

Foundation Studies Reasons Why Students Stop School

New York — Clues to why capable young people do not go on to college are found in a new study made recently with the support of the National Science Foundation and reported by the Institute of Life Insurance.

The survey which covered more than 35,000 twelfth-graders in about 500 high schools, sheds considerable light on the factors that influence students' decisions to go to college. It is thought the findings can be very useful to fathers and mothers who want to encourage their children to pursue a college education.

As might be expected, the students' experiences in high school, as well as home background, have a lot to do with their attitudes toward college. Three things seem to bear an especially important relation to college plans: good grades, the number of friends with college plans and the degree of discussion the students have had with teachers or guidance counselors.

Grades Count
Thus a youngster who develops an interest in college, associates with students whose interests are similar, and proceeds to talk about college with people who are in a position to encourage his hopes and aspirations. Moreover, the college-bound student quickly realizes that in today's competitive world, good grades will help him all along the way.

Apparently the single factor of discussing college plans with advisors is a very good sign. It was evident from the study that some students with ability were not being sufficiently encouraged to go on to college.

Asked why they were planning on college, the youngsters said they recognized the need, in general, of a college degree for a career. Among the other reasons they gave were the financial rewards; the desire to explore different kinds of work; and enjoyment of study.

Financial Reasons
The most frequent reason given for not planning on college was, of course, financial. What is more, students with more than two brothers and sisters were plainly discouraged about the possibilities of college for themselves. Those who were counting on considerable financial assistance from their parents were naturally likelier to have college plans than students who

Showers Honor Miss Joy Adams; Wedding Today

Miss Joy Adams, whose wedding to Ralph M. Beardsley of Klamath Falls is set for this afternoon, has been honored at a number of parties. Monday afternoon Miss Jan Smith, Medford, and Miss Sue Thorp, Ashland, honored Miss Adams at a shower at the Smith home, 316 South Groveland avenue.

Guests included the bride-elect's sister, Mrs. Raoul Maddox, who came from Alaska for the wedding, and a younger sister, Miss Nancy Adams. Other guests at the party were Mrs. Jerry M. Bessonet, Miss Sally Devers, Miss Jane Killingsworth, Miss Jackie Callin and Miss Pat Rukovina. Appointments were in blue and white, the wedding colors. Miss Adams was presented a shower of miscellaneous gifts for her new home.

Miss Adams was in Klamath Falls last Friday for a party given at Peace Memorial Presbyterian church by a group of women of the congregation. About 30 guests attended. Miss Adams' fiance and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beardsley, are members of Peace church.

The honored guest was presented gifts.

Mrs. Alexander A. Dumas and Mrs. L. D. Metcalf also gave a shower for the bride-to-be, the event being at the former's home, 2011 East Main street. The home was decorated in the Christmas theme, and games were played. The hostess served dessert. Mother and daughter friends of the honored guest and her mother were invited. The Beardsley-Adams wedding is set for five o'clock this afternoon in Meeker Memorial chapel, First Methodist church.

Chemise Offers New Outlook, Council States

The chemise will have a coming-out party during the 1958 season. Interpreted in new cottons, this relaxed silhouette offers a brand new outlook on fashion, reports the National Cotton Council. Loose, unfitted, unbelted and unlike any other silhouette, it is featured in one and two-piece versions. There are also modified, half-belt versions with loose backs, shelf panels and pleated sections. One piece or ensemble, the chemise is a leading fashion.

A striped, sleeveless cotton sailcloth dress is cut like a shaft and broken only at a low hipline by two pockets. Another one-piece style in a novelty jacquard cotton knit is pleated at the back, chemise-styled in the front and accented below the waist with a bow.

Also featured are nautical-inspired chemises with large sailor collars and bows. Uncluttered dresses play an under-the-radar role, too, matching cardigan coats in ribbed cotton knits. Bright prints are used for demi-middy and skirt combinations. The chemise is flamboyantly printed blooming with color. It is gay and youthful in a daisy print with perky bodice pockets. It is fun-loving in ice-cream plaid for sporting hours.

Attend Game
Miss Nancy Hamilton and Miss Flori Sloniger are among University of Oregon students attending the annual Rose Bowl game in Pasadena today. Miss Hamilton and Miss Sloniger made the trip south by car with a group of university students and Miss Hamilton is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barner, family friends.

Open House
Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter and three children were hosts Monday for a family open house. About 40 adults and young people attended the party, held at the Carpenter home on Foothills road.

Visitors Return
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hanley Jr. have returned to their home in Seattle after spending Christmas here with Mr. Hanley's mother, Mrs. E. B. Hanley, and his sister, Mrs. Hanley Heffernan, Ross lane. Also here for the holiday's is Mrs. Heffernan's son, Robert, senior in law at Willamette university.

