

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Matrimony and Divorce—II

Lack of Emotional Maturity Said Reason for Most Divorces

Editor's note: Most Americans stay married, but millions don't. The following dispatch, the second of four, tells why married couples in America wind up in the divorce courts.

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So you're going to get married. What do you need besides a spouse to make the marriage last? Emotional maturity, most experts say. Lack of emotional maturity is the real reason for most divorces. That is the word of many marriage counselors, lawyers, physicians, clergymen, sociologists, psychologists and others whose job it is to try to patch up or scrape

away the pieces of broken marriages. Most of them relate lack of maturity among married persons to teen-age trips to the altar.

Divorce is most apt to occur in the second or third year of marriage when the wife is age 21 or 22 and her husband 23 to 25, Health, Education and Welfare Department statistics show.

**Veteran Judge's Advice** Judge Philip B. Gilliam, of Denver, a veteran of 27 years of Domestic Relations Courts, advises:

"Look for someone mature enough to take care of yourself or herself — one who can love deeply 'not only for her-

self, but for myself' with one-ness of purpose — a gregarious type who gets along, who likes his or her parents. These are all signs of maturity." There is no agreement among experts on an ideal age for successful marriage. Sociologist Ernest Mowrer of Northwestern University says, "studies of the relationship between age and marriage success show that the highest proportion of successful marriages occur between men aged 23-24 and women aged 22-23. From there on upward there is little change but under those ages the studies show marriages are apt to be less successful."

Adjustment Is Key

Dr. Freda Kehm, a sociologist and psychiatric social worker who directs Chicago's Association for Family Living, said the chances of successful marriage "depend on the facility of adjustment. At the younger ages there is less chance to adjust." Most experts feel financial problems may be a factor in unsuccessful marriage. But there is no absolute financial test to be applied before marriage.

Dr. Kehm said, "It depends on the income status of the families from which they come. What seems like very little to some seems adequate to others."

**Religion Often Factor** Religious differences can be another factor in marriage failure. Mowrer said, "where there is a marked difference in religious attitudes it may play a role in lack of adjustment. But many who marry outside their religion are not strongly attached to their religious beliefs."

Education is something else, he said. Mowrer has found that "the group of married couples which has had higher education is less likely to end up in the divorce court."

Dr. David Fulcomer, marriage and family professor at Colorado Women's college,

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Status of Bills in Congress

Washington—UPI—Status of major legislation:

**Income Taxes**—President Kennedy has proposed tax-reduction-and-revision bill that would provide net cut of \$10.4 billion in individual and corporate taxes over three years. House—Ways and Means committee has partly completed draft of compromise program. House—Awaiting House action.

**Military Pay**—Administration asked \$1.2 billion annual pay and benefit boost for all servicemen, reservists and retirees. House—Passed modified version to cost \$15 million less and providing no increase for 832,000 draftees and enlistees in their first two years of service. House included controversial \$30.5 million "recompensation" feature for those retired before 1958. Senate—Nothing scheduled.

**Fallout Shelters**—President Kennedy wants authority to make federal contributions toward construction of civil defense fallout shelters in schools, hospitals and other non-profit institutions. House—Armed Services subcommittee hearings resume July 10. Senate—Nothing scheduled.

**Foreign Aid**—Administration asking \$4.5 billion. House—Foreign Affairs committee expected to approve a trimmed-down bill this month. Senate—Hearings under way.

**Health Insurance**—President wants hospitalization program for persons 65 and older financed through social security taxes. House—Ways and Means committee expected to hold hearings this summer. Senate—Awaiting House action.

**Mental Health**—Administration wants long-range, \$717 million program for community mental health centers; research on and treatment of mental retardation. House—Commerce subcommittee approved, pending before full committee. Senate—Passed with some revisions.

**Medical Schools**—Administration asked long range construction aid for medical-dental schools, loans to students. House—Passed three-year program that would cost \$236 million. Senate—No hearings yet.

**College Construction**—Kennedy originally asked for federal funds to build classrooms and laboratories as part of larger \$5.3 billion school bill; agreed later to separate bills. House—Education committee approved \$1.6 billion in grants and loans for colleges, pending in Rules committee. Senate—Hearings completed on omnibus school bill.

