SELF EVALUATION OF A SELECTED GROUP
OF TEEN MARRIAGES

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INTRODUCTION

The statistical trend toward an increasing number of early marriages in the United States is causing concern for parents and community officials (21). The average age of marriage has been declining since 1890. Half of the girls are now married by the time they are twenty and half of the men by the time they are twenty-three (13). In a study made by Landis (20) of marriages in California high schools, 90 percent of the senior high schools reported one or more student marriages. Similar statistics have been reported in New Mexico (16) and Oregon (18). Research has pointed an accusing finger at youthful marriage as a primary factor in the rampant divorce situation, and there is little question but that lack of the competencies which come with the maturing process are a source of marital friction and breakdown.

Teenage married couples often have no "peer group" to which they can belong, and in which they can move as equals. Often they lose their friends because their interests are no longer compatible, and it is difficult for them to make adult friends. They are in a world of their own, isolated from their single friends of similar age and from other married couples who are older.

No one knows just why these very young marriages are happening, but many conferences have been held in various professional fields, and some theories have been formulated. It is thought that the contemporary culture of this country stimulates romantic and sexual interests, and glamorizes marriage. This leads to early and steady dating, which in turn leads to emotional and sexual involvement, and then to marriage.
Rutledge (27) says:

Little has been written about marriage as a positive force in growing up and maturing. The sexual urge plays a dominant part in early marriage, and yet to many youths marriage is more than that. They might be the first to admit their unreadiness for all the responsibilities of married living, including parenthood. But it is as though all the forces for growth and health decide to cast their lot with marriage, knowing that it will call for and demand the best youth has, including continued growth. These drives and inclinations, coupled with increasing efforts to obtain help in marital growth by direct and indirect means, are resulting in some healthy marital and parent-child relationships among quite young couples today.

**Statement of Problem**

The problem of this study has been to find out how young people feel about their early marriages with specific concern for:

1. Background causes or influences that may have encouraged the marriage.
2. Their preparation for marriage.
3. Appraisal of the marriage.

**Importance of Study**

Several studies have been made from the professional point of view of teenage marriages, but there has been little research in which the high school students' opinions or attitudes toward their marriages have been voiced. Therefore, the importance of this problem lies in its investigation of attitudes within the high school population.

It is hoped that this study will contribute to a greater understanding of the teenagers' views of their marriages, and in so doing will assist parents, educators, and other professional persons to better understand some of the problems of teenagers.
REVIEW OF LITERATURE

In spite of the increase in high school marriages, a review of literature indicates there is very little research on the attitudes of married teenagers toward their own marriages. The writer found one such study in the November, 1958, issue of the Lady's Home Journal, a popular magazine, entitled, "Why Do They Marry So Young," by Pargon. Professional journals have dealt with other aspects of the problem, and literature indicates research emphasis is on family life education; feelings about teenage marriage; teenage marriage as a problem; causes for the trend toward early marriage; policies of the schools concerning early marriage; and the divorce rate among young married couples.

Family Life Education

Behlmer (4), in a study of the Arsenal Technical High School in Indiana, stated that the school gives emphasis to family life education along with other technical courses. The course is a one-semester elective during the senior year. Marriage is strongly emphasized as being for adults and as an adult institution. There is evidence that a specialized course in family life education on the high school level does contribute to the stability and maturity needed before young people take their places as parents and members of society.

Kenkel (17), in his survey of family life education in Iowa, found that the high school students of Iowa claimed through a "Youth Opinionnaire," that lack of adequate preparation for marriage and family living was one of the greatest deficiencies in their education.

Poffenberger (25) recently did a survey in a high school that had
a high percentage of premarital pregnancies. Most of the students indicated that more information and discussion is needed in the sex area. He pointed out that this research indicated that the attitude regarding the need or lack of need for such information is highly correlated with the dating status of the student. The more advanced a student is in his relationships with the opposite sex, the more he is likely to feel the area needs discussion.

Landis (20), in contrast to this, says the focus now is upon the quality of the relationships, not upon skills, history, or sex facts. It is becoming more apparent that sex facts are a very small part of essential sex education and that sex must be considered in its relationship to the total personality.

Burchinal (9) summarized the results of a study of the "success" of sixty girls who married before graduation from high school. The findings and quoted comments of some of the girls provide an insight into the problems and satisfactions encountered by young couples following their marriages at high school age. The results indicated that though some couples were prepared for early marriage, at least as many were not.

Kirkendall (19) made a survey of 400 married students in 1953. He found that although some of the students were ready to assume responsibilities, he believed them to be in the minority. He indicated that success in the home, school, and social life might prevent many early marriages.

Coleman (28), in a study of fifty homemaking teachers including family relations, child development, housing, and consumer buying, found that teachers need to gain the confidence of teenage girls to be able to work with them.
Popenoe (26) stated that Montagu has concluded from his studies that motherhood is not for teenagers unless they are exceptional ones. He says the lowest mortality rates for mothers are found in the years between ages twenty and twenty-five. Offspring cannot be produced without danger to the mother until all her bodily organs have reached a full state of development—about a year after full skeletal growth. Toxemia, spontaneous abortion, and still births occur more frequently with the youthfulness of the mother.

Teenage Marriage As A Problem

Abernathy (2), in her study, asked

If early marriage is one of the oldest phenomena on earth—still current in many parts of the world, and true of this country back as far as Colonial times—why is it that many Americans tend today to look on it as something of a problem?

In answer to this she says Kingsley has pointed out that a technological society requires highly trained young people. Also, democratic philosophy and pioneer way of life helped to breed strong individualism. If now, this highly technological society returns to the pattern of early marriage, will it be able to retain those values which went with postponed marriage—highly trained young people and independence—or will less emphasis on some of these values have to be accepted. He also says that at a time when this nation needs scientists, doctors, and engineers as never before, heavy early childbearing has helped to rule out occupational aspirations on the part of women, and they have become increasingly concentrated in "dead-end jobs." Young husbands are having to give up a medical or engineering career because they could not face the long cost of training when they had two children at home and a third on the way.
Bossard and Boll (5), in contrast to Kingsley's report, stated the employment of young married women is accompanied today in many instances by the nonemployment of husbands, who may be attending college, professional school, or undergoing some other kind of training. These wives are spoken of as working for the P.H.T. degrees, meaning Putting Hubby Through.

Ojemann (15), said:

Young marriage is a fine thing. When a girl works along with a boy to get marriage started, it becomes a genuine cooperative enterprise. I think we made a mistake when we emphasized waiting until a man is financially established.

Dunbar (15) stated in her report of the sixtieth annual convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, that Nyswander reported, "People become physically mature in their early teens. When they are kept dependent and treated as children after they are full grown, it creates tremendous conflicts."

Causes for Early Marriage

Moss and Cingles (23) made an investigation of the trends towards early marriages in Nebraska between the years of 1940 and 1950. In 1940, 10 percent of the girls in twelve selected counties were eighteen years or younger at marriage as compared with 21 percent in 1950.

They developed a research plan which allowed for comparison of girls who marry early with a matching control group of girls who did not marry early.

The results of their findings point to the emergence of two types of girls with an orientation toward early marriage. First a type who is emotionally insecure and feels pushed toward marriage as an escape from an unhappy environment into something which gives promise of being more
satisfactory. Second, a type who is early in maturing, and whose aspiration level and expectation of marital happiness are comparatively low.

Burchinal (6), in a study made in nine Iowa communities from eleven separate high schools in 1958, used as his major hypothesis "Role change is directly related to role deprivation." He used marriage as the index of role change. He found that dissatisfaction with parental relations; deprivations in home, school, and social life; and the length and seriousness of the heterosexual involvement of the girls were directly related to the cause for early marriage.

Burchinal (6) recently completed a study to investigate some of the factors which help to explain why some girls of high school age marry. Sixty girls who had married before graduation from high school were interviewed, and their answers were matched with sixty girls who hadn't married before they graduated. He found that girls who had married while still of school age consistently held the "lead" in early dating.

Landis (22) found that many of those who dated at an early age became involved emotionally which lead to early marriage. He stated many youthful marriages were forced by pregnancy; otherwise the couples would never have married.

Burchinal (11, 6), in other studies to determine why there was a trend towards younger marriages, found that various studies suggested that some of the conditions which probably had a bearing were: Jobs are plentiful; war periods tend to lower the age of marriage; our society has become less rural and more urban; mass media has tended to idealize marriage; adolescents are very conscious of their "fringe-area" status between that of children and adults; they are also conscious of being like others in their groups; and marriage represents a means of
escape from unhappy homes, from unsatisfactory school experiences or from communities which young people don't like and want to leave.

Policies of the Schools Concerning Early Marriages

Landis (20) undertook a study in California high schools and found 90 percent of the 205 senior high schools had had one or more student marriages during the previous year, and the dropout rate was high among the girls who had married. He found that only a small minority of the principals encouraged withdrawal of the married students in California.

In contrast to this, Ivins (15), in a similar study in New Mexico, found that the policy in one-third of the schools was to remove from school for temporary or permanent periods of time all students who married. Although the schools did not expel or suspend students, their attitudes changed toward the married students, and the principals offered few suggestions for future plans for dealing with high school marriages, and these were mostly negative.

Cavan (13) stated in a report of research conducted in the Illinois high schools, that the schools have no legal right to suspend or expel students because of marriage. Many Illinois high schools seem to lack a definite policy for handling the phenomenon of married students, and where policies do exist there seems to be considerable variation from school to school. The attitude, in general, however, tends to be negative.

Burchinal (10) in a study of problems presented by married students in the schools found a variety of attendance policies. He obtained data from Iowa high schools for attendance policies related to married students. It was found that policies were more permissive for attendance of married boys than girls. Married non-pregnant girls were permitted
to attend school more frequently than pregnant married girls. There was
greater reluctance to permit married girls who had been premaritally
pregnant to attend school or to re-enter school as compared to girls
who were postmaritally pregnant.

Burchinal (6) conducted a study of the Iowa high schools to test
whether restrictive attendance policies for married students had an
effect on the marriage rates at the schools. From the results of his
study, he concluded the effects, if any, of restrictiveness of school
attendance policies upon the frequency of marriages of students appeared
to be very slight.

High Divorce Rate Among Teenage Marriages

Landis and Landis (22), in a study made of 3,000 early marriages,
concluded divorce rates appear to be inversely related to age at marriage
for both men and women. They found that if couples were married when
they were less than twenty years of age, the divorce rate was 20.2
percent. For couples who were twenty to twenty-five years of age at the
time of marriage, the divorce rate was 10 percent.

Christensen (14) found that his results of an analyses of divorce
in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, agreed with Landis. His findings showed
that divorce rates were substantially higher for men and women who mar­
ry in their teens than for couples who marry later.

Burgess and Cottrell (12), in their studies of marital adjustment,
agree that teenage marriage is associated with poor marital adjustment
even where a divorce does not occur.

Bee (3) feels that people are especially vulnerable to risk when
they marry young, when the personality is still undeveloped, and when
experience has not developed other components of the personality.
Summary

Buhlmer and Kenkel are in agreement that family life education contributes to the stability and maturity needed by young people. Poffenberger feels stronger emphasis should be placed on sex education, while Landis feels that sex must be considered in its relationship to the total personality.

Burchinal, Kirkendall, and Montagu believe that some teenagers may be emotionally and physically mature, but there are many who are not. Moss and Gingles are in agreement with Burchinal, Kirkendall, and Montagu as their findings show that emotionally insecure girls are pushed towards marriage as an escape from unhappy environment, and the early maturing are ready for marriage.

Kingsley pointed out education of both boys and girls is being interrupted at a time when a highly technological society requires highly trained young people. However, Dunbar and Ojemann feel it is a fine thing for a girl to work along with the boy to get the marriage started.

Landis, Cavan, and Burchinal found that although many of the schools did not suspend students, their attitudes changed toward the married students, and the plans for dealing with high school marriages were mostly negative.

Landis and Landis, and Christensen, concluded from their studies that the divorce rates were substantially higher for men and women who marry in their teens than for couples who marry later. Burgess and Cottrell, and Bee found that teenage marriage is associated with poor marital adjustment and the teenagers are especially vulnerable as poor marriage risks.
METHOD OF STUDY

The present study of a group of teenage marriages began in January of 1960. There have been few studies completed in the area of self-evaluation of teenage marriages. This study will be of an exploratory nature. It was, therefore, decided that the case history approach in gathering information would be more valuable and many variables can be included.

The sample was selected with the following limitations: the subjects would have been married at or before the age of seventeen; have been married less than three years and more than one; and have at least one child. The sample would be located in Cache County, Utah. It was decided the investigator would select at least twelve subjects and interview them. The sample was not intended to be representative of the total population of young married couples in the area.

In order to obtain the names of married teenage girls for the sample, the counselors of the North Cache, South Cache, and Logan High Schools were contacted. No names were available at the North Cache High School. The name of one person was obtained from the South Cache High School, and she refused to be interviewed. The Logan High School had two married teenage girls attending school, and the counselor spoke very highly of the contributions both girls were making to the school. The names of the two girls were made available to the writer, and they were interviewed for this study.

The marriage records at the Cache County Court House yielded approximately sixty names of girls who had married in their teens during
1957 and 1958.

The investigator checked the Logan telephone directory and the Utah State University directory and located nineteen young married couples. Contacts were made by telephone or personal contact, and appointments were made with sixteen girls. Two of the sixteen girls refused to keep their appointments. Two other girls were too busy and appointments could not be made at the time of the contact. One of these had either separated or was divorced from her husband. The rest of the girls were very cooperative so no further effort was made to locate additional couples.

The Questionnaire

A questionnaire was used to obtain pertinent general background information and an interview schedule was used as a guide for the interview.

The questionnaire was used to secure such information as birth dates of the interviewee, her spouse, and her children; length of engagement; date of marriage, and other general information. The subject also was requested to rate her parental home life, her religion, her marriage and other aspects of her background. The subject completed the questionnaire prior to the beginning of the interview. A copy of the questionnaire is included in this study as Appendix A.

An original interview schedule was prepared for the purpose of this study. It was divided into three sections. The first section was headed "Background Causes or Influences." The purpose of this section was to investigate causes in the parental home or school background that may have influenced an early marriage.

The second section was headed "Preparation for Marriage."
This section covered what the teenager expected in the role of her spouse; her feelings about the routine of marriage; the expression of affection after marriage; how major decisions were made; the making of friends; adjustment in marriage; meaning of sex; how children fit into their plans; finances and credit; insurance; feelings towards in-laws and parents; attitudes of the community toward the marriage; plans for further education; reason for marriage; and plans for the future.

The interview schedule was used as a guide to conduct the interviews in an attempt to secure uniformity in the pattern of information obtained from each subject. The investigator took the information in shorthand in a space provided on each schedule.

The Interview

The interviews were held at each of the subjects' homes. Conditions generally favorable to interviewing were available in most of the homes, as the interviews were arranged when the husbands were away. There was some disturbance from small children, but the interviews were not interrupted.

Before the interview was conducted, the study was introduced. The subjects were assured that all information would be held in confidence, and no names, addresses, or other identifying information would be included in the study. They were told their honesty and frankness would be appreciated. Each interview lasted between one and a half hours to two hours.

A copy of the interview schedule is included in this study as Appendix B.

The interview schedule could have been strengthened by requesting information about the type of employment of each of the fathers of the
subjects. This would have been a lead to the type of community that each subject was from and a means of comparing the economic background of the families. The interviews do indicate that the majority of girls have a farm background.

Because the interview schedule was divided into three sections, there was some duplication of information. This information was combined wherever possible in summarizing the study.

The material gathered in these interviews was made into case histories and put into the original words of the subjects as much as possible. These case histories are included in the study as Appendix C.

Four additional interviews were made. One of the subjects had just passed her eighteenth birthday, but otherwise met the requirements of the study. It was decided to include this case with the original twelve. Two of the subjects met the requirements of the study, but they had been married for approximately six years. The fourth subject had no children. These three case histories are included in the study as Appendix D.
SUMMARY OF CASE HISTORIES

Case A

General background information

Mrs. A was acquainted with her husband for approximately six years and engaged to him one month before her marriage at the age of seventeen. They had been married one year and three months at the time of this interview. Her husband is three years and ten months older than she. He is employed as a skilled laborer with an income of about $4,000 a year. Their child was born ten and a half months after their marriage.

Mrs. A has an air of self-confidence, and she gave the writer the impression that she knew exactly what she expected of her marriage and of life in general. She assumed heavy responsibilities in her home from the time she was twelve years of age and, because of this, she probably matured earlier than most of her friends.

Parental and school background

Mrs. A rated her parental home life as "very unhappy," which corresponded with the information in the interview. Her father drank considerably and refused to assume the responsibilities of caring for the family. Her mother was unfaithful to her father, and as a result there was no trust between her parents. There was not enough privacy between the parents and the children during the parents' sex activities, and Mrs. A felt this was a detrimental influence on her and her sisters.

Mrs. A rated her husband as coming from a "happy" home. She
thought he was too sheltered, and at first she felt his parents put too much stress on religion. Because her father-in-law was very insistent that they have a temple marriage, she and her husband eloped, as Mr. A did not feel he was ready for a temple marriage at the time. It should be noted, however, that Mrs. A wants a temple marriage eventually as she feels it will make their relationship a more binding one. She also stated that she would not run away again to get married, which may be an indication she probably would insist on a temple marriage if she had it to do over again.

Mrs. A rated both her husband and herself as attending church as "less than frequent" and that their ideas on religion were not too compatible. Prior to Mr. A's marriage his parents were insistent that he attend his church meetings and do his church duties. Since their marriage, he has become somewhat lax in his church attendance. Mrs. A feels that religion should be a dominant factor in their home as it gives them a standard to follow that will give them closer family ties. There has been a deviation from the pattern of religious life by both of the young people from that which they had previously lived.

Mrs. A stressed in the interview with the writer, that if her home life could be lived over again, she would want to do away with her mother's unfaithfulness to her father, and the drinking, smoking, and swearing that took place in her family. She stressed very emphatically that she expected to have faithfulness and unity in her own home and that her husband should provide for her and the children.

Reason for marriage

This information indicates to the writer that Mrs. A married early to escape from an unhappy parental home, and to try to establish a more
secure home of her own with a spouse who would help her to build a good marriage to compensate for lack of emotional and material insecurity in her parental home.

Evaluation of marriage

Because of her responsibilities which she assumed in her parental home and her two years' experience in working to maintain her own expenses, she developed a clear vision of the goals that she wanted in her marriage and in life. She and her husband set goals of some of the things which were important to them prior to their marriage. They have already accomplished some of their expectations such as a better job for her husband, a baby, and a new car. She also has a car of her own, so she has considerable freedom to come and go as she pleases.

Mrs. A is desirous that her husband return to college. He had completed two quarters prior to their marriage. She, herself, has no interest in returning to complete high school. Whether this will be a problem in later years is a question, as she seemed to be an intelligent girl who will be capable of growing with her husband. It is quite possible that as she becomes more mature, she will recognize her inadequacy in education and return to school at least for classes that will be of benefit to her and her family. Her in-laws are well educated and will probably encourage her as much as possible.

Case B

General background information

Mrs. B lived in the same neighborhood with her husband, and they belonged to the same church. They knew each other most of their lives. They were engaged for four months and married when she was fifteen. Her husband was three years and four months older. They had been married a
year and seven months at the time of the interview, and their baby was born just three months after the wedding.

Mrs. B is a junior in high school and is planning to graduate. Her husband is a college junior and he works part time. He has an income of approximately $3,000.

Mrs. B is a very sensitive and conscientious girl despite her extreme youth. She lacks the self-confidence and assurance that many girls her age have. The responsibilities thrust upon her seem to be almost too overwhelming for her, but her sheer determination is her strength.

Parental and school background

When Mrs. B told her parents she had to get married, her father told her, "You made your bed, you lie in it!" The attitude taken by her parents indicated there was little unity and communication in this home. At a time when Mrs. B desperately needed love and understanding, she was rejected. Mrs. B emphasized in the interview if she could live her life over again, she would want to be able to do things with her family, and she would especially want to be able to talk over her problems instead of holding them within herself. Her mother did not tell her anything about sex or the birth process until after she was married, and this was far too late. Also, her mother did not like her husband before this marriage, and she was very critical of him which made things very difficult.

Mrs. B rated her husband as coming from a "very happy" home. Maybe she felt the home was happy because it was more religious than her own. Twice she spoke of her husband as not having very many friends and feeling left out of things. She pointed out that she hoped
to make up to her husband for this insecure feeling. This was an indication that his home life was not as secure or happy as she seemed to think, and that he, too, needed strong emotional support.

**Reason for marriage**

The reason for this early marriage was a premarital pregnancy and an unhappy parental home. Mrs. B needed emotional and psychological security, and she needed to belong.

**Evaluation of marriage**

Mrs. B rated her own marriage as "very happy." She said she did not expect to have much when she and her husband were married, but she did not realize they would be so "broke." Mr. B is attending college and working part time, and he is having a difficult time meeting their daily needs. Mrs. B is attending high school so she can graduate. Mrs. B shows an unusual depth of understanding towards her husband and their marital difficulties. She realizes it is difficult for her husband to assume all of the responsibilities he has and maintain equilibrium in their relationships. However, Mr. B does not seem to realize that the strain for her is equally as difficult, and he has less tolerance and understanding of the responsibilities she is assuming.

Mrs. B is having some difficulty in being as expressive in sex as when she and her husband were first married. With her heavy schedule, and so little time for relaxation or recreation, it may be due more to fatigue than emotional problems.

This young couple are having an extremely hard time financially. They have little time to spend together. They are assuming responsibilities far beyond the call of most young people at a time when they should be free just to be together to make their marital adjustment.
They have a goal in mind, and despite the hardships, they are making some progress toward it.

Case C

General background information

Mrs. C met her husband when he was contracting her brother's home. She knew him for nine months and was engaged for three months. She was sixteen years old at the time of her marriage, and her husband was six years and two months older than she. Their first child was born seven months after their marriage and died two months later. They have one living child and are expecting another in the immediate future. They had been married two years and ten months at the time of the interview.

Mr. C was a graduate of high school and Mrs. C completed the tenth grade. Mr. C has his own business and allows $7,200 a year for their personal living expenses.

Mrs. C is a very mature and competent young mother and wife according to the observations made by the writer. Her home was immaculate inside and out, and very attractive. Mrs. C appeared to be a very thoughtful and considerate person with considerable understanding of the problems in her marriage.

Parental and school background

Mrs. C rated her home life with her parents as "happy." From the time she was twelve years of age she had assumed much of the responsibility in her parental home because her mother worked. She had only one sister who was seven years younger than she, so she had to assume considerable care of her, also.

Mrs. C felt she was deprived of very much closeness with her family because her mother worked and was away from home so much. She felt this
was a mistake because children need a great deal of personal guidance, and they need limits and bounds so they will know what the parents expect of them. She and her parents could never communicate with one another, and Mrs. C had to learn many things from her husband that her mother should have taught her.

Mrs. C rated her husband as coming from a "happy" home, also. She pointed out his parents were very strict with him, and they did not help him or encourage him much in any way. He finished high school and would have gone on to college, but his parents were not interested. Mr. C had a great deal of initiative as he established a firm of his own with no assistance. He is obviously doing very well as their standards of living are much above most of the young couples interviewed.

Mrs. C stated she did not like school, and that she was not exactly popular; nevertheless, she felt most of the students liked her. She and several of her friends quit school at the same time; she with the intention of marrying someone other than her husband. Shortly after that, she met her husband, and they were married in about nine months. Three or four of her friends married while they were still in school, but they all quit school as they had no desire to go on. Mrs. C said she did not feel they were ready for the responsibility of homemaking, and their husbands were not as dependable as hers.

**Reason for marriage**

It is apparent in this case that Mrs. C married early to escape an unhappy school situation and because she desired to have stronger home ties. She did not criticize her home life, particularly, but she felt deprived because her parents had so little time for her or interest in her, and as a result she became emotionally involved in heterosexual relationships.
Evaluation of marriage

Mrs. C stated she and her husband planned their first child. Whether this is true or not is a question in the mind of the writer. Mrs. C was almost two months pregnant when she was married. She stated her baby was a full time baby although he was not completely developed when he was born as he was physically defective. She feels their first baby was born in that condition because she, herself, was not physically mature enough to have a baby.

Mrs. C rated religion for both her husband and herself as "less than good." She rated their attendance as "less than frequent." She gave no reason for this other than she is not as active in church as she would like to be. She is a very small person, and her little girl is husky and active, so it is difficult for her to manage the child when she is alone. Her husband is gone much of the time, including Sundays, because of his business, so their church attendance has become very infrequent.

Mrs. C recognizes that she was immature emotionally, physically, and socially when she married her husband. She said that her husband liked to socialize with people who were nearer his age when they were first married, and she felt that they probably understood him better than she did. She admitted that almost everyone thought she was too young when she was married, and she does not want her little girl to marry before she is eighteen.

Mrs. C matured a great deal in her marriage because of the problems she had to face. She seems to have developed a deep understanding of her husband and child, and she wants to do everything she can to establish harmony and love in her home. She is trying to give her child emotional security by being with her when she needs her.
From the way Mrs. C has been meeting her problems as they arose, the indications are that this marriage is developing into a good, substantial one. The personal adjustments have been difficult because of the tragedy of losing the baby, but it has helped both young people to mature more rapidly, and they seem to have been drawn very close together.

Case D

General background information

Mrs. D met her husband while she was on a blind date. She knew him for about six months and they had no engagement before her marriage at fifteen. Mr. D was seven years and nine months older than Mrs. D. They had been married one year and eleven months at the time of the interview, and their first baby was born six months after the wedding.

Mrs. D was in the ninth grade when she quit school. Her husband completed the eleventh grade. He is now employed as a laborer and earns about $2600 a year.

Mrs. D was cooperative throughout the interview, but she was very apathetic and unsure of herself. She seemed to lack the ability to express herself. Her answers appeared to be formulated by intellect rather than her own feelings. She chewed her fingernails throughout most of the interview, and she was apparently under considerable stress.

Mrs. D lives with her husband in an apartment located in an old house that had been rebuilt into apartments. The building was dirty and rundown, and the hall and stairway leading to the upstairs was cluttered with dirty, broken toys. The apartment was small and attractively furnished and was in need of paint and repair.
Mrs. D was dressed in a blue print sleeveless dress which was ripped at both armholes. She was barefooted, and her hair was uncombed.

