Fiegl said "This is a bill for the little men of the state of Oregon." He pointed out that legislative interim highway committees have recommended such legislation for four years.

Goode answered that the "general purpose of the bill is to reduce competition and raise rates. Why not regulate hardware stores, barbers and plumbers?"

Snowstorms Improve Summer Water Outlook

MEDFORD (AP)—March snowstorms brightened the summer irrigation outlook in Southern Oregon, agriculturalists were told Monday night by W. T. Frost, Portland, Oregon snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation Service.

The snowpack, he said, is now 29 to 30 per cent greater than a year ago in mountains feeding the three principal watersheds of the area.

In all parts of the district the forecasts for summer water supplies have gone up 10 to 22 per cent as a result of the March snows, he said.

Although this is a more favorable situation than had earlier been expected, water content in mountain snow is still under the 15-year average. Frost said this is the situation:

Further Evidence Advanced That Virus Is Responsible For Some Human Cancer

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—A strong possibility that some forms of human cancer may be caused by a virus has been advanced by scientists from research projects in New York and Chicago.

Researchers from the two separate projects presented papers at the annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research Friday, outlining their progress along the same theory.

Drs. Irving Greenpan and Steven O. Schwartz of the Hektoen Institute for Medical Research and Cook County Hospital, Chicago, reported that leukemia, the deadly cancer of the blood and blood-forming organs, is probably caused by a virus in both mouse and man—and the disease in each is closely related.

Three other scientists—Elmer T. Felt, Dr. James T. Grace and Dr. Julian L. Ambros of the Rosewall Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.—said they have carried out an experiment producing virus-induced tumors in human

beings for the first time.

Nature did the blood of healthy children or adults, or people sick with other kinds of cancer.

But doctors and others who work with leukemia victims did have protective antibodies against the disease in their blood. They apparently had become infected with leukemia but were able to produce the antibodies.

The experiment left the paramount question: Why were there no protective antibodies in the blood of people sick with leukemia?

At the Buffalo project, the scientists began their studies on the virus which produces tumors in

monkeys, but which does not produce tumors in a large variety of nonprimate animals, such as rodents, dogs and cats.

Five cancer patients who volunteered to be a part of the study received inoculations of the virus and developed small tumors at the point of inoculation.

Under microscopic examination, the tumors had the same appearance as those induced by viruses in monkeys. An electron microscope showed virus particles in the cells which looked like those from monkey tumors.

Dr. Ambros said the work may have value in finding vaccines against Kaposi's disease, a new type of lymphoma, both prevalent in a large area of central Africa, because of the resemblance of viruses from those diseases to the tumor-inducing virus.

A variety of cancers in animals is known to be caused by viruses but there is no conclusive proof so far that viruses cause cancer in humans.

Administrators Tenure Bill Draws Objection In Senate

SALEM (AP)—A House-passed bill that would wipe out administrative tenure for school principals drew opposition Tuesday from teachers and principals who packed a Senate Education Committee hearing.

Rep. Norman Howard, D-Portland, led off in opposing the bill which he said would "take away the principal's protection in his attempts to defend his teachers."

William W. Wyse, Portland school board member, said several features of the present law result in considerable harm to quality education.

The bill would give the administrators tenure as teachers, but not as administrators. This would make it easier to remove them. The present law gives tenure as administrators.

The committee did not act on the bill.

Chairman Monroe Sweetland, D-Milwaukie, said that principals have functioned as a buffer between teachers and the superintendents and school boards.

Harold Kleiner, president of the Portland High School Principals' Association, said because of this unique dual role the principal must daily resist pressures from the community, from teachers, from parents and from various organizations.

He said the principal who has tenure can act more decisively than the one who, lacking tenure, chooses to play it safe rather than

antagonize influential individuals and possibly lose his job.

Wyse in appealing for the bill, said job security for an inadequate or incompetent teacher should have no place in a good tenure system.

He said the bill represents an attempt to correct the harmful features of the present law while preserving the protection now afforded against arbitrary or capricious discharge.

Donald Dill, Salem parent and president of a Parent-Teacher group, spoke as a private and interested citizen in opposition to the bill.

He said he opposed it because it could mean nine months of playing politics by a principal to keep his job instead of nine months of administering a school.

Gene Fisher, Oregon School Boards Association lobbyist, said the bill would upgrade the teaching profession.

Cecil Posey, lobbyist for the Oregon Education Association, declared that "thought control would come with the loss of tenure."

Posey took issue with the School Boards Association, saying it has opposed most bills introduced at this session of the Legislature for the benefit of teachers.

He said families and administrators throughout the state are aroused because of attacks on the teaching profession by extreme right-wing groups such as the John Birch Society.

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