



The Inwed Mom Grows Younger

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In recent years, physicians and social workers have noted an impressive increase in the number of white unmarried teenage mothers.

The unmarried girls, for the most part, are nice girls. They come from respectable, upper middle class homes.

Concern has been expressed over the steady drop in the average age of the unmarried mother during the past decade. This national trend has become a local problem.

At the Florence Crittenton Home here 190 babies were delivered last year to unmarried girls between the ages of 12 and 19. Over 58 per cent of the 205 unmarried mothers at the home during the year were less than 20 years old.

"THE AVERAGE AGE of unmarried mothers in Mecklenburg County 10 years ago was 19 and now 17," a local physician observed recently. The Federal Children's Bureau reported an increase of approximately 40 per cent in the number of unmarried mothers between the ages of 15 and 17 in the 1946-56 decade.

Last year, a girl 12 years old became a mother in Charlotte. She was one of the 205 girls at Crittenton Home in 1958.

Three girls who went to Florence Crittenton Home to await the arrival of their babies were 13, three were 14, 10 were 15, 22 were 16, 22 were 17, 27 were 18 and 32 were 19 years old.

These figures were quoted by a local doctor close to the problem:

A 120 PER CENT INCREASE in live births to unmarried mothers nationwide and in Mecklenburg County in the past 10 years. A total of 716 babies born to unmarried mothers in 1957.

(These figures include babies born alive, but do not include those born to girls who marry before the baby arrives, nor to girls who were already married to a person not the child's father.)

The average age of unmarried mothers, reliable social agencies predict, will drop to 15 within five years.

"The incidence of all of these statistics is occurring with rapidly increasing frequency among the upper middle class homes and homes that normally consider themselves stable and religious and educated," the doctor said.

In addition to the lower age for unmarried mothers, the divorce rate and the venereal disease rate—criteria used by social scientists to determine the health of a community—have shown an alarming rise in Mecklenburg County in the last 10 years.

"FIFTY PER CENT of all brides in 1957 were under 21 years of age and 40 per cent of all marriages were between partners of less than 21," a local doctor said. "Sixty per cent of all divorces in the last five years group which has a divorce rate six to 10 times higher than those who are over 25 when married."

"It is estimated that one-third of all marriages between teen age couples is doomed to end in divorce."

But the increasing number of teenage unmarried mothers causes the most concern.

SOME SOCIAL WORKERS continue to be amazed at the young people's acceptance of the fact that an unmarried girl is expecting a child. In one case, the school mates of a young high school girl could not understand why relatives could not permit them to give their friend a baby shower.

In some instances unmarried girls expecting a child are offered marriage as a possible solution, but counselors point out that marriage often times is not the solution to the problem.

Take the case of a girl who had gone steady for a long period of time. The relationship ended with the girl expecting a child and the boy offering to marry her.

She refused, pointing out that she had discovered she really didn't love him and could save herself, the child, and the boy from further emotional conflict after the arrival of the baby.

One counselor here pointed out that most unmarried girls who have children emerge more mature and with a higher regard for the total meaning of life and love.

But, she adds, it is a high price to pay for maturity.

—THE LIGHTER SIDE—

Second—First, Last, Always

(From AP Reports)

Lester Perrin was born two hours after his twin brother, Chester, 24 years ago. The Denver man has rated second ever since.

While Chester, basketball and taller, played sports, Lester watched from the sidelines.

They entered the Army together two years ago and were sent to Germany, where Chester was discharged first, on March 16, Lester was discharged March 25.

The Army flew Chester home, but Lester came by ship.

Flying Too Low

Two airmen from Selfridge Air Force Base zipped through Mount Clemens, Mich., on a 10-foot street sweeper, and police decided they were flying a bit too low.

Municipal Judge Malcolm Trombley fined each \$35 for disorderly conduct.

Happily Filled

An apartment in South Denver, Colo., abounds from the blunt, "no vacancy" sign on its front door. Instead, it announces it is "happily filled."



(AP Photos)

CAMPAIGNER — John Norris of Denver, Colo., displays some of the campaign gadgetry the Republicans are featuring at the seventh annual GOP women's conference in Washington. The national convention still is over a year away.

Another U.S. Plane Buzzed

BONN, Germany (AP) — Soviet planes have buzzed an American Air Force transport in another incident in an air corridor to Berlin, the U. S. Embassy disclosed today.

