

# Will Science Displace Love in the Choice Of A Wife, Husband?

By HELEN BRUNSON

Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Marriage, although it's the most popular institution on earth, is still the most difficult to succeed in. And the least prepared for.

It has only been in the last few years that Family Living and Marriage Counseling courses have been added in high schools and colleges.

Dr. Clifford Adams and Vance O. Packard of Pennsylvania State college were among the pioneers in marriage counseling, and they say:

"Even the seamstress who makes the wedding gown has spent years learning her art, while the bride and groom go blithely on without one hour of training for this greatest and most difficult of all the jobs of living."

And so they've perfected certain tests to show young people what to look for in a mate, how to improve their own aptitude for marriage—and then, if they've already made the plunge—how to improve themselves in order to "get along" better.

"These tests are set forth in the book 'How To Pick A Man.'"

"If you're contemplating marriage, Adams and Packard caution you to steer clear of the emotionally immature man. This type, though he looks grown up, has the habits, uncontrollable temper, wishful thinking and daydreams of a child."

"If you marry such an 'emotional child' or are one yourself, your marriage will have a hard time staying off the rocks. The emotionally mature man, they say, will by-pass beauty for personality in selecting a wife. He wants congeniality, intelligence, companionship and friendliness in his mate. If she's beautiful too—that's fine."

"The professors include, too, a test which determines whether you are really in love, or just infatuated with puppy love."

Among the types that will make a good husband they mention that an extrovert will probably do better than an introvert—generally speaking—and a conformist better than a non-conformist. Very important is the test for frankness and dependability, for without these traits in both parties, a marriage is almost sure to fail.

One group of questions discovers whether you are fearful or self-confident. Another assays your degree of tolerance. Flexibility of idea versus being "set in your ways" is reviewed—also a test to see whether you're thoughtful or frivolous. And of course similarity of family background is important.

To those who are already married they give hope, for your personality and ego—your marriage can still be improved at any age.

Though these tests are valid and can predict success or failure in marriage, often a young girl already blinded by love won't give them too much credence, or indeed be able to clearly see her lover's faults.

And so science to the contrary, we'll wager that in the future, most young people will go on selecting their mates in the same old way: They'll fall in love.



Helen Brunson

The head bone is fastened to the backbone by way of the neckbone; from the backbone the job connects up with the hipbones and thence on to the thigh bones and the leg bones;—but when the backbone is weak it is hard to keep the head in an upright position.

## Executive Officers Of Storer Firm Moving From City

Executive offices of the Storer Broadcasting company have moved from Birmingham to Miami Beach, Fla.

Moving vans early this week began the long trek to the resort city loaded with office furniture and files from the Birmingham office where the company has been located since December, 1949.

The firm, owner and operator of seven radio stations and five television stations throughout the country, was founded in 1927 and moved to Detroit in 1943.

Moving to Florida with the executive offices will be George B. Storer, president; Lee B. Wallis, executive vice-president; John E. McCoy, attorney; Glenn G. Boundy, director of engineering; Clyde C. McElmonds, engineer.

Also to move with the firm will be Belva C. Prestler, assistant secretary; Babot Stoffer, Shirley Wood and Dolores Smith.

The company locally owns WJBK radio and WJBK-TV in Detroit. Other radio stations in the Storer range are in Toledo, Ohio; Wheeling, W. Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; San Antonio, Tex.; Miami, Fla.; and Birmingham, Ala. Television stations are located in Toledo, Atlanta, San Antonio and Birmingham, Ala.

## Man Works Nights; Dog Barks Days

A dog owned by Mrs. Mildred Quin, 747 Chapin, will have to go if Mrs. Doan is to make good on the sentence of 10 days probation imposed on her Friday by Justice John J. Gaffill.

After she was hailed into court on the complaint of a neighbor, Mrs. Doan pleaded guilty to the charge that her dog was an annoyance. The neighbor, John Casio, 707 Chapin, who works nights, charged that the dog barked continually during the daytime and that, as a result, he couldn't get any sleep.

Justice Gaffill told Mrs. Doan that she would have to get rid of the dog within 10 days.

THE JUSTICE said that a lot of people should understand that it is against the law to keep a dog that is a public annoyance.

