



Interdigitated Marriages Work Says Counselor

By JAMES S. GREENE
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Boston — (U.P.) — Is your marriage interdigitated?
If not, you may be headed for a divorce court, or wishing you were.

Interdigitation is a word coined by Dr. John T. Greene to describe how well personalities of marriage partners mesh. He estimates that one out of four "fill death do us part" vows in the United States ends in divorce.

"That's because there's no interdigitation."
"Briefly," said Greene, director of Boston University's marriage counseling service, "the word describes five vital areas in marriage."

"Love, of course, is one. So is the ability to communicate with each other, along with common social interests, religious feelings and maturity."

"If couples score well on these points, they have an excellent chance for a happy marriage. If one or more are missing, there's possibility of a breakup."

Dr. Greene is optimistic about the present generation. He says attitudes of young couples now are generally realistic and down to earth.

Girls aren't looking for knights in shining armor and men don't expect to find a mate who always looks like a Hollywood ingenue. And both are determined to make marriage work.

Dr. Green says couples today are less superficially romantic than their parents. And usually less naive about the problems involved in a lifetime relationship.

Also less willing to accept failure. "Marriage counseling courses in schools and churches have helped a good deal to teach them what to expect. And we've made rapid strides in the last 10 years in family guidance programs."

"But mostly it's the change in young couple's attitudes," he said. "You can't get a laugh telling a divorcee joke anymore."



A man who has voted in 20 presidential elections and who also recalls incidents at the time of President Lincoln's assassination was honored on his 83rd birthday anniversary Saturday, February 23. The man is H. W. Woods, who makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Walker, at 842 East Main street. A group of friends called during an open house held for the aged man, shown here with one of his favorite jig-saw puzzles.

Medford Man Recalls Voting In 20 Presidential Elections

By Edna E. Sparks
The 83rd birthday anniversary of H. W. Woods was observed with open house at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Walker, 842 East Main street, Saturday, February 23. Assisting Mrs. Walker as hostesses were her sisters, Mrs. M. H. Silcox, Dunne, Minn., and Mrs. Walter Blagg of Estherville, Iowa, who came west to visit at the Walker home and to participate in their father's birthday celebration.

In recalling the past, Mr. Woods stated that his parents came from England to Canada and when he was a tiny boy moved to New York. He and six brothers were raised on a farm. Of the brothers, just Mr. Woods and one brother, now ninety, are now living. One brother, the late Frank Woods, was an Iowa congressman for a number of years.

When a young man Mr. Woods farmed in several of the mid-western states, principally in Minnesota and Iowa. He was married in 1883 to Miss Edith Raymond of Illinois, who died in 1942. Their family consisted of three daughters and two sons who, with the exception of one son, are all living. Thirteen grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren welcomed a great-grandson of Mr. Woods to their family roll just shortly after the birthday celebration at the Walker home.

It was interesting to learn that for 26 years Mr. Woods served as township assessor in Iowa and Minnesota. The family was musical, and two daughters and a son joined their father in presenting quartet music for social and church events. For 30 years he directed choirs of Congregational and Methodist churches.

Mr. Woods stated that he had voted for U.S. president 20 times during his life and that Garfield was the first one for whom he cast his ballot.

"I recall one terrible event which happened in my young life," he stated. "A man who had just descended from a train pulling into our station told us 'Lincoln has been shot.' A listener in the group on the platform then said 'I'm glad of it.' Quick as a flash he was shot down. Nothing was ever done to the gunman for sentimentalism with him."

Of the more than 80 birthday cards received by the honored guest, one was from a friend in the midwest who is now 101 years of age and the other one came from the first queen of the Pasadena tournament of roses, Mrs. Hallie McConnell, a niece. Though the years have taken physical toll, Mr. Woods keeps

Jaycettes to Hear Professor Speak
Professor Frederick Frost from Southern Oregon college will speak on parent-child relationship at the next meeting of the Medford Jaycettes.
The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Van Leeuwen, 1110 West Ninth street, Wednesday, March 6, at 8 p.m.
Hostesses will be Mrs. Robert Shangle and Mrs. Wilmer Robertson.

