

School-Age Marriages On Increase

School-age marriages may not be wise, yet after one becomes a fact, adults working with the couple have a responsibility to help them succeed. Indications are that they will continue to increase in numbers.

So says Patsy Reynolds, E-tension specialist in family life education at A&M University.

Marriage is always a time of adjustment, she explains, regardless of the age of the couple. "Add to the normal problems of this period the disapproval and often bitter incriminations of parents and the load becomes almost impossible for the young couple to carry."

According to a study made by Dr. B. J. Fallon, Executive Secretary of the West Texas School Marriages have a divorce rate two to four times greater than for those who marry at the age 20 or older. Fallon directed the survey in 238 Texas schools in 1962.

Conclusions of the research indicate that schools should educate for a "balanced social perspective" if these school-age marriages are to be reduced or those which occur are to succeed, the specialist says.

The parent and community can give the young couple practical education for dealing with problems such as budgets, house cleaning and care and use of household equipment, and preparation for earning a livelihood.

In the event of a school-age marriage, the students should be encouraged to complete their education if at all possible. Human potential is rarely maximized without the benefit of formal education. Less than full realization of human potential constitutes a loss for the individual, the community, and society at large, the study concludes.

A&M Appeal Reaches Out On Freeway

"Hey, didn't I meet you on the Santa Ana Freeway in Los Angeles?" the young man asked the A&M University Exchange Store employe.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Gladys Brinkman. She and the young man, Tom Scott, spoke briefly while their cars were halted side-by-side on the freeway.

Scott was on the A&M campus this week and plans to start classes in September. The Whittier, Calif., youth will study marketing.

Mrs. Brinkman told Scott she worked at the Exchange Store and then the traffic speeded up.

Scott said here that two uncles were Aggies and ever since he was a boy he had wanted to attend A&M.



United Chest Leader Named

J. M. Hendricks (seated) president of College Station's United Chest, outlines plans for the fall campaign to Robert L. Hunt Jr. Hunt, assistant state 4-H Club leader has been named chairman of the drive to collect a day's pay from College Station residents to support 19 community agencies.

Politics Stop Roads

The road building industry's greatest obstacles are "people and politics," not a lack of technical knowledge, a U. S. Bureau of Public Roads official declared here June 25.

Francis C. Turner, the bureau's assistant administrator, urged college teachers attending a highway institute at A&M University to "talk more about human relations" in the classroom.

Reporting on the national highway picture, Turner termed the current \$75-billion interstate highway programs progress as "good." He especially praised progress made by the Texas Highway Department.

"Our problems would be minor if all state has Texas' standards," Turner commented.

Turner said a detailed study has

been launched to determine future highway needs. The present 41,000-mile superhighway program will be completed in 1972.

"This study is supposed to tell us whether the automobile is here to stay," the A&M graduate added, "or if we will use some sort of Buck Rodgers vehicle."

Results will be submitted to Congress in 1968 to determine national highway goals.

Questioned on the future projects, Turner said he believed more attention will be directed to urban transportation.

Engene Maier of Houston, vice president of the Jamaica Corp., told the audience of 100 persons that "greater cooperation is needed between the traffic engineer and representatives from all governmental levels."

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