**Schools and Libraries**—President wants aid continued for "impacted areas" and libraries. House—Education committee approved in separate bills, with amendments forbidding use of funds for segregated facilities. Senate—Hearings completed on omnibus school bill.

**Voting**—President Kennedy asked for controls on use of literacy tests, speedier voting rights suits and extension of the Civil Rights commission's life for four years in his original request last winter. House—Judiciary subcommittee completed hearing on this request. Senate—Judiciary subcommittee completed hearings on extension of Civil Rights commission; scheduled

to act on that bill July 11.

**Public Accommodations**—Kennedy's main request in his second rights message was for legislation outlawing segregation in use of hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters and other public accommodations in interstate commerce. He also asked for new authority to initiate school desegregation suits and optional authority to withhold federal aid to states that practice racial discrimination. House—Judiciary subcommittee hearings will not resume before July 8. Senate—Commerce committee hearings are under way on public accommodations.

**Employment**—Kennedy endorsed Fair Employment Practices commission legislation to bar job discrimination by private businesses and labor unions. House—Labor subcommittee has approved FEPC. Senate—No action.

**Cotton**—Administration backed subsidy plan would provide cheaper cotton for U. S. textile mills; includes lower support prices for large-scale growers and potential relaxation of planting restrictions. House—Agriculture committee approved, pending in Rules committee. Senate—Hearings completed.

**Mexican Farm Hands**—12-year-old law permitting importation of Mexicans for temporary work on American farms expires Dec. 31, administration requested one-year extension with new safeguards to protect domestic workers. House—Bill to extend program two years without change defeated on House floor. Senate—No hearings scheduled.

**Mass Transit**—Kennedy proposed \$500 million in subsidies to improve city rail, bus and subway services. House—Banking committee approved bill, pending in Rules committee. Senate—Approved \$375 million program.

**Wilderness**—President wants to establish a national program to preserve public lands in their natural state. Senate—Passed, with provision covering 8 million acres immediately and possibly up to 35 million acres eventually. House—No committee hearings set.

**Depressed Areas**—Kennedy asked Congress to sharply expand program of federal development aid to local industries designed to create jobs in areas of chronically high unemployment. Administration bill defeated on House floor. Senate—Approved. House—Rejected; Democratic leaders expect to try again for passage later this year.

**Youth Employment**—Kennedy asked new \$100 million Youth Conservation corps for outdoor work in forests and parks; Home Town Youth corps for local civic projects. House—Education committee has approved, pending in Rules committee. Senate—Passed.

**Domestic Peace Corps**—President asking for new organization of 1,000 to 5,000 skilled volunteers to carry out work in this country similar to peace corps projects abroad. \$5 million first year cost. House—Education and Labor subcommittee hearings resume in mid-July. Senate—Hearings under way.

**Price Cutting**—Administration-opposed bill backed by druggists, and other retail

groups is designed to stop retail price-cutting of brand-name merchandise. House—Commerce committee approved. Senate—No hearings scheduled.

LAWS ENACTED

**Draft**—Congress granted Kennedy's request for four-year extension of selective service and doctor draft.

**Feed Grains**—Congress extended for two years temporary program on paying farmers to hold down surplus production of corn and other feed grains.

**National Debt**—To permit government to borrow money it needs to keep paying its bills Congress raised legal limit on national debt to \$307 billion through June 30 and to \$309 billion during July and August. Previous temporary limit was \$305 billion; further legislation will be needed to prevent ceiling from dropping to \$285 billion Sept. 1.

**Silver**—To combat shortage of silver for coins, Congress gave administration authority it requested to replace existing silver-backed \$1 bills with gold-backed \$1 bills.

**Women Workers**—Starting next June employers must provide equal pay for women workers who do the same work as male employees; new law applies to jobs covered by minimum wage-hour law.

**Taxes**—Congress in response to administration request extended for another year present temporary tax rates on corporation profits, liquor, cigarettes, automobiles, telephone calls and airline tickets which had been scheduled to drop to lower levels. However, corporation tax rates would be permanently revised downward, if Kennedy's tax-reduction program is enacted.

Dinner Not Being Held by EP Grange

Eagle Point—Officers of the Eagle Point Grange have announced that contrary to a previous announcement the Grange is not sponsoring a dinner here in conjunction with the community's July 4 celebration.