An embassy spokesman said two Soviet jet fighters harassed an Air Force double-decker propeller transport on its way back from a routine cargo delivery flight to Berlin April 10.

The incident occurred a week after Soviet fighters had buzzed an Air Force C-130 transport on both legs of a round trip to the Communist-ruled city. The C-130 was flying at 25,000 feet, and the Russians contended allied planes must fly at 10,000 feet or less in the air corridors between West Berlin and West Germany.

The embassy spokesman gave this account of the April 3 incident:

"The big military version of the Boeing transport was flying at about 12,000 feet when two Soviet jets came on from behind and began cruising, each about 100 feet from a wingtip of the American plane."

The Russian planes then swapped positions, one going over and the other going under the transport. The American pilot reduced altitude a little. This seemed to satisfy the Soviets, for they flew away. The whole encounter lasted only a few minutes.

Our Weather

Frost warning for tonight, fair and slightly colder with scattered frost tonight. Wednesday sunny and warmer.

Low this morning . . . 35
High today . . . 45
Low tomorrow morning . . . 35
High yesterday . . . 45
High tomorrow . . . 47
Sunrise today 5:51 a.m.; sunset today 6:34 p.m.

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Optimism Lacking For Dulles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators expressed reluctantly today a growing belief that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles may have to hand in his resignation soon.

There were well-founded reports—including some from persons who have talked to him—that Dulles has failed to respond to treatment for a cancerous condition.

If fresh medical treatments planned at Walter Reed Army Hospital do not show results, the general expectation among members of Congress is that Dulles will step out of his official job quickly to clear the way for appointment of a successor.

Dulles returned unexpectedly Sunday from a Florida trip to enter the hospital for further checks and treatment. President Eisenhower visited him for 45 minutes Monday but delayed a decision on Dulles' future.

NO WORD

Press secretary James C. Hagerty said later that Dulles has not resigned, and added that "pending additional medical evaluation there will be no further statement from the President."

But several senators said that if Dulles dies he is not going to be able to attend the scheduled East-West foreign ministers meeting in Geneva May 11, they believe he will want the American representative there to carry the full title of secretary of state.

In Dulles' absence, that representative seems certain to be Christian Herter, under secretary who is serving now as acting secretary.

Sen. Thomas Kuchel of California, assistant Senate Republican leader, said there is no question in his mind that Dulles will "eliminate himself if his medical condition indicates physical inability to resume his full responsibilities."

Party Came Before Break

PAYETTEVILLE (AP) — A disgraced jailer involved in the aftermath of a recent jailbreak participated in a drinking party with prisoners his last night at work, Cumberland County Sheriff W. G. Clark said today.

Woodrow Vinson, 39, was indicted yesterday for having no pay, making it in the jail during the farewell party.

Vinson previously was charged with harboring the two prisoners who broke out April 3. They were Charles Thomas Bradford, 28, and Johnny W. Odum, 18. Bradford died in a hail of bullets when he attempted to run a police ambush.

HEID IN SWAMP

Sheriff Clark said Vinson admitted taking food and blankets to the two fugitives who were hiding in a swamp.

Also indicted yesterday on a charge of harboring the two escapees were Samuel H. Vinson, 40, Woodrow Vinson's brother, and G. S. Bullard, 33. They were being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond each. Sheriff Clark said the two admitted helping Woodrow Vinson carry food and blankets to the escapees.

Bradford and Odum tricked Julius E. V. McLaurin into opening their cell and fled in McLaurin's car.

Odum, who was charged with the theft of McLaurin's automobile, will be tried in Superior Court this week on the car theft charge for which he was being held when he escaped.

To The Public

News and circulation departments of The Charlotte News are continuing to operate from the News building at S. Church St. and W. 40 St. The News' switchboard — EDISON 3-5933 — is also in operation.

Advertising and business office functions are being carried on from The Observer building, 100 S. Tryon St., telephone EDISON 5-2121.

Satellite Nose Cone Recovery To Be Tried



(AP Photos)

No Fun For Ralph

Nineteen-month-old Ralph Closson of Presque Isle, Maine, bursts into tears as he finds himself sitting in his mother's scrub pail.

