

Pre-marriage discussions are valuable

When you start considering marriage to a person you have fallen in love with, take a good look at what has attracted you to each other and how you have spent your dates up to now.

Has your time together been spent on parties, dances, movies? Have the hours alone together been used entirely for love-making? If that is how it has been, then introduce a new aspect into your relationship.

Too many people realize only after years of stormy married life that they had overlooked many factors important to a good life together. What can you do to avoid making the same mistakes?

The first necessity is to become aware of your ideas of the roles of husband and wife. Your expectations of your marriage partner are conditioned by many factors: for example, the culture in which you have grown up, your religion, your parents' marriage.

PARENTAL FEELING
Many of us feel that our parents' way is the only right one, or on the other hand that their

marriage is just the kind we would never want to imitate. What your future spouse expects you to do may not be what you expect to do at all and the same may be true of him.

Not all of our expectations are fully conscious; therefore, some cannot be recognized without aid. That is why I wish that every couple considering marriage would consult a qualified counselor.

Such a counselor can help

them discover and face their separate needs and expectations and discuss openly to what extent those can be met by the chosen partner.

Most people tend to consider their way of looking at things the only possible one and take one opinion possible in such subjects. A short discussion may leave them very much surprised!

Therefore discuss questions

such as the wife's working or not working; who will handle the money and for what it will be spent.

Talk about whether you plan to have children, how many and when; how you feel towards your respective families and how you expect your spouse to act towards them; your feeling toward religion and other topics close to your heart.

As important as sexual attraction is to a good marriage, it is often mistaken for a love strong enough to last a lifetime. Even the greatest sexual passion simmers down in daily life together, and if common interests and common goals are lacking, you will wake up to boredom.

Boredom breeds restlessness, short tempers, absences from home, perhaps even unfaithfulness, and this breaks up many marriages.

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Rain is no worry here

Happy the bride the sun shines on — and smart the one who doesn't let rain worry her. Preparation is the answer. Take these tips from leading fashion photographers, who know how to protect top models and costly styles on outdoor locations:

—Bog, borrow but have on hand plenty of umbrellas — big ones. There should be one for each member of the wedding party.

—In a hard downpour, wrap the bride in a sheet. (Plastic is good but can be hot). Wind the sheet around loosely, tucking the gown's hem up hobble style to prevent splashes.

—Carry well in a pillowcase, folded carefully so it doesn't get rumpled looking.

—Use hair spray lightly to keep hairdo in curl.

—Have different shoes or

plastic boots on hand; change into wedding shoes at church.

Too many brides are tempted to delay leaving the house, hoping bad weather will clear. This is a thoughtful duty that can be delegated to a responsible member of the family who will follow through in:

—Seeing that Grandma has flowers and Grandpa a boutonniere.

—Making sure they have transportation to church and reception.

—Introducing them to other wedding guests.

—Looking after their refreshments at the reception.

Such courtesies go for grand parents of both bride and groom. Few things reflect less credit on a young couple than a hint of neglect in this respect. So do your bit in helping your grandfolk to have wedding fun, too.

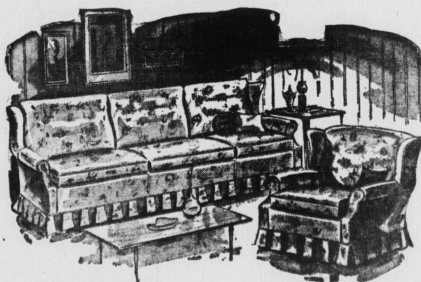
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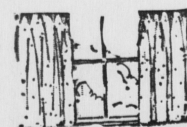
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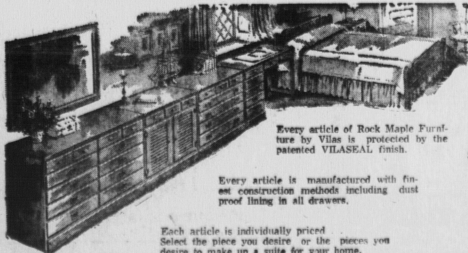
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