

How Old Is Woman When She Gets Old?

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NEW YORK (AP) — This is a story about a hush — hush subject. How many years does a woman live before she is considered old? It is written because not so long ago American Airlines ordered its stewardesses retired to desk jobs when they reached their 32nd birthdays.

Qualities such as "attractive appearance, even temperament and neatness," all important to a stewardess, are found "to a high degree in young women," the airlines ruled.

If a girl starts to seem old at 32 in that field, then what happens to her in every other business where appearance is important? "A woman's personality only starts to bloom when she reaches her 30s!" Rosalind Russell exclaimed indignantly. The actress, who is 40, currently stars in a youthful role in "Wonderful Town."

The personality might be blooming, a beauty authority commented, Russell, but to women past 30 in She was not referring to Miss

but the bloom of youth was fading general.

Women 35 year old frequently are lumped into the "older worker" category, the Department of Labor reports. This means that they grow old in the eyes of employers before they even reach middle age, a span usually regarded as beginning after 40.

No wonder a woman is tempted to cling to her 29th birthday for several years!

Men do almost as much subtracting from their ages as women, several psychologists told the United Press in another age argument several months ago. We are a society which emphasizes youth.

Men can start forgetting birthdays for a while after 40. They rarely find themselves in the "older worker" category until their 45th birthdays.

Why do women fade faster, economically speaking? More than half of the 19 million working women in this country are 37 years old or more, so obviously there are many who want to keep on working. "Signs of age do start to show

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NAT HOLMAN, suspended basketball coach at the College of the City of New York, is warmly greeted by students as he is reinstated after being cleared of charges involving "fixing" of games. Dismissal of the accusations was recommended by a trial committee of the Board of Higher Education. They grew out of a scandal in 1950 that involved seven players on the CCNY basketball team. (International)

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on a woman's skin about 35, and not on the average man until around 40," a skin specialist pointed out.

"Women have a tendency to put on weight more easily after 30, unless they do 10 minutes a day of calisthenics," said the head of a famous figure — maintenance salon in Manhattan.

"On the other hand, nothing is so out of shape as a former college athlete who sits in his office all day without regular exercise," he added.

"The age of 30 is not very distinctive in a woman's life," reported a medical specialist in geriatrics. "Both men and women are at their physical peak at about the age of 30."

There are a few encouraging signs in women's battle to break through the age barrier. As recently as 1940 the average age of women workers was 32, compared to today's 37.

"There is no question," said the head of a large employment agency, "that older women can find some kind of work. But whenever look and charm are the major requisites for a job, age starts to be a problem at 35."

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