Potpourri

A chat with Mrs. George Rode yesterday afternoon resulted in Potpourri learning a number of interesting facts. Such as why "January" was named after Janus, the Roman God, and the origin of the phrase "pin money." Mrs. Rode, hearing over the phone that Potpourri was sitting at her desk wondering what to put in this space, suggested that we look in the encyclopedia to find out more about the Roman Saturnalia, ancient festival to honor Saturn which was held in December, and the remnants of which are to be found in the present-day Christmas celebrations.

The two of us discarded that idea in favor of seeing what the book had to say about New Year celebrations. So we took the "N" volume out of the case, turned to New Year and read that even the most ancient of the world's civilizations celebrated the beginning of each new year. The Chinese, Egyptians, Jewish, Roman and Mohammedan years all began at different times, but were all marked with elaborate ceremonies. Thousands of years ago the Egyptians celebrated the New Year about the middle of June, because this was the time the Nile river usually overflowed its banks.

In ancient Rome, the first day of the year was given over to honoring Janus the god of "gates and doors, beginnings and endings." The month of January was named after this god because he had two faces, one which looked forward and another backwards. On the first day of the year, the Romans looked back to what had taken place the last year, and forward with hope to the new year.

It was a time for exchanging gifts, and particularly for taking gifts to the emperor. At first these gifts were branches of bay and palm trees, but later more expensive presents were given. Many of the Roman customs were later transplanted to England, and combined with the old Druid beliefs. For a long time English people followed the custom of cleaning the chimney on the first day of the year, and this was supposed to bring luck to the household throughout the year.

The Roman custom of presenting gifts to the ruling monarch was also adopted by the English, and the encyclopedia records that Queen Elizabeth built up a collection of hundreds of pairs of richly ornamented gloves given to her as new year gifts. And it was in England that the "pin money" phrase began, for on New Year's day English men gave their wives enough money to buy pins for the coming year. This custom disappeared when machines were invented to make pins in quantity, but the term "pin money" is still used to refer to small amount of spending money.

January 1 became generally recognized as New Year's day in the 1500's when the Gregorian calendar was introduced. The Julian calendar places the first day of the year 13 days later, the Jewish New Year, a feast day, is celebrated about the time of the autumnal equinox, in late September, and the Chinese, who used the lunar calendar for 4,000 years, now have adopted the Gregorian calendar.

Potpourri had already decided not to make any New Year resolutions, because we never keep them anyhow, when Edith Rode called back to remind us that some psychiatrists have been quoted as saying that too many New Year resolutions are bad. They just result in frustrations.

Yesterday, Gay Pauley of the United Press quoted Dr. James Bender, psychologist, as saying that resolutions shouldn't be made just at the beginning of the year, but daily. But it doesn't do any good. We've tried. For years we've been resolving, once a week anyhow, not to park in front of the office any more in the early morning. But about three days later we start for town a little late and with the car loaded with our lunch, an extra pair of shoes, hat gloves, our home work, clothes to take to the cleaners, etc., etc. So we park in front of the office, just while we unload, and with the firm intention of remembering to feed the meter. Two hours later we have a parking ticket. If it wasn't for people like us, the city wouldn't make so much money on parking violations.

We also daily resolve not to eat any more chocolate—well, anyhow, not very much, and to write this column early in the morning, not at night, and to be firm with Tippy the terrier and make him sleep outside instead of on a rug by the fire, and to get up the minute the alarm sounds in the morning. But it doesn't work.

Potpourri isn't brave enough to do any predicting on our own, but we can pass on some that have been in the news. Fashion experts and retailers are predicting that skirts will keep getting shorter, and that American women will adopt and wear the chemise dress. For some odd reason, skirts get shorter during periods of economic depression, and longer during good times. And housewives will continue to use more and more convenience foods, such as packaged cakes and biscuits, frozen vegetables and pre-cooked dinners.

Sylvia Porter, financial columnist, reports that these convenience foods are costing the average family about \$657 a year, but that the average housewife would rather save time than money. This latter fact is also borne out by a release from the Laundry Institute, which warned that no-iron cottons and other materials, which the homemaker is demanding in ever increasing quantities, aren't always what they seem to be. The institute says that cotton particularly discolors, wears out quickly at such spots as cuff and collar edges and is often unsatisfactory otherwise when treated so it doesn't have to be ironed. But women, most of whom dislike ironing intensely, will demand these materials anyhow, it was predicted.

What the housewife—and her husband and children—do with the time we are all supposedly saving, is now becoming a national worry, also.