Said Justice Gaffill, "Section 15 of ordinance 455, known as the dog ordinance recites, 'No person shall keep any dog which by loud or frequent, or habitual barking, baying, or howling, shall cause a serious annoyance to the neighborhood, or to people passing to and fro upon the street.'"

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale-Houses" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.

# The Birmingham Eccentric



THIS PROUD MONARCH once stood on West Maple, towering above its neighbors on the approximate site of the present R B shop. It was then the home of Frank Blakeslee and family and was built in 1890 by J. R. Logan, a Birmingham builder.

Frank Blakeslee was a prominent merchant in the village and his dry goods store was located just east of his home, now the store of Erwin & Smith.

The dignified Victorian residence was moved onto North Bates to make way for new business buildings on West Maple. Now the old reminder of Birmingham's past has just been torn down to make way for a parking lot.



THE BLAKESLEE HOME as it stood on West Maple over 50 years ago. The house when built in 1890 cost \$2,000 but the cost of moving it 26 years later was \$8,500.

There were five children in the Blakeslee family. Mrs. Emma Blakeslee Quarton of 1158 W. Maple is the only surviving member.

The big home, so near the post office and village stores, was a convenient and welcoming place for old time friends who combined business and pleasure on their day's visit to the village.

"Everyone came to the post office in those days," said Mrs. Quarton, "so our home was a stopping place and as the house sat so near the street, one could see the horse racing down West Maple avenue or hear the band playing. When the fire bells rang, men ran from every direction to help pull the horse cart. It was very exciting."

"FRIED CAKES were made every Saturday," recalled Mrs. Quarton, "and each week there was a good sized dish pan full. We children always found our way through the kitchen, each one of us having a friend. We were told not to come through that way again, but some of us usually found an excuse while the process was going on."

"Some of the fried cakes always found their way to the minister's house. If not, he called personally before the day was out. Billy Manser, the shoe cobbler across the street, always seemed to smell them and come over for a drink of water so by the time Sunday morning rolled around, there were very few fried cakes left."

## Birmingham Is Part Of Region Dial Plan

The Michigan Bell Telephone company will inaugurate a regional dialing plan on December 13 which will make it possible for Birmingham telephone users to dial direct to more than 60 communities in southeast Michigan and to some adjacent Canadian points.

Albert H. Warner, manager here for the company, said the Detroit regional dialing plan would include the area encompassed by Port Huron on the north, Ann Arbor on the west, and Flat Rock on the south.

Key to the plan is a standardized "metropolitan type" telephone numbering system inaugurated in Michigan several years ago. Under this system, all telephone numbers will eventually carry a central office name followed by five numerals. Thus, for example, Woodward 3-1234 is a typical number in Detroit, while YUKON 2-1234 and Normandy 3-1234 are typical numbers in Port Huron and Ann Arbor, respectively.

AS ADDITIONAL exchanges in the northeastern section of the state begin dial operation under the metropolitan type numbering system, they will be included in Detroit's regional dialing area. Among the larger exchanges to be added to the plan next spring are Flint and Monroe.

Another integral part of the regional dialing plan is an automatic billing machine which makes a complete record of each direct-dial call, including the length of conversation and other information from which monthly bills are prepared.

If the called number is busy or does not answer, the automatic equipment will note that fact and no charge for that call will be made.

Only station calls can be dialed direct under the regional dialing plan. Person, collect, public telephone and other calls requiring special attention will continue to be handled by operators.

Here is the list of cities (and their exchange names) included in the plan.

**MICHIGAN**  
Algonac—SWift; Riverside  
Ann Arbor—NORMandy  
Armada—State  
Auburn Heights—FEderal  
Belleville—OXbow  
Berkley—Lincoln  
Big Beaver—MIdberry  
Birmingham—Midwest  
Bloomfield Hills—Midwest  
Center Line—SLOCum  
Chelsea—GREENwood  
Clarkston—MAPle  
Clawson—LIncoln  
Commerce—EMpire  
Dexter—HAMilton  
East Point—ORlando  
East Detroit—PReScott  
Farmdale—Lincoln  
Flat Rock—STeving  
Franklin—MAYfair  
Fraser—PReScott  
Grand Blanc—OWens  
Harsens Island—Riverside  
Hazel Park—Lincoln  
Huntington Woods—Lincoln  
Keego Harbor—FEderal  
Lake Orion—MYrtle  
Lapeer—MIdway  
Leonard—OAKland  
Manchester—GARDen  
Marion City—ROwell  
Marysville—YUKon



ROBERT CRAIG, Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills, has been appointed sales manager of Walsh, James & Wasey, Birmingham realtors, company officials have announced. Craig, formerly owner of Craig's Sporting Goods, has been a life-long resident of this area.

