Pre-Marital Pregnancies Are a Familiar Social Problem

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"They'll have to get married, of course."

The well-dressed woman made the statement almost apologetically, as though she were laboring the obvious. She was quite shocked when her pastor shook his head.

"No," he replied. "I'm not at all sure they should get married."

"But I told you," she protested impatiently, "my daughter is pregnant . . ."

"I know," said the clergyman. "Your teen-age daughter is pregnant by a boy who hasn't finished high school. It is a sad and serious situation. But there's no sense in trying to remedy one mistake by making another that may be even greater."

Conversations like the one above take place frequently in pastors' studies. Pre-marital pregnancies are a familiar social phenomenon. When teen-agers from middle class families are involved, the first idea that occurs to their distraught parents is to rush them into marriage. They take it for granted that their priest or minister will endorse this course.

Often Learn Otherwise

But they often learn otherwise.

"Pastors are increasingly unwilling to perform marriages just to 'regularize' an illicit pregnancy," says Fr. John C. Knott, director of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

"When teen-agers marry to legitimatize a baby, the chances for disaster are enormous. Some studies indicate that four out of five such marriages go on the rocks within a few years' time.

"Rather than push immature youngsters into a marriage that has little chance of success, I would much prefer to let the baby be born illegitimately and placed for adoption."

Fr. Knott points out that nearly every city now has one or more homes where unwed mothers may bear their babies in privacy. And there are excellent public and private adoption agencies which stand ready to place babies in good homes.

"It is foolish to talk about getting married 'for the sake of the child,'" says Fr. Knott. "A baby adopted into a mature family will have a far better chance in life than one born into the highly unstable relationship of a 'shotgun marriage.'"

A similar attitude is expressed in a statement on "responsible marriage and parenthood" adopted by the United Presbyterian church at its general assembly this year.

Urges Great Care

Noting that teen-age marriages have proved to be "particularly hazardous," it urges pastors and parents to exercise "great care" in counseling young people whose premarital sex relations have resulted in pregnancy.

"Marriage," it says, "must not be looked upon as an inevitable consequence."

In cases where the immaturity of one or both partners makes marriage seem "unwise," it says, "the church must be prepared to help" the young couple go through with the alternative of illegitimate birth and adoption.

Pastors sometimes encounter, among the parents of teen-agers in trouble, the attitude that a forced marriage is "just what they deserve."

The Presbyterian statement repudiates the idea that unhappy marriage and early divorce constitute appropriate "punishment" for illicit sex relations.

But it also emphasizes that pre-marital pregnancy is not merely inconvenient and embarrassing. It is sinful.

While acting compassionately toward the young people involved it says, the church must make clear to them that they have "acted irresponsibly – toward one another, toward the child whose life they have initiated, toward society and toward God."

"What has occurred should be the occasion for a grave self-examination and for serious repentance. A tea party and a shower are not enough."

Employment Rises To All-Time High

Washington (UPI) – Employment rose sharply in August to an all-time high but unemployment fell disappointingly little, the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

The number of jobless dipped by 86,000 to 3,842,000. A drop of about 450,000 would have been normal seasonal shrinkage for the month.

Because joblessness decreased so little, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate jumped from 5.5 per cent of the labor force to 5.8 per cent.

Seymour Wolfbein, the department's manpower expert, said the jump in the jobless rate was not a harbinger of a business recession. The strong upturn in employment, he said, showed that the general economic situation was not deteriorating.

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn W. Watkins
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Roses bloomed profusely beside grandmother's house; she enjoyed every moment of their beauty and carefully saved every petal that fell, at times even placed a paper bag over a bloom that was past its prime so that not a single, precious petal was wasted.

By the time "the last rose of summer" had hung its beautiful head and come apart, grandma had accumulated several jars of the fragrant petals. They were of many shades and of varied fragrances; for them she had many pleasant uses. She had never visited a cosmetic counter in all her life. The rose petals were the nearest approach to a fragrance she ever enjoyed.

A small handful of the dried petals in a tightly covered box in which she kept her most dainty handkerchiefs, imparted to them a mild, tantalizing summer fragrance – the scent of roses.

Another Use

She had another use for rose petals; a use that may have been her own idea, or one that may have been handed down to her by her mother, who also may have been partial to the fragrance of the rose, and that was in scenting home made soap. Grandma made her own soap; not the so-called soft-soap, the solidified kind; something like we use today, soap in various sized cakes, and bars.

Grandma saved other things besides rose petals. She also saved all fatty materials: various animal fats, tallow, suet, even chicken fat. These fats mixed with wood lye she secured from hardwood ashes and potash, and all melted up in a large kettle, later became soap. The soap-making took her all of one day but the resultant product would last the family for several months.

At just the right time, just before the cooked mixture cooled, she dumped in several handfuls of the rose petals. Then she poured the mixture into shallow, square pans. As the mixture hardened she marked off the squares. She scored the soap deeply. When the cooling was complete, she knocked the block from the pan, and broke it up into bars of soap, each with the faint fragrance of the rose.

All Different

There were no oval cakes, no bars with rounded corners, none with peculiar shapes. In fact there were no two bars the same size, but they all smelled so nice it was a pleasure to wash with them. After the soapsuds was rinsed away the skin retained a little of the fragrance of last summer's roses.

