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Young American Patterns of Behavior Cause Alarm

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 Darien, Conn., is a quiet, well-to-do town which, by outward appearances, has been spared many of the social ills of today's world. But inside the ostentatious colonial homes which dot its tree-lined streets, there is deep concern about the conduct of the younger generation.

In this commuter suburb of New York City, teen-age behavior has reached the "point of alarm," a study committee of the council of Darien school parents concluded. A community-wide survey, instigated by merchants disturbed by teen shoplifting and thievery, showed trends toward "delinquency, immoral behavior and law-breaking."

Problems Listed
 The survey revealed patterns of theft, vandalism, underage drinking, and perhaps most alarming, sexual involvement even among junior high school students. The study group was told of necking among sixth and seventh graders in theaters an "unbelievable amount" of necking and petting by junior high students at the movies and high school students in large numbers engaging in "rather serious sex behavior."

One teen-age girl spelled it out bluntly.
 "Accepting a date to the drive-in movie is like accepting a date for sexual relations," she said.
 No one knows for sure how many of Darien's teenagers are active participants in this type of behavior. Nor can any conclusions about the thousands of other cities, towns and hamlets of the United States be drawn from the findings of the Darien parent's group.

Increase Known
 But this we do know: Juvenile delinquency is on the increase, illegitimacy and venereal disease are more prevalent among teen-agers now than in recent generations and America's fast-packer, urbanizing society has confronted adolescents with confusion and contradictions where once there were clear-cut Puritan ethics.

Several years ago, Dr. Al-
Rubber Bottom Lays On Man-Made Lake

Hutchinson, Kan. — (AP)—Toss a rock in a lake here and it may bounce back.
 The lake has a rubber bottom.

The man-made lake, the second of its kind, was fitted with a butyl rubber bottom to keep its salt water from seeping into nearby streams. The saline solution is vital in removing liquid petroleum gas from underground storage caverns.

It took 45 tons of rubber to cover the six-acre lake bottom. It will hold about 300,000 barrels of salt water.

Underground caverns are used for storage of liquefied petroleum. During summer months, the fuel is pumped into the caves. When winter comes and demand for fuel rises, the salt water is flooded into the holes and pushes the two million barrels of liquid gas into pipelines.

In summer, when production exceeds current demand, the fuel is pressured into the caverns and the salt water is forced back into the lake.

Cities Service Oil company was faced with the problem of storing the salt water. Fresh water could not be used because it would dissolve the walls of the salt-formation caverns. So salt water and the rubber bottom lake were devised.

Conservation men demanded that possible contamination of fresh water be avoided, so the butyl rubber was installed. Mobil built a similar rubber bottom pool earlier in Texas.

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fred Kinsey spelled out in numbers and percentages what he purported to be a reasonably accurate picture of the sex behavior of American males and females, teen-agers included. Some sociologists have questioned the validity of the Kinsey findings and one, Dr. Celia S. Deschin of Adelphi college, Garden City, N.Y., contends they were not only misleading but harmful in a sex-drenched culture such as ours. She said in a recent article that the Kinsey reports "made possible the inference that what is synonymous with what should be—that the practices reported were socially desirable."

Deschin Speaks Out
 Dr. Deschin, a major investigator and prolific writer on teen-age sex behavior, sees this Kinsey norm, adult example, absence of parental guidance on moral questions, urban anonymity, economic uncertainty and lack of moral standards in other areas chipping away at long-accepted moral codes which, if somewhat Victorian at least were clearly defined.

Dr. Deschin concludes from her studies that "there has been a change" in teen-age attitudes toward sexual indulgence, a trend away from American society's "official" moral code—that premarital sex is patently immoral. She believes it is not possible to determine accurately to what extent behavior has followed this liberalization of attitude.

Youth Confused
 The teen-age view of sex and morality is to a large extent one of confusion and searching for values. Dr. Deschin believes. She thinks adults are largely to be blamed because of their inability to communicate to teen-agers in conversation and example a clear-cut picture of the behavior expected of them.

To illustrate the point, she interrupted an interview to inquire of this reporter his own views on whether premarital sex was permissible under any circumstances. Further, she challenged him to question adult friends on the same point.