**Parental and school background**

Mrs. D rated her home life with her parents as "happy"; however, she stated in the interview that her family was not a closely knit family, and that they did not do much together. She could talk very little with her mother and not at all with her father when she had problems or needed help. She also said they did not seem to trust her very much, nor did they make her feel wanted or needed.

It seems that Mrs. D's parents must not have been greatly interested in the kind of boys that Mrs. D was dating. She started dating her husband when she was fourteen, and he was almost twenty-two. This was a very great difference in age and in maturity between the two. This seems very important because she was so young. Most parents would have resisted such a relationship right from the beginning so there could have been no possible involvement.

Mrs. D rated her husband as coming from a "happy" home, also, but she did not give any background information about his family.

Mrs. D apparently over-rated her feelings about her parental home life, as she was not secure and her emotional needs were not met. She became involved with the boy she married and had to get married because of a premarital pregnancy.

Mr. D is almost eight years older than the interviewee. He is not steadily employed, and he does not seem very responsible. Both of the parents were opposed to the marriage because of Mrs. D's extreme youth, and her parents did not like the boy at all. Some of her friends felt she was very foolish as she was depriving herself of a lot of fun.
Mrs. D liked high school for the short time she attended her freshman year, and she attended a few of the activities. She got along all right with the students. She feels left out of school activities now, and this disturbs her.

**Reason for marriage**

Mrs. D was married because she had a premarital pregnancy. She was not happy in her parental home as she had no security, and she needed someone to whom she could feel close.

**Evaluation of marriage**

Mrs. D reported that when she was married, she did not know what she should expect from marriage, nor just what she should give. She said she had not thought much about it, but apparently she did not have much choice to do anything but get married.

The marriage did not have a very stable foundation. Mrs. D's husband did not complete his high school; Mrs. D did not even complete one year of high school; and she still has the desire to go out and have a good time. Her husband is moody and temperamental and is affectionate with her only when he feels like it. They have considerable difficulty in disciplining their little girl because Mr. D will let the baby do what she pleases regardless of how Mrs. D feels about it. There is resentment on Mrs. D's part because of this.

They have had a very difficult time financially because of her husband's inability to secure steady work. They had to give up their car when they were unable to make the payments. Mrs. D is very conscious of their financial difficulty, and she does not want to buy anything more unless they can definitely pay for it.

There is a lack of communication between the two, as Mrs. D gets
angry and cannot talk when they have arguments or disagreements. She said that her husband is quite level headed, and when she can calm down, they talk things over.

**Case E**

**General background information**

Mrs. E met her husband when she was going to junior high school. She knew him for six years and was engaged to him for eight months. When she was seventeen she had a temple wedding. Her husband was four years older than she. Their first child was born eleven months after their marriage. They had been married two and a half years at the time of the interview.

Mrs. E graduated from high school before the marriage, and Mr. E completed five quarters of college. He is employed at a manufacturing plant and earns approximately $5,000 a year.

Mrs. E is a tall, striking twenty-year-old girl. She appears more mature than her years, and she is very outgoing. She was friendly and cooperative throughout the interview, and at times she was blunt and outspoken. She seemed to be honest in voicing her opinions. She had the appearance of a very happy and well-adjusted person, and life apparently was very meaningful to her.

**Parental and school background**

Mrs. E rated her parental home life as "very happy." Her grandmother also lived with them, and she said that she was especially close to her. Mrs. E was able to talk anything she did on a date with her mother or her grandmother, and she felt free to discuss any of her problems, too. She learned about sex long before her mother told her. She felt that her parents taught her a great deal just by setting her a good example in the way they lived. They had a lot of enjoyment in
doing things together. Her older brother was a big tease, and as a result they quarreled a lot, but she had a happy childhood and would not like to change it.

Mrs. E rated her husband as also coming from a "very happy" home. She said he was the baby of the family and his mother did not want to let him go, but there was no other trouble. His parents are quite elderly and did not drive, so they frequently expect Mrs. E and her husband to take them places when they want to go.

Mrs. E rated their attendance to church as "frequent," and their adjustment to religion as "better than good." They also had a temple marriage. However, she does not attend church often as she does not like to go alone. Her husband works Sundays, and they live in a new ward where they are not well acquainted.

Mrs. E was very popular in high school and entered many of the activities. She liked school and most of her studies. She still associates with some of her school friends.

Reason for marriage

Mrs. E married because she did not want to wait any longer. They waited for her husband to complete one year of college and for her to finish high school. Good jobs were available, and even though she was still quite young, her mother felt she was ready for marriage, and that she couldn't find anyone nicer or more likeable than her husband.

Evaluation of marriage

Mrs. E and her husband appear to have made a good adjustment in their marriage so far. Her husband is thinking about returning to college so their plans are a little indefinite about whether they should buy a home.
The foundation of this marriage appears to be very solid. Both families approved of the marriage, and the families were well acquainted with each other. Mr. E is very compatible with Mrs. F’s father as they have much in common. Mrs. E and her husband are very independent and capable of making their own decisions. They know what they want, and they are determined to accomplish their goals.

They are openly affectionate toward their little girl, and they both are looking forward with warm anticipation to the birth of their second child.

The writer did not discern any major problem with which this family is concerned. They do have some trouble with communication when they are angry with each other, and they are a little immature in the way they act before they calm down and work out the problem.

Case F

Mr. and Mrs. F met when they were both employed by the same company. They knew each other for three and a half months and they were engaged for two and a half weeks. Mrs. F was eighteen when she was married and her husband was three years and nine months older. They had been married a year and four months at the time of the interview. Their baby was born eight months and a week after the marriage.

Mrs. F completed high school and her husband is a first quarter senior in college. He works part time and has an income of about $1,500 per year.

Mrs. F is a quiet, but friendly, blonde girl, who is inclined to be a little heavy set. She was very interested in participating in the interview and was very cooperative. Her little girl sat on her lap for part of the interview, and laughed and played. She was a bright
and happy little child.

Mrs. F lives with her husband in a very attractive basement apartment located in a new brick home. It was comfortably furnished and was spic and span.

Parental and school background

Mrs. F rated both her husband's and her parental homes as being between "happy" and "very happy." Mrs. F lived with her parents and a brother and sister. They did many things together as a family. Mrs. F did not feel close to her mother, as her mother was high strung and lost her temper easily. Her father was much more understanding, and she could talk her problems over with him. However, if her mother lost her temper with her, her father also would get angry, and this upset Mrs. F. She felt they could have helped her much more if they would have controlled their tempers.

Mrs. F liked school quite well and participated in the school activities. She felt that her being overweight kept her from being very popular the first year, but after that she lost weight and she enjoyed her school experience.

Mrs. F rated their attendance of church as "less than frequent" and their adjustment to religion as "very good." There is a little question here as to the adjustment of religion. Mrs. F's father-in-law refused to go through the temple and her mother-in-law went through alone. This caused considerable conflict in the family, and because of this, Mr. F is not quite sure he wants to go through the temple. This is a problem to Mrs. F as she feels a temple wedding would make their marriage bonds stronger.
Reason for marriage

Mrs. F was married at this time because she felt she was ready. She had completed high school. There was some indication, too, that her parental home was not entirely happy. Her mother was high strung, and her parents would frequently get angry with her. She also pointed out that because she was the oldest girl, she was held back a little because her parents made so many of her decisions. Mrs. F may have contracted an early marriage to try to achieve more security and understanding than she had in her parental home.

Evaluation of marriage

Mrs. F rated her own marriage as "very happy." She knew her husband only three and a half months before they were married, and they were engaged but two and a half weeks. They had been married for a year and a half at the time of the interview, and they seemed to have made a very good adjustment.

Although the marriage was made on a rather shaky foundation because of the short period of acquaintance and Mrs. F's lack of knowledge about her husband's family, they seem to have worked out many of their problems. Mr. F is a senior in college, and they have definite plans for the future. They both idolize their little girl, and they are looking forward to the birth of their second child. They have established good personal relationships and are interested in each other's welfare.

Case G

General background information

Mrs. G met her husband at high school. She was acquainted with him for three and a half years and was engaged to him for a year and a
half. She had a temple wedding when she was seventeen years old. Her husband was three and a half years older. They have one child who was born eleven months after their wedding.

Mrs. G graduated from high school before she was married. Her husband had completed five quarters of college. He is employed as a draftsman and has an income of approximately $4,000 a year.

Mrs. G is a tiny, petite girl with long dark curly hair framing her pretty childlike face and falling softly about her shoulders. She was very tired the day of the interview because she had been up three nights with her little girl who had had the flu and an ear infection. She seemed to be very sure of herself, however, and knew what she wanted in her marriage.

Parental and school background

Mrs. G rated her home life with her parents as "very happy." She felt very close to her mother and could talk about anything with her. They did many things together as a family and, since she was an only child, her father took her on most of his fishing expeditions and other outings.

She rated her husband as also coming from a "very happy" home. She thought a great deal of her in-laws. Her mother-in-law is a nurse, and she has helped Mrs. G a great deal whenever her little girl is ill. Her father-in-law helped them plan how to make the payments on their new home, and he also loaned them the money for the downpayment.

Both parents favored the marriage very much, except her parents felt she was a little young. They offered no resistance when she promised to finish high school first.

Mrs. G was very outstanding in high school. She belonged to
numerous social organizations, participated in school offices, and won some honors. She was very popular, and the students liked her very much. She accepted her engagement ring during her junior year.

Mrs. G rated both her attendance and her husband's attendance in church as "frequently"; however, she said they really did not go very often. Sometimes her husband works on Sundays, and they live in a new neighborhood. They just have not started going much because they do not know many people. However, they are the dance directors in mutual.

Reason for marriage

Mrs. G was ready for marriage. She had been engaged for a year and a half, and she did not want to wait any longer. Both her parents and her husband's parents approved of the marriage, and she had completed high school.

Evaluation of marriage

Mrs. G rated her own marriage as "happy." She knew her husband three and a half years before their marriage. She knew her husband was moody during that time, and they tried to work it out before they were married. They both had quick tempers and were inclined to jump to conclusions and be a little intolerant with each other. Mrs. G felt marriage counseling probably would have helped them a little in making a personality adjustment. She and her husband have both learned to give in a lot during their marriage.

The marriage seems to have a very firm foundation. There was a very definite personality adjustment to be made, but as both of them grow older and become more mature, they should become more sensitive to each other's feelings and become able to communicate more freely.
and objectively. Both of their families are giving them psychological support as well as financial help.

They are both striving to understand themselves, and they are aware of many of their shortcomings. Mrs. G was an only child, and she was very close to her parents. They probably submitted to her and gave in to her a great deal. This may account for some of her conflicts in the marriage.

Although Mrs. G rated her marriage lower in happiness than she did her parental family, the marriage has high possibilities. Mrs. G and her husband came from very happy homes; they both completed high school, and Mr. G completed almost two years of college. They have participated together in their activities, and they have definite goals they desire in life. They are beginning to develop an insight into their problems and are struggling to work them out together. Their parents, also, are giving them much of the needed support during the early years while they are making their initial adjustment.

Case H

General background information

Mrs. H was introduced to her husband by a friend in high school. She knew him for two and a half years and was engaged for one year. She married him when she was sixteen. Her husband was two years and nine months older than she. They had been married one year and ten months at the time of the interview. They have two children. The first child was born seven months after the marriage.

Mrs. H quit high school during her junior year. Her husband completed five quarters of college. He is currently employed in a business firm and earns about $4,000 annually.
Mrs. H is a very congenial and outspoken girl of eighteen. No appointment had been made with her, but she invited the writer in and was very happy to give the interview. Mrs. H was very positive in her opinions about her marriage and her home life, and she thoroughly enjoyed sharing her thoughts.

Despite the fact that the apartment was very small and over-furnished, it was cozy and comfortable. Mrs. H's second baby was just about two weeks old at the time of the interview, and the crib was in the kitchen. This left very little space to walk around in that area.

Parental and school background

Mrs. H rated her home life with her parents as "very happy." She had all of the material things she wanted. Her father was in the bishopric, and she had a job in mutual. They always went to church together. They lived on a farm, and she loved to spend time with her father and to go horseback riding. She felt she was able to talk about almost everything with her mother, but her mother did not give her enough sex information. She was very close to one brother who was near her own age, but there was too much difference in age between the rest of her brothers and sisters.

Mrs. H rated her husband as coming from a "happy" home, but she told the writer he was not happy in his home. His father was deceased and his mother was quite possessive with him. She would not let him have the car very often, and as a result, Mrs. H and her husband stayed out too late when they did get together.

Mrs. H liked her subjects in school, and she was very active in various organizations. She had a lot of fun, but she felt the teachers could have been better.
Mrs. H was only fifteen when she became engaged. She felt their engagement was too long as she was engaged for a year. As a result they became involved sexually. She felt this would not have happened if they had been older as they would have had a shorter engagement.

Reason for marriage

Apparently the reason for this marriage was Mr. H's unhappiness in his home, as he had considerable personality conflict with his mother. He wanted companionship and a home of his own, and he also wanted his freedom. He liked Mrs. H's father very much which gave him some security because he had lost his own father. His mother may have been possessive because of the death of her husband. Mrs. H spoke of her husband's mother not allowing him to use the car very frequently. There may have been some justification for this, because Mr. H lost his driver's license when he was dating his wife.

Mrs. H rated their religious adjustment as less than good. She does not go to church as often as she would like, and since her husband has been to college, he feels there are many things about the church he cannot accept. He also smokes, and since Mrs. H had never had that in her home, it has been hard for her to accept it. She would rather have him smoke in front of her than have him go some place else, so she has tried to adjust to it.

Evaluation of the marriage

Mrs. H seems to be quite satisfied with her marriage in most aspects. She was very frank about her premarital pregnancy, and she said her main regret was hurting her parents.

She and her husband have many things in common, and they both love their children a great deal. However, her husband likes to go to the
pool hall or to play poker and is often away from home for hours. Mrs. H does not like this. One time she sent him for some milk for the baby, and he did not return for five hours. She really was angry and threatened to take the children and leave and not come back. When that happened, they sat down and talked it out, and things have been much better since.

Mrs. H feels that her being pregnant so much of the time since their marriage has been hard on both of them as she became emotionally upset so much easier.

The marriage seems to have excellent possibilities as Mrs. H and her husband are working through their difficulties. They are making better adjustments, and they both want to make a good home for their children.

Their plans for the future were indefinite at the time of the interview because her husband was thinking about returning to college, and Mrs. H hoped he would. He has completed almost two years, and she felt it would make their future more secure if he would continue his education.

**Case I**

**General background information**

Mrs. I met her husband at a church dance three years before her marriage. She was engaged for six months. She was married in the temple when she was sixteen, and her husband was four years and nine months older than she. They had been married two years and eleven months at the time of the interview. Their baby was born ten months after the wedding.

Mr. I is employed at a manufacturing plant and earns about $4,200
a year. He left college during his junior year, and Mrs. I completed
her sophomore year of high school.

Mrs. I is a very brisk business-like girl of nineteen with rather
an aggressive personality. She is of medium height, blonde, and rather
heavy set. She did not appear to be interested in being interviewed.
She rated her marriage very high. She talked from an intellectual
standpoint rather than giving her personal feelings.

Parental and school background

Mrs. I rated her parental home life as "very happy." Her mother
and father were divorced when she was eight years old. Her father
visited her and her brothers at weekly intervals but, apparently, she
did not have too much attachment to her father because she was not in-
terested in talking about him. Mrs. I's mother had to work, including
Sundays, so they were not able to do much together. They could not
even go to church together. There was no opportunity to make trips
together because they did not have a car.

Mrs. I felt her mother was always there whenever she and her
brothers needed her; that her mother took the place of her father. Be-
cause of her mother working and being away so much, she and her brothers
were very close. Mrs. I did not do much in the home to help her mother,
because her mother preferred to do the work. Mrs. I said she could
talk everything over with her mother, and that her mother especially
helped her by discussing sex and the birth process with her.

Mrs. I did not enter many activities in school. She was a little
resentful because there was a clique in the school, and if a student
could not get into it, he was a "nobody." However, Mrs. I said she
had her own group of friends and they had fun.
Reason for marriage

It would seem from the foregoing information, that Mrs. I did not have as happy a home life or school life as she wanted. Although she was quite close to her mother, her mother worked, and she could not spend much time with her. Her parents were divorced, and with her father making weekly visits there must have been some dissension. She was not happy with her life in school. She felt left out when she could not get into the clique. Mrs. I is rather dogmatic and rigid in her religious views, and in her married life. She and her family attend church regularly. Yet, in her parental home, they seldom attended church. It seems that Mrs. I may have sought marriage at such an early age to fulfill needs that were not being met in her parental home. Her husband was an Elder in the same church so she could have a temple marriage. She now has the companionship of a man in the home, and she seems to be quite satisfied with her marriage.

Evaluation of marriage

Mrs. I's husband is holding down a full time position and is continuing his college with night classes. They live in an attractive two bedroom home which is furnished with new, modern contemporary furniture. Mrs. I has many modern kitchen appliances, including an ironer.

Mrs. I appeared to the writer to be quite domineering. She stated that whenever there was indecision in the handling of money, she had the final say. However, she said she and her husband usually talked it out together.

The marriage seems to be built on rather a strong foundation. Mrs. I and her husband have many things in common; they enjoyed each other's
families; and they had strong church ties. They had a definite goal in mind as to the type of home and family they want, and they are slowly achieving an education for her husband. From all outward appearances, the couple are well adjusted, have worked out many of their problems, and seem to be above average in maturity. Mrs. I said she did not want to go back to school, but that she would like to complete her high school education by correspondence. She is aggressive and alert and is probably capable of growing with her husband so there may not be a problem in this area.

Case J

General background information

Mrs. J was introduced to her husband by a friend when she was a sophomore in high school. She knew him two years before her marriage at the age of seventeen. Her husband was just ten months older than she. They had been married one year and nine months at the time of the interview, and their child was born six months after the wedding.

Mrs. J was a junior in high school when she quit, and her husband is a second quarter sophomore in college. He works part time and has an income of $1,200. Mrs. J works as a nurse's aid to supplement their income.

Mrs. J is a short, stocky, blonde girl of eighteen, and she appears to be a very serious girl. She was interested in having the interview, but it was a little difficult to establish rapport. She lives with her husband and her little boy in the university housing. The apartment was cozy and many knicknacks and books filled the shelves and cupboards.

Parental and school background

Mrs. J rated her home life with her family as "very happy." She
had five sisters and one brother, and she was especially close to her sister who was just older than she. She did not get along too well with the sister who was just younger, as they had too many personality conflicts.

The family did not do too many things together, but occasionally they had reunions and family dinners. They did not attend church activities. Mrs. J said her parents would not let her friends come to the house, and she felt this was a mistake.

Mrs. J did not talk over intimate problems with her mother, and she did not know what she should expect of marriage. She felt marriage counseling is very important and that all young people should have it. She also felt family living courses should be taught in the early years of high school so it would reach more of the students.

Mrs. J also rated her husband as coming from a "very happy" home. However, she mentioned that his parents were very strict religiously. Her husband did not adhere to some of the religious principles, and it is quite possible there was conflict in his home because of this. There was some opposition on the part of his family towards the marriage, also. Mrs. J felt they did not accept her at first.

Reason for marriage

Mrs. J's home life was probably not as happy as she rated it. She may have unconsciously sought the companionship and understanding from her husband that she was not getting at home, and she resented her parents not permitting her friends to visit the home. Undoubtedly, her husband was also trying to break away from the rigid discipline of his parents, and in so doing, they became emotionally and sexually involved.

Mrs. J had to get married, and she was very frank about it. She
would have liked to have finished school first, "but what else can you
do when you are pregnant." Three of her girl friends were married
while in school, and they also had to marry because of premarital
pregnancies.

Evaluation of marriage

Mrs. J is working as a nurse's aid to help put her husband through
college. She is just a little resentful that her husband does not un-
derstand it is just as difficult for her to work and keep up the apart-
ment as it is for him to work part time and go to school. She also
seems to resent she had to marry, as she was not ready to settle down.

Mrs. K and her husband seem to be working out their problems, and
they have become quite well adjusted with the exception of some person-
ality differences. Mrs. J enjoys going to church more than she did
prior to her marriage, but she said she does not go as much as she would
like. Her in-laws have accepted her, too, and this made her feel better.
She and her husband take turns in caring for their little boy--he, while
she goes to work, and she, while he goes to school. She feels her hus-
band is a good mate and father, but she said their relationship could
be strengthened if they had more time to spend together. They are
accepting their responsibilities and are willing to forego many neces-
sities while her husband finishes school. Mrs. J is very determined
that he will graduate. She intends to finish her schooling, also.

Case K

General background information

Mrs. K went to high school with her husband. She knew him nine
months and was engaged to him for two months. When she was seventeen
she and her husband were married in the temple. They were both the
same age. At the time of the interview, they had been married two years and one month. They have two children, and their first child was born six months after the wedding.

Both Mr. and Mrs. K graduated from high school. Mr. K is a student at the university and is in his sophomore year. He works part-time and has an income of $1,260 a year. Mrs. M works as a nurse's aid and earns about $1,620 per annum.

Mrs. K is a very pretty, slender, dark haired girl with sparkling blue eyes. She was very friendly and cooperative throughout the interview, and she was very frank in expressing her opinions about her marriage.

Mrs. K lives in the college housing with her husband and two little girls. She was quite apologetic about her apartment because it was a little cluttered; however, because Mrs. K works as a nurse's aid at night, and she has two small girls to tend during the day, this could be expected.

Parental and school background

Mrs. K rated her parental home as "very happy." She thoroughly enjoyed her three sisters and brother when she was home. They did everything together as a family, and they went to a lot of church activities. She was able to talk about almost everything with her mother, but she could not discuss things with her father.

Mrs. K also rated her husband as having a "very happy" home life. She said his parents have been wonderful about helping them financially while her husband has been going to school. They have given her information that has helped her to understand her husband better, and they have given her helpful advice about the children. She thinks a
great deal of her in-laws.

Mrs. K hated school, and she did not like the teachers very well, either. She was quite active in school social activities and class offices, and she was well liked by the other students. She felt if she had had better teachers that she would have enjoyed school more.

Reason for marriage

Mrs. K's marriage may have been influenced by her attitude towards school; however, she completed her high school after she was married. There is no indication that either was unhappy in their parental homes. It may have been they were together too much as they became sexually involved, and their first baby was born when they were married just six months.

Evaluation of marriage

Mrs. K said they talked their marriage plans over with their bishop and stake president, and even though she was premaritally pregnant she and her husband were married in the temple.

Both Mrs. K and her husband seem very happy in their marriage. They have adjusted very well, but her husband has a quick temper which he has not learned to control. She said sometimes he shouts and swears at her in front of the children. He has improved during the last year. Her husband has a tendency to be a little careless in spending money, and this has made it difficult for her to budget their limited income.

Mrs. K and her husband have emotional and financial support from both their families, and they are working out their problems as their marriage progresses. They have personality differences which should be worked out as they become more mature. They cannot do many things they would like to do at this time because she has to work to help support
the family, but they are both aware that her husband's schooling is an important factor in their future financial security. Mrs. K wants to further her own education when she has more free time. They both seem to have quite a mature outlook towards their future, and their marriage seems to be a promising one.

Case L

General background information

Mrs. L was introduced to her husband by a friend one year before her marriage. She was engaged one month, and she and her husband were both seventeen when they were married. They had been married just one year at the time of the interview. Their baby was born five months after their wedding.

Mr. L is employed as a skilled worker and earns approximately $4,000 a year. He graduated from high school after he was married, and Mrs. L quit during her senior year because of pregnancy.

Mrs. L is a very pleasant girl of eighteen, and she seemed to enjoy being interviewed for this research. She was dressed in peddle pushers and jersey blouse and was barefooted. She was relaxed the whole time she talked.

Mrs. L lives with her husband and baby boy in a small court apartment. She seemed completely satisfied with their marriage.

Parental and school background

Mrs. L rated her parental home as being "very happy." However, when she was only fifteen, her real father died after a long illness. Her mother remarried shortly after the father's death. Her step-father has been very good to her. She had to assume considerable responsibility in the home, and had to tend the younger children. Mrs. L said she could
talk freely with both of her parents—both fathers—about most of her problems. She enjoyed her brothers, and was very close with her oldest brother. She had trouble with her step-brother because he would not mind her.

Mrs. L's family did a lot of things together, and her parents seemed to like her friends. She said she was very happy in her home life and did not know of any way she would like to change it.

Mrs. L rated her husband as coming from a "very happy" home also. His parents live next door to them. They often take care of the baby, and Mrs. L and her husband frequently go places with them. When Mrs. L and her husband were going together, they liked to visit with each other's families so they were well acquainted.

Mrs. L was very active in school affairs and was president of her junior class. She was also secretary of her senior class. Her parents moved a lot, and she attended several different schools, but no matter where she went, she seemed to have a lot of friends.

Reason for marriage

There doesn't seem to be any indication of dissatisfaction with her home life or her school life that might have influenced her marriage. She did have to attend her half-brother and sisters after her mother's remarriage, and this may have had some bearing. She was also prematurally pregnant which was the principle reason for the early marriage. Both Mrs. L and her husband were seniors in high school, and they were both apparently physically mature and felt they were ready for marriage. Both of their families also favored the marriage.

Evaluation of marriage

Mrs. L and her husband really enjoy their child and their home.
They occasionally have quarrels and outbursts of temper, but they do a lot of things together and enjoy each other's companionship. They talk over their plans together, and they seem to be quite mature. They are not having any financial problems.

Mrs. L would like her husband to start college, and she wants to take correspondence courses to complete her high school education.

Mrs. L and her husband seem very happy in their marriage. They have made a good adjustment, and they have the emotional support of both of their families.

Case M

General background information

Mrs. M met her husband at a mutual social one year before her marriage. She was engaged for one and a half months and was married when she was sixteen and her husband was seventeen. They had been married just one year at the time of the interview. Their little girl was born eight and a half months after their wedding.

Mrs. M completed her junior year in high school, and her husband graduated. He belonged to the reserves, and after they had been married for six months, he had to go into the service for six months. He was to be released in two weeks from the time of the interview.

