



Six southern Oregon travelers are shown here as they arrived recently in Honolulu for a tour of the Hawaiian islands. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. Ray Harnish, Eagle Point; Mrs. Nettie Halter, Myrtle Point; Mrs. R. R. Prentice, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dahack, Eagle Point; and their daughter, Mrs. Richard Dugan, Eagle Point.

Point. Mr. and Mrs. Dahack took the trip as a celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. The group was to have returned to the United States November 20. (Photo courtesy of McIntyre Travel Service, Klamath Falls, and United Airlines)

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Journalism Said No Longer Field For Males Only

New York — Journalism, once a male stronghold, rapidly is becoming a wide-open field for women, says Jacob H. Jaffee, professor of

journalism at Long Island University.

He cited an estimated 15 per cent rise in recent years of the number of women in editorial positions on newspapers.

He estimated that there are 30,000 female editors, reporters and copy-readers on newspapers and magazines.

"There are serious misconceptions about the opportunities for women," he said. "Magazines, from technical journals to consumer publications, offer excellent opportunities right up to the top, where many women serve as editors in chief."

Jaffee listed these facts to show the growing role of women in journalism: about 50 per cent of the staffs of professional and trade magazines are composed of women; about 20 per cent of technical writers are women; about 30 per cent of public relations personnel are women; women lead the field in editorial research.

Jaffee suggested that high school students pre-test their

skill by working on school papers. In college, he said, it is necessary to get a good background in literature, the arts, history, and science.

It is imperative, he explained, to combine formal education with writing experience, doing any kind of writing regardless of how modest or unrecognized it may be — while you are going through college.

A journalist never stops learning. Her classroom, after formal education, is the whole world and all the people and problems in it, he said.

Some professions, he said, may pay better than journalism, but few offer the creative satisfactions.

DAV, Auxiliary To Hold Meetings

Business sessions will be held by Jackson County chapter, Disabled American Veterans, and the auxiliary November 23, at 8 p.m. in the Red Cross building. Christmas activities of the groups will be planned.

State Director Talks for Club

Finis L. Snodgrass, Portland, state Townsend club director, spoke at the last meeting of the Townsend club here. He told of recent progress of two Congressional House bills that are to be presented to the 1960 Ways and Means committee.

Mrs. Ellen Townsend, pianist, and Loren Walden, violinist, Ashland, presented a musical program following the talk.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 2, at the Carpenters hall, 123½ West Main street. The meetings will be open to the public.

At the last meeting 80 members and guests attended the Thanksgiving program. Four women members were honored with a birthday cake for the month.



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## Illegitimate Birth Rate Increases Sharply in U.S.

By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press International

Washington — The United States is experiencing a sharp rise in the number of illegitimate births.

Authorities differ on the reasons and the remedy. But all agree it is one of the most serious and complex social problems facing America today.

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A study just completed by the National Office of Vital Statistics shows that the upward trend in illegitimate births has been pronounced since World War II in all sections of the country, in all age brackets, and among members of both races.

The government study runs through 1957, the latest year for which vital statistics have been compiled and analyzed on a national basis. Officials said there is no evidence that the trend has changed since then.

In 1950, the report shows, there were 141,600 illegitimate births in the United States. In 1957, there were 201,700 — an increase of 42 per cent.

A racial breakdown showed that the illegitimacy rate for non-whites consistently has been about 10 times greater than for whites, although both rates have moved steadily upward. In 1957, the non-white rate climbed 15 per cent, and the white rate rose 12 per cent.

#### D.C. Rate High

The District of Columbia had the highest overall illegitimacy rate in the nation — 188.1 per 1,000 births in 1957. It also had the highest rate among whites — 58.8 per 1,000.

Other cities with high white illegitimacy rates in 1957 were Portland, Ore., Minneapolis, New Orleans, Newark, N.J., St. Paul, Minn., and Cincinnati.

Atlanta had the highest non-white rate — 292.2 per 1,000 births — followed by St. Louis, Cincinnati, Memphis and Washington. Some cities with large non-white populations, such as New York and Baltimore, were not covered by the study because they do not record illegitimacy.

Social scientists offer a variety of explanations for the mounting illegitimacy rate. Some believe the rise is associated, among young people particularly, with the growing custom of "steady dating." Others attribute it to a breakdown of family ties, depriving young people of moral guidance and close supervision.

Still others say, it is the result of a culture, saturated with sex via movies, television programs, newspapers, and novels.

Other factors listed include these:

— Popular interest in "psychology" which has given rise to a widespread, if erroneous, notion that repression of any sexual urge is harmful to the personality.

— The pervasive sense of insecurity which has developed under the shadow of the hydrogen bomb, and which may be translated by some into a "live today for tomorrow we die" philosophy.

What can be done about the situation?

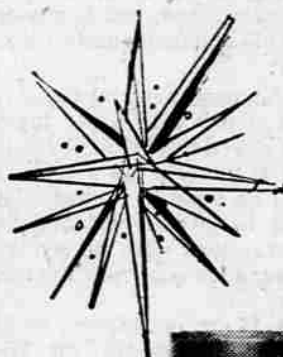
Most authorities agree that

churches and schools should offer better programs of sex education and moral training. But entertainment and information media must cooperate in helping to create more healthful and responsible popular attitudes toward sex.

One controversial issue is

whether birth control information should be routinely included in sex education programs of public institutions. Some religious bodies, notably the Roman Catholic church, hold that the suggestion is immoral. But some social scientists contend that

knowledge about birth control does not lead to increased promiscuity, but may help to reduce the number of illegitimate births among the poor and ignorant classes of society where the problem is most severe.



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