I can say this: There was an amazing lack of "yes" and "no" answers and a profusion of qualified replies.
 "We need parents who will speak out clearly for what ought to be and act resolutely to reinstate discipline and control. We need parents, teachers and other adults who will lift the unhealthy social pressures on youth and counteract the bombardment of sexual stimuli." Dr. Deschin wrote in an article this year in the PTA magazine.

Sex Stressed
 Lest any confusion arise as to the context in which American teens are developing their moral values, Max Lerner, in his book "America as a Civilization," put it this way: "America has come to stress sex as much as any civilization since the Romans." Walk through Times Square one day and you what he means. "My Bare Lady," a nudist camp epic continuous to 4 a.m., is the feature at one theater. A marquee across the street emblazons in lights, "Instant Sex." On a newstand, a teen-age magazine headlines this: "My whole

Development Plan Folder Available

Corvallis — "Rural Areas Development in Oregon" is the title of a new folder just published by the Oregon State University Cooperative Extension service on behalf of the statewide program which is headed by a committee of 21 men and women.

RAD offers help in organization, educational leadership and technical aid that local leaders may need to improve the economic climate of rural areas. It is part of a national program supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Under the program, local people survey the human and natural resources of their area and plan how they can best be developed. Various state and federal agencies, brought together by RAD, stand ready to assist in these efforts if their help is requested. RAD is a locally planned and operated program.

Copies of the new publication can be obtained from county extension offices or from the OSU Bulletin clerk, Corvallis.
LARGEST ICE SUPPLY
 Chicago — (AP)—Antarctica has the largest proportion of the world's glaciers, nearly 4 1/2 million square miles. Greenland is very largely buried beneath more than 600,000 square miles of ice, the Chicago Museum of Natural History said.

gang knew I went the limit. Would anyone tell?" And have you noticed Hollywood actresses seem to be standing in line these days to be filmed in the nude? Elizabeth Taylor, Kim Novak, Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield, to name a few.

Dating begins at 12 or 13, sometimes sooner, and many teen-agers soon start "going steady"—dating one person to the exclusion of all others. This is believed by some parents to be a contributing factor to sex experimentation. A priest in Jersey City, N.J.,

believes this practice leads to a virtual state of "trial marriage" with illegitimate pregnancy a very real possibility. For that reason, the Rev. James A. Carey banned steady dating at St. Michael High school under penalty of expulsion for violators.

Deans Alarmed
 But if Father Carey is alarmed by sex behavior in less than affluent Jersey City, so are presidents and deans of some of this country's most exclusive colleges. The dean at Vassar found it necessary to address a convo-

lation at her fashionable girls school on the desirability of chaste behavior.
 "On many campuses today there is serious concern about confused student morality, excessive drinking, drop-outs due to early marriage and out-of-wedlock pregnancies. These situations are certainly not unrelated to the high divorce rate, illegitimacy and emotional illness in adult society," wrote Dr. Edward Solomon of the department of social science at Sarah Lawrence college in summing up a 1962 meeting of 20 col-

lege presidents and deans on student sex standards.
 Writing in the January issue of the Journal of the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, Lester A. Kirkendall, professor of family life at Oregon State university, said:

"I believe that the proportion of college youth engaging in premarital intercourse is increasing, but the amount of known participation is clearly extensive enough that, increasing or not, there is still a problem."
 Winston W. Ehrmann, a

staff associate of the American Association of University Professors, was perhaps less tactful in his summation of the situation:
 "The sexual revolution since World War I has produced a marked change in the incidence of premarital heterosexual behavior of both sexes. Although males, generally speaking, are sexually more experienced than females, this forty-year period shows an increase in the proportion of females who have petted or engaged in coitus which is much greater than

the increase for males. By the time of their marriage most college men of recent generations and probably about one half of all women in our country have experienced premarital coitus."
Accept New Code
 The picture emerging, then, is that of a more sexually active generation with old standards attracting fewer adherents and the newer code of values not clearly defined. Dr. Ira Reiss, in a recent book, "Premarital Sex Standards in America," finds not one but four standards from


which unmarrieds can choose. They are 1. Premarital chastity. 2. The double standard (premarital sex is okay for men but not for women). 3. Sexual permissiveness when affection exists. 4. Sexual permissiveness without affection.

Reiss believes both absolute chastity and the double standard are on the wane that permissiveness when affection exists is probably the coming sex standard and that permissiveness without affection, i.e., promiscuity, will never have many adherents.

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