Mrs. M was very happy to be interviewed for the research. She welcomed the writer in a very enthusiastic manner and was very free and relaxed during the interview. She is a very delightful seventeen year old girl, very mature in her thinking, and very frank. She is a slim, attractive girl with brown hair and brown eyes, and she had a bearing of self-confidence.

Mrs. M is living with her parents as her husband had been in the
service for six months. He is returning very shortly, and she was very excited and looking forward to their reunion with warm anticipation.

**Parental and school background**

Mrs. M rated her home life with her parents as "very happy."

Her brother and sister were much older than she was, so she was reared as an only child. Her parents were not in very good health, but they were very close and understanding with her. She could talk over anything with either of them, and had been able to from the time she was tiny.

Mrs. M rated her husband as coming from a "very happy" home, also. Before they were married, they liked to visit each other's homes. They took trips with each other's parents, and had a lot of fun together.

Mrs. M was very active in high school and popular with the other students. However, she did not like some of her teachers. She felt they were too old; they did not understand teenagers; and they did not want to. The teachers did not have patience with the students, and they were too critical.

**Reason for marriage**

When Mrs. M and her husband wanted to get married her parents thought she was too young, so they asked her to postpone the marriage. They did for three months when they had intimate relations. They went immediately to their parents and told them what had happened, and they were married shortly after that. Their baby was born eight and a half months after the marriage, but they did not know she was pregnant. They were apparently ready for marriage, but because of their extreme youth and their parents' desire that they wait, they had postponed the marriage.
Evaluation of marriage

Mrs. M realizes that their marriage has not yet been tested because her husband has been gone for so long. He was in service when their baby girl was born. She had considerable difficulty when she gave birth to her baby, and the doctor explained the cause to her husband. She will apparently have trouble with other children, but her husband understands the situation, and Mrs. M said he is wonderful about it. They have talked out many of their plans and their problems, and they have been very objective in their views. Mrs. M feels that their separation has matured both of them. She feels the baby has brought them closer together.

If their relations continue on as mature a basis as they were established, this marriage has very high possibilities. Both Mrs. M and her husband have a good understanding of each other, and they have a very mature outlook towards the physical side of their marriage. Their families have responded favorably to their marriage and have given them complete support.

Mrs. M's mother was within hearing distance throughout the interview, and there was no sign of embarrassment or hesitation on Mrs. M's part at any time, even when she talked about the intimate details, which verifies the close relationship she had with her mother.
DISCUSSION

Background of Parental Home

Most of the subjects were inclined to rate their parental home life high on the rating scale. All but one rated their home life as "happy" to "very happy." The five girls who had rated their parental home as "happy" could not communicate with their mothers, but one could communicate with her father to some extent. These same girls reported that they shared no family activities. The one girl who rated her home as "very unhappy" reported she could communicate with her mother, but they shared no family activities. The unhappiness in her home was caused by her father not assuming his responsibilities of working and supporting his family, and the unfaithfulness of her mother to her father. One girl rated her home as "very happy," but her mother was divorced and they shared few activities together because her mother worked. She was able to talk with her mother about her problems.

Six of the girls who rated their parental homes as "very happy" reported they could talk freely and objectively with their parents, and that they enjoyed many family activities together. Four of these girls also stated their families attended church regularly, and they went to some of the social activities.

Four girls said their husbands' families were more religious than their families, and they felt there was some objection to their marriages because of that.
Type of Wedding

Many people think of school age marriages as being elopements. All of the girls interviewed belonged to The Church of Jesus Christ of Later-Day Saints, as did their husbands, and they were all married by some one in the church. Three had temple marriages. This concurs with Burchinal (11) who reported that about 73 percent of the marriages occurred in the county in which the bride lived, and that approximately 92 percent of the marriages were performed by clergymen. The marriages reflected the conventional characteristics of other weddings.

When Married

The average age difference between the bride and grooms was 3.2 years. The younger girls tended to marry boys with a greater age difference. The average age of the girls at marriage was 16.2 years and the boys was 19.6 years. This corresponds with a report made by Burchinal (9) where the average age of the husband was approximately 19.5 years and the wife was 17 years.

The average length of acquaintance of each couple was two and a half years, and the engagements averaged six months. There were two who had no engagements. Most of the girls stated their parents were favorable or accepted the marriages. Only one family strenuously objected to the marriage and this was because the girl was only fifteen, a freshman in high school, and the boy was almost eight years older. He did not complete high school, and he has not been steadily employed.

The length of acquaintance and engagement was probably due to the fact that most of the young couples lived in the same communities, attended the same schools, and were of the same religion.
School

The husbands' average educational level was one and three-tenths years of college. Nine of the husbands had completed some college. Four were still attending college. Three had completed high school, and one had completed the eleventh grade. This does not correspond with the report made by Burchinal (9) who stated that the boys' educational level averaged the eleventh grade.

The wives' educational level was just below the eleventh grade average. One girl was still attending school. One completed high school after her marriage and three graduated from high school before their marriages. All but one girl expressed a desire to finish their education, and some expressed a desire to take advanced classes.

Five of the girls stated they did not like school or did not like the teachers. Two reported several of their friends quit school because they did not like the teachers. They felt the teachers were too old and just did not understand teenagers. They were too critical of the teenagers regarding their clothes and their activities.

Finances

The average salary of the husbands was $3,223 per annum. This included the part time salaries of four college students and did not show any income for the husband who was being released from service. The salaries ranged from two at $1,200 to one at $7,200. Two of the wives worked to supplement the incomes of their husbands because they were students. It is true the incomes of some of the husbands were low and their living standards at the present time were not very high, but this research does not correspond with Moss and Gingles (23), who stated that the aspiration levels and marital happiness of the early maturing
girl who marries young are comparatively low.

Only one of the husbands began his marriage on a shaky economical basis. He was not steadily employed. He did not complete high school, and he did not have any training to hold a secure job. He was the oldest of the husbands and he married the youngest of the wives.

Reasons for Marriage

For some of these girls, marriage represented a means of escape from unhappy homes and from unsatisfactory school experiences. It was noted in each case where the wife was dissatisfied with a particular situation in her parental home, that the thing she stressed was what she wanted improved in her own home. For instance, one girl stressed she expected faithfulness and responsibility in her marriage. Her mother was unfaithful to her father, and her father did not work. Another girl stressed she should be home with her children because children needed guidance and limits. Her mother worked and gave her too much freedom. A third subject stressed religious activity in her home. Her parents did not attend church. One girl wanted expression of love and harmony in her home. There was considerable quarreling and lack of harmony in her parental home.

Although dislike of school or of teachers may have had some influence on the early marriages of five of the girls, three of the girls expressed a desire to finish and one completed her education after her marriage.

Premarital pregnancy seemed to be the largest factor for the early marriages in this research. Seven of the thirteen girls were pregnant at the time of marriage. One additional couple married following sexual relations. As many girls who were premaritally pregnant as non-premaritally pregnant girls rated their homes as "very happy."
girl who rated her home as "very unhappy," was not pregnant. All of the girls who rated their homes as "happy" seemed to over-rate these homes. These were the lowest of the home ratings. All girls who rated their homes "low" in this way became pregnant before marriage. These are the girls, mentioned before, who lacked communication with their parents and who did not share family activities. Also, they are the ones who sought escape from unhappy homes in marriage.

One of the premaritally pregnant girls from a "very happy" home had asked permission to marry three months before she was married, but her parents had asked her to postpone the marriage. When she and her husband had intimate relations, they immediately went to both of their parents, and they explained what happened. She did not know if she was pregnant. This experience indicates maturity on the part of the couple because they were able to talk freely and objectively with their parents about their problem.

Motherhood

All but one of the girls expressed that motherhood was a very meaningful and valued experience for them. They enjoyed caring and playing with their children, and they did not feel the babies restricted their activities excessively. In a few instances, because of their full schedules, the girls did not feel they had as much time to spend with the children as they would like to have. Only one girl felt her baby tied her down. Two remarked that the baby's fussing got on their nerves, and that they would like to be able to be alone more often.

When the girls were asked what their decision would be if they had their marriage to do over, all of the non-pregnant girls stated they would do the same thing again if they had it to do over. Three of the
seven pregnant girls said they also would do the same thing, except one girl said she regretted hurting her parents.

Seven girls felt if they had a daughter it would be all right for her to marry when she was ready; however, two said they would prefer she would wait. Five said they would like their daughters to complete high school and have some college education. Some of the subjects felt they missed a lot by not having attended college. One girl stated that she would prefer her daughter to marry between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five.

Three Additional Interviews

Two of the three girls interviewed were married at sixteen and seventeen respectively, and they were married for approximately six years. One had a premarital pregnancy. Both girls were very mature and both were struggling to understand the perplexities of their marital problems. They also were having trouble accepting sex, although one girl said she had no problem the first year and a half of her marriage as she accepted it as her duty. They both wanted to have individuality. They were interested in furthering their education by taking college classes that would aid them in understanding their families and give them more cultural background. They also had financial problems because their husbands were students, and they were becoming vitally aware of a desire for material things. These girls were more aware of and had a deeper insight into their problems than those subjects who had been married for a shorter period of time. They were beginning to realize what the implication of being mature meant to their husbands and their children, and they recognized the importance of having a warm and expressive love in their home environment.
The subjects who had been married a short time expressed their ability to capably care for their children, and they felt they could maintain comfortable and clean homes. However, most of them were thinking in terms of the immediate physical needs rather than the mental and emotional aspects as well.

They were not thinking in terms of what kind of problems the future might involve in handling the emotional and personality problems of their children. Most of them felt that as situations arose they would be able to cope with them and grow with them as they felt caring for children required experience rather than knowledge.

The third subject married at sixteen. She was still attending high school, and she had been married one year. She had no children, and she does not want children until she completes college. Her husband plans to enter medical school after his graduation from college. She plans to step up her education by attending school through the summers. This subject has an unusual depth of insight and maturity for such a young girl. She and her husband have set definite goals for themselves and are working in that direction. Both of their families are helping them financially.
SUMMARY

The number of cases was so small as to prevent a clear, strong conclusion other than that motives for early marriage appear to be complex and diverse. A summary of data from the study that lend support to this conclusion includes:

1. Those who married as an escape from an unhappy home tended to seek to overcome the situations in their married life that caused the unhappiness in the parental home. The students who had a happy parental home environment seemed to be more prepared for marriage than students who came from an unhappy environment where they were not accepted or where they could not communicate.

2. Religious activity was associated with happy family relationships, and marriage by a religious leader was preferred by all the girls, including the premaritally pregnant girls.

3. Premarital pregnancy played a vital role in early marriage. The forces promoting a premarital pregnancy are not clear. The majority of the premarital pregnancies in this research were girls who came from homes that appeared to be somewhat deprived. Girls who came from favorable home situations apparently became involved to a lesser degree.

4. Age played an uncertain role in marriage. Half of the girls said they would marry at the same age if they had the opportunity of doing the same thing over again. Half of the girls said they would wait until they had completed school or were older. All of the girls but one felt they could take care of their children just as efficiently while they were young as they would be able to when they were older.
because they would have to learn through practice no matter what age they were. Most of the girls, even those who regarded their marriages as happy, preferred that their daughters wait for marriage until they finished high school or had some college.

5. Girls who were married in their teens, but who had been married over a longer period of time appeared to look at their problems more realistically and to have a deeper insight of the basic causes of their marital problems.
SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDIES

1. A study of teenage marriages during the first five years as compared with the second five years.

   Hypothesis: Young people who were married in their teens but who have been married five years or more have a more realistic insight into the marital problems than those who have been married five years or less.

2. A study of teenage marriages in other college towns which have similar ecological, social, and economical factors.

   Hypothesis: Teenagers who marry and live in a college town have higher educational backgrounds, higher aspirations, and are more mature than the norm of teenage marriages from non-college towns.

3. A study of students who married as an escape from unhappy homes compared with a control group who came from happy homes.

   Hypothesis: Students who came from happy home situations are more prepared for marriage at any age than students who came from unhappy home situations where they do not feel accepted and cannot communicate.

4. A study of premaritally pregnant girls from happy home situations compared with premaritally pregnant girls from unhappy homes.

   Hypothesis: Premaritally pregnant girls who came from happy home situations became sexually involved because they have carried "petting" too far, but premaritally pregnant girls from unhappy home situations were seeking emotional security.

5. A study of teenage marriages where a high standard of adjustment has been made and the young couples are believed to be happy.
Hypothesis: Young people who could communicate freely and objectively with their parents about their problems and activities, and who comfortably participated in social, religious, and recreational activities together have happier and healthier relationships in their married lives.
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Appendix A

SELF-EVALUATION OF A SELECTED GROUP OF TEEN MARRIAGES

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Questionnaire

This study is being made in the interest of securing an understanding of how young people feel about their early marriages. You have been selected as part of the sample, and your cooperation will greatly enhance this study.

The questionnaire is to be answered anonymously; you are not asked to sign your name; and the information will be kept as confidential as possible.

I. Background Information (Please fill in)

A. How and where did you first meet your mate?

B. How long were you acquainted with your mate before marriage?

C. How long were you engaged?

D. The person who performed the ceremony was a Bishop
Priest___, Minister ___, Civil authority___, Rabbi___,
Other___, Temple Wedding___, Church Wedding___.

E. When were you married? 19___. Where? City___

F. What are the main problems or conflicts in your marriage at present?

G. What is your birth date? 19___.

What is your husband's birth date? 19____.
List the birth dates of your children: Month Day Year

H. Following is a list of factors. Please fill in for both husband and wife:

1. Last School grade completed
2. Occupation
3. Annual income (approx.)
4. Number of social organizations with which affiliated

I. What is the name of the denomination of the church to which you belong?

II. Please rate the following by encircling the X which fits your situation and that of your husband.

A. You attend church

X X X X X X X X X
Very often Frequently Not at all
Your husband attends church

X X X X X X X X X
Very often Frequently Not at all

B. Did your parents favor the marriage?

X X X X X X X X X
Favorable Accepted Opposed
Did your husband’s parents favor the marriage?

X X X X X X X X X
Favorable Accepted Opposed

C. Did your friends favor the marriage?

X X X X X X X X X
Favorable Accepted Opposed

D. Check the type of home you came from in terms of happiness of parents.

X X X X X X X X X
Very happy Happy Very unhappy
Check the same for your mate

X X X X X X X X

Very happy Happy Very unhappy

E. Rate your own marriage.

X X X X X X X X

Very happy Happy Very unhappy

F. Rate degree of adjustment you and your husband have made to the following:

Religion

X X X X X X X X

Very good Good Very poor

Social Acquaintances

X X X X X X X X

Very good Good Very poor

Sexual Adjustment

X X X X X X X X

Very good Good Very poor

Handling of money

X X X X X X X X

Very good Good Very poor

Personal values

X X X X X X X X

Very good Good Very poor

In-laws

X X X X X X X X

Very good Good Very poor
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Interview Schedule

I. Background Causes or Influences

A. First of all I would like to get a picture of your home life with your parents.

1. Tell me about your parents, their attitudes toward you, and how they felt towards you in your parental home. For instance:
   a) What were your feelings of the amount of trust they put in you?
   b) Did you feel they allowed you to assume enough responsibility or do you think you should have had more?
   c) Did you feel free to make decisions or did your parents do most of the decision making?
   d) How did you feel about communicating with your parents regarding personal or intimate matters?
   e) Tell me about activities that you shared together as a family.

2. Most parents feel their children are just a little special and often feel their companions might not be good enough for them.
   a) What was the attitude of your parents toward your friends?
   b) How do you think they could have helped you in being more understanding in helping you to select your friends, particularly your boy friends?
   c) Tell me about your parents' reactions when you told them about your decision to marry your husband.

3. What special interests did you have in your parents' home that helped you in preparing to care for your own home? That is;
a) housework  
b) cooking, shopping, planning meals  
c) budgeting  
d) caring for children  
e) yard work, flowers, garden, lawn  
f) other  

4. All brothers and sisters have good and bad relationships at some time or other, but how do you feel as a whole about your relationships with yours?

5. How would you have changed your home life if you could?

B. I would also like to get some idea how you feel about your school activities and interests.

1. Would you tell me what subjects you felt were particularly stimulating to you? Do you feel they were of benefit to you? In what way?

2. What activities were you interested in or did you participate in when you were in school?

3. How do you feel you were accepted by other students?

4. When you decided to get married, how did you feel about continuing your associations with your school friends? Was your relationship changed with friends in school?

5. What classes did you take in school that helped to prepare you for your marriage?

6. What kind of classes do you feel would have been of benefit to you, and how do you feel about such classes?

7. How would you change your school experience if you could do it over again?

II. Preparation for Marriage

A. The courtship period is usually a period during which people become better acquainted.

1. Tell me about your courtship period.

   a) How long did your courtship period last?

   b) What were some of the things you were interested in doing?

   c) Do you feel you were able to learn about each other and your families during this period?
d) What are some problems encountered in c?

B. People entering into engagement are bringing two different personalities together. This is often a testing period and often many conflicts arise which they try to work out and understand while their plans for marriage are in progress.

1. Do you feel your engagement was long enough to work out some of your problems and to plan for your marriage? Tell me about it.

2. When you decided to get married, what were your attitudes towards marriage—what were your expectations, your hopes that you would achieve in marriage?

3. What qualifications did you feel your spouse should bring to marriage in order to have a successful marriage?

4. What did you feel you should contribute?

C. Most young people like to make some kind of plans for their wedding. While you were making yours, did you discuss them with

1. Your parents
2. Your clergyman
3. Your teachers
4. Your school counselors
5. Your friends
6. Others

D. Many people often have difficulty because of personality conflicts. Counseling before marriage and personality tests are often given to help people understand these differences.

1. What are your feelings about premarital counseling? Do you feel that it might have helped you to solve some of your problems in a more simplified way?

2. What kind of a physical examination did you have?

3. In what ways did you expect your husband to change to meet your expectations?

III. Appraisal of the Marriage

A. Most people find after they are married that their spouse is quite a different person than previously thought to be which calls for cooperation and compromise.

1. What are some of the problems that you have had that required cooperation and perhaps sacrifice on your part? Your husband's?
2. What do you expect of your husband in his role as your partner?

3. How does he meet these expectations?

4. Do you feel there are ways he could improve his role? How?

5. How do you feel you meet your husband's expectations in your role as his wife?

6. What do you feel you could do to strengthen your relationship?

7. Do you feel he is too demanding? Are you?

B. Young people feel differently about the routine of marriage after they have been married awhile.

1. Now that you have been married for a short time how do you feel about
   a) Your housework
   b) Planning, shopping, preparing meals
   c) Caring for your child
   d) Laundry
   e) Other

2. What do you do to improve, shorten, or eliminate your routines?

C. Expression of affection.—Sometimes the degree of affection expressed during marriage is not the same as during courtship.

1. How do you feel about your husband's attitude toward you?

2. Is he as affectionate as you would like?

3. Is he affectionate at times other than when he desires intercourse?

D. In every marriage there are times when major decisions must be made such as buying a car, buying a house, sickness, etc.

1. Tell me about some of the decisions you have had to make during your marriage. Did you make the decisions together or individually?

2. How do you feel they should be made?
E. Often when people marry, it will mean giving up friends, or accepting friends of the spouse, or even making new ones.

1. How do you feel about having individual friends? Your husband?

2. Do you have many common friends?

3. How do you feel about you or your husband being very good friends with someone of the opposite sex?

F. There are many ways of making adjustments to problems in marriage.

1. What do you do when you are faced with indecision or misunderstandings?

2. How do you handle disagreements and conflict?

F. The sex act can be and often is an expression of love; however, many people find it difficult to adjust in the relationship, and it usually takes some time to work this out.

1. What is your attitude toward your sex relationship?

2. What does it mean to you?

3. How does your husband feel about your relationship?

4. How do you feel you could improve it?

5. Do you feel the sex relationship could be a spiritual experience? How?

G. Young people often have children right after they are married. Some enjoy their children and some feel they are restricted from doing things they would like to do.

1. How do you feel about your responsibilities of motherhood?

2. How does your child fit in with your relationship with your husband—does your husband resent the attention your child requires?

3. Do you practice birth control?

4. Did you discuss your plans about having children before marriage?

5. Did you plan your first child?

6. How many children would you like to have?
7. Now that you have had experience of being a mother, do you feel you have adequately met the problems that have arisen, or do you feel you would have been more qualified if you had waited a year or two?

8. How often do you seek help from your parents or your in-laws in helping you in solving problems with your child (children)?

9. How do you and your husband agree about disciplining your children?

10. How do you and your husband feel about leaving your child with a baby sitter when you go out?

H. Finances.—How money is handled has been a source of friction in some marriages.

1. How have you arranged to handle your money so there is a minimum of disagreement?

2. Do you feel the money should be handled jointly or individually?

3. When there is a question as to how it should be spent, who makes the final decision? How do you feel about this?

4. What are your feelings about keeping a budget?

I. Today credit is easy to obtain. As a result many people buy most of their things on the installment plan.

1. How do you feel about credit buying?

2. Have you figured out the cost of interest?

3. Do you feel you need to go in debt for most of the things you buy for your home? Your clothes, your food, car, etc.

4. What are you buying on the installment plan now?

J. Insurance.—The primary purpose of insurance is to protect dependents. It can also be used for a source of savings.

1. How do you feel about your husband having insurance for your family?

2. What type of plans do you have now? How much coverage?

3. Do you think it is important that you or your children should have policies to cover you?

4. What other policies do you have such as health, hospital, car, etc.
K. Some people claim it is just as advantageous to rent a home as it is to buy.

1. How do you feel about this?
2. What are your plans?
3. Do you feel you can afford to raise a down payment with prices so high? Have you started any savings to meet this end?

L. In-Laws - Parents.--Many young people feel their in-laws may try to dominate them or interfere with their marriage, and many feel that their parents and in-laws are a source of much help.

1. How do you feel about your in-laws?
2. How does your husband feel about your parents?
3. How do you feel about your new adult status with your parents?
4. Do your parents or in-laws often try to make decisions for you?

M. Social - Community.--People are different in how they are interested in participating in some kind of activities in their community—in clubs, church, lectures, etc.

1. What are your feelings about church activities? Have you been as active as you would have liked?
2. How about being active in other groups or clubs?
3. People have different ideas about what age a person should be when he marries. What are some of the attitudes of the people in your community towards your marriage?

N. Many of your friends have probably discussed their feelings about marrying while in school.

1. Have many of your friends married while still in school? Do you feel they were wise?
2. How do they feel about your marriage?
3. Do they feel students who have married while still in school should be permitted to continue their education?
4. What are the attitudes of your school about married students continuing school?
O. People marry for various reasons; some because they are influenced by friends, family, circumstances, etc.

1. Why did you choose this particular time to marry?

2. Do you feel it was your own decision or that you were "pushed" into it?

P. Plans for the future. Sometimes, after young people are married, they feel their education is not adequate so they have a desire to continue it.

1. How would you feel if your husband should decide to return to school?

2. Do you think you would be willing to make the sacrifice of little money at this time, so he could have a better paying job in the future?

3. Would you be willing to work to help pay the expenses of his education?

4. How do you feel about finishing your own schooling?

Q. Now that you have been married for a year or two and have experienced many of the problems of marriage, how do you feel your expectations have been met?

1. If you had your marriage to do over again, what would be your decision now?

2. If you had a daughter at what age do you think you would like her to marry?

R. Now that the interview is drawing to a close, I would appreciate if you would tell me in your own words just what the word "love" really means to you and how you would like it applied in your own life and home.
Mrs. A is a tall, slim attractive girl with light brown hair and brown eyes. Her lips are full and droop in the corners. She lives with her husband and baby boy in a small apartment located at the rear of her husband's parents' home. The apartment was clean, but a little cluttered; the lunch dishes were still on the table. Mrs. A was dressed in pedal pushers and a shirt, and she was feeding her baby. Her husband was just preparing to return to work.

"I met my husband at my home as my older sister had been dating him. I knew him for six years and was engaged to him one month prior to our marriage.

"My parents are quite heavy drinkers, and I have never known my father to work regularly. My parents were neglectful about our home, and they did considerable swearing. Because my mother did not take care of the home, my sister and I had to do most of the work. I kept up my own room, helped with the housework, and occasionally did shopping for the family groceries. I also selected my own clothes with some supervision after I entered high school. I started making my own decisions when I was quite young because my parents did not take time to help me, and I did pretty much as I pleased.

"Even though my mother was quite irresponsible, I could communicate with her quite freely pertaining to intimate problems and the facts of life. I felt that her answers were quite adequate. We did not do much
together as a family, probably because my parents drank too much.

"My parents never forbade me to play with anyone when I was smaller, nor did they stop me from going out with any of the boys when I started to date. I really did not go out much with anyone except my husband, though.

"My parents could have helped me considerably in understanding my boy friends by setting a better example and living a more exemplary life. It is difficult for a girl to know what to expect of others when so much irresponsibility is the pattern set in the home. I did have one brother who helped me considerably.

"When C and I decided to get married, we did not tell my husband's parents. We had set the date once before, five months earlier, and C's father insisted there would be a temple wedding or nothing. C's father was an extremely religious man, and C did not wish to get married in the temple at the time, so we postponed the wedding. When we finally decided to get married, we ran off to Las Vegas; however, no one would marry us because I was too young. From there we went to another state and still could not get married. We tried once again, but failed, so we went back to Salt Lake where we got our blood test. From there we went to C's grandparents' home which was in a nearby town, and there we were married by a bishop.

"I had three sisters and one brother, and we had good relationships together. We quarreled occasionally, but our fighting was probably just normal.

"If I could have my home life to do over again, I would want to take out the drinking, smoking, swearing, and I would want my parents to have different friends. I think that my father should have worked
and assumed his responsibilities of caring for the family. My mother occasionally stepped out on my father, and my father did not trust her. When mother would go some place, my father would time her, as he knew about how long she should be gone. I also feel that my parents were too forward in their sex relationship, and that we should have had more privacy in our home.

"In school, I liked social studies, physical education, math and English. I belonged to one club, and I liked to attend assemblies, parties, etcetera. I was pretty well accepted by the other students, but at the end of my freshman year I quit school as I did not have the money for tuition, and I went to work. When my husband and I were married, I did not associate much with my former friends as I had not seen them for some time. I only took one home economics class while I was in school that helped me a little in preparing for my marriage.

