

Coeds And Marriage

The American girl marries when she pleases and whom she pleases. This year there will be about 1.8 million marriages in the United States. Some 220,000 brides will utter fervent "I do's" during June. And the majority of them will be teen-agers. Their grooms will be only slightly older.

Surveying marriage trends, the Population Reference Bureau, Washington, D. C., issued a hot tip for worried parents who hope that their daughters will stop, look and listen before taking an impulsive plunge into matrimony: Get her into college fast!

On the average, a college career delays a girl's marriage about four years. The PRB emphasizes the word average, but the statistics are conclusive.

Intriguing Facts

Other intriguing, isolated and sometimes paradoxical facts relating to college graduates and their marriages, were cited:

... Approximately 596,300 students make up the college class of 1964. Approximately 38 percent are women.

... Women will receive almost 40 percent of the bachelor's and first professional degrees, a third of the master's degrees, but only 11 percent of the doctoral degrees.

... Marriage has been woven firmly into the fabric of campus life since the GI first invaded college campuses after World War II. The mothers and fathers of today's graduates would have been expelled from most colleges a generation ago had they married while in school. Today, undergraduate marriage in the major colleges is taboo only in the armed services academies.

... Almost one-fourth of all students who will graduate this year are already married. An army of youngsters and babes-in-arms will attend graduation ceremonies for pop or mom—or both.

(Another 13 percent of the June graduates expect to marry before the summer is over.)

... Four out of five of the married graduates are men. The dearth of women reflects in part the fact that many coeds who marry drop out of college to bolster the family exchequer, often making it possible for their husbands to graduate.

Marriage Age

... The most frequent age at marriage for women college graduates is 22 years; for high school graduates 18 years, and for women who did not attend high school 14-16 years.

... Many married coeds manage to continue their studies on a part-time basis: 44 percent of all part-time coeds are married and only 5 percent of all full-time coeds.

... Among married women, a larger proportion of college graduates than high school gradu-

ates have jobs, according to the Bureau of the Census. In 1960, 42 percent of the married college graduates were employed and only 32 percent of the married high school graduates.

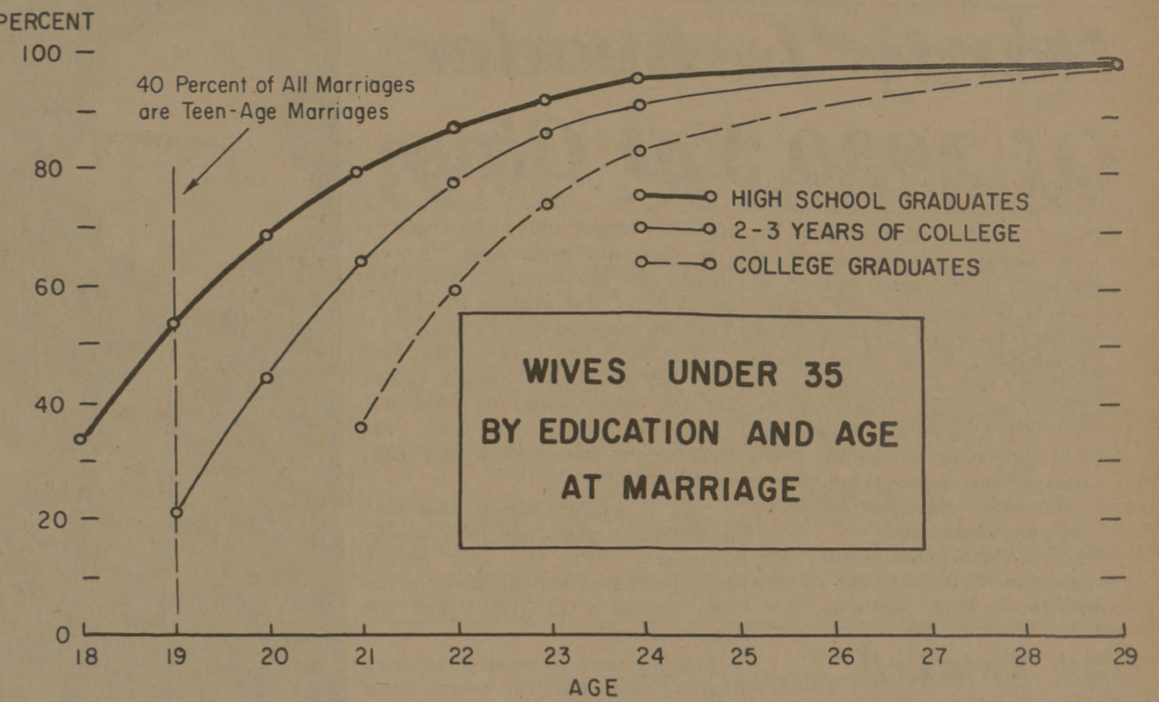
... A college degree is a passport to better jobs. The 1960 Census reported that of all women with an income only 6 percent received more than \$5,000. Twenty-four percent of women college graduates had an income of over \$5,000, as did 45 percent of those who had completed some graduate work.

Degree-Conscious

... The 1960 Census also revealed that in 3 percent of all American families, both husbands and wives had college degrees. Women were more "degree-conscious" than men, however. Six out of every 10 men graduates chose wives with degrees. Four out of 10 of the men married women who had no college training.

... Since 1949, the number of women who graduate from college each year has nearly doubled, increasing from 117,900 to 224,400. That the number of men has increased by only 23 percent can be mainly attributed to the disappearance of G.I.'s from college campuses.

... The college dropout ratio is the same for both sexes: four out of every ten who enter. Among the women, marriage is most frequently given as the reason for leaving school.



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... Approximately one-third of all who receive bachelor's and first professional degrees in June expect to go on to graduate school, and a majority will be men.

Marriage Rate

In 1950, when the U. S. population was 151 million, the marriage rate was 11.0 per thousand; and there were 1.7 million marriages during the year. In June 1964, the population is 191 million; the 1964 marriage rate is expected to be between 9 and 9.5 per thousand—a slight increase over the 8.8 rate for 1963. The rate has been inching up again for several months, and this trend

is expected to continue. Marriages for 1964 are expected to total about 1.8 million, as compared with 1.6 million in 1962 and 1.65 million in 1963.

Brides and grooms in the U. S. are younger and closer in age at first marriage than are those in any other major urban-industrial country in the world. Our age-at-marriage pattern now is closer to the Asian than to the European.

More women marry at 18 than at any other age; and more men at 21.

Implications

Students of population have long recognized that education

affects time of marriage and fertility. Commenting on the current trends, Robert C. Cook, President of the Population Reference Bureau, said: "The average age at marriage has been declining in the United States over the past fifty years. Today, the modal age of marriage—the most frequent age at which women get married—is 18. Girls who graduate from high school tend to marry somewhat later, though the marrying high school student is no longer a rarity. Girls who attend college marry considerably later than those who do not. This is true even though a goodly number of coeds marry before they graduate."

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WHEREAS, The City Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that that land described herein be rezoned as District No. 3, Apartment House District, it is hereby ordered that a public hearing shall be held in the city hall at 7:00 p. m. on July 27, 1964, on rezoning certain areas within the city limits, more particularly described as follows:

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Notice of said hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of College Station at least fifteen days prior to date of hearing.

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