The Grange was invited to put on a dinner, the officers explained, but decided not to undertake the project at this time.

The July 4 celebration in Eagle Point will include a breakfast sponsored by the Jaycees in the park next to the Grange hall from 6 to 11 a.m., a parade at 12:15 p.m., a gymkhana on the grade school grounds at 1 p.m. and several other events.

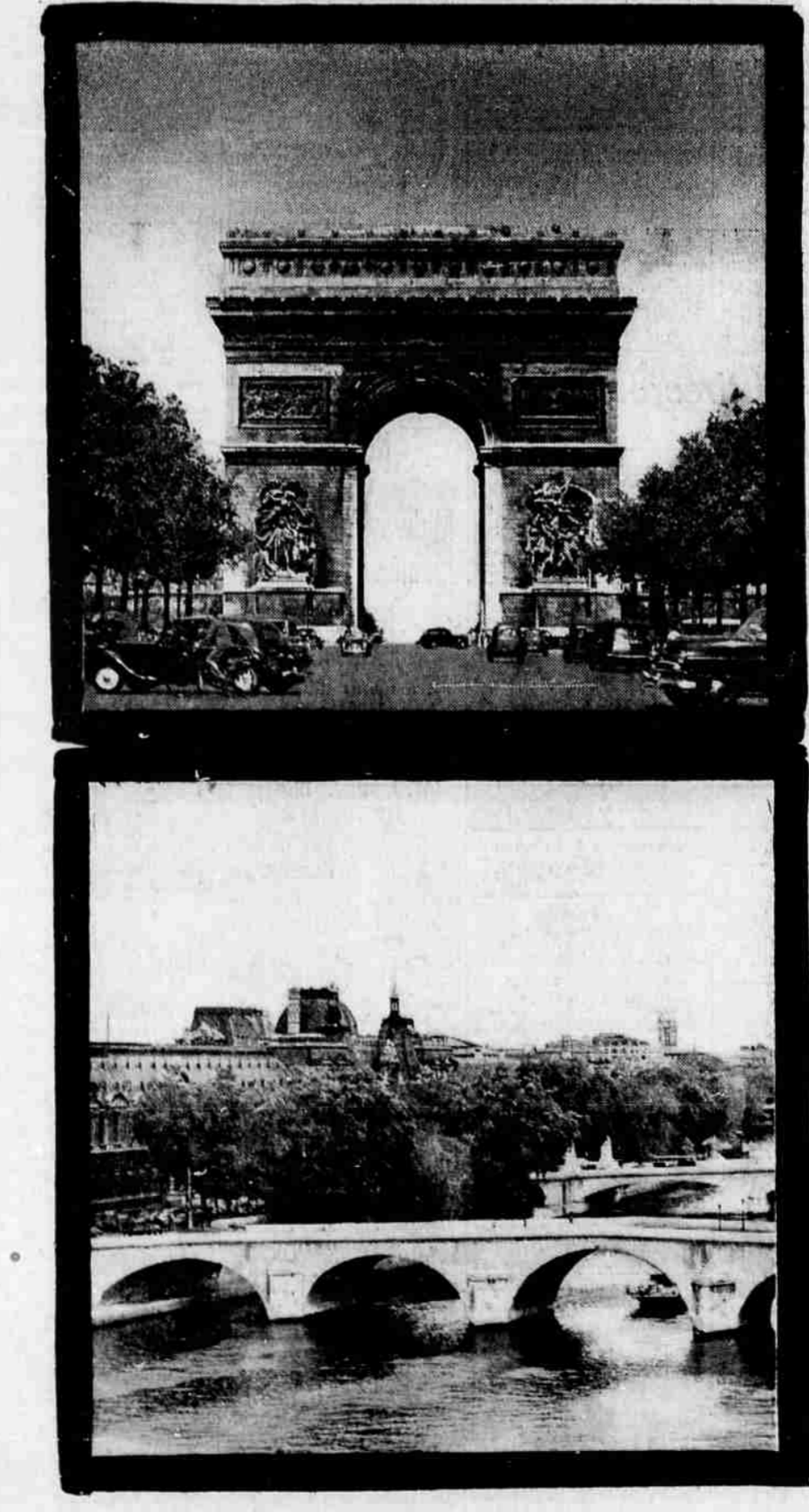


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