

Money management and marriage: Sources of conflict

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A big marriage boom is taking place in America; and during the summer months, many young people, as well as persons of all ages, will march down the aisles of matrimony and be showered with gifts, hugs and kisses, words of congratulations and best wishes.

But after these brides and bridegrooms get home, money management problems will begin to stare them solidly in the face -- sometimes for the first time in their lives.

Marriage is a serious undertaking and should not be entered into hastily and inadvisedly. Some of these newly married people will be able to make the marriage and money management adjustment because of preparations they have made before the marriage. Some couples will make the adjustment because of sound judgment, true bonds of love, former experience of hardships, wise financial planning and practice and family help.

Some couples who do not have any of these resources will still be able to make it because they will have the judgement and wisdom to seek advice from reliable available sources such as:

- Experienced and trusted relatives and family friends.
- Local agencies that stand ready to help with advice, useful information and materials.

One of the oldest and most reliable family information agencies in Forsyth County is the Agricultural Extension Service. The Agricultural Extension Office in Forsyth County is listed on page 76 in your local telephone directory, and these are some of the booklets that young couples can secure from their County Extension offices: A Guide to Budgeting for the Young Couple, A Home Study Course in Money Control, Your Money's Worth in Foods, A Guide to Budgeting for the Family, Understanding Life Insurance for the Family, Where You Shop Is As Important As What You Buy, Keeping Family Household Records, What to Discard, and several other helpful publications, in various categories of family living.

As I said, marriage should not be entered into hurriedly and inadvisedly without forethought and without realization of the responsibilities and the commitment involved.

Some students, and other people, who are not ready for marriage or still in school, without jobs, and without forethought, enter into marriage simply because they are in love. Some of these people have never held jobs, never faced any

serious hardships and have never had any experience with budgeting any money except their allowances.

They should ask themselves this question: Am I really ready for marriage? Am I confused about what love really is? Will I awaken

one day to find out that I was really too young and what I thought was true love has died out and been covered up in hardships and bills and poverty? Will you find that your disrespect for each other has taken the place of your infatuation?

I think it would be a very good idea for couples who married while in school to set up a counseling bureau to offer free advice to students who are planning to get married before completing their education and before securing jobs.

It is never a good thing to enter marriage depending on what your parents can give you financially, because serious illness, accidents, financial disaster, divorce and other changes in lifestyles can affect your marriage beyond anything which

you could ever imagine.

Marriage carries with it sacrifice, change in lifestyle, money management, new decisions, and new experiences and responsibilities. Can you accept it?



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Jarrett/Kimber reunion planned for Aug. 4 to 6

The Jarrett/Kimber family reunion will be held Aug. 4 to 6.

Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. The opening ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. A craft show and hospitality program will follow.

The opening activities will be held at the home of Milrose and Gid Shores, 904 W. 25th St.

A prayer breakfast will be held Aug. 5 at 7 a.m. for family and friends at the Martin Luther King Center. The prayer, praise and memorial service will begin at 7 a.m. and breakfast will be served from 8 to 10 a.m.

Families and friends will celebrate at the Holiday Inn North Aug. 5 with a banquet and program.

The family will meet at the Shores' home Sunday, Aug. 6, at 10 a.m. and will attend Benbow Chapel in East Bend.

For more information call J.K. Ervin at 724-7806 or Milrose Shores at 724-2712.