The soap had plenty of cleansing qualities; plenty of suds, and just a trace in one's eyes smarted for a long time. But grandma justified this by saying, "it will make your eyes shine."

She allowed the family only a bar a week; the supply had to last until the roses bloomed again beside the farmhouse, when once again she saw to it that not a single petal was wasted.

Locomotive Derailed By Small Dirt Slide

Ayer, Wash. (UPI) – The diesel locomotive of a three-unit Union Pacific mail and passenger train was derailed by a small dirt slide two miles west of here Wednesday.

The slide knocked the front wheels of the locomotive off the track. The train was en route from Hinkle, Ore., to Spokane. The train was expected to be back in service later in the day.

Investment Company Opens Branch Office

Portland – (UPI) – The New York-based investment firm of R. W. Pressprich & Co. opened an office here Tuesday. It is a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

The local office is headed by E. F. Slade, a former senior vice president of the First National Bank of Oregon.

ANNOUNCE ADVANCE

Washington (UPI) – The Community Facilities Administration Wednesday announced an advance of $7,500 to Baker, Ore., for planning improvements to its sewer system costing an estimated $1,160,000. Construction is expected to start next spring.

EMBRACE WITH SMILE—Actress Sophia Loren and husband Carlo Ponti embrace with a smile after learning Monday that their Mexican proxy marriage has been annulled. The couple had high hopes that the annulment would result in the quashing of Italian bigamy charges against them. Miss Loren is in Tirrenia, Italy, making a film. (UPI)

Truckers Threaten to Take Over the Nation's Highways

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington Correspondent

Washington (Special) – Like harmless birds and wildlife who fell prey to predatory beasts, the American touring car may be on the way to extinction. Afflicted about 8000 miles on the road, observing the strange habits of the genus tourist, this reporter must report on the growing popularity of "campers" – those pickup trucks with aluminum cabins mounted on the back.

Smith

One might hastily conclude from this that Americans are rushing into the great outdoors, eager to sleep by a babbling brook come nightfall, or cook their chops over open fires in the woods. Maybe so, but my theory is that the tourist is shifting to the camper in self-defense. Because it is a truck, basically, he derives greater security from it than from an auto while on the road.

This makes sense only because truckers are threatening to take over the nation's highways, as any auto driver will soon discover on a transcontinental trip, especially through the industrial states of the East. Every survivor of the famous Pennsylvania Turnpike knows that instead of a relaxed, care-free excursion, he fought for his life against the onslaught of the Diesel-fired monsters who come roaring over every knoll in the Alleghenies.

Patterned Roughly

Theoretically, the best roads in the country are the interconnecting turnpikes which stretch from Chicago to New York, avoiding all towns, intersections and traffic signals. The new interstate highway network is patterned roughly on the turnpikes, except for the tolls. They make it possible for the driver to avoid all the usual irritations and safety hazards-except trucks.

One minute a trucker is cutting in front of you, trying to pass another truck who is slow to mount a grade; and another minute the auto driver is being charged from the rear, with a great iron grill glaring into his rear car window.

One Pennsylvania citizen suggested turning the turnpike over to the truckers entirely, requiring them to pay for its upkeep. Trucks, of course, pay higher tolls than autos, plus special taxes on tires and motor fuels. Whether they pay for the damage they inflict on roadbeds depends largely on varying state taxes. But that is hardly the point of first magnitude to the auto driver who only wants to retain possession of the public highways.

What transportation experts and Congress might examine is the irony of a country that subsidized railroad construction with huge western land grants but now allows its rails to decline while more and more truckers jam the public roads.

The nation strictly regulates other forms of transportation, from the cost of a railroad ticket to the precise towns and numbers of flights an airline may serve. The government phrase "public convenience and necessity" governs this form of regulation, but it somehow hasn't been applied to the driving public and truckers.

Trucking lines are necessary from farm to market, from warehouse to retailer, and over longer hauls where there is no alternative means of transit. But today the highways are becoming more crowded with long-haul truckers. House loads of furniture go coast to coast over the highways when the rails or the inter-coastal maritime shippers could take this burden off the roads. Appliances and autos manufactured in Michigan are shipped to all corners of the country by trucks, although the railroads and the St. Lawrence Seaway – both built at public expense – are available.

In the 19th century Congress invested in railroad building for the nation's welfare. In the 20th century, Congress has invested in a national highway system, presumably because virtually every voter is an auto driver.

Josephine County Man Interested in Annex to Jackson

A new area businessman and property owner doesn't like Josephine county and wants his property annexed to Jackson county, according to a letter read by the Jackson county court Wednesday morning.

"Is Jackson county interested in annexing more property?" Greg Short, new owner of the We-Ask-U-Inn motel, 3598 South Pacific highway, wrote.

"We purchased the motel six months ago. We have since learned that Josephine county is completely in accord with the thinking in Grants Pass that any business, resort or otherwise, along the river is their mortal enemy," Short wrote.

"Not only must we carry on the usual endeavor to make a living which is part and parcel of life anywhere in the United States, but we must also protect ourselves from our brothers in Grants Pass.

"If state law permits annexation to your county and should your county be interested in adding more territory, more taxable land and more consumers, I shall be glad to agitate at this end of the line for the change," Short stated. "We would like to live in a county which displays horse sense."

County Commissioner Chester Wendt said he did not think such annexation would be legal; at least not without an election.

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