"I would have liked to have had some classes in marriage as I had a rough time in adjusting after my husband and I were first married. It was difficult to give and take, and we would fight over little things.

"If I went back to school, I would want the teachers to make school more challenging. The teachers did not make it hard enough for me.

"When I first started dating my husband, he was interested in hot rods, and we frequently went to drags in Salt Lake. We liked to go for rides on Sunday, and we liked to go to shows together. Sometimes we would double date; other times we went alone. Our courtship lasted for about one and a half years, and we felt that we learned considerable about our families, but we still had a lot to learn about each other.

"During our courtship, I would still get jealous of my sister who had dated my husband before I started going with him. I, also, didn't
like the amount of time that he spent working on his "Model A," as I felt he should spend that time with me. We had differences about my brother, too, as he would go on dates with us, and I did not like this. We worked out many of our differences before our actual engagement period.

"When we first planned to get married, we talked our plans over with both of our families, but we decided it wouldn't work because of the differences between my husband and his father. When we actually decided to get married, we talked with the bishop who married us, and with my husband's grandparents.

"I think that premarital counseling would be a good idea. I know that it would have helped me and my husband in making a better adjustment in handling silly, little problems. At first, I felt that my husband did not confide in me enough about things that had happened during the day. He would get angry at me if supper was cold, and then we would have a fight.

"When we were married, I expected that we would have love in our home, and that we would be faithful to each other. Eventually, we expected to have a new house and a car. I also wanted an easier job for my husband. He has a better job now, and we have our car, too. We wanted to have children, and we have a baby boy. I think that a temple marriage will make our marriage much more solid.

"I think that I should try to make our home comfortable, and that I should try to do what my husband wants me to do. I want to give my love to him and to be faithful. I think that what differences we have, we should try to work them out together.

"My husband was all I wanted when I married him, and I did not want
to change him. He was a little hard on me, as he tried to make me over to what he wanted. The different ways of living of our two families caused considerable difficulty.

"Prior to marriage, my husband would give in more than he does now. When I learned to give, then he would give, and we wouldn't have a fight. I feel that my husband has had to sacrifice quite a bit since we were married, as he had to give up his hot rod because he didn't have enough time nor money. He also wanted to sell speed parts, and he didn't have time to do that. This was a big sacrifice to him.

"I expect my husband to help me by doing some of the odd jobs about the house such as drying the dishes, and to provide for the family. I also expect him to love me and the children. He really does love our baby very much, and he helps with him a lot. It is my place to have the home in order, and I feel that my husband should be able to come home and relax. Sometimes he is cross when he comes home, but he works very hard. We have differences when he only has three or four hours of sleep. My husband is very good to me, and he meets my expectations in almost all ways.

"C does not criticize me very much, and I think that I meet his expectations quite well. I do think that if we could be more active in church, have a temple wedding, and have more children, that it would bring us closer together. We have been especially happy since our baby was born.

"I do not feel that my husband is too demanding except when he wants to teach me to overcome some of my childishness. I recognize this, and I feel that my husband is more mature than most boys of his age.

"I enjoy my housework; in fact, my husband insists that I work too
hard. Meal planning, shopping, and preparing meals get rather tiresome at times because I run out of ideas. My husband does not complain about the meals. I still do not like to do the dishes.

"We do the best we can in caring for the baby, and we have learned so very much since he was born. He had an intestinal obstruction at birth, and he was not expected to live at first. Motherhood is a wonderful experience. I do not feel tied down as my mother or mother-in-law will care for the baby when I want to go some place. The baby was kept in the hospital several days after I was released, and I spent considerable time with him. The seriousness of the baby's illness helped me to mature a great deal.

"My husband enjoys the baby very much, and he does not resent the attention I have to give to him. We have never practiced birth control, as we decided that we would have as many children as we can afford, and as long as we can give them the things they require. We did not plan our first child.

"I think that I have met my problems with the baby just as well now as I would have if I had waited to marry. My own mother does not help me with the baby, but my mother-in-law helps me a lot. We are very close. My husband is a little strict in disciplining the baby, but most of the time we agree. I think it is all right to leave the baby with a baby sitter if she is old enough and reliable.

"When I get tired of my routine, I like to visit with my friends. I have a car of my own and can go when I please. I also like to visit my mother-in-law.

"My husband is very affectionate and loving most of the time. We both feel we have a very satisfactory sex relationship, and it is
sacred and beautiful. I do not know of any way in which we can improve our relationship now. I feel it is something to be shared only in marriage and just between the two of us. It brings us closer together, and gives us more understanding as well as giving children to us.

"One of the major decisions we had to make was when the baby had to be operated on. We had the baby blessed when he was in the hospital because we didn't expect him to live. We also had to decide whether we wanted to buy our car and to move back of my in-laws. I think that decisions like this should be worked out together. We even feel that children should be brought into the decisions when they are old enough to understand what is going on.

"I think that both of us should have some individual friends; however, I do not like my husband having single friends because there are so many temptations involved as they are still dating girls. We have many friends in common with whom we go bowling and to movies. I am not as jealous as I used to be, and I don't mind my husband having friends of the opposite sex as long as it remains on a friendly basis or my husband is just teasing me.

"Whenever we have a misunderstanding, my husband and I try to talk out our difficulties. I do not think that we can accomplish much if there is an argument. When I am willing to give in, my husband is willing to give more. If my husband thinks he is right, he will usually bring me around to his way of thinking.

"My husband gives me his pay check, and I pay the bills. My husband complains that I spend too much money for groceries, but otherwise, we plan together how the money should be spent. I think that my husband
should make the final decision when there is doubt. We don't use any particular type of budget as bills take most of the money.

"My husband does not believe in buying on credit; however, I feel that it is the only way to buy some things such as furniture and large items. The only thing we are buying now is our car. We realize the interest is quite high on that.

"My husband has two life insurance policies, $1,000 and a $5,000 as well as car insurance and hospital insurance. We also have $1,000 life insurance on the baby.

"We do not think we should rent a house all of the time. We want to buy a home this spring, and my father-in-law said that he will help with the downpayment.

"My in-laws have been a great help to me. At first I had considerable trouble adjusting to some of their ideas because they are very religious, and my husband has lived a more sheltered life than I have. We do not see much of my parents as my husband does not like my father's drinking. I feel that both of our parents have accepted us as adults, and they allow us to make our own decisions. My in-laws do help by giving advice when I need it, but they do not try to dominate us.

"I think that we should go to church more often, but it is a little difficult as the baby's crying gets on my husband's nerves. My husband also doesn't like to go to class. We do not belong to any other groups or clubs now, either. I think that most of the people in our community and my friends have accepted my marriage. Most of my friends were married before I was, and they seem to be happy and in love with their husbands. I don't think they could have gained much more by completing their education. Some of the girls continued school after their marriage,
even after they were pregnant. The school that I attended permitted girls to continue their education.

"We chose this time to marry because we didn't want to wait any longer. It was our own decision, and there were no incidents which hastened the marriage.

"I would really like my husband to return to school. I wouldn't like to go back to work now, but would be glad to help my husband. I am not interested in completing my own education, now.

"I have been married for almost a year and a half, and I feel that my expectations in marriage have been met or will be met as the years pass. If I could have my marriage to do over, I would do the same thing, or even marry sooner. I wouldn't run away the next time. If I had a daughter who wanted to marry young, I think she should get married when she is ready. I don't think there is any certain age.

"The meaning of love to me is security, a binding relationship; something which two people share together in having children and rearing them; finding the right place in the world. We show our love by meeting each other half way, and doing things to please each other."

Case B

Mrs. B is a comely seventeen year old with a quiet, but very charming, personality. She was dressed in cotton print dress and her dark shoulder length hair draped softly about her face. She appeared to be a very sensitive girl, and she spoke in a low, soft voice. She had been ironing, as shirts were hanging in the doorway. She lived with her husband in the campus apartments, and her apartment was comfortably and attractively arranged.

"I lived with my mother and step-father and my three sisters before I was married. I did not know my own father, as my step-father
married my mother when I was two years old. I had a happy childhood, and my parents allowed me considerable freedom. We were of limited financial means, so we did not have too many of the material necessities. I helped plan and prepare the meals from the time I was twelve years of age, and I also helped with the washing and kept up my own room. When I started high school, my parents allowed me to make many of my own decisions, and they permitted me to choose my own clothes.

"My mother did not tell me much about sex or the facts of life until just before I was married; however, I did feel that I could talk with her about some of my personal problems.

"We did not do much together as a family because my father was not well. When my parents didn't like some of my friends, usually I would stop going with them. I feel that my parents could have been more understanding in helping me to select my friends if they would have been more specific about the type of person they preferred me to go with.

"When I told my parents that I was going to get married, my stepfather told me, 'You made your bed, you lie in it.' I was pregnant at the time. My mother agreed that if I wanted to get married, it was up to me.

"I have two half sisters and one full sister. I had a good time with my half sister just younger than I was, but I just couldn't get along at all with my full sister. If we could live our home life over again, it would be so much better if we would do things together, and be able to talk problems over rather than keeping things to ourselves. I feel that if our problems could have been aired that I would have understood many things that I didn't at that time.

"I am attending high school now, and the subjects that I have liked
are physiology, health, first-aid, cooking and sewing, and I feel that all of these things have helped me in preparing for my marriage. I was active in drama, band, and I participated in concerts, etcetera, in school. I am accepted by most of the students in school now, but I do not participate as much in any of the activities as I did before I was transferred. I feel left out of things at school, but I have made many friends here at the apartments, so it doesn’t bother me too much.

"If I had my high school to do over again, I would like to have more classes in child development, meal planning, and a course to help me to plan my time. I am also interested in more psychology. I have enjoyed my high school experience, and don’t think that I would like to change it.

"My husband and I knew each other all of our lives, as we lived in the same neighborhood and went to the same church. When I was about fourteen years of age, one of my girl friends arranged a date for me with him. We loved to go horseback riding, swimming, fishing, and to ride up into the mountains. We went to church activities and dances, too.

"We used to spend considerable time at each other's homes, and my husband's mother was my mutual teacher. My mother did not approve too much of my husband prior to our marriage, and she called him a 'goof-off.' His family was much more religious than my family, and I used to wonder if they would accept me, but I feel that they have now.

"We only had a short engagement, but we had known each other for a long time prior to that. My husband did not have too many friends, and he felt left out of things. I hoped when I married him that I could make him feel wanted. We always liked to do things together, but we had no particular goal in mind when we were married, except we knew he was
going to the university to continue his education.

"When I married my husband, I expected him to be grown up enough to accept responsibility of his family, and that he should be able to make a living. I think he should have a definite goal in training himself for a position and not just jump around from job to job.

"I should accept my responsibility as a wife and mother, too, and I am trying to increase my ability and knowledge in handling my home—cooking, sewing, etcetera. I am trying to become more settled and not want to go out every night as I have a child now as well as my husband to look after.

"When we decided to get married, we talked our plans over with my husband's mother, my parents, and my grandparents. My school counselor tried to talk me out of the marriage. I also confided in my best girl friends.

"I think that marriage counseling prior to marriage would have helped me in solving my problems. I did not have a physical exam, just a blood test, and the doctor did not talk to me.

"I did not want to change my husband after I married him, as I liked him as he was. Both of us are going to school, and with a child and keeping up the apartment, we find that we do not have time to get things done. Because we get tired, we often get cross with each other. Before we were married, my husband was always immaculate, now he doesn't seem to care. My husband thinks I don't like him as well as I did prior to marriage because I don't show as much affection as I did before. He is also resentful because I study so much on my home work, and he accuses me of liking my books better than I do him.

"My husband spends considerable time playing with the baby, and he
seems to really enjoy that. He works hard to get money to make ends meet. Once in awhile I expect him to help around the house, and I feel he could improve in this, but I might not be fair as he has so much to do with his studies and his work. I think that we should be more sociable with each other when he comes home instead of him putting his head in a magazine.

"My husband thinks that I don't spend enough time with just him. He also gets angry when I don't have supper ready when he is hungry. Our relationship could be strengthened by spending more time with each other, but that will have to wait until we finish school. I do not think that either of us are too demanding, except of ourselves because we are trying to do so much on a limited income.

"I don't mind my housework except when we don't have enough money. We have to really scrimp sometimes to have enough to eat, and we have been having a very difficult time. I would rather care for the baby than do anything else. When I get tired of the daily routine, I will often stop and play with the baby. I usually try to get everything done as quickly as I can after I return home so it won't have to be done later.

"My husband shows the same degree of affection as he expressed prior to marriage; however, I feel that I have changed. I think I have a satisfactory attitude towards sex, and we accomplish the purpose for which it is intended. It is a good way of expressing our feelings towards each other. I do think our relationship could be improved if we were not so busy and not so tired and ornery. Sex makes marriage seem something special and gives us a closeness that we don't have with other people."
"The baby doesn't restrict our activities, as we don't have much time to go anyway. When we do go, we like to take him with us. The baby has brought us much closer together, and we have a lot of fun with him. We think he is very smart. We did not particularly discuss our plans for a family prior to marriage except that we wanted children, and we wanted one right away. We did not plan this child. We think we would like to have four to six children. We do not practice any birth control except the rhythm method, but we hope not to have any more children for awhile.

"If I had waited to have my child, I do not think I would have gained considerable experience in caring for my baby as I did not know much before. I read some books on child care prior to the birth of the baby.

"We have never sought help from our parents because we so seldom see them. Most of our problems have been worked out by us. We agree on matters of discipline, and we both feel that perhaps we are too lenient as we don't make him mind enough.

"When we go out we will occasionally have a neighbor take care of the baby. We feel he is given adequate care and attention, but we would rather be with him ourselves.

"We do not have much money to spend, and what we have, my husband handles. When I need any, I ask, and if he has any, he lets me have it. I should have a certain amount for groceries, clothes and personal things, but now it is hard because we are both in school.

"When there is a question about how the money is to be spent, we both talk it over, and my husband makes the final decision. Once I tried to keep a budget, but it didn't last long as I only had so much to go for certain things. If anything is left over, it is spent as needs arise.
"We don't like to use credit as it is too easy to go too far in debt. I do think we should establish a credit rating because that is the only way we can buy large objects such as a car, furniture, and things that we need. We are buying our car, a typewriter and a carpet now.

"We have had to make several major decisions since our marriage. One was to buy a new car, another to move after we had just become settled in our apartment. We were also having so much difficulty in making ends meet, we were confronted with whether he should go on to school or quit. We finally decided to try to go on and do the best we could. We feel such decisions as these should be made together.

"Most of our friends are individual friends as I am attending high school and my husband is attending college. We have common friends in our home town, but here we do not have time to spend with friends. I do not think that it is too good to have friends of the opposite sex until we are older.

"Whenever we have had a misunderstanding or quarrel, we let them go for awhile, then we try to talk them over after calming down.

"I think that it is very important to have insurance, but now the only insurance we have is car insurance. I think my husband should be insured to protect us.

"Eventually, we would like to have a home of our own, but not until we know where we will be located in one place indefinitely. We plan now to continue renting until my husband graduates, and we know where we want to go. It is impossible for us to save anything now towards a downpayment.

"I like my in-laws and they will help us if they can. I think that my husband feels the same way about my parents. I don't feel any
different towards my parents now than I did before my marriage, except I feel more free to talk about some things. Our parents will often make suggestions, but they have not tried to make decisions for us.

"It would be better if we participated in church activities more frequently or belonged to some other organization. I would like to go to mutual, but it is not possible with the baby.

"When I was married, most of the people in our community thought I was too young. About five of my girl friends had married at that time, and because of that I think the people accepted our marriage more. One of the girls is not too happy as her husband won't hold a steady job. Most of the girls hated school and they did not want to go back. I think that is why some of them married when they did. I am the only one who has gone back to finish.

"The school that I was attending when I was married did not approve too highly of student marriages, but they allowed the students to continue their education if they wanted to. The school that I am attending now seems to think quite highly of me.

"I am very interested in my husband finishing school, and we are doing without necessities so he can. I will be willing to quit high school, if necessary, so he can continue. I would also be willing to go to work as I feel it is my responsibility to help, since I want him to finish. I have three more classes left to complete my own schooling after this year, and I would like to take some college classes later.

"I think that most of my expectations of marriage have been met except I didn't think we would be so broke. We did not plan to have too much when we were married. "Our decision to marry at this time was our own. My husband was going away to school, and I wanted to be with him
as I did not like not being able to see him.

"If I had my marriage to do over again, I would have waited another year so my husband could have completed another year of college, and I could have completed high school. That would have helped us to be able to make a better living. If I had a daughter I would rather have her wait until she is between eighteen and twenty-five years of age.

"Understanding is the biggest thing in love. We should be able to look at the other person's point of view, and try to think about what he wants. We should be willing to do things for the other person and do without some things for ourselves, and not have any regrets because we make the other person happy by being unselfish."

**Case C**

Mrs. C is a small, motherly appearing girl of nineteen. She is expecting her third child momentarily, and she arranged this interview immediately as she was expecting to go to the hospital any time. She and her husband are living in a white frame cottage which is beautifully furnished with modern contemporary furniture. The kitchen floor was so highly polished, it reflected our images, and the walls were spotless.

"Both of my parents worked, and I was home alone most of the time. I had about everything I wanted in the way of material things, and I feel that my parents put an exceptional amount of trust in me. I selected my own clothes from the time that I entered high school. I made my own decisions in spending my money. My parents did not put limits on me as they were not around enough. Because my parents were gone so much, I had complete care of the house from the time I was twelve years old. I planned and prepared the meals, and I also did some of the shopping."
"I could not communicate with my parents regarding any personal problems as they were very backward and just didn’t talk. I received most of my sex information from friends.

"We didn’t do too much together as a family, but during my parent’s vacations, we sometimes took trips together, going to California, Wyoming, or some other place. Sometimes we went to movies or camping together.

"My parents accepted most of my friends, but they did not like the boys to drive up to the house and honk for me, nor did they like boys that drank. I think that my parents could have sat down and explained to me how I should have conducted myself when I dated, the standards that I should have set, and just what life was about. They could have been much more helpful by being more understanding than they were, and explaining the facts that a young child should know. I feel that a child needs lots of guidance, and he especially needs someone to talk to when he comes home from school.

"I had one sister who was about seven years younger than I. Because of the age difference, we did quarrel quite a bit, but I do not feel it was more than normal. As a whole, we got along quite well.

"When I was going to school, I liked typing, homemaking and child care. I was active in the Better Girls’ Club, but I was not too interested in much else as I didn’t like school. Students had to have excellent grades to belong to most of the clubs. I did not feel that I was exactly popular in school, but most of the students seemed to like me.

"When I decided to get married, both of our families accepted the marriage. They felt I was capable of handling my responsibilities as I had done well in my family home. I did not feel left out of school activities. Two or three of my friends quit school when I did. I had quit school a year previously, as I was planning to marry someone else, then
I did not return to school, but went to work instead. At the time of my marriage, I lived with my family as my husband was in service, and I was pregnant at the time.

"If I could have continued school, I would have liked to take such classes as bookkeeping, shorthand, and basic home economic courses—anything to do with the home and family living area—as that would have helped me prepare more for marriage. I think that courtship and marriage classes should be required for both boys and girls, and I also think that more homemaking classes should be available rather than such classes as civics and other social sciences, as they are needed in managing a home.

"Our courtship period was five months and during this time, we attended dances, went on picnics, swimming, and other things. My husband explained the facts of life to me, and we talked over many things together. Both of our families accepted our marriage, and there was no problem there.

"I do not feel that our engagement period was long enough, but that it should have been at least six months to nine months in order to prepare for marriage. I expected to have a good family life, to eventually own our own home, and for my husband to have his own business. He already has his business, and he is doing very well. We both wanted a family, and we now have one child living and expecting another any day.

My first baby died when he was about two months old, and as a result of this, I had a mental breakdown. My first baby had a heart murmur, was blind and deaf, and his throat was not fully developed although he was a full time baby.

"When we were married, I expected my husband to be able to hold a good job, one that pays well enough for a comfortable living, and I
wanted him to be a good companion. I wanted someone who was interested in doing different and interesting things when he was married as well as before marriage. I should be the best wife I can, and be able to take care of my family. I do not want to work out because of my children— I learned that from my own home life. It is better for me to be home with my children.

"When we were making plans for our marriage, we talked with both of our parents and with some of our friends.

"I think that marriage counseling prior to marriage would have helped me to be more prepared to assume my responsibilities, and it would have helped me to understand my husband better so our adjustment would have been easier.

"Prior to our marriage, I was used to having everything I wanted, but after marriage, I could not have everything. I had to learn to share with my husband. Before, we were together all of the time because his work was slow, and he was at my home all of the time. I had to learn that he had to go out when he worked because the trucking business took him away from home. I feel that I am alone too much now.

"I do not expect my husband to help in the house except to take care of the furnace and to take care of the lawn. I like him to go with me to the doctor, and I want him to be understanding in sex. I think that he should be as considerate of me in our home as he is when we are out. I think that he meets most of my expectations very well. I do think he could improve his role if he could arrange his work so he could be home more to help me.

"I think that I have a terrible temper, and my husband thinks I should try to control it. Otherwise, he thinks that I do quite well
as a mother and a companion. I think that we could strengthen our marriage if we would be more understanding, not jump to conclusions over small incidents. My husband is several years older than I, and prior to our marriage, he was used to being with the 'boys.' He often seeks older company now, and I feel that perhaps someone older understands him better than I do, but I still think that he should come home on time.

"I like the routine of my home, but I don't care much about doing dishes. I have enjoyed my child very much and we are looking forward to this next one. When I want to break my daily routine, I will stop my work and visit with a friend or talk on the telephone.

"My husband's affection has improved since our marriage, and we have never had any trouble in our sex life. To me it is an expression of love and a very satisfying experience to both of us. I feel that I completely belong to my husband, and he says he feels the same way. I don't know of any way we could improve our relationship. We talked to our doctor about it, and from what he told us, we feel that we have an exceptional sex life. I feel that the purpose of life is to have children, to love each other, and to be together. Sex is a means of communicating our feelings in other ways than with words.

"Motherhood is wonderful. My child has never stopped me from doing anything that I have wanted to do, and I really enjoy her very much. My husband really enjoys her, too, and plays with her while I prepare supper. He will get up with her during the night, too.

"We have never yet practiced birth control. We discussed our plans prior to marriage, and we decided we wanted two children close together. We planned the first child, and thought we would like to have about six children.
"I think that I would have been more mature and able to assume my responsibilities of motherhood if I had waited to have my children. I feel that I would have studied and learned more. I do not contact my parents or in-laws unless my little girl is very sick. My husband and I don't always agree on disciplining. He is more strict than I am, and I don't like it when he paddles her. We have never left our baby with a baby sitter yet, as our parents are usually willing to tend her for us.

"Usually, if we have any problems or misunderstandings, we try to talk them out, but sometimes we haven't been able to do that.

"When we have major decisions to make, we talk them over together. If it is something we need to buy, we see if it will fit into our budget. We recently bought two new trucks, a car, and some furniture.

"My husband is quite free with spending, but he has never complained about the way I spend money. We have a joint checking account, and I handle the household money, and he handles the business. I think that money matters should be discussed together, and in the case of a discrepancy, final decisions should be made together. I have never kept a budget, but I have thought about it.

"I think that it is wise to establish credit. We only charge large articles such as a car, trucks, furniture, etcetera. I feel it is too difficult to get such large things without contracting them.

"I believe that each of us should have individual friends along with our many friends in common. I do not like my husband to be too friendly with the opposite sex; however, my husband doesn't mind if I am friendly with other boys. I have had several friends who have been divorced because they stepped out with someone else's wife. I am not too
trusting of that type of friendship, but if they will stay just friends, then it is all right.

"My husband has provided a good insurance plan for us. He has a family plan which covers him for $25,000, me for $10,000, and each child for $500. He also has car insurance and truck insurance. He does not have hospital insurance at this time.

"I believe that if people can raise the downpayment for a home, it is better to buy than to rent. I would like to buy a home so we will have something of our own and be settled before the family gets too big. We plan to build our home in about four or five years. So far we have had to put our money into the trucks and have not been able to save towards a home.

"My in-laws have been very helpful to me and my husband, and so have my parents. I do not feel as close to my parents as I did prior to my marriage, as we don't talk personal things over now. I do feel more on an equal basis with them. Our parents sometimes make suggestions to us, but they do not try to make decisions for us.

"I do not feel that I am as active in church as I would like to be. I can't handle the baby alone and my husband is gone so much. The baby is so big and active, and I am expecting another one. I am not active in any other organization. The people in my community thought I was too young when I was married, and so did most of my girl friends. They all felt that I should have waited two or three more years.

"Three or four of my friends married while they were still in school. I do not think they were ready for the responsibility of homemaking, and most of their husbands have not proved to be as responsible as mine. I don't associate much with them any more, and I don't know how they feel
about my marriage. All of my friends quit school, they didn't have any
desire to go on. I don't think they should continue school. I think
there are some things that young married people shouldn't talk about
and friends will ask questions—they get too personal—and young married
people tell too much.

"I chose this time to marry as my husband was going into the army.
I felt I should get married before he left. It was our own decision, but
we stepped it up because he was leaving.

"I would like my husband to go to college if he wanted to. I think
he would be much happier. His parents did not seem to care if he went
on, and they did not encourage him. His parents were quite strict with
him, and they did not give him very much. He has always had to make his
own way. I would be glad to help if he went to school, but I will have
two little ones home, and I would rather stay with them. I would also
like to finish my own schooling.

"I think that marriage has reached my expectations with the exception
of a few minor things. However, if I had it to do over again, I would
definitely wait.

"If my daughter wanted to marry when she was so young, I would try
to encourage her to finish high school anyway, or at least wait until
she was eighteen years old. I feel that the death of my first child
was caused because I was not completely developed myself.

"Love is the understanding and satisfying of your mate; the working
of things out together; trying to make marriage as happy as possible;
being true companions; and trusting each other."
Case D

Mrs. D is a slim, small boned, and very small girl who lacks the usual vivacity and spark that is evinced by most seventeen year olds. She was dressed in a blue print sleeveless dress which was ripped at both arm holes. Her hair was uncombed and she was barefooted. The apartment, which was dirty and in need of repair, was located in an old house on the upstairs level. Mrs. D was cooperative enough throughout the interview, but her answers seemed to be formulated principally by her intellect rather than by her own feelings. She chewed her fingernails during the time she talked, and she appeared to be under considerable stress. Mrs. D's very fragileness called for someone to put his arms around her to give her strength and support, and not have her assuming the responsibilities of being a wife and mother.