Some of the time saved is spent in watching television, and Printer Ken Murry has ideas about this. Printer Ken has been sick for the past several days, and spent more time watching television than usual. He thinks the television program planners and the makers of tranquilizers are in cahoots. He was so upset by what he saw on television that he took an extra dose of peace pills.

In spite of Sputnik, the Gaither report and the chemise look, Potpourri hopes everyone has a Happy New Year.—O.S.

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Card Party

Eagles' auxiliary will hold a card party Friday, January 3, at the lodge hall. Dessert will be served at 12:30 p.m. with cards following.

The public is invited to attend. Mrs. Lyle Pickell is chairman of the event.

Installation Set For Stamp Club Thursday Night

Southern Oregon Stamp Club will hold installation of new officers Thursday, January 2, in Room 2, Girls' Community club. Installing officer will be Clyde Smith, retiring president. New officers are Mrs. Eric de Place, president; Prentice Petty, vice-president; Mrs. Mabel Houck, secretary and Frank Applegate, treasurer.

The program for the evening will be a talk by Mrs. de Place on the history of the Oregon Territory on Stamps. In November she spoke on the states of Oregon and Washington; this meeting the states will be Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, all part of the original Oregon country. Anyone interested in stamp collecting will be welcome. Refreshments and stamp trading will close the evening.

Family Arrives For Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. Neal McMillan and children, Linda and Eddie, arrived in Medford yesterday from Fairfield Iowa, to spend the remainder of the holiday season with Mr. McMillan's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Noel E. Davis, 535 Oakdale drive.

Also with the Davises for the holidays is their daughter, Janice, who teaches the fourth grade in Concord, Calif. Mrs. Julie Zumwalt will be a dinner guest of the family today.

Miss Davis made the trip up from California with a friend and former classmate at Southern Oregon college, Miss Joan Monroe, who is studying at the University of California for her master's degree.

Officers Installed At Recent Meeting

Central Point—Officers for Women's Christian circle of Central Point Presbyterian church were installed at a meeting at the church. Mrs. Lewis Kilbourne conducted the ceremony.

Taking office were Mrs. Della Tex, president; Mrs. Homer Jeffries, vice-president; Mrs. H. J. Fleischer, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Faber, treasurer.

During the meeting, held in conjunction with Faith circle, sacks of candy were filled and other Christmas preparations made. It was voted to purchase a dozen copies of the Ideal magazine to be distributed among shut-ins.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Claire S.—Our daughter wants me to care for her baby.

Simon S.—She can't drop her babies on us.

Claire S.—I am the mother of an 18-year-old girl whose 2-year-old marriage is now on the rocks. Irene has come home to live with us and brought her 1-year-old baby.

I am particularly unhappy about this whole thing because I feel I am responsible. Irene was very wild, very hard to handle and I encouraged her to make this early marriage. I believed she was having relations with this boy and I thought it was the best thing to do. She tells me now that I was wrong. That makes it all the worse.

Now Irene wants to go back to school and complete her education so she can get a good job. She wants me to care for the baby. I feel that I should do it, although I am not feeling very strong lately and have two youngsters under 12 to look out for. My husband is against it.

Simon S.—Irene has spoiled things for everyone in the family ever since she was a little girl. She was the oldest and should have helped with the little ones but, instead, she was more demanding than the younger children and always made things doubly hard.

As soon as she was of high school age she also became very fresh and set a terrible example for the younger children. I don't trust her word about the fact that she had no premarital relations, either.

I was against taking her back into our home at all, but I suppose it had to be done. But I can't see why we should have to bring up her child. She mustn't get the idea she can go around having babies and dropping them on her mother. After all, Claire didn't force our daughter to get married. She only urged it for her own good.

The Council: This is quite a problem and can't be solved simply, according to either Claire's or Simon's idea.

The important issue is that Irene is still only a teenager, and very troubled one at that. Her parents cannot en-

tirely wash their hands of her problems if they love her and have any sense of responsibility toward her. On the other hand, Simon is right that she cannot be permitted to get the idea she can "go around having babies and dropping them on her mother."

Irene must be guided toward a sense of her responsibility as a mother and toward a life plan for herself and her child. If her parents feel they have little influence with her, they should enlist the aid of a clergyman or a social worker.

It would probably be a good idea for Irene to finish her education and go to work, if this is feasible. It should be pointed out to her, however, that she can take night courses. In this way she'll be able to care for her baby and advance herself without putting unnecessary strain on her mother. When the child is a little older, she could put him in a day nursery and go out to work if she desires.

If Irene learns that there is no easy way out of her responsibilities, she may become a little more mature and will perhaps become willing to make a strenuous effort to arrive at some adjustment with her husband.

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