Trial Adjourned

Connie Awaiting Final Arguments

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Six lawyers and a judge hammered out final instructions today for a jury that will decide the fate of Connie Nicholas.

The murder trial of the 19th divorcee stood adjourned until Wednesday when the panel of 12 married men will hear final arguments in the killing of handsome drug firm executive Forrest Teel.

After receiving instructions from Judge Thomas J. Faulconer, the jury will retire to a small, plainly furnished room in the basement of the Marion County courthouse to debate which version of the July 31 shooting is the true one.

Died the 45-year-old divorcee ruthlessly plan to kill Teel, 54, because he was breaking up their 15-year romance to pursue a young secretary?

Or did a pearl-handled French pistol go off accidentally in a struggle after Mrs. Nicholas threatened to commit suicide in Teel's car?

"I think that our evidence went in very well," said defense attorney Charles W. Symmes. "We are confident of acquittal."

Three doctors testified for the defense Monday that partial paralysis of the defendant's right arm probably was caused by the severe wrenching of the arm—supporting her story that Teel beat her just before the shooting.

Dep. Prosecutor Francis P. Thompson chipped away at the three physicians until they admitted the paralysis also could have been caused by Mrs. Nicholas lying unconscious 19 hours in a sleeping capsule suicide attempt.

The choices are first-degree murder (electrocution or life imprisonment), second-degree murder (life) or manslaughter (22 years).

Another defense request was that the judge's instructions put more weight on the option of ruling accidental death or self-defense. The prosecution opposes it.

"I'm still hopeful that the jury will acquit me," Mrs. Nicholas said Monday after testimony was completed in the month-old trial.

Prosecutor Philip L. Bay said, "We still feel it's a case of first-degree murder, and we think we have introduced sufficient evidence to prove it beyond a reasonable doubt."

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George H. Brown, Mecklenburg agent, said damage here could be done to home gardens and particularly to strawberry plants which are vulnerable at this time. Small grains which have already planted also are in a bad spot, he said.

Reports from Mecklenburg, Cabarrus and Union counties today indicate no major crop damage yet but a severe temperature drop and heavy frost tonight could do a lot of harm.

Even if the temperature goes down into the low 20's during the night a good strong breeze could keep frost off the ground and prevent much damage.

CRUCIAL TIME

Ike Dedicates Taft Tower

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower dedicated a towering Capitol memorial today to the late Sen. Robert A. Taft. He praised Taft as a man who gave generously and unsparingly of himself "for the good of all America."

Eisenhower honored a former political rival and ally at ceremonies at the base of a 100-foot bell tower erected at the foot of Capitol Hill in memory of the Ohio Senator.

Taft, Eisenhower said, was a liberal in championing individual rights and the symbol of conservatism in everything affecting the national economy.

Former President Hoover and high government officials also participated with Eisenhower in the dedication.

Vice President Nixon and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn (D-Texas) arranged to accept the marble tower on behalf of Congress.

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Pickup By Airplane Is Planned

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—Discoverer II, a 1,600-pound satellite, was in polar orbit today, carrying in its nose cone a space capsule the Air Force hopes to catch in the air near Hawaii.

The recovery experiment may be attempted later today. The capsule was described as a miniature of the type that someday may be used to parachute men back from space stations.

Discoverer II was launched from this West Coast missile base yesterday while across the nation fellow scientists were experiencing a disappointment.

TROUBLE NOT KNOWN

At Cape Canaveral, Fla., the Air Force tried unsuccessfully to put three satellites into orbit from a single launching vehicle, Vanguard III. But the Vanguard's second stage failed to ignite on schedule. Officials at the cape said cause of the trouble was not known.

If Discoverer II achieves proper stability, its instrumented nose cone is scheduled to be kicked loose on command from ground tracking stations and float earthward beneath a parachute.

Eight Hawaii-based C-119 Flying Boxcars are awaiting orders to swoop on the descending parachute and try to drape it across a 20-foot-long netting bar suspended beneath each plane. The parachute and capsule would then be reeled into the plane.

The capsule would come into range of the Air Force C-119s at about 20,000 feet. The planes would have 10 minutes to snatch the parachute from the air. If they failed, the buoyant capsule would be fished from the ocean by Navy vessels. Discoverer I fired Feb. 23, circled the earth 17 days before falling back into the atmosphere and burning up.

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