"My parents lived on a farm with my parents, two brothers and sister. We were not a very closely knit family, and I did not feel that my parents trusted me very much. They always set the time when I had to be home when I went out with friends or on a date. My mother did allow me to choose my own clothes and to spend my money with some supervision. I helped my mother with the cleaning and preparing of the meals, and I also took care of my two small brothers once in awhile. I also helped my father with the crops in the field.

"I could talk with my mother a little, but I could not talk to my father at all. I learned about the facts of life principally from friends and about the birth process in school.

"Occasionally our family went to church together, and for rides and swimming. My parents seemed to like most of my friends. The ones they didn't care about, they just said they didn't like them and didn't
give a reason. My parents could have helped me a great deal by being more open and free in discussing intimate problems, and helping me to understand what standards I should have expected in my friends.

"When I decided to get married, my parents were very upset and did not like it at all. They said that I was entirely too young, and they tried to get me to postpone the marriage.

"I got along with my two brothers and sister about as well as the average, but if I could have changed my home life, I would have liked to be closer to them and also to my parents. I would like to feel wanted and needed, and that I belonged.

"While I was going to school, I liked science, home economics, and health. I was interested in FHA and liked to play soft ball and basket ball. I did not enter too much into other activities, but I feel that most of the students liked me.

"My home economics classes helped me a little in preparing for my marriage, but I needed such classes as home management, how to select foods, and meal planning as I was not ready for marriage. I liked school while I went and would not like to change it, except I would like to finish if I could do it over again.

"After I was married, I still talked to some of my friends, but I am not as close any more. I feel very left out of things and it bothers me.

"I went with my husband for six months prior to our marriage. We liked to go to shows, roller skating, basket ball games, and swimming. We did not go to any dances.

"When we decided to get married, both of our families opposed the wedding because I was so young—only fifteen—and my parents did not
like my husband. We did not have an engagement period, but we had talked a little about having kids and money. We actually did not talk seriously during the time we dated.

"I did not know what I should expect from marriage. I knew that I had to take care of things in the home. I just had not thought much about what I wanted out of marriage. I think that my husband should treat me and our little girl good, and I think he should be able to support and give us the things we need. I should try to understand him and our little girl. I should also try to learn how to handle the money he gives me and be able to get along on what he makes.

"When we were planning to get married, I talked to my bishop, mother, and some of my friends.

"I feel that perhaps marriage counseling might have helped a little in preparing me for marriage—in knowing what I should expect of marriage. It would have helped my husband and me to understand each other and what to expect of each other. I did not really expect my husband to change when I married him, as he is just what I want.

"I don't think there was much change in either of us after we were married. I think that I shouldn't want to go out so much now because we don't have enough money. I think, too, that my husband should be willing to fix things about the house or get someone else to do it. He should help me to train our little girl and be able to take over when I am sick. I think I can handle the work about the house, otherwise. My husband really meets my expectations pretty good.

"We have some difficulty in disciplining our baby. Sometimes when I correct her, my husband will stop me or tell the baby she can do what she wants. When I take things away from her, my husband will give them
I think we should cooperate more in disciplining her.

"I try to have my husband's meals on time and to keep the house clean, but I don't always meet my husband's expectations. Sometimes I think that I am a little bossy and too demanding.

"My housework gets quite tiresome. It prevents me from doing some of the things I would like to do. When you want to do something else, you know you have to clean your house--it makes you mad. I like to take care of my little girl, but it does tie me down. Most of the work isn't too bad, but I don't like to iron or clean up after meals. To break the routine, I work hard to get my work done so I can have the rest of the day to do as I please.

"Sometimes my husband is affectionate and at other times he is not. He is moody and temperamental, and I don't like to see him like that. How I feel about sex depends a great deal on how I feel. It makes me angry if I don't feel well. It does bring us closer together sometimes, but I don't know how we could improve our relationship.

"We have had a difficult time financially. When we couldn't make the payments on our car, we had to give it up. My husband made the decision to sell the car, but I feel that we should make such decisions together. When we quarrel, I often get angry and can't talk about things, but my husband is pretty level headed. When I calm down, we can usually talk about things together.

"I think that we should have the same friends most of the time. It is all right to have a few individual friends, but we have most of our friends together. I don't mind my husband being friendly with girls as long as it is just friendship.
"I feel that if a person has children, she has to take care of them and give them love or she shouldn't have them. I sometimes resent being tied down, but most of the time I like caring for my child. I don't think that my husband resents the attention I give the baby. We use prophylactics now so we can space our children. Before we were married, we talked some about having children and thought we would like to have four--two boys and two girls--maybe six if we can afford them. We did not plan our first child, and I think it would have been better if we had waited a year or two to start our family so I could have learned more about children. I do not ask either of our families for help with our baby because they do not live here. I do not like to leave the baby with a sitter unless we know the sitter and she can be trusted; otherwise, we worry too much.

"In the handling of our finances, we both sit down and figure out together where the money has to go. This does help me as I think the money should be handled by both of us. I have never been able to keep a budget.

"I think that only one thing at a time should be bought on credit, and that we should make sure that we can pay for it. I have never figured our the cost of interest, but I know that it is pretty high. We bought a car on credit, but we had to sell it as we couldn't make the payments. We are buying a TV now. I think that it is all right to buy medicine or something we really need on credit.

"I think it is important that my husband carry insurance to protect us, but I do not know what coverage he has. I know that he has a hospitalization plan at the garage where he works.

"If my husband could get steady work, it would be better if we could
buy a home than to rent. We hope to be able to save enough money some time, but it will take a few years.

"My parents or in-laws will help if my baby is sick, but we do not see them very often. They do not try to make decisions for us, nor do they try to dominate us.

"Neither of us go to church as often as we should. Before we moved here, I did go with my parents. We don't belong to any other organizations. We feel that we are accepted in the community along with other young married couples.

"None of my friends have married yet. Some of my friends accepted my marriage, but most of them thought I was foolish and depriving myself of a lot of fun. I do not know how my school felt about permitting married students to attend school, but I feel that the students should be allowed to finish their schooling if they want to.

"My husband and I made our own decision to marry at this time, and we do not believe that we were influenced by anyone or anything.

"I wish that my husband would complete high school—he has one more year to graduate—and go on to college. I would be willing to help him if he wants to go on and if I could get work. I think that my parents might help with the baby. I would also like to finish my own education, but I don't know how I can now.

"Since we have been married, we have to do without a lot of things, but other than that, I think my expectations have been met. If I had my marriage to do over again, I would have waited at least for two or three more years or until I had finished school.

"I feel that my little girl should get married when she is ready. If she is too young when she wants to get married, I would try to talk
her out of it, or at least try to explain to her what to expect.

"Love to me is a give and take proposition, a partnership. We should try to make each other and the children happy."

Case E

Mrs. E was a tall, very poised, and confident girl of twenty years. She was pregnant, and was neatly dressed in peddle pushers and a print smock. Throughout the interview, her eyes sparkled, and she was very pleasant and cooperative. She lived in an apartment in a fourplex which was cheerful and comfortably furnished. She gave the appearance of being a very happy and contented wife and mother.

"I lived with my parents and my grandmother. I was especially close to my grandmother, and I talked everything over with her. My mother did most of the disciplining—I can remember my father spanking me just once. My mother would voice her opinion of my boy friends, and if my parents disapproved of the boy, they would ask me not to go with him any more—girl friends, too. My parents gave me plenty of freedom in the things I wanted to do and about our home. I helped considerably with attending the children. I helped my mother with the housework, ran errands for her, and I also liked to sew.

"My mother would give me her opinion about many things, but she would usually allow me to make my own decisions. I could talk to my mother about anything I ever did on a date, but I learned about sex and the menstrual period long before my mother told me about them. I think that classes should be taught even before junior high school on these subjects, as most of my friends already knew about them by the time we had our classes.

"My parents always set a good example for me, and they helped me to understand many things I should know about choosing my friends and
how I should conduct myself. My father was very good about taking all of us places, especially to shows and ball games.

"When I decided to marry my husband, my parents already knew, and they approved of my decision.

"When I lived at home, my older brother was a big tease, and as a result we had a lot of fights. My younger sister was three years younger. We had a normal and very happy childhood, and I would not like to change it.

"While I attended school, I especially liked typing and first aid. I was very active in the Intramurals, Boosterettes, Marching Corps, Pep Club, and I liked basketball and soft ball. I had a wonderful time with most of the students and enjoyed school a great deal.

"I took a basic home living course which covered meal planning, cooking, first aid, house planning, interior decorating, baby care, and child care. I also took a preparation for marriage course, and I had to learn how to budget. These classes helped me considerably in learning how to manage my own home. I would have liked to take some bookkeeping and shorthand so that I would be better prepared to handle a job in case I have to work. I had such a good time in school that I can think of no change I would like to make.

"When my husband came home from the service, I had a blind date with him. I had been going with another fellow, but I started going with my husband, and we went together for eleven months before we were married. We enjoyed dances, movies, fishing, picnics, and hiking. We went to church together and to ball games. We knew each other's families very well, and our families knew each other. My husband was the baby of the family, and his mother didn't want to let him go. Other than that,
we did not have any trouble. We decided to wait for him to finish one year of college and for me to finish high school before we got married. Before our marriage, I liked to go out with some of my girl friends, and this rather disturbed my husband as he felt that he should have my time.

"When I got married, I expected to have companionship, to have children, and eventually to buy a home. I expected my husband to be understanding, loyal, and be able to provide for his family as long as he can. We should both have faith in each other. I should also be understanding and lenient. I try to keep our home clean, have good meals, and to keep his clothes clean for him. My husband is used to having supper on the table right now, but after the baby came, the schedule was changed.

"When we were planning our marriage, we talked to both of our families, with our bishops, my school counselor in family living, and with my close friends.

"We actually had some counseling. My husband took the courtship and marriage class on campus, and we both had some sex instruction. I knew more or less what I should expect when we were planning to be married.

"When my husband and I were first married, I expected too much of him. I always expected him to give in. We both had to learn that marriage was give and take. My husband wasn't quite as considerate as before. He would not open the door afterward, and he would tell me what he did not like. He disagreed more, and he was more frank about what he thinks, principally about little things. My husband also has a short temper, but he is getting better now.

"I expected my husband to take an interest in our little girl, and
to keep an eye on her once in awhile when I am working about the house and he is not busy. I think that he should take care of the garbage. He should help me to discipline our little girl. He sometimes helps me with the dishes and cooking. He really meets my expectations very well.

"One way that he could improve his role is by learning to control his temper better.

"My husband expects me to keep things up, to take care of the children, and to prepare good meals. He doesn't complain, so I think I am meeting his expectations pretty well. I don't think that either of us are too demanding.

"I do not mind my housework at all. I go ahead and do what I have to do. Sometimes I get a little tired of trying to think of things to cook. My little girl provides a lot of companionship for me, but sometimes when she gets cross, she about drives me crazy. At first, the baby got on my nerves when I cared for her, but I get along good now. To break my routine, I like to visit. I also like to sew and read.

"My husband loves me as much now as he did before we were married, but he does not express himself as much as he used to. Sometimes I would like him to be more affectionate. I think that I have a good attitude towards sex, but being pregnant has a lot to do with how I feel. I don't think that we have any real problem, and the relationship brings us closer together. I want him and he wants me, and we want nobody else. It is a way that I can show my husband how much I love him. Trying to explain is just a little difficult, but I feel our sex relation is quite adequate. It can be a spiritual experience because it is a way of bringing children into the world, and it is a way of expressing love.
"I think that major decisions such as buying a car should be up to my husband. It really depends on what the decision covers. My husband always asks my opinion, and I give it to him. If I don't want him to get something, he usually won't get it unless he really wants it.

"I think it is all right for my husband to have individual friends, as he has friends where he works, and I have friends in the neighborhood and my school friends.

"Sometimes when we quarrel or have a real problem, I will get upset and cry. We sometimes holler at each other, then when we calm down, we tell each other we are sorry and it is forgotten. We usually work out our problems in a short time.

"When our first baby was born, we were just thrilled to death, and we both idolize her. My husband does not mind at all the attention I have to give to her. We have not practiced birth control yet, but we probably will. Prior to our marriage, we talked about having children, and we both wanted them. We didn't plan our first child, but we didn't care if I got pregnant. I would like to have three or four children.

"I had quite a bit of experience attending children by baby sitting when I was home. I also took care of my small brother quite a bit. I think that I have been able to take care of my child very well, and I don't think I would have been a bit more qualified if I had waited.

"After we were married, we went to Oregon, so we were too far away to expect any help from either of our parents. I did spend a couple of weeks with my parents when we returned to Utah so my husband could go to school. My mother has attended the baby when we have gone out. My husband's sister and niece often tend the baby, too. We don't like to have just anybody come in as it worries us."
"I pay all of the bills. My husband gives me the money, but I always see that he has some. When he has to drive the car to work, I want him to have a little extra. If he needs any, he always asks for it. We have no quarrel over money. Neither of us have a tendency to squander it. I do think that how the money is spent should be worked out together. When there is a question about how it should be spent, we work that out together, too. We do not keep a budget, but I know what has to be for what, such as so much for bills, groceries, and other things.

"Credit buying is all right for big things such as a car and for furniture, but I don't believe in buying just anything on a charge account. We are presently buying a sewing machine on credit.

"I definitely feel we should have insurance to protect the family. My husband has a $10,000 policy with his place of business, and he continued his GI insurance for $10,000. I am covered for $1,500. We are saving bonds for our little girl. We also have car insurance.

"Eventually, we want to buy our home, but we have no plans now. There is a possibility that my husband might return to school, so it will depend on the circumstances. We are trying to save towards a home now.

"My in-laws are quite elderly and sometimes they interrupt our plans. They don't drive, so they expect us to take them places when they want to go. Sometimes we have to skip things we want to do so we can help them. My husband enjoys my folks. My father and husband have a lot in common—they both like to fish and hunt, and attend various sports together.

"Sometimes I think I embarrass my mother as I am so blunt and outspoken. I certainly understand a lot more about my mother's concern
about me when I was a kid. Neither of our parents try to make decisions for us, but my husband's mother often says, 'I would do this,' but we do what we want.

"I don't like to go to church alone. My husband works Sundays now, and since the baby has been born, I do not go too often. I think we would go more often if we lived in the ward where we previously lived. We do not belong to any other social organizations.

"When I was married, most of the people in the community thought it was okay. My mother thought I could have waited a little longer because I was so young; however, she felt that I couldn't have found anybody more likeable or nicer than my husband. My husband gets along good with my folks, and my mother also figured I was ready for marriage. None of my friends had previously married and most of them were happy about my marriage. Some were a little jealous.

"I think that a married student should be able to finish school at home if she desires to do so. I don't think it is best for her to continue school as attitudes toward going to school and towards the students are completely different. Interests are also different.

"I chose this time to marry because I didn't want to wait any longer. I waited until I completed high school, and since jobs were available, I felt we should get married.

"I would like my husband to return to school. I think that education means a lot, and my husband has two years completed. I would be glad to help him if I could.

"If I had the decision of marrying to do over again, I would do exactly the same thing. If my daughter were old enough to want to get married, I would rather have her complete high school. If I approved of
the boy, I wouldn't object, but I would like her to go on to college for awhile if she wanted to go. It would depend on if she were ready.

"I feel that when two people are in love they should have no feeling for anyone else. They should have companionship, loyalty, understanding in this love. Love means the sharing of things together whether those things are good or bad. Love means doing anything possible for each other. I think the world of my husband and my baby--yes, and the baby that is almost here."

Case F

Mrs. F was a friendly, short, rather plump girl. She lives in a new and beautiful basement apartment with her husband who is a student at the university. She was dressed attractively in a brown cotton dress. Mrs. F brought her little girl from the bedroom at the start of the interview, and she held her on her lap where she played and laughed while we talked.

"I was one of three children, two girls and one boy. We had a very happy home life, and I was especially close to my brother and sister. Sometimes I felt that my parents didn't trust me, but most of the time they did. I had to go sixty miles to high school, and I think that my parents thought that I did not always do what they thought I should.

"My sister and I did a lot of the housework and washing as my mother worked at a lodge, and my father was working, too. I was the oldest girl and because of this, I feel that I was held back a little when it came to making my own decisions.

"I was unable to talk to my mother about personal problems, but my father was much more understanding and I could talk things over with him. My mother was high strung. Many of the things I should have
learned from my mother, I learned at school from a nurse, shows, and from my girl friends. After my periods started, my mother then told me about menstruation.

"We did lots of things together. Every Sunday we would go for a ride. Sometimes we would go to a show which was sixty miles away. We liked to go to plays, and often went to dances on Saturday nights during the summer. My father didn't like to dance, though. We went on picnics frequently, too.

"My parents liked most of my friends and let me know when they did not. I do feel that my parents could have helped me in choosing my friends better if they would not have become so angry or upset at times. Sometimes my mother would get angry at me, then my father would get angry, too.

"My brother and sister and I got along well together. Occasionally we would have a fight, and I still fight with my brother once in awhile because he is such a big tease.

"When I went to school, I liked math, typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping. I liked almost everything except history. I enjoyed going to basketball games, liked the dances, but would have preferred that the young people mix better instead of dancing with the same partner. I worked on the paper staff and annual staff. The first year of school, I didn't feel that I was accepted too well because I was overweight. I didn't have much trouble with the girls, but didn't date much. After my freshman year, I lost weight then I did pretty well. I had lots of friends.

"After I was married, I didn't feel any different towards my friends, and I still associate with some of those that go to school. Some of them
are married now.

"The classes in school that helped me to prepare for my marriage were health, general science, and biology. I think that some home economics classes such as sewing, cooking, household management, budgeting, meal planning, and anything pertaining to the home would have been very beneficial. I think that many of these classes should be taught at least during the freshman year or at the junior high school level.

"I really enjoyed high school, and I would not like to change my experience there.

"I really got to know my husband about three and a half months before my marriage. He came to my home every evening, and we would go to dances or fishing. He moved about thirty miles from town, and then he would come on weekends and stay all night. I knew his father pretty well during this time, but I didn't know his mother until just shortly before our marriage.

"When I told my parents about my decision to marry my husband, my family didn't believe me at first. When I finally convinced them, they thought it was fine.

"I was very bashful, and it was difficult for me to meet his parents. My husband was very friendly, and he didn't mind meeting my parents at all. I feel very close to his folks now and like them very much.

"I didn't really have much of an engagement, but we had the same type of background, and because of this we didn't have many conflicts to work out. When we got married, we wanted a family. I think that marriage is a sacred institution. I also wanted happiness, and I wanted the two of us to be active in church. Some day, I would like to go on a
mission with my husband. I also wanted companionship with my husband.

"I expected my husband to be understanding, forgiving of my faults, be able to provide for me and our children when he gets out of school. I think that I, too, should be understanding and forgiving. I wanted to help my husband and give him the encouragement he needs. Since our marriage, his school average has gone up considerably.

"When we were making our plans for our marriage, we discussed our plans with both of our families and talked with the bishop that married us. I also talked with one of my church leaders--this woman went with me when I selected my wedding gown.

"I think that premarital counseling is a very wonderful thing, and I think that some people really need it--in fact, I think that everyone should have it.

"I don't think that my husband has changed since our marriage, nor did I expect him to change as I liked him as he was. He has always been pretty relaxed around me. I like him to help about the house once in awhile. He is especially good about helping when I don't feel good. I expect him to help with our little girl, too. We are going to have another child soon, and I will need more help then. My husband is so thoughtful, he couldn't improve much, and I feel that he meets my expectations very well.

"I don't think that I meet my husband's expectations as well as he meets mine. Sometimes I don't keep the house as clean as he wants me to. I think that a temple marriage would bring us closer together, but my husband is not too interested right now. I don't think either of us are too demanding.

"Sometimes, meal planning gets really monotonous. It might be
better when my husband gets out of school, and we have more money to buy
the things we need. I don't mind caring for my baby at all, and I enjoy
her very much. We don't get out much because we don't have a car, but
once in awhile I go down town to a movie, or go to the Forestry Wife's
Club on campus. My husband and I attend some of the plays and lyceums
on campus, also.

"My husband's affection is stronger since our marriage, and he is as
affectionate as I would like. At first my attitude toward our sex re-
lationship bothered me. I was scared about it. After the first week,
I became more adjusted and accepted it as part of the marriage. It
brings me and my husband closer together, and it is a way to show how
much we love each other. It is a means of bringing children into the
world. I don't know of any way we could improve our relationship, but
there probably are ways. I think that God intended for husband and wife
to have this experience as it makes people love one another more and
brings children into the world.

"Motherhood is a very wonderful thing, and my husband and I just
adore our little girl. My baby is 'Daddy's' girl, and he doesn't resent
the attention that I have to give to her at all. We are trying to space
our family and have practiced birth control by using prophylactics.

"Prior to marriage, when we were discussing our plans about chil-
dren, we didn't want children for the first two years. Our first child
came quite unannounced, and now another one is on the way. We would like
to have at least six children. I don't feel that I would have been any
more prepared to take care of my children than I am now if I had waited
to have my family. I have not sought help regarding my child from my
family or my husband's family because they are too far away.
"My husband and I agree in our ideas about disciplining our child. We have left her only once with a baby sitter, and she raised such a fuss that we have never left her again. We don’t plan to leave her any more until she is a little bigger.

"My husband is a student, and we don’t have enough money to fight over. We pay our bills as we have the money. I think that we should plan together how the money should be handled, and prior to my husband returning to school, we had a joint checking account. When there is a question how the money should be spent, we both talk things over until an agreement is reached. I think it might be different when my husband goes back to work, and that he might have the last say. This would be all right with me. As far as a budget is concerned, it is a good idea, but we don’t have enough money now.

"My husband and I would like to pay cash for almost everything; however, it is all right to buy big things like a car, house, furniture, and we are considering buying a trailer because of my husband’s work after he graduates. We are not buying anything on credit now.

"Insurance is a very good idea. My husband has a $1,000 policy and I have a $1,000 policy. We would like to take out more later. We also want a savings policy for our child’s education. We don’t have any hospitalization insurance now.

"I would much rather own my own home than to rent because the rent would eventually pay for the house. We cannot raise a downpayment now, and besides, my husband will be moving around a lot in his work after he graduates.

"My in-laws have been very good to us since our marriage. They never try to interfere. My husband feels the same about my parents. Both of
our families have helped a little while my husband has been going through school.

"Since my marriage, I feel a little more free to talk with my parents, but I still look up to them as my parents. Neither of our parents try to make decisions for us, but my father-in-law told my husband that if he would return to school last fall, he would pay his way through that quarter.

"I do not go to church as often as I would like, as I would like to go every Sunday and to attend Mutual. I am somewhat interested in being active in other social groups, too, but the thought scares me. My bashfulness makes it quite difficult for me, especially to associate with new people.

"Several of my friends were married while they were going to school, but they quit before finishing. I think they should have finished school first. I didn't see too many of my friends after my marriage, as I finished school and after we were married, we left town. One of my friends was planning to finish school, but she quit when she found she was pregnant. She probably won't finish now. The school that I attended recommended that the married students continue their schooling. Last fall, there were two going to school, but they quit later.

"I chose this time to marry because I felt I was ready for marriage, and it was my own decision.

"I am happy about my husband continuing his schooling. It is worth sacrificing some of the necessities until he can finish. I worked part of last year to help him, but will not be able to work now. I have talked to my husband about furthering my own education, and I would like to take some classes or take nurses training eventually."
"I have been very happy in my marriage, and I feel that my expectations have been met. I would do the same thing over again. If my daughter wanted to marry at that age, I think it would be up to her, but I would rather have my daughter go on to college as I feel that college will be really important by that time.

"Love to me means lots of understanding; the caring for one another; giving up some of our own pleasures so that the one you love can have pleasure in life; being able to do things together; and to have the same interests."

Case G

Mrs. G is a tiny, petite girl of nineteen years. Her long brown curly hair framed her pretty oval shaped face and fell softly about her shoulders. She was a little tense and drawn the day of the interview, as she had been up for two or three nights with her little girl who had had the flu and an ear infection. However, she was very cooperative in giving the interview. Mrs. G and her husband lived in an attractive two bedroom home which they had just purchased. It was very skimpily furnished as they had not yet had an opportunity to purchase the necessary items.

"I was an only child, and as a result, I was around adults most of my life. I feel that I matured a little faster than many of my friends because of this. My parents always trusted me, and I was given considerable responsibility in our home. I helped my mother prepare the meals, and I always started dinner as my mother worked. Sometimes I was permitted to buy the groceries. I also helped with the washing and ironing, and I enjoyed sewing.

"My mother helped me to pick out my clothes when I was in school,
but I was allowed to make the final decisions about what I wanted. When I wanted to get engaged, my mother let me make my own decision there as long as I promised to finish high school. I was very close to my mother and was able to talk to her about almost everything. I could also talk to my grandmother about many of my problems and activities. I always went to her when I had any troubles.

"As a family, we enjoyed sleigh riding in the winter. We hauled hay together, rode horses, and went for long rides. We had fun at picnics and fishing. My father always took me along when he could.

"My family always seemed to like my friends. They encouraged me to associate with young people who had good reputations. My mother checked the type of boys with whom I went.

"I had a very happy home life and wouldn't particularly like to change it in any way except I would like to have brothers and sisters. I feel that I missed out in this area.

"I was very active in school. I liked Spanish, journalism, English, and homemaking. I liked to meet and associate with people. I was a cheerleader, reporter on the school paper, a member of the Better Girls' Club, FHA, a charter member of Amico Fidelis which was a club for girls who had a high average in school. I was well accepted by everyone, and had a lot of fun in school. I think that I lost out on being the junior prom queen because of my engagement. After my marriage, I still associated with some of my school friends, but my life did change considerably. Many of my friends thought I was crazy for getting married so young.

"My homemaking classes and family living classes, also my physical education classes, helped me to prepare for marriage. I think that a marriage and courtship class would have helped me to understand myself
and my husband better. I had wanted to get married and planned to get married as soon as I finished high school. I liked school, and I had a good time all through the four years.

