

radio show in Springfield, Mo. The two teen-agers, almost inseparable for four years, were to be separated. "There's only one answer," Pat said. "We'll get married."

A few days later they broke the news to Mr. Red, who was flabbergasted. Why, he protested, the boy hadn't even shown he could earn a living.

When they persisted, Mr. Red gave in and even offered financial help, but they declined it. Pat's parents, meanwhile, openly opposed the wedding. Pat and Shirley married secretly in the Church of Christ at Franklin, about 12 miles from Nashville. Witnesses were Mack Craig and his wife. How Pat, only 19 and a legal minor, side-stepped the usual requirement of getting his parents' consent is a matter he doesn't discuss.

It's obvious, though, that parental tensions led him to move to Texas when he was offered his first professional singing job by a Fort Worth TV station. He enrolled at North Texas State Teachers College. Shirley already was expecting their first baby.

Singing jobs on TV don't come easily, but this one did for Pat. The previous year, he had entered and won the East Nashville Talent Contest. Prize was an audition for Ted Mack's Amateur Hour. In the Summer of 1953, Pat went to New York and became a three-time winner on TV. That got him the Texas job. Soon he appeared on Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts and won. He returned to Texas and buried himself in his books, a little more confident that his singing was good enough to finance

his way through school.

There followed a record contract, an amazing series of hits, and an invitation to become a Godfrey regular. Pat Boone's name became a household word.

Now, at 24, besides having his pockets full, he's got his hands full: there are the TV show, movies, records, personal appearances, interviews; then there are his final semester of study at Columbia, an ambition to repeat the straight "A" average he earned last Spring, and a lurking hope he'll be invited to join Phi Beta Kappa.

There are his wife and three—almost four—children; and there's Pat's incessant concern with turning every action into constructive good. For a fellow to whom decisions don't come easily, some of his daily decisions could be fearful. But it's not so, according to Jack Spina, who manages Pat's business matters.

"When Pat has to choose between his career and education, he takes education. When he has to choose between education and his home, he chooses his home. He's got a yardstick. That's how Pat rates things."

And as for turning his career to constructive good, Pat seems to be clearest of all about where to direct it.

"We are put on earth for a purpose," he said recently, in one of his rare moments of contemplation, "and I know my purpose. It's to try to leave the world a little better than it was when I entered it."



Pat and his wife with three little Boones—Cherry, Debby, and Lindy.

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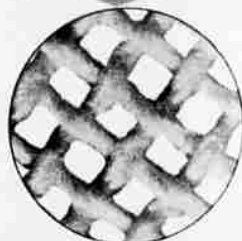
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