Selling your home? Advertise it in the "For Sale-Houses" columns of The Eccentric.

Amherstburg—REdwood  
Kingsville—REgent  
Tecumseh—SEneca  
Windsor—CLEARwater, WHITEhall

Birmingham store hours 9:30 to 5:30

Special Purchase better sweaters, \$3

For young sweater girls 7 to 14. Boucles, nylons and wools in varied styles and assorted colors. Sorry, no phone, mail orders.

HIMMELHOCH'S

## BIT OF BIRMINGHAM

ABOUT THE NIMBLEST PIECE of footwork this Wanderer has seen in a long long time took place Friday afternoon. A rather dignified gentleman turned the corner off Maple onto Woodward, just in time to get both feet mixed up in the handle of a window washer's brush. After some fast and fancy stepping which very nearly plunged one foot into the bucket of water, he managed to dodge the hazard, resume his dignity and go on his way.

all American

The clean, sharp American look... smooth wool jersey topping thick tweed for a winning combination in an elegant town casual. Leather-belted skirt with an easy hemline flare. Black-and-white, red-and-white. 10 to 16, \$110

Boutique of Fans by Robert Inc.

550 N. Woodward  
2300 1/2 Rialto Avenue, Jewel Point

\$5.00 up PER PANEL

The New Woven-Wood Window Sensation and BAMBOO Drapery

- DRAPE BEAUTIFULLY
- QUICKLY INSTALLED
- MANY COLORS
- EASILY CLEANED
- THEY'RE DURABLE
- WASHABLE, SMART

Our Counselors Will Call With Materials, Advice & Samples, Day or Night.

Shades Cornices  
Rattan Furniture Lamps

Phone Lincoln 3-4656  
Phone Lincoln 6-3311

Quinn's Inc. SERVICE FOR 28 YEARS  
2875 NORTH WOODWARD 3 Blocks South of 12-Mile

## Postpone Action On Incorporation Case Before Doty

Oakland County Circuit Judge Frank Doty Monday took no action on a bill of complaint case seeking an injunction against further incorporation votes in Southfield township.

George A. Cram, attorney for the plaintiffs, asked for a postponement of the case until after the Dec. 7 Lathrup village charter election.

Should the Lathrup vote carry, actual boundaries as described in the Southfield township incorporation petition would be materially changed and proponents of incorporation of the entire township then would have to resubmit petitions with a change of boundaries.

Should Lathrup residents refuse the charter, observers believe that the case to end all incorporation votes in the township until Southfield voters can act on the township election will be continued in circuit court.

## RO Kiwanis Club Fetes Grid Rivals

Members of both the Birmingham and Royal Oak High school football teams will be feted at a kickoff luncheon, Thursday, Nov. 12, by the Royal Oak Kiwanis club.

The banquet will precede the traditional grid game between the two rival schools on Thanksgiving Day morning.

The superintendents of both school systems and the high school principals will also be on hand to cheer the players.

The dinner will be at noon at the Congregational church in Royal Oak.

## School Head Speaker

Eugene L. Johnson, superintendent of Bloomfield Hills schools will talk on "Looking Ahead in the Bloomfield Hills School District" before the Birmingham Real Estate Board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Community Houses. The meeting will start at 12:30 p.m.

"personally yours"

Monogrammed bags

Your three initials in 24-karat gold-plate in the monogram frame on a handsome handbag by Lewis. Four styles in three fabrics: Silken rayon faille or wool broadcloth in black, navy and brown; also black plastic patent. Initials inserted while you wait! Price plus federal tax. \$10.95

HIMMELHOCH'S