"I knew my husband for three and a half years prior to our marriage. We liked to ride to Ogden for pizza, went to dances, movies, musicals and plays on campus. We knew each other's families quite well. My husband is quite moody, and we did try to work this out before we were married.

"When I told my parents of my decision to marry my husband, they asked me if I had thought the matter through and if it was the right thing. They thought I was a little young, but they didn't raise any objections. They said it was all right as long as I finished high school.

"We were engaged for one and a half years, and that was long enough. My husband and I had long talks about our marriage plans, so we felt we knew what to expect of marriage. We talked considerably about the sex relationship that marriage involved. We both wanted a family, but we wanted to wait a couple of years. We also wanted to have a home of our own.

"We should be able to meet each other half way when we have problems. We also should try to enjoy the interests of each other. Marriage should be a partnership, and we should make our decisions together. I think that my husband should be a little more tolerant.

"I should also learn to be more tolerant and try to do what my husband wants me to do. I should try to make our home happy for our child, and we both should avoid fighting at home and in public. We both have rather fiesty tempers.

"When we planned to get married, we discussed our plans with both families. I also talked with my Spanish teacher, and with some of my
best friends. Of course, I talked to my grandmother, as I always liked to discuss my plans with her. We made arrangements with my bishop for a temple wedding.

"I think that premarital counseling might have helped us with our personality adjustment. We went to our physician, and he did give us some information. We were also talked to in the temple.

"When we were married, I expected my husband to watch his temper. We have both learned to give and take since our marriage, and we always try to settle our differences instead of letting them ride. I think that my husband should help me, especially in caring for the baby. He was really good about helping me when I was pregnant. He likes to cook and will get one of the meals once a week. He will also walk the floor with the baby. Sometimes he meets my expectations and at other times he does not. I have learned to understand that he is a 'baby' too.

"My husband could improve his role by being more tolerant. I don't think he should bawl me out just because I haven't done something when he thinks it should be done. We are both quite a bit alike, and I have to learn to be tolerant, too. We could strengthen our relationship by being more tolerant of each other.

"Sometimes, my husband is too demanding, but perhaps that is because I don't do as much as I should.

"I rather like my work about our home, but I would like to get out more. I run out of ideas of what to cook, too. I don't mind caring for the baby, but sometimes my patience runs out. The baby has been sick for the last three days, and that makes me nervous as she cries considerably and keeps me up during the night. One thing I do hate to do, and that is to start the ironing."
"Sometimes I will do my work at night so I will have more time in the day time to play with the baby and to visit friends occasionally. I like to exchange recipes.

"It is all right to have individual friends, but I feel that if we do, we should be willing to introduce them to each other. Most of our friends we both know. I am not quite sure how I feel about either of us having friends of the opposite sex. My husband does have one friend, and sometimes I object because my husband talks about our personal problems with her. I think this might be all right, but there is a question in my mind.

"When we have misunderstanding, we usually sit down and talk over the problem until we get it talked out. We always get our problems settled some way or other.

"At first I was a little afraid of sex, but I think we have worked this out now. I used to tense up. The act brings my husband and me closer together, but it still leaves tension sometimes. I think that my husband is satisfied with our relationship, but sometimes he will want me when I do not want him. If I could learn to enjoy our sex relationship as much as my husband, I think that we could improve our experiences together. Sex could be a spiritual experience because it brings people closer together and helps them to relate to each other in a way they cannot express themselves with words.

"I do not feel restricted because of my child. Sometimes I cannot go places because of her, but this is a part of marriage. I love my little girl, and I am sure that my husband doesn't object at all to the attention I give to her. After her birth, he became more attentive to me. We do not practice birth control. We discussed our plans about
having children before our marriage, and we decided we would like to have four children. We did not plan the first child, as we had wanted to wait for awhile. I do not feel that waiting to have my baby would have helped me in rearing my family. I frequently call on my mother-in-law who used to be a nurse about things regarding the baby, and she helps me considerably. My own mother worries too much as she had a nervous breakdown, so I wait until the baby's illnesses are over before I tell her about them.

"My husband doesn't like me to spank the baby when I discipline her. I think the baby can learn while she is young, and I want her to mind. When we go out, we only leave her with some member of one of our families.

"My husband and I have a joint checking account. Each week we figure out what we have to pay so we will know where our money is going. If there is any question how the money should be spent, I think that my husband should have the final say. I feel that my husband is the head of the family. We both know where our money is going, and we have agreed to pay certain things each week.

"We try to pay for little things with cash, but we buy the bigger things on credit. We are buying a car, house, refrigerator, stove, and washer on credit now.

"We both are very much in favor of a good insurance program. My husband has two $10,000 DI policies, and a $5,000 policy covering me. We have a $1,000 policy covering the baby. My husband's place of business has him covered with hospital insurance.

"We feel it is more economical to buy a home because we would not be getting anything out of a rented place."
"I really think a lot of my husband's parents. They helped us with our downpayment on our house, and they helped a lot with the baby. Since I have been married, I feel more equal with my parents and in-laws, because we have about the same problems now. Our parents do not make decisions for us, but they do make helpful suggestions.

"We do not go to church as often as we should because my husband has to work so much overtime. We belong to a ski club and are dance directors at church. Some of my friends thought I was crazy for getting married so young, and they thought I should wait until I was twenty and have a couple years of college. I definitely felt that my husband should be at least twenty or more, when I married.

"I only know of one other girl who got married while I was in school, and that girl had to get married. Most of my friends were happy for me when I did get married, and they were very excited about it because I was the first to get married. They helped me to plan things. Most of the students can't see why they shouldn't be permitted to finish their education after they are married. Several of my friends have finished, and one finished when she was pregnant. I think that most girls are familiar with a lot of the things anyway. The high school I attended will permit married students, but student marriages don't occur very often.

"I married because I was ready and out of high school. I had made up my mind long before that I would marry as soon as I finished school. It was entirely my decision.

"My husband has some college, and he wants to finish some day. I think that he should, too. If he can finish, we will have more security, and I would rather give up things now than have trouble later."
My husband doesn't want me to work, and I don't want anyone else helping to rear our children, but I would work if it was absolutely necessary.

"I don't particularly care about going on to college, but I would like to take some classes in language, art, family living, and decorating.

"If I had my marriage to do over, I would do the same thing again. If my daughter wanted to get married at a young age, it would depend on how mature she was at the time when she was thinking about it. I wouldn't want her to get married before she was ready for it.

"Love to me is companionship. We both should strive to love one another as much as possible, never try to hurt one another, have more tolerance, trust, and understanding. I would rather have love in my home, and have a good marriage than have a lot of money and material things."

Case H

Mrs. H is a sparkling brown-eyed blond girl of eighteen, and she was eager to start the interview. She was dressed in a print shirt and black peddle pushers. She and her husband lived in a small, crowded basement apartment with their two small children.

"My family was really a happy one. My parents both worked, and we had everything we needed in the way of material things. My father was in the bishopric, and I had a job in the mutual. We always went to church together on Sundays.

"I helped my mother with some of the housework, but I hated to do dishes, and I still do. I tended my little brother and sister, too. We lived on a farm, which was more fun than living in town. I loved to help outside, to ride horseback, and to be with my father."
"There was quite a difference in age between me and my sisters and brothers, except for one brother, and we were very close until I had to get married. My sister-in-law didn't like me very well, and she turned my brother against me.

"I could talk about most things with my parents, but my mother could have helped me a lot more by giving me more sex information. My mother let me make many of my own decisions, but she made suggestions which did influence my decisions.

"I liked all of my subjects in school except math, but I do think the teachers could have been better. I liked to go to dances, and enjoyed the dance classes. I belonged to the Purr-cerettes, Junior Jilles, drama club, and the band, and I was on the debate team. There were many students who were more popular than I was, but I had fun.

"Most of my friends were my own age, but after my marriage, we didn't do much together. I started going about with older people more the age of my husband.

"Homemaking, physiology, and health helped in preparing me for marriage. I think that family living classes would be very beneficial to most students, and there are too many students who just don't get those classes.

"I fell down in school the last quarter. I had received good grades up to that time, but I lost a lot of credit because of absences. I want to finish school and take some college classes when I can.

"I went with my husband for two years prior to our marriage and was engaged for one year. We both enjoyed almost the same things such as dancing, swimming, horseback riding, bowling, fishing, hiking. My husband lost his driver's license when he first started going with me,
We lived close together and went to the same school, so we knew each other’s families very well. My husband drinks once in awhile, and he continued smoking after we were married. This bothered me as I had not been accustomed to anyone smoking, and I have had to adjust to that.

“Our engagement was too long. If we had been older, we would have married much sooner. It was so difficult for my husband to come and see me, that when he did come, we stayed out too late. His mother would not let him have the car. My husband was not happy in his home, and he wanted companionship and a home of his own. I felt that I would like to get away from my little brother and sister.

“I felt that in order to have a successful marriage, we needed companionship, going places together and sharing things, having a family, and having a happy home. I felt I should wait on my husband, keep up his clothes, keep the house clean, and take care of the children.

“Prior to our marriage, we discussed our plans with our families and our bishop. I think that marriage counseling would have been good, because it might have helped my husband be more affectionate towards me during my pregnancies. Adjustment is hard for people to make when the wife is pregnant because so many emotions are involved.

“After we were married, my husband dropped his clothes on the floor right where he took them off, and he refused to pick up after himself. His mother had always picked up after him before. I don’t expect my husband to help with the housework, but I do want him to help with the children, to go places with us, and to do things together. He does pretty well, but he does not like to tend the kids.

“My husband likes to go to the pool hall or play poker after he quits work, and often he does not get home until hours later. Once I sent him
for some milk for the baby, and he didn't come home for about five hours. I finally told him if he continued that, I would just take the children and leave and not come back. Since that happened, we sat down and talked it out, and now he is much better.

"I try to do everything my husband wants me to do such as the housework, mending, laundry, etc., but it is hard on both of us when I am pregnant. I sometimes feel that my husband demands a lot for what he expects to give in return. It is much harder for me to keep up with the work since the second baby came, but I don't mind it. It is difficult to have a variety in the meals, but my husband is easy to cook for.

"I do my laundry at my mother's and this helps to break my routine and gives me a chance to visit with her. My husband works different shifts, and I like this, because my husband plays with the children so much when he works the late shift. My husband walks to work, so I have the car during the day and that gives me more freedom.

"Right after marriage, my husband seemed to be less affectionate, but as time went on, he became more adjusted. We have no problem in our sex relationship, and my husband is really sweet. Sex brings us closer together, and it is a way of assuring our love for each other. I know there is room for improvement, but I don't know just how now. To me, sex is sacred and something that is God-given.

"We always talk important decisions over together, but I feel my husband should have the last word. That is the way my mother and father did it. One of the biggest decisions we had to make was when my husband quit college. If we have a quarrel or misunderstanding, we sit down and talk things over, generally after the kids are put to bed. We can talk about anything that bothers us. Sometimes, if we get upset,
we fight about things.

"My husband knows about everyone in town, and I think it is all right to have individual friends. Most of our friends are mutual, and we generally go out together. I don't mind my husband having friends with the opposite sex, as long as they remain just friends.

"I really enjoy my children, and until the last baby was born, my little girl always came first. Having children has caused us to make an adjustment, but it was not as hard for my husband as it was for me. Sometimes I feel like I would just like to be alone. My husband does not mind the attention I give to the children; actually, I feel more resentment than he does.

"We practice birth control and have used both a diaphragm and prophylactics. We discussed our plans about having children before we were married, and we decided we wanted to have about four children. We have two now, and we don't want any more for awhile. We did not plan our first child.

"I think that it has been hard for me to adjust to the full responsibility of caring for the children, especially when they are sick, but it takes experience to learn how to care for them. Age doesn't make much difference. I consult my mother frequently and ask her advice on problems of discipline. My mother makes suggestions, but we make our own decisions. I have a problem with my little girl as she is hard to get to bed and has been that way since she was tiny.

"We never left our little girl with babysitters until she could walk, and we have a lot of confidence in our present babysitter. If we are gone very long, we leave the children with my parents.

"My husband and I plan together how we should spend our money. We
Put aside so much for entertainment, groceries, and the bills, and if there is something left over, we will put it on something special. When we have trouble about how it should be spent, we talk that over together, and my husband has the final say. I have never been able to keep a budget, as we never seem to have the same amount of money each month.

"Neither of us like to buy on credit. We paid cash for our car, but we are buying tires on credit and want to get a washer.

"My husband has a $10,000 insurance policy covering him and $1,000 on our little girl. He plans to get one for me and the new baby soon. We have a hospital plan and insurance on the car.

"I never knew my husband's father, but his mother has been very nice to us, and I like her better now than I did before we were married. I don't get along with my oldest brother-in-law. My husband looks up to my father because his father is dead.

"I don't go to church often enough since I have been married. My husband questions the church considerably since he has been to college, and he is not too interested now. I would like to belong to some kind of social organization. We do have couples in for bridge, occasionally.

"None of my close friends have married yet. My friends accepted my marriage, and I still run around with some of them. Some of the people in our hometown thought I was too young, but I haven't really heard too much about it.

"I think that married students should be able to continue their education, but it does make a difference. The school I attended will permit students to continue.

"I was married at this time because I had to get married. I probably would have finished school if I had not been pregnant.
"My husband has some college now, and I would like him to complete his education. I would be willing to help him if I could, as I worked when our first baby was small and he was going to school.

"I would wait if I had my marriage to do over. I have been happy in my marriage, but I feel bad about hurting my parents. If we had been older, I don't think there would have been a problem. If my daughter wanted to get married at the age I did, I would have no objection if she were ready for it.

"When people are in love, it means they have trust, understanding, and have many things in common. They want to do things together, have children, and will be honest with each other. Truthfulness, understanding, trust, are the biggest things."

Case I

Mrs. I is a heavy set, very business like and aggressive blonde girl of nineteen. She and her husband lived in a neat and compact white frame house which they were renting. The furniture was new, and the kitchen was well equipped with modern appliances, including an ironer.

"My parents were separated when I was eight years old, but I still had a very good home life. My father would come once a week to visit us, but my mother was always there when she was needed. She took the place of my father. My brothers and I were quite close because our mother was away so much.

"My mother did most of the work in the house, but I think that she should have allowed me to help more. I did help some with the washing and ironing. Whenever I wanted something, or I wanted to do something, I would talk it over with mother, and then I would do what she thought was best. My mother helped me considerably when I was
planning to be married by discussing sex and the birth process with me. I had a lot of confidence in what my mother told me.

"My mother worked most of the time, so it was difficult to do many things together. We did go to shows on weekends. We did not have a car, so we couldn't take trips. We didn't get out to church much either, as my mother worked on Sundays.

"My mother always seemed to like my friends and welcomed them to the house. When I told my mother I wanted to get married, she talked it over with me, and asked me if I was sure this boy was the one for me. She said that she would not stand in my way, and she was very happy about our planning to be married in the temple.

"When I was in school, I did not enter into very many activities. There was a clique in school, and if a student couldn't get in it, she just didn't have a chance--was just a nobody. I didn't get into the clique, but I chased around with a group of friends, and we had fun.

"I liked literature and history, but I didn't take any classes that particularly helped me in preparing for marriage. Courses that would help with meal planning and home management would be of help, and I think some child development classes would help in understanding each other and our children.

"I went with my husband for two or more years. We went to dances and shows, but did not do much in the way of church activities. We sometimes went to the Union Building on campus to some of the church dances. We learned about each other's families pretty well during this time, and we didn't feel there were any particular problems.

"My engagement was long enough as we had plenty of time to talk things over. We both wanted to have children, we wanted to be together, and we loved each other a lot. We both belonged to the same religion,
and my husband was an elder so we could have a temple marriage. He was just what I wanted. We felt that we should both contribute love, respect, and make good surroundings and a happy home for each other and our children. He is a good provider, and he has furnished me with a nice home.

"We discussed our plans of marriage with my mother and his mother, and with our bishops. I do not think that premarital counseling is necessary, as people just have to get married and work out their problems together.

"I can't think of any way that my husband has changed since we were married; he seems just the same, and I wouldn't want him to change. I expect him to help with the baby, and if I am not feeling good, he will straighten up the house or do the washing. I think I should do most of the work because he works all day. I think that I fill my husband's expectations quite well—-at least he never says anything, and he is not critical. We have a very close relationship, and neither of us is too demanding.

"To break my daily routine, I go over to my mother's to visit. My husband and I usually go out on Saturday night, and both of us belong to bowling leagues.

"My husband is affectionate enough, and we have a good sex relationship. We don't have any trouble there. It is a way of showing our devotion to each other, a way of expressing love. It brings husbands and wives closer together, and sometimes heals wounds. It is a way of expressing our feelings towards each other.

"I love children, and I don't feel tied down at all since we have had our little boy. I don't mind caring for him, nor do I feel resentful
because I don't have the freedom I had before he was born. My husband loves him very much, too.

"We didn't particularly discuss having children before we were married except we hoped to have a family. We did not plan our first child, and we don't practice birth control. We would like to have four or five children.

"I don't believe I would know any more than I did when my baby was born if I had waited to have my family. Once in awhile my mother helps me with him, especially if he is sick and I don't know what to do. We have no disciplining problems, because we feel pretty much the same about that. It bothered my husband to leave the baby with a baby sitter at first, but we have a reliable sitter now, and we don't mind.

"My husband gives me most of the money so I can pay the bills. We plan together how we should handle it. When there is a question of how it is to be spent, I usually make the final decision, but we usually talk it out together. We have just started keeping a budget, and it makes things a little easier to handle.

"We don't mind using credit, as it is the only way we can get anything. We didn't have much money at first, because my husband was going to school. We are buying our car and the Ironite on credit now.

"We both feel that my husband should be covered with insurance. He has a $5,000 DI policy where he works and another one with a private insurance company. I have a $750 20-pay life, and we have $150 on the baby. We plan to change my policy over to the baby later. We also have car insurance.

"We don't like to pay rent, and eventually we plan to buy when we can save enough for a downpayment. We have a savings bond taken out
of my husband's check each month now.

"I really like my in-laws, and my husband thinks a lot of my mother. Since I have been married, I can talk more freely with my mother, and we understand each other better. My mother often influences my decisions, but she does not offer suggestions unless I ask for help.

"We are both active in church and Sunday School, but we do not go to the social activities as much as I would like.

"Three or four of my girl friends married while they were still in school, but it was after I was married. I think most of them were mature enough. I don't know how they felt about my marriage, nor did I hear any remarks from the people in my community about our marriage.

"I think that married students should be permitted to continue school if they don't work or don't get pregnant. I finished seminary after I was married, but I wouldn't care to go back to school. I wouldn't mind taking a correspondence course so I could graduate.

"My husband continued college for awhile after our marriage, and he is taking a night course now. He thinks he can graduate this way as he has only five more quarters left, and he can get a degree in math in less time. I would be glad to work to help if he desires to go back.

"I married at this time because I felt I was ready and had met the right 'guy.' I would do the same thing over again. If I had a daughter, I would like to see her finish high school, and maybe have a year or two of college.

"The meaning of love to me is to cherish one another, help, respect,
and share with each other—just be together and work out problems together."

Case J

Mrs. J is a short, chunky, serious blonde of eighteen years. She had forgotten about the interview, and she was dressed in her robe. She was quiet throughout the interview, and her small boy sat and played with me while she filled out part of the questionnaire.

"I lived with my five sisters and one brother, and we had quite a happy home life. I was especially close to my sister who was sixteen months older than I, but had many personality conflicts with my sister just younger. When I first started to date, my parents put limits on me, and they would not permit me to go out school nights. Each of us had a special job to do in the house, such as doing the washing, cleaning, etcetera. We would take turns getting dinner and doing the dishes. My mother made most of my decisions while I was going to school, but once in awhile I could make my own. I was scared to talk to my mother about my personal problems, so we were not too close.

"We didn't do too much together as a family, but occasionally we would have reunions and have family dinners. We have taken a few trips together, and once in awhile would go to a show. We didn't attend church activities. My parents seemed to like my friends all right, at least they didn't criticize them, but they would not let them come to the house. I think this was a mistake, as it would have been more congenial if my friends could have come to the house.

"I took a homemaking class and a personality class in school that I liked very much. I sang in a chorus and belonged to the Pepperettes. I liked to go to dances, too. I would like to have further classes in
business courses so I would be more qualified for a job, and some classes in family living to help me in my home. If I had my school experience to do over, I would complete school.

"During our courtship, my husband and I went to school games, dances and shows. We learned a lot about each other and our families during this time. My husband's folks were very religious, and I always felt that I wasn't religious enough to please them. I didn't like the idea of having to go to church every Sunday. I enjoy going to church more now, but I still don't go every Sunday.

"I didn't have an engagement period because everything happened so quick. I had to get married, so we discussed our marriage plans only with our parents and our bishop, as we felt it was no one's business but ours. I do think that premarital counseling is one of the most important things young people could have prior to marriage because it would help young people to become aware of what they should expect in marriage and help them to understand each other. I think that family living courses should be taught early in school, and that would help us, too.

"We didn't talk over our plans very much, but we did expect to have a happy home, children, and a nice place for them to grow up in. We wanted to do things together. I think that my husband should be able to provide for us, and that we should do things for each other to make us happy. We have the same types of personalities, so we do get along very well in our marriage. I didn't expect my husband to change after we were married, but I felt I should. My husband is a good husband and father, and I don't think I could ask for a better mate. I do wish, though, that he could understand that it is as hard on me as it is
on him while he is going to school, as I have to work to support us, and I would like to be home with the baby.

"I think that I fill my husband's expectations quite well, as I do all of the housework, fix the meals, and tend the baby besides working eight hours a day. We could strengthen our relationship by being able to spend more time together, but we don't have time now. We are busy, but I don't think that either of us is too demanding.

"I don't expect my husband to help much with the work, but we do our shopping together, and he helps some with planning and preparing the meals. He tends the baby when I go to work, too.

"We love each other very much, and my husband is very affectionate. We both enjoy our sex relationship, and I feel I belong to my husband. I don't know of any way we could improve our relationship now, except not to be so tired.

"One of our hardest decisions to make was when my husband decided to return to college, and I had to go to work when the baby was very small. We both feel it is very important to work out our problems and decisions together, and we try to do this. When we quarrel, we try to talk things out after we have calmed down, too.

"I think it is all right to have individual friends, and my husband and I each have a night that we spend with friends. We trust each other very much, and neither of us objects to the other being friends of the opposite sex.

"We love our little boy very much, and both of us want more children. Our first baby just came too fast, but we wouldn't give him away for anything. We would like to have three or four children.

"I have taken care of my baby by myself since he was tiny. If I
need help, I ask my husband, and if he can't help me I ask my parents. I think I have done quite a good job, and that I wouldn't have done any better if I had waited to have him. We don't have any trouble disciplining the baby, yet. If we leave the baby with a sitter, we usually see that he is asleep before we go.

"We have a joint checking account, and my husband and I work out together how we will handle our bills and expenses. If there is a question about how the money is to be handled, we try to work that out together, and if we don't reach an agreement, the money doesn't get spent. We try to budget our money, and I think it is a good idea.

"Neither of us like credit at all. If we can't pay for the item, then we feel we just don't need it. We are not buying anything at all. Our car was given to us.

"We don't have any insurance, not even on the car. We both know that it is important, but we do not have the money right now. We want to get a plan that will cover all of us.

"When my husband completes school and gets a job, we hope we can raise a downpayment so we can either build or buy a house. We don't want to rent all of the time because we don't feel we get enough out of our money that way.

"I do not attend church as much as I would like to, but I enjoy it much more than I did before I was married. I also feel that my in-laws have accepted me more now, too, and that helps. Our parents help us quite a bit, but they don't try to make decisions for us.

"I had three girl friends who got married while they were still going to school. They had to, so I suppose it was the wisest thing to do. I don't know how they felt about my marriage, but most of the people in the community thought I was too young. What else can you do when
you are going to have a baby.

"I think that married students should be permitted to finish school, and I intend to finish mine right away. My husband will finish college, too, if I have anything to say about it.

"I think that my expectations of marriage have been met pretty well considering the circumstances of our marriage. I would wait until I was older and until I had finished school if I had it to do over again. I wouldn't want my daughter to marry until she was at least eighteen or nineteen or whenever she was ready.

"Love means the closeness of husband and wife—the getting along together."

Case K

Mrs. K is a slender, blue-eyed girl with dark bobbed hair. She lives with her husband in one of the campus apartments, which includes a combined living room and kitchen, bedroom and bath. Knicknacks, books, and pictures filled every available space, and although the apartment was neat and cozy, Mrs. K was very apologetic for its appearance. Her seven months old baby was asleep in the bedroom, and her nineteen months old girl was standing in the middle of the floor with a very tear-stained face.

Mrs. K and I settled down at the kitchen table and her little girl climbed on my lap while her mother filled out the preliminary form.

"I really had a happy home with my parents and three sisters and one brother. My father had a turkey farm, and with mother working, I had to do much of the housework. I helped with the cleaning, and cooked and planned most of the meals. I often took care of my younger brother and sister, and frequently helped with the washing and ironing. I just loved my sisters and brother, but I was bossy with my younger sister.
As I grew older, though, I got over that. We did everything together as a family and went to a lot of church activities. Once in awhile we would go camping. If we could change our home life, I would really like to have mother at home instead of working because it was so hard on her to be away and on us too.

"When I was younger, I could not talk a great deal with my mother about things that were important to me, but when I reached puberty, mother talked to me about everything. I never could talk with my father.

"My parents really liked my husband when I started going with him, but many of my former boy friends they did not like, principally because they did not like their driving. My parents did not like me to date boys or run around with girls who drank or smoked, either. They didn't particularly tell me the types of boys they would like me to date, but just discouraged me from going out with certain ones.

"I was sixteen when I met my husband, and I went with him seven months when we decided to get married. When I told my parents, they were surprised, but they didn't have much to say.

"I hated school. There was one girl—a friend—who, if someone crossed her, would turn all of the other students against that particular person. This had considerable effect on my relations with other students in the school. I also did not like my teachers too well, either. I liked my business classes such as typing and shorthand, and I was fairly active in school affairs. I belonged to the pep club, the band, and was secretary of my senior class until I quit school. The students seemed to accept me, and even after my marriage I continued my associations with my friends as I completed high school."
"Although I took some homemaking classes, I didn't feel that the classes helped very much. If I had had a better teacher, I might have enjoyed the classes more. I think that classes such as sewing, cooking, home furnishings, and maybe a marriage and courtship class would be very beneficial to students who decide to marry young.