Divorce Seekers Characters in Carnival of Lost

By GAY PAULEY
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New York — (U.P.) — To Jill Stern, Reno's divorce seekers are characters appearing in a "carnival of the lost."

The former newspaperwoman and actress, now turned author, spent six weeks in Nevada seeking her own freedom. Some of her experiences and observations provide the background for her first work of fiction, "Not In Our Stars."

She said that to her, the nation's most famous divorce center represented a cross-section of the unhappy everywhere. "It is the symbol," she said, "of those of us who have tried and failed to make necessary adjustment to family life. It is a carnival of the lost."

Reno is full of gaiety and laughter, of people "living it up," she said. But underneath runs the steady current of sadness.

"Divorce is an emotional shock to any sensitive person," she said. "It does not matter where you get it."

Graduation Party
"Yet it is typical of Reno, that when a woman's decree is final, she gives a 'graduation party'." "I spent six weeks in wonderment... thinking what will the sociologists 100 years hence say of this."

Jill Stern remembers Reno without bitterness, however. She would like to return one day, she said, "but under different circumstances. It is scenically beautiful... the town has great vitality."

Statistics show that one of every four marriages in this nation ends in divorce. The government's latest final figures—for 1934—show 1,476,000 marriages; 378,000 divorces.

The Illinois-born Miss Stern said her book tries to show why marriages fail, and also what happens to people who go to divorce centers for the "cure."

Jill Stern, a blue-eyed blonde, comes of a well-known publishing family. She attended Wellesley and Bryn Mawr colleges, acted on Broadway and in summer stock, and in World War II was in the Waves.

She and her ex-husband were co-publishers of a Maryland weekly newspaper. Now, she is at work on her second novel—set in New York, where she lives with her nine-year-old daughter Janet.

"What happened to my marriage?" she said. "I would give you a thousand answers... and not give you any. There are so many factors which must be responsible in any marriage failure."

Airways Official Announces Plans For Interviews
Medford ladies who have their hearts set on flying to romantic countries like Hawaii, Mexico, and the Orient will have their chance on Tuesday, March 5, when Herb Okerlund of Pan American Airways will interview local girls who are interested in positions as flight stewardesses.

Applicants should be between 21 and 28, and must have completed high school, with two years of college (but suitable work experience may be acceptable in lieu of college). Since all of Pan Am's operations are international, a command of at least one foreign language—preferably French or Spanish—is highly desirable, he said.

Interviews in Medford will be conducted at the Jackson hotel.

Jacksonville PTA Announces Topic

Jacksonville—Sanitation will be discussed at a meeting of Jacksonville Parent-Teacher association Wednesday, March 6, in the Music room of the Jacksonville high school building, at 2 p.m. Taking part in a panel discussion on sanitation will be Oris Moore, county sanitarian and John Kenney, Community Representative. Mrs. Rebecca Long, teacher of the second grade in Jacksonville, will act as moderator.

The nominating committee will give its report.

Refreshments will be served by mothers of pupils in the fourth grade.

Francis Guidry, grade school principal, reports that about 25 parents availed themselves of the opportunity to visit school the day of the February PTA meeting, and it is hoped this number will be at least doubled Wednesday, March 6.

A room prize is being given once again to the room with the largest number of parents present at the meeting Mrs. Evelyn Wittingham's room has won each time.

The birthday party will be held in April.

Workshop Planned By Phoenix Club

Phoenix — Phoenix Garden club will hold a workshop on "Cuttings and Their Care" Friday, March 8, at 10 a.m. at Phoenix Community club. Mrs. George Crawford will lead the workshop, and members are asked to bring any cuttings they have.

A sack lunch, at 12:30 p.m. will be followed by dessert at 1 p.m., to be served by the hostesses Mrs. Chris Wolff, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. George Bourne and Mrs. H. R. Glasscock.

After a short business meeting, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas

McCament, of the Congregational church of Medford will give a lecture on birds, entitled "A Symposium in Tints and Tones."
At the last meeting, Mrs. Dee Hendrickson of Jacksonville Garden club gave a very interesting talk on wildflowers, showing specimens mounted on cards, and telling where the different species can be found.
The president appointed Mrs. O. V. Poe, Mrs. Vaughn Quackenbush and Mrs. S. E. Coxon the nominating committee.

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