"I went with my husband nine months prior to our marriage. We went to dances every Saturday night and sometimes would go to shows during the week. We didn't go to church with each other, but went to school activities. My husband's father went away to work, so I didn't know him very well, and I only knew his mother to speak to. My husband spent a lot of time at my home, so he knew my family really well. I don't feel that we had any particular problems to work out during our courtship; however, my husband's parents felt that he should take out other girls.

"My husband is quick tempered, and I have a temper too. This has required a lot of adjustment on both of our parts. When we planned to get married, we didn't particularly plan ahead, nor did we think much about what we expected except that we wanted to have the right person. I do think that religion is very important in order to have a successful marriage. I think that my husband should be a good father and be able to give and take in marriage. I want him to finish school, because it will help him to secure a much better job, and I think being a good provider is very essential.

"I want my husband to be happy, too, and I feel I should help him as much as I can. I am working now at the hospital so that we will have enough money while he goes to school."
"When we decided to get married, we talked our plans over with my parents and my husband's father. We also talked with our bishop and stake president. My husband went to the principal of my high school and talked with him about my finishing high school. We don't feel that counseling is particularly necessary as we don't have any big problems or any problems that we can't work out ourselves.

"I did expect my husband to make an effort to control his temper and not get mad at me as he did sometimes before we were married. I do feel this is a real problem as it does not take much to excite my husband, and sometimes he really blows his 'top.' He is really good to me and the children, though, and he tries to help me.

"While my husband is going to school, and I have to work, I expect him to help me about the house and with the children. I do not think that he should yell at me, nor to swear in front of the children. He has improved a lot and has been wonderful during the past year, and I feel he is growing up more.

"Sometimes I feel that I do not meet my husband's expectations. He thinks I should have dinner on the table when he gets home, and that I should have the house cleaned, but I am not always successful. He seems to be satisfied with the way I take care of the children. I think that if I keep trying to make our home happy and encourage my husband to be a good father and husband, that we can strengthen our relation as we grow older. I don't think that either of us are too demanding. What my husband asks of me seems to be quite normal.

"I have accepted the routine of my housework and work, but that doesn't mean that I like it. With my husband in school during the day and my working at night, we only have an hour together, and I have to
leave the children so much of the time. I do not mind doing housework, and I like caring for the children.

"Since we have been married, my husband is much more affectionate than before. When we were first married, I had a horrible time with sex, and I didn't care about it. No one had talked to me about what I should expect, and I had no knowledge about it. We are pretty well adjusted now, and I do not know how we could make our relationship any better. At first, my husband was very disgusted with me, but he feels better now, too. I have never felt that sex could be a spiritual experience.

"The biggest decision that we had to make together was going to the temple to be married. We talked with our bishops, stake president, parents, and to each other. Another important decision was the buying of our car. I left that up to my husband; however, I think that it is desirous to make decisions together. I think there are certain decisions that my husband should make and certain ones I should make, too.

"With my husband being in school and my working, we do have individual friends. Sometimes I don't think that my husband approves of some of my friends, and I dislike some of the boys that he associates with. Most of our friends we both know, and we feel it is all right to have friends of the opposite sex as long as they are just friends.

"When we have a quarrel or misunderstanding, we usually try to talk things out, but once in awhile this doesn't work. When I get angry, I withdraw from my husband and can't talk to him. Usually we get things worked out, though.

"I love being a mother and do not feel that my children are a burden at all. I feel that the children have brought me and my husband closer
together, and that we are much happier now. We are using a diaphragm so we can space our children, but this is causing a psychological block for me. We did not really discuss our plans about having children prior to marriage, and we did not plan our first child. We think we would like to have about six children. I do not think that if we had waited a year or so to have our children that I would have been any more prepared in taking care of them, as I think this comes through experience.

"Neither of our parents help us with the children except when we go home once in awhile on week ends. This is not very often. When the children are ill, I call the doctor.

"We do not have any problem with disciplining of the children as we feel about the same. My husband feels it is all right to leave the children with a baby sitter, but I worry about them because the older child cries quite a bit.

"I have really tried to budget our money, but my husband likes to buy some unnecessary things and this makes it hard. We work out together how we should spend the money by writing down where it should go. My husband then checks each item that he thinks should be paid. We always discuss this together.

"I think that it is good to establish a credit rating, but I would rather not go in debt. I think it is better to save the money and pay cash for what we need. We are paying for our car on the installment plan.

"I think that it is important for a family to have insurance so they will be protected in case of an emergency, but we do not have any now because my husband is going to school and cannot afford it. I think
we should also cover our children. We don't have any insurance except on the car.

"We want to buy a home when my husband goes to work. We cannot possibly save money now for a downpayment, so it will be a long time before we can have a home of our own.

"My husband's parents have been wonderful about helping us in a financial way. They have also been good in giving me helpful advice about the children, and in giving me information about my husband which has helped me to understand him better. My husband seems to think a lot of my parents, too, and this has helped our relationship. Since we have been married, I feel more on a level with them, and we can talk much more freely than we used to be able to. My father often makes suggestions, but he doesn't try to make decisions for us. I do feel that he has influenced our decisions, though.

"I would like to be much more active in church than we are. It is almost impossible when I have to work and keep up the apartment, and with the children being small. This is something, too, that will have to wait until my husband is able to go to work.

"All of my girl friends married while they were still in school. I think that most of them were ready for marriage, but I don't really know how they felt about my marriage. Three of my friends continued their schooling, but one quit school. The school I attended won't allow married students to continue school.

"I chose this particular time to marry because I was ready and it was my husband's and my decision. My husband decided to finish college, and I think that is a worthy project. I keep thinking there are only two more years and this seems to bolster my courage. I would like to
further my own schooling, but now I am working to support the family. I finished high school after we were married, but I think that I would be more content if I could go on to school.

"If I had my marriage to do over again, I would wait at least a year or two. I wouldn’t want either of my daughters to marry before they are nineteen or twenty years old. I feel that I missed out on a lot by not being able to go to college, and I would like them to have the things I missed.

"To me, love is a feeling of closeness between two people, the wanting to be together and enjoyment of sharing things. I want my husband to develop himself—his talents and ability. I believe we should try to make each other happy and live for each other."

Case L

Mrs. L is a very wholesome appearing girl with dark short hair and a very pleasant disposition. She wore black peddle pushers and blue jersey blouse and was barefooted. The apartment was warm and cozy. Her husband was there when I arrived, and he was congenial and friendly. When I explained the purpose of the interview, he courteously left us alone. Mrs. L settled herself on the davenport besides me and we began the interview.

"My real father died when I was about fifteen years of age. My mother remarried, and my step-father was very good to me. I had three full brothers, and one step-brother and two step-sisters.

"When my own father was living, he was very ill, and I had to tend the smaller children and fix the meals. After my father’s death and my mother’s remarriage, I frequently tended the smaller children and kept house for my parents when they would go away on trips."
"My parents seemed to have considerable trust in me and let me do things pretty much my way. They allowed me to select my own clothes, but sometimes my mother helped me. They permitted me to go to work when I decided that was what I wanted to do. I could talk very freely with my parents—both fathers—about sex and other intimate matters.

"As a family, we occasionally went to shows, ball games, picnics, swimming, and to shows. We also made a few trips to Yellowstone Park. My parents liked most of my friends, at least they never did criticize them. I feel that I knew how to select my friends as my mother had explained to me the characteristics that were desirable to look for in my friends.

"When I was home, I got along with my older brothers very well, and I was especially close to my oldest brother. I also had a good relationship with my step-sister, but not with my step-brother. He would not mind me when I had to take care of him, which made it difficult for me. I was very happy in my home life, and do not know of any way I would like to change it.

"When I was in school, I liked physics, shorthand, typing, homemaking, and family life. I was active in the pep club, the A Capella choir, and was president of the junior class. My parents moved quite a bit, so I went to a lot of different schools, but no matter where we went, I seemed to have lots of friends. I was also secretary of my senior class.

"I continued associating with my school friends after my marriage, and I didn't feel left out of things. My husband and I are the same age, so we continued going to the games at school.

"I took a course called basic living which taught me a lot of things
that have really helped in my marriage. I don't know of any other classes that would have particularly helped me, as I feel that my classes were quite adequate. I liked school very much and wouldn't like to change it in any way.

"I went with my husband for a year. We enjoyed going to dances, ball games, shows, and we bowled a lot. Some nights we would stay home and visit with my husband's family or my family. We were very active in the young people's activities at church, also. We felt that we knew quite a bit about each other and our families, and we have not encountered any problems.

"We were only engaged for one and a half months, but this was long enough as we just had a small wedding and reception. We did not have any problems to work out.

"When we were married, I expected my husband to be easy to get along with and easy to talk to. I didn't want to go into debt. My husband really enjoys the baby and does as much for him as I do. He likes to take the baby places. I feel that I should keep up the house, prepare the meals, and try to make a happy home. I try to keep the baby clean and to be a good mother.

"When we decided to get married, we talked over our plans with our parents and with the bishop. We also talked with the principle at the school, as I wanted to finish school by taking courses by correspondence. I discussed my wedding plans with my friends.

"I think that premarital counseling would help lots of people, but I had so much experience in my home, that I don't think that we particularly needed it. When I married my husband, I did not expect him to change, and I can't think of any way in which he has. I do expect him
to help me discipline the baby and to tend him once in awhile. I expect to do most of the things about the house myself as my husband works long hours; however, when he is home he offers to help. He is a good companion, and I don't know of any way he could improve his role. We have a very strong relationship now, and I don't know of anything that could strengthen it.

"My housework isn't drudgery to me, and I like caring for our baby. When I am tired of working in the house, I will watch television, telephone some of my friends or visit some relatives and friends.

"My husband's affection has increased since our marriage, and we enjoy our sex relationship. It seems to me that it is a natural part of marriage. It draws people closer together, and I don't know of any way I could improve it.

"We both have individual friends and many friends in common. We also feel it is all right to have friends of the opposite sex as we trust each other.

"I like being a mother and enjoy my child very much. My husband enjoys him, too, and he does not resent any attention I give the baby. We practice birth control. The doctor prescribed a cream for us, and he said that it was as good as anything. Before we were married, we decided how many children that we wanted, and how far apart we wanted them. We planned our first child, and we decided we would like to have four children.

"I don't think that I would have been any more prepared to care for my child if I had waited a year or two to have him. I think that I have done a good job, and I think the ability to care for a child comes through experience. My mother isn't here, but she helps me when she can. I call
her when I don't know what to do. My mother-in-law lives close and she is good about helping, too.

"We do not have any disciplining problem as my husband thinks about the same as I do. We do not feel we should leave our baby with a sitter now, not until he is old enough to do things for himself. When we go out, we generally leave him with my mother-in-law.

"My husband gives me the money to pay the bills, which I do after we have worked out together where the money should go. We don't like to go into debt, but we feel it is the only way we can buy big things like furniture, car or home. We just bought a new car this week.

"We both feel that insurance is important to protect the family. My husband has a family policy for $10,000, and another policy for $5,000 DI. I am covered for $5,000 and we have $500 on the baby. Eventually, we plan to get a savings policy for him. We also have car insurance and hospital insurance.

"We plan to start saving for a downpayment so we can build our home in the near future. We don't like to rent, because it seems that we just lose the money we put into rent.

"Since I have been married, I feel that I have assumed much more responsibility, and I feel on a more equal basis with my parents. Both of our parents offer suggestions, but they do not try to make decisions for us.

"I feel that we go to church often enough as we go every Sunday. We also belong to a bowling league which we both enjoy very much. I have not heard how people in our community feel about our marriage, but I have seen TV programs which have indicated that twenty-one is about the best age."
"When I was going to school, none of my friends married before I did, but right after I was married, several of my friends were. I think they were ready as they seem happy and are getting along all right. I haven't heard how they have felt about my marriage.

"None of my friends liked school and they didn't care about going on. They didn't bother to find out if the school would permit them to continue. I don't think that the school wanted married students.

"I chose this time to marry because we wanted to have a family. It was our own decision, and we don't feel that we were influenced in any way.

"We were both seniors when we were married. My husband completed high school, and I would like to see him continue college. I would be willing to work, as it would be easier to sacrifice material things now while the baby is little. I don't want to go back to school, but I would like to complete my education by taking correspondence courses so I could graduate.

"If I had my marriage to do over again, I would do the same thing. I think that if I had a daughter, she should get married when she is ready.

"Love is a wonderful thing. When a person is in love, he doesn't want to go with anyone else. We want to help each other to be happy, and love makes us better persons. It makes us want to help each other and ourselves to become better people."

Case M

Mrs. M was a slim young lady of seventeen years with short brown hair and brown eyes. She seemed to have a depth of understanding that is rare in most young girls of her age, and she was able to express herself
freely and adequately. Typical of most of the other teenagers, Mrs. W was dressed in petticoat pushers and a shirtwaist blouse. She lived with her parents in an older type house. It appeared to be very comfortable and had an inviting atmosphere.

Mrs. W settled herself comfortably in an overstuffed chair across the room from me. Her mother had her four months old daughter in the adjoining room, but Mrs. A seemed quite relaxed and the presence of her mother did not disturb her.

"I had a wonderful home life. My sister was twelve years older and my brother was ten years older. My parents were not in very good health, and they gave in a lot to me because I was the only child in the home. My parents favored me, and we never did quarrel. When I was home prior to my marriage, I thought I did my share of the work, but now I realize that I could have done a great deal more to help my mother. I know now that there is much more responsibility. I always did what my mother wanted me to do; I helped with the meals and occasionally went with my mother to shop for groceries. I did considerable baby sitting for other people and took care of one child for two years. I also cared for three children in another family. I liked to iron, sew, and often helped to wash. I liked to embroidery, too.

"My parents seemed to trust me a lot, but before I would make decisions about most things, I talked them over with my parents, and they usually told me whether they were all right or not. They usually allowed me to make the final decision.

"I could talk about everything with my mother, and I was very close to my father, too. I can remember asking him questions from the time I was very tiny, and he always had time to answer them.

"We enjoyed a lot of things together as a family such as picnics,
swimming, and other sports. We sometimes went out to eat, and we always went to church together. Once in awhile we would take an occasional trip.

"My parents did not complain about my girl friends, but they did criticize one of my boy friends who had been in a reform school. He was a very good looking boy, but I did not understand the kind of boy he was. My parents tried to tell me what kind of boys I should associate with, and they seemed to approve of most of my friends. I always made a point of having my parents meet my boy friends, and we always came home early from our dates except on very special occasions.

"When I was in school, I especially liked typing, music and gym. I hated English, but I didn't like the teacher, and that may have influenced my not liking the class. I belonged to a chorus which sang on school assemblies, and we also put on programs in the neighborhood. I played the piano in classes at junior high school, and I was student music director at junior high. I also attended seminary. I felt I was quite popular with the other students, and I had a lot of friends. I still run around with them. They feel free to confide their problems in me because, since I am married, they feel I understand them and their problems.

"I took a courtship and marriage class in seminary, which I feel strengthened my marriage relationship. I also took a basic homemaking class which included such classes as cooking, sewing, child care, first aid, and interior decorating. I liked genetics and physiology, and I feel all of these classes helped me to prepare for marriage. I would have liked to have taken a special course in genetics, as I found that subject very interesting. I feel that high schools should have a special
class for teenagers--a round table discussion class with a leader who would not be directive--where we could bring up our problems and discuss them and work them out. I would like to know where I could find books that would be of special interest to me--books that would help me regarding my problems and would be of help to me.

"I didn't like school because of the teachers. They put too much religion in the classes, and they wouldn't let us do a lot of things we wanted to do. The teachers criticized our clothes, our dances, and they are just too old. They don't understand the students.

"If I had my school experience to do over again, I would like to take out the old teachers and put others in that would be more understanding of the youth problems. I feel the older people just don't have patience with the students, and I feel the teachers should be willing and able to discuss the students' problems without being so critical.

"I knew my husband about a year and a half, and I went steady with him for about a year before we were married. We liked to do many things together such as swimming, dancing, church activities, picnics up in the canyon, and liked to have dinner on the back lawn. We liked to go to each other's homes for meals. We always did these things with our friends, especially with one couple who had so much in common with us. We liked each other's families very much. My husband sometimes goes on hunting trips with my parents, and once I went on an outing to Mt. Logan with his folks. At first, we were very bashful with each other's families, and I went with my husband for about five months before he even kissed me."
"When my husband and I decided to get married, my parents thought we were too young. They tried to get us to postpone the wedding for awhile, and we did for three months.

"Our courtship period was long enough as from the very beginning we liked the same things. When we decided to get married, we wanted to get along together, and eventually we hope to have a temple marriage. We want to have a good church relationship and do things together in the church. We both want to have a family, a home of our own, and be able to have a close relationship with our children.

"I feel that my husband should be grown up, be able to understand our problems, and to be patient with us. He should be able to take responsibility in our marriage and not have the idea that if it doesn't work he can get out of it. I feel that I, too, should be responsible and learn to give and take. I want to take proper care of our children and show love and respect for my husband and to our children.

"When we decided to get married, we discussed our plans with both of our parents and with our bishop. We also talked with the school counselor about my taking a correspondence course so I could finish high school. I talked with my friends about things I wanted to do in the future—they were just dreams then, but I hope they will be realities soon.

"I think that counseling would be very desirable if the counselors were not directive. I have noticed that most of my girl friends and their husbands have had quite a time adjusting. I had to care for my parents, so I feel that it was easier for me to adjust, but it has been hard for my husband. I think that my husband has changed and can assume more responsibility since he has been in service."
"When we were first married, I felt that everything should go my way, and my husband felt the same way. We had to learn that things just don't go that way, and now we try to make it fifty-fifty.

"We have had some problems in our marriage. We had to face my husband's going into the service. My husband felt that I was ornery when I was pregnant. We had one quarrel about one of his friends who is in service with him, and I think that my being pregnant might have helped cause this.

"I don't feel that we have had a real chance to find out what we expect in our marriage as we have not had a chance to live alone yet. We lived with my parents before my husband went into service, and he has been gone six months. I did expect him to be different because of what we studied in the courtship and marriage class—we both took the class. When I had my baby, I had considerable trouble, but my husband went to the doctor who explained it, so he understands the situation better now. I think that I have a very wonderful husband.

"My husband and I are able to discuss almost anything very freely, and I think that he is all I want. We feel we understand each other better now because of our separation, and this has been a very good experience for us.

"I do not know how he can improve his role since we have not been together enough. We just haven't had enough experience yet in our marriage. I do think having the baby has brought us much closer together.

"When my husband comes home, I feel that I should try to have my evenings free to spend with him. I expect to stay with the baby if he wants to go fishing or attend his reserve meetings. I also feel I should have dinner prepared for him when he comes home, and that I
should be able to keep the house clean. I do not know how I could strengthen our relationship any more than it is. I feel that our separation has made it much stronger than it was at first.

"Neither of us is too demanding. We like to do things for each other out of the goodness of our hearts and because we love each other.

"I like my housework, and I like to try out new recipes. My husband is easy to please. I will do anything for my baby, and I do my work around her as she comes first. When I get tired of the routine, I like to visit. My mother often goes with me downtown or to visit friends. I also like to play cards.

"My husband has been very affectionate since our marriage, and he expresses it physically and verbally. I feel that we are both open minded about sex. Movies were shown to mixed classes in school, and I had a good class in sex education. I feel good about my relationship with my husband, as it is a way of expressing my love for him that I can't do in words. It brings us closer together. I think that people talk about the young people too much. I am sure that most of my friends don't have sexual relations before marriage. My husband is really understanding, and if there is anything bothering us about our sex relationship, we always talk it out. We both feel it is a wonderful experience.

"I do not know of any way we can improve our relationship, except to be together more. I am very excited about my husband coming home so we can be on our own. We need to be together more before we can really know.

"Whenever we have a major decision of any kind to make, we discuss it together. We talked about our baby before she was born because he
had to go into the service and would be away. We both feel that such decisions should be made together, never alone.

"We know most of each other's friends, but both of us feel it is okay to have individual friends. I know that he has friends in the service. We have many common friends, and we are a friend to each other, too. We both trust each other, and do have friends of the opposite sex. My husband is sending one of his friends to talk to me this afternoon about a very personal problem with which he is faced. He feels that I am understanding and that I will be able to help his friend.

"Now that I am a mother, I feel that I can take care of my baby because she is ours. We feel we should look out for her welfare and give her lots of love. My parents do keep the baby quite a bit because I live with them now. I am sure that my husband will not resent the love and affection I have to give the baby, as I feel I can give my time to the baby during the day, and save the evenings for my husband.

"We discussed our plans about having children before our marriage and what they would be like. We talked about having a temple marriage, too, so they could be sealed to us. We thought we would like to have about six children, but I am having some trouble with my health during pregnancy. We did not plan our first child.

"I do not feel that I would have been any more qualified to take care of my child if I had waited to have her. I cared for a tiny baby once before. I seek help from my mother all of the time because I live with her, and my mother is very good about helping me.

"My husband and I talked over together how we would like to discipline our child, but we have had no experience in this because of our separation. I think that he loves children too.
"I don't know just how I feel about leaving my baby with a sitter yet, as she is so young. I don't know anyone with whom I want to leave her. "My husband usually gives me the money to handle; however, when he is home, we sit down together and plan how the money should be spent. I think we should work together. If we have problems, we try to work them out together, too. We definitely need a budget in order to make the money go around.

"I do not think we should buy too much on credit, but I think it is all right to buy big things that way. I don't think we should buy more than one thing at a time. Our furniture was given to us, but we are buying a bedroom set now.

"I definitely feel we should have insurance. My husband has a $5,000 DI policy, and I am covered for $1,000 DI. Our child is covered for $500 until she is six months of age, then $1,000. We would like to take out a savings policy for her, but it is too expensive now. We have started a savings account for her. We don't have any hospital insurance or car insurance, yet.

"We can't see paying rent for a home all of our lives, but we want to put the money into our own home, but we can't afford a down payment right now.

"Since I have been married, I can discuss many things with my parents more on their level. It seems like everything changed over night, and my parents seem more like me now.

"I am not as active in church right now as I would like to be, but when my husband comes home, we will be more so. I would like to go to the class for young married people. Now I don't have enough money to do many of the activities, and I do not belong to any other social organization."
"When we were married, most of the people in our community thought I should have waited. Some of them indicated that I should not get married under twenty-two. I felt that I was ready, and that people should be married when they are ready.

"A lot of my friends were married when they were in school, and most of them are getting along fine and seem to be devoted to each other. They have some personality differences, and they quarrel some, but I feel that is normal. I think they feel the same about my marriage.

"Most of my friends did not want to go on to school because of the teachers there. The school doesn't mind the students continuing their education, but the teachers, themselves, object to us and make things very difficult.

"I chose this time to marry because I wanted to and felt I was ready. My husband was going into service in a few months, and we wanted some time together. When we first planned to get married, our parents talked us into waiting for awhile. We had intimate relations just once, and went to our parents and told them. We also talked to our bishop and decided to get married at once.

"I would like to see my husband go on to school. He did finish high school. I would be willing to work if necessary, and I have been trying to encourage him to go. I would also like to finish my own education, but not at the local high school because the teachers don't give the married students a chance.

"If I had my marriage to do over again, I would do the same thing. I feel that my daughter should get married when she is mature enough to marry."
"To me, love is an expression of my feelings toward my mate. It is an inspiration to have a companion who feels the same as I do to whom I can express these feelings. My husband means so much to me, it is difficult to put it into words. I feel that I would do anything in the world for him. Love has to be expressed through doing things for each other, and through sex. In other words, I am just in love."
Appendix D

Case N

Mrs. N is a slim, quiet, and unassuming strawberry blond. She was neatly dressed in a print jumper and white blouse, and she welcomed me into an equally neat apartment. We sat down at the kitchen table for the interview, but the first few moments were interrupted by telephone calls, someone dropping in, and the children becoming excited with someone visiting.

Mrs. N met her husband at a church meeting two and a half years before she was married. She was engaged six months and had a temple marriage when she was seventeen. Her husband was four years and three months older than she. Mrs. N has three children, and the oldest was born eighteen months after their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. N were married five and a half years at the time of the interview. Mr. N works for the government and has an income of about $3,900. He is a senior in college. Mrs. N graduated from high school after her marriage.

"I lived with my mother and father. My two older sisters had married when I was very young, so I was reared as an only child. My mother worked when I was small, but she quit when I was eleven years of age. After that we became very close—real pals. My parents trusted me about as much as it was possible to trust a child, and they gave me supervision on things in which I needed help. I kept up my own clothes and room, and I helped with other work about the house. We all worked together, and my parents included me in major decisions which had to be made. My mother was good about giving me all of the information I needed regarding personal or intimate matters, and I feel that her information was generally right."
"We did not do much together as a family unit because my mother worked. My parents had considerable conflict until we moved when I was eleven years old, and this is when my mother quit work.

"My parents were favorable towards most of my friends, but my mother was inclined to make snap judgments, and there were one or two she did not like. I do not feel that my parents really knew my friends, but my mother trusted my judgment. If my parents had been active in church or in a school organization such as Parent Teacher Association, they could have helped me be more understanding in the selection of my friends.

"When my husband and I decided to marry, my parents didn't think my husband was serious; they thought we were just having fun. They thought it was I who was serious. My husband went into the service, and when he returned on leave, we announced our engagement. My parents thought we would be happier if we would have waited as I was only sixteen. We did wait one year, and my mother still felt I was too young, but she was resigned to the marriage by then.

"When I was living home, I did not know my sisters until after they were married. They had moved away and I would spend an occasional summer with them. We always got along very well.

"If I could have my home life to do over again, I would like to have my folks more active in church, and I wouldn't want my mother to work. My mother dominated my father, too, and I do not feel this was right.

"When I went to school, I liked history. Home economics helped me considerably in preparing me for my marriage, but I wish that I had taken bookkeeping, shorthand, and a marriage and courtship class. This
would have prepared me for employment and better family relationships. I was a cheer leader, twirler, belonged to the marching corps, Tri-Hi-Y, pep club, and choir. I was considered quite popular with the other students.

"I was not prepared for the changed relationship I had with my former friends who were still in school. After my marriage, my husband and I moved away for a year, and when I returned, the closeness with my friends was no longer there.

"If I could return to high school again, I would be more serious minded about my studies instead of participating in the social life so much. I would take something like piano or some other musical instrument.

"I went with my husband a year and a half before he went into the service. During the first four or five months, we dated others, but when he came home on his leave, we were engaged. We enjoyed many athletic events such as basketball, swimming, and picnics. We liked to go to Yellow Stone Park, church activities, movies, dances. This may sound queer, but we liked to park our car in front the asylum and sit and watch.

"I do not think that we learned enough about each other's respective families during our courtship, but we did learn considerably about each other. I had a big adjustment to make because of my husband's parents being much more religious than my parents were. When I decided to get married, my parents started to prepare themselves so they could go through the temple with us. For the first time my mother started to go to mother-daughter affairs in church, and during this time our relationship ripened into a very close one.

"I think that some classes in school might have helped me to understand more about what I was to expect of marriage, particularly in
in financial matters. A longer engagement might have helped, too.

"Prior to my marriage, I did not think too much about what I should expect of marriage. I knew that I loved my husband; that I had a strong sexual attraction for him; and that I didn't want to get involved intimately with him. I knew that I wanted children and a temple marriage.

"I used to talk with my friends about things that I expected of my marriage partner. I wanted moral cleanliness, and I wanted him to be a member of the same religion. I wanted a husband who would let me keep doing some of my activities--to let me be an individual. I wanted him to love children, to play with them, and to understand them. I did not expect him to help with the house work except in an emergency.

"I feel that I should keep a clean house and prepare attractive meals. My husband is inclined to become depressed and moody, and I should learn how to cope with his moods.

"When we were making our plans for our marriage, we talked these plans over with my mother. My father was busy with his business at that time and worked evenings. I also talked to my mutual teacher.

"I think that premarital counseling would be a wonderful thing and that everyone should have it. There are many problems that could be helped with counseling. My husband was very jealous after we were married. He became very possessive and told me how to do things and when. I couldn't even go to the store alone. This inhibited my freedom. I think that counseling might have alleviated this situation.

"When we were first married, my husband could not make decisions. I had to do it until I rebelled, and for a time I wouldn't even voice an opinion until he would make decisions himself. My husband was always forced to go to church or to do other things, and he was not allowed to
make decisions for himself.

"My husband was an entirely different person after our marriage. He belittled me while before marriage he praised me. I was used to doing as I pleased before, but after I had to listen to my husband and had to give in to his ways. The trouble that stemmed from this was my lack of individuality. However, many of our likes were much the same.

"I do not want my husband to be a farmer, but I hope that he can get a good job. I think that he meets his roll of being a father and a husband quite well. We have both learned a great deal about giving and receiving this past year. At the beginning of our marriage, I felt that I was not ready to accept responsibilities; I felt sorry for myself; and I had crying jags. I had three children close together, but we have a much better basis for a good marriage now than ever before. We can talk more freely with one another.

"I do not feel that I meet my husband's expectations. I am not as good a cook as he thinks I should be, and the children take up too much time. I think that my husband expects more than he gets.

"I feel that our relationship could be strengthened by doing more together. My husband is in the Sunday School Superintendency, and we don't go to church together in other activities. Our social activities are quite limited.

"I do not feel that my husband is too demanding, but I might be. He could help more with the children than he does, since I have had them all day.

"My housework is less interesting than it was before I had the children. I am more interested in the children, and they demand so much time. My husband and I plan the meals and shop together. I don't really enjoy preparing meals except for special occasions. When I get tired of my
daily routine, I will usually leave my work and visit some of my friends. I am not a good organizer, but I have tried to work out a schedule; however, the children interfere so much, it is too difficult. I will sit and hold my children when they need it, or I will play with them.

"My husband has been much more affectionate since our marriage, much more than I care for. For the first year and a half of our marriage, we had no difficulty with our sex relationship. I thought it was my duty, so I gave in whether I wanted to or not. Now I feel that I may be frigid, and this trouble may be because of the relationship between my parents. I feel that I can do with or without sex. My relationship with my husband is more satisfactory now than it has been for awhile. I feel that my husband makes the move too often, and that it would be better if it weren’t premeditated. I seem to get a mental block if I know that my husband has it on his mind beforehand. At times the sex relationship has a spiritual meaning for me, especially, when I have been to an inspirational meeting, or when I am thinking about being married for eternity—when I think about good things.

"I was very happy with my first child, but I felt tied down. Many of my girl friends were not married, and I would want to go with them. When I did go, I wouldn’t enjoy that either. I feel that I was immature and rather self-centered. My husband feels that I should give my attention to the children when they need it. He doesn’t object to the house not being cleaned when the children need attention. We both feel the children come first.

"We are using prophylactics or the rhythm method now to try to space our future children. We did not talk too much about having children prior to our marriage, except we both wanted a fairly large family—about six
or eight children. I thought I would like to have six, then if more
came, okey. I feel that I would have been more qualified if I had
waited a year or so before having my children. I have not consulted
my parents or my husband's parents regarding the children because we
have never lived near them, but I think that perhaps this is better.

"My husband thinks I am too strict in disciplining the children,
but he refuses to do it himself. I have always had trouble leaving the
children with a baby sitter because the oldest child would get upset
and cry and vomit. My husband didn't understand, but I feel it was be-
cause we left and the child would test us as far as he could. The
children were always good after we left, but the evening would be
spoiled, especially for my husband.

"One of the big decisions we had to make was whether to keep the
car we had or sell it and buy a new one. We finally decided to buy a
new one. We also had to decide whether to have children right away
because my husband was considering going to college instead of working
the farm. When he was in service, we had to decide whether he should
reenlist or come home. Married couples should make their decisions
like these together by talking things out. We don't even buy clothes
unless the other likes them. I sometimes think that we make too many
decisions jointly as I would like to keep my individuality.

"When we are faced with indecision or misunderstandings, we both
believe it is best to talk things out and not let them drag out very
long. Little things become increasingly important and big if allowed
to be drawn out. We don't have much money with my husband in school,
and clothes and material things are becoming more important to me. My
husband is good, though, about giving me the things that I want.
"At the beginning of our marriage, it was difficult for me to have many friends as my husband did not approve of them or he was jealous. We did not have many common friends the first two years of our marriage, either, because of my husband's attitude.

"My husband always handles the money. I don't feel that this is a satisfactory arrangement as he doles it to me as I need it. We do our grocery shopping together. I think the money should be handled jointly. I can write checks, but I cannot buy anything unless we are together. My husband has the final say about how money is spent, but this is fine with me because we ordinarily talk it over first.

"We do not like to buy things on credit unless it is something that is needed immediately or something big that we could not buy otherwise. My husband has figured the cost of interest, and he would rather avoid that. We are buying a couch and a dryer on credit now.

"Both my husband and I think that insurance is very necessary. He carries his $10,000 GI insurance, and we have $1,000 on each of the three children--straight life. We also have car insurance and are planning to take out hospital insurance.

"When my husband finishes school, we are interested in buying our own home. We would prefer an acreage because we want a large place for the children to play and to be able to do the things they want to do. We have just started a savings plan, but it will be difficult to raise enough until my husband goes to work.

"We do not have much trouble with in-laws because they are too far away. My mother always sides with my husband when there is trouble. My mother-in-law is very domineering, and there has been trouble in my brother-in-law's family because of this. I do think that my mother-in-law
is interested in doing the right thing in spite of this. I think that my husband is closer to my parents than he is to his own, as his family is based on so much pretense.

"Since my marriage, and because I am an adult now, I have so much more in common with my parents. Before we had arguments about the way of doing things, but now we are more in agreement. Neither of our parents try to make decisions for us.

"I am not as active in church as I would like to be because of limited funds and the children, especially in the winter. Our jobs in the church takes us out at separate times, and this makes it more difficult. We both belong to an agronomy club at the university, also.

"When my husband and I were married, most of our friends thought I was too young. However, they all accepted the marriage afterwards. Two of my friends were married while they were in school—both had to get married. One wanted to get married and that was the only way she could do it, so it was planned.

"I feel definitely there should be some arrangements made so that young people who marry while they are still in school could finish their education. It would be best if the arrangements could be made so the married girls wouldn't associate with the unmarried. The school that I attended permitted students to continue their schooling.

"I chose this particular time to marry because I knew that I was in love, and I was miserable with my husband being away when he was in the service. I feel the decision was my own as we had known from the very beginning that we wanted to.

"My husband is a senior in college now. I encouraged him to go to school—in fact, I pressured him, as he didn't particularly want to go
back. He is working full time so school is a little slow, and he gets quite depressed at times because of this. He only has one more year to go, now. I would also like to further my own education, too; however, I did finish high school.

"If I had my marriage to do over again, I would do the same thing, but I would have had more to fall back on if I had waited. If I had a daughter, I would like her to finish school. I think that the senior year in high school is a very special time, and I missed a lot. I would also like my daughter to have some college life. Of course, it would depend on the circumstances.

"Love to me is the respect for high ideals; the giving of yourself to the other; sacrificing--yet it isn't a sacrifice because the other person is happy."

Case O

Mrs. O is a sensitive and serious minded dark haired, blue eyed girl, and very pretty. She was dressed in a blue sweater and blue striped pedal pushers. Her campus apartment was clean and inviting, although it was rather crowded.

Mrs. O met her husband at a high school dance. She was acquainted with him for two years and was engaged to him for one year prior to her marriage at the age of sixteen. Her husband was one year and nine months older than she. They had been married six years at the time of this survey. They have two children, the first one being born two and a half months after the wedding. Two and a half years after their first wedding, they had a temple wedding.

Mr. O is a third quarter senior in college. He is employed part time and has an income of about $2,900.
"I came from a family of eleven children, and my parents had a very hard time financially. They let this financial difficulty come between them, and as a result, they didn't show much affection and love for one another except on special occasions. They could not work out their problems, but would argue about them instead of talking things out. I was left to myself quite a bit and made many of my own decisions, as my parents were so busy. Each member of the family had responsibilities of keeping his room clean. My father had a farm. There were only three boys, so we all had to work outside after school, and every Saturday. I depended on my folks to tell me what to do about the house and the farm until I left home.

"I never could communicate with my parents about my problems. I felt they didn't know how to talk with me. My mother seemed to want to, but apparently she just didn't know how to approach me.

"Once in awhile, the family would get together for occasional picnics, rides, and other things. We had family reunions, and then we would always have a big crowd at the house for dinner. I can only remember one or two trips or vacations.

"My brothers and sisters were not very close. My brothers were much older than I, and I hardly knew them. All of them went to college and my mother and father looked up to them because of their education. There was a lot of quarreling, more than normal, in our home.

"My parents accepted most of my friends quite well. I think that my parents could have helped me in selecting my friends by discussing things that were pertinent to me, as I never did know what my parents felt was good. I would have liked to have had my mother's approval, but we never talked about such things."
"I was engaged when I was very young. My parents accepted the engagement, but they were not very happy about it because they thought I was too young to be married.

"If I could change my home life, I would like to have more unity and to do more things together as a family. I think that we should have every Sunday together. I also would like everyone to be able to express their love towards each other.

"When I attended school, I especially liked history, art, sewing, and algebra. I was vice president of my eighth grade class, secretary of my sophomore class, and a cheer leader. I was quite insecure in my feeling of being accepted, but I seemed to have plenty of friends.

"When I was married, there was a great difference in my relationships with my school friends. I lost all contact with all but one or two of them.

"Such classes as sewing, cooking, math, health helped me to prepare for marriage, but I needed classes that would help me become familiar with appliances, in choosing furniture and helping me about the home. I also needed a class that would help me with consumer economic problems.

"If I could go back to school, I would graduate before I married. I liked school while I attended, but I quit during my sophomore year.

"I went with my husband nine months before I became engaged. I did not know my husband very well at all. We went to movies, ball games, school dances, and occasionally went to church on Sunday. I think that my folks accepted our engagement except they thought I was entirely too young. They also didn't like my husband and me going out so much. His folks were different. I didn't feel at ease with them, but they seemed to accept me and didn't say anything. After our engagement, my husband
went into the army. I was all mixed up and didn't know if it was the right thing or not. My husband was very domineering and couldn't accept the fact that I wasn't ready.

"When I married, I wanted to be loved, to have someone care about me. I had insecurity at home, and I felt that I needed that very much. I wanted my husband to have respect for my ideas and the way I felt about things, which he didn't. He had his own ideas and he wouldn't be changed, but he is a good husband. I felt that I should be a good wife, a good mother, and be close to my husband. I felt that we should work out our ideals and our goals together.

"When we decided to get married, we talked our plans over with my mother and my husband's folks. I think that marriage counseling would have been a very good thing because I wasn't prepared for marriage. I had never been able to talk with my parents, and I feel that if I had discussed my problems with my boy friend, that a counselor could have helped to bring an understanding of each other.

"After our marriage, my husband was sent to Japan. I stayed at home. He was always writing about how important it was to make me happy, but when he returned home, he would go places and leave me at home instead of taking me with him. I wasn't being included as a part of his life, and I wanted to be with him as I had waited two years for him.

"We are so different. My husband is fun-loving, and I am serious minded. He can't understand the little things that bother me, and he will ignore me instead of talking things out.

"I would like my husband to be more of a companion. He is a wonderful daddy to our children, and he plays with them a lot. He could help more
around the house like putting the children to bed, taking the garbage out, bringing in the clothes, and fixing things about the house, which he does not do very often. I think as a whole, he fills my expectations pretty well except that I don't feel close to him. We can talk to each a little better now since I have been taking counseling.

"My husband could improve his role by remembering that some things are important to me, too, no matter how little they may be. He is inclined to forget little things which are important to me. I don't think that I could ask any more as far as his being a father is concerned.

"I do not meet my husband's expectations. I hold things too much inside of me, and I have shown my resentment. I am not warm or sweet and I should be. I think our relationship could be strengthened if I didn't let little things upset me, by not being so busy that I can't sit down and talk to my husband when he would like me to. I should be able to plan my day's work a little better. I don't think that either of us are too demanding.

"Up until the last two months, I had to do all of the housework, shopping, and buying of the groceries by myself which was difficult. My husband just didn't have time to help me. I do not ordinarily mind my housework, but the cooking is hard because of the minimum amount of money to spend. It is hard to get everything we need. I think that I could enjoy cooking and preparing the meals if I had adequate funds. As far as the children are concerned, it would be better if I could get away from them a little more, but I do enjoy doing things with them and for them. I enjoy being around them. Sometimes, when I get tired of the same old routine, I will run over to a neighbor's or somebody will come in. I try to get up early so I can get my work done quickly and have some free time."
"My husband isn't as affectionate as he was when we were first married. I think that he is more concerned with his own satisfaction than he is with me. I have resented sex because it seemed to me that was the only way my husband could show me he loved me. He is beginning to make things more pleasant for me now, and he seems to think more of me. Sex has been very hard for me to accept. The more we are able to talk, the better it is. My husband feels that I have a psychological block towards sex. We are trying to improve our relations by having counseling. I have never felt that sex could be a spiritual experience, and this has bothered me as it should be a sacred experience. It should bring us closer together.

"I feel very incapable when it comes to making decisions. Sometimes, I wonder if my husband doesn't feel the same way as we both do things without really thinking about them. Usually we talk things over with each other, and we both feel that decisions should be made by discussing them together, and looking into all of the facts.

"When we were first married, we always did things with my husband's friends. Now he has friends at school, and I have been left out as he doesn't include me. I have my own friends at the housing project, but my husband doesn't like this too well. We only have three or four friends in common. I don't think that my husband would accept me having any friends of the opposite sex, and I don't really know how I feel.

"When we are faced with indecision or misunderstanding, we often get angry and will not speak. We don't talk things out, but let them gradually heal, and more or less forget about them. Lately we have been able to talk things out a little since we have started counseling.

"When I was first married, I was very resentful because my husband
didn't include me in his activities. I had waited two years for my husband to return from service. My little girl was two years old. I felt when he returned, I should have been able to get out more and that he should have stayed with the children. My family is the most important thing now, and I think that we need social activities which include the children. I don't know just how my husband feels about the attention our children require from me, as he doesn't say anything.

"Prior to our marriage we talked about how many children we would like to have, and we thought we would like to have five. We don't use any birth control now. I feel that if I had waited to have my children that I would have been better off, because I would have been able to make the adjustment easier. I don't seek help from either of our parents pertaining to the children because they live too far away.

"When it comes to disciplining the children, I think that perhaps we take some of our own feelings out on them. I feel we are getting better, but we need to talk the problem over more with each other. When we get angry with each other, one will step in when the other is disciplining the children.

"Having a baby sitter is a real problem. My husband doesn't like to leave the children, and because of this I don't enjoy leaving them. If I know who the sitter is, I don't mind so much.

"My husband has been very conscious of money. He expects me to handle it and pay all of the bills. I feel we both should handle the money. We should sit down and budget it together, and this would make it seem more worthwhile and meaningful. When there is a question how the money should be spent, sometimes I make the decision and sometimes my husband makes it. I think that a budget is very essential.
"Credit buying is okay if my husband is secure in a job and as long as we stay within our means. Otherwise, there would be too much worry. We have figured out what the interest on our car cost, and it is high. In order to get things, we need to go into debt for one or two things at a time, but only large items, not clothes. We are buying a car now.

"Insurance is another problem. My husband has a family policy, and he is covered for $3,000. I am covered for $2,000, and the children are covered for $500. I think we should also have a savings policy for the children so they can go on a mission or go to college. We also have car insurance.

"We would like to build our own home rather than rent, but we will have to wait until my husband finishes school. We cannot afford to save while he is going to school.

"My in-laws have helped us a little while my husband is going to school, and they also made the downpayment on our car. My husband has not accepted my family too well, and this has made me turn a little against his family. I don't feel much different towards my parents since my marriage, I still can't talk about things with my mother. My in-laws always seem to tell us what we ought to do, and this bothers me as it makes me feel inadequate.

"I have really enjoyed church this year. Up until this year, I have been active and have tried to push my husband into activity. Now he has a position, and we are getting along a lot better in this respect. We do not belong to any other social organizations. When I was married, I felt that most people in our home community thought I was too young to get married.

"A lot of my friends married while they were still in school. I did
not think they were wise. My friends probably accept my marriage now, but they thought I was too young at first and not too wise. Most of my friends think they should be allowed to continue school, and a few did go on. I had the impression that my high school did not like married students to continue their schooling.

"I chose this time to marry because my husband was leaving for Japan. I felt that I was pressured into it. I was very mixed up because I was not sure of my feelings.

"I think that my husband's going to school is a very worthwhile project, but I think that he should be more aware of my feelings, and that I, too, might also want to continue schooling. He doesn't think that I should take classes. I would just like to take classes that would help me as an individual, and also, I would like to complete high school.

"I do not feel that my expectations of marriage have been met completely. My husband feels he is the most important thing here at school, and he won't give in even a little bit. There are so many things we could do together, but we aren't taking advantage of them.

"If I had my marriage to do over again, I would have waited longer as I feel that my husband might have understood me better. I feel like I have lost my individuality now. If we had waited at least two years more, we would have known each other better. My insecurity has kept me from standing up to what I believe is right.

"If two people love each other, they should try to live up to their ideals and goals. They should try to have a successful family, and they should be partners. They should have a home in which their children can have love and security and understanding. They should have an opportunity
to become well adjusted and have love and harmony in the home. I want my husband to love me and understand me so we can work together in reaching our objectives. He does not express himself to me now."

Case P

Mrs. P is a seventeen-year-old girl, glowing with vitality. She was dressed in blue jeans with a brown shirt, white anklets and red tennis shoes. Her hair was short and curly. The university apartment where she lived with her husband was pin neat and cleverly arranged. Pictures framed in cast iron were on the walls, and two plaques of cast iron—outlines of a cook and waiter—were on the wall in the kitchen. The furniture was blond and overstuffed.

Mrs. P was introduced to her husband by a girl friend a little over a year before her marriage. They went steady for five months but were engaged only two days. They were married in the temple when she was sixteen and her husband was eighteen.

Mrs. P is completing her junior year in high school. Her husband is a freshman in college, and his parents are helping him financially. He works part time and has an income of $1,200.

"I lived with my parents and had nine brothers and two sisters. My parents are wonderful people. Since some of us have left home, they are now planning to adopt another boy and a girl.

"We had such a large family that we all had to pitch in and help with the work in the home. I helped with the cooking and did a lot of the cleaning. I also took care of the smaller children and often took them different places. Sometimes my parents would go on short vacations, and I would take charge of the whole family. When I entered into my teens, my parents started treating me as an adult, and they left many
decisions up to me. They seemed to have a lot of faith and trust in me, but they did set the time I should be home from dates or when I went out with friends.

"When I was small, I fought quite a bit with my bigger brother. Then when I was older, I fought with my little brothers. Three or four years before my marriage, I got along with them just fine.

"I could talk with my mother about almost any problem I ever had, but I did not feel so free to talk to my father. Once in awhile I would discuss something with my father, but occasionally we would just end up in a disagreement.

"We had a lot of fun together as a family. We would often go camping, swimming, or take an occasional trip. This is a lot of fun with such a large family to do things together. My father is building a swimming tank at our home now. We always went to church together.

"My parents were always good with my friends. If the boy I dated did not go to the same church, they explained to me they would prefer if I would go out with young people who did, and they explained why. They helped me a great deal in understanding what I should expect from my friends and how I should act, too.

"I am still going to school. Some of my favorite classes are history, speech, and also advanced foods. I don't really feel left out of anything. Most of my friends don't even know that I am married, and it really surprises them when they find out. I don't see my old girl friends from the high school which I first attended as I moved away from my home town when I was married. I now attend another school. We do go home for an occasional visit. Prior to my marriage, I sang with the glee club, did mountain climbing, and belonged to the bowling club."
"The classes which helped me most in preparing for marriage were the sewing and foods classes which I took. Because I took care of my smaller brothers and did so much of the work, I feel that I gained more from actual experience than I could have through very many classes. I like school and can't think of any way which I would like to change it.

"I met my husband a year before we were married. We didn't go together at first, but we would visit and talk with each other. Eventually we started going to dances together, and we went together about six months before starting to go steady. We liked to swim and took a life saving course together. We liked to bowl, too. My husband liked to cook, and we would often cook together. We also liked to attend church activities.

"My husband learned more about my family during our courtship, but right after our marriage, I lived with his family for about six months, and we became very well acquainted. At first I was scared of his parents, but I am not any more. His mother is just like a kid, and we have a lot of fun together. Both of our families were very happy with our marriage.

"We were not engaged very long—only two or three days. We went steady for six months and planned to get married, but my husband didn't buy the rings until he had the money.

"When we decided to get married, we talked with both of our parents about our plans. We also talked with our bishop and arranged for him to marry us. I talked over my plans with the school counselor and also told some of my close friends.

"My husband and I had some counseling, and we think it is a very good thing. Our doctor also talked to us, and he explained a lot of
things to us. This helped us to know more about what we should expect.

"When my husband and I were married, he had quite a temper, and I would get mad too. I did not expect him to change particularly, but I do feel we should try to control our tempers a little more. I am very happy with my husband and cannot think of any way in which I would like him to change. I think that my husband is happy with me, too, as I try to do what he wants me to do.

"With both of us going to school, we are so busy we don't have much time to do anything to strengthen our relationship. Perhaps when we are older and have more time together, there will be something we can do. I feel rushed now with my housework and school work, but I like to do everything except homework from school.

"Since we have been married, my husband is more affectionate than he was before and all of the time. Our sex relationship has been a wonderful thing and always has been. Our doctor explained everything to us, and we feel it is something to cherish. It brings us closer together, and it is an expression of our love for each other. I do not know of any way that we can improve it now, but maybe when we are older we will know.

"When we have major decisions to make, we think we should always get each other's opinions. If we can't make up our minds, then we ask our parents for advice. Usually, in the case of indecision, we end up in a compromise. If we have any conflicts or problems, we try to talk these out. My mother told me when I got married, I could not return home to them if we quarreled. When we decided to come back to school, we had to make up our minds whether we should live in the prefabs or buy a trailer. We finally decided to live in the prefabs."
"Because my husband is going to college and I am going to high school, we do have individual friends, but we both feel this is all right. We also have many friends in common and, also, some of the opposite sex.

"We practice birth control because we do not want to have children until I finish college. The doctor fitted me with a diaphram. We discussed our plans about having a family before we were married, but then our plans changed afterwards. We would like to have two or three children. At first my husband only wanted one. I would like to have a large family, but I feel that things will work out for us.

"We have worked out a budget, and I feel that how we spend our money should be worked out together. We have agreed to allow so much money for food, so much for rent, and so much for the bills.

"We have never bought anything on credit. Our parents are helping us now while we are going to school, and in the case of an emergency, our parents will help us.

"I think we should have some life insurance, but my husband doesn't have any now. We do have insurance on our car.

"I would rather buy a home than to pay rent. However, we are going to school now. After my husband finishes college and his medical training, he plans to go into the air force, so we will probably have to rent.

"Both of our parents have been wonderful to us, and they have helped us a lot. We ask them for advice, but they do not try to dominate us or make decisions for us.

"Because my parents started treating me like an adult when I was just twelve or thirteen years old, I don't feel much different now than I did before I was married.

"We both like to attend church, but we don't have much time to belong to any other social organizations."
"I know of several students in school who are engaged to be married. They are not close friends of mine, but I do feel that most of them are too young. Some of my friends thought I was too young, too, and I do too, but I feel that I was more mature than most of my friends. I came from such a large and such a happy family that it helped me a great deal. Most of my friends feel they should be permitted to continue school, and the school where I am going doesn't mind having married students attending.

"My husband and I chose this time to marry because we were both ready and wanted to. It was our own decisions. We had made our plans that we would continue school before. My husband wants to attend medical school when he finishes college and I would like to attend college when I finish high school. I would like to study to be a medical technician or school teacher.

"If I had my marriage to do over again, I would do it the same way. However, if I had a daughter, I would like her to wait until she finished high school and maybe had a year or two of college if she wanted to go.

"I feel that love is a relationship between husband and wife in which they can express their feelings for each other. Love is something that holds them close together and helps them to have things in common. Love helps people to grow and develop and promotes happiness. Love is an indication that people really like each other a lot."