

Matchmakers Get Electronic Boost

Matchmakers are making an unusual comeback, but the results aren't in yet as to whether this new type will or won't save future marriages.

In days gone by, matchmakers were a household necessity, no matter what the social or financial status of the family.

In lower income groups it was usually some relative who kept her nose in everyone's business but, as incomes grow and social position increased in importance, matchmakers began to command staggering fees for arrangements.

The matches they arranged usually lasted—and for very good reasons.

Marriage was considered a business rather than an affair of the heart. Mothers looked over the family and decided which asset to see off next. Usually it was the eldest daughter, and all others waited until she was "arranged" for.

Or if a family had a son, the mother in that family

shopped for suitable bride material to bring into the clan.

Mothers were much more intelligent and realistic in those days. They rarely thought their children were so extraordinary they would be a treasured gift to the world. *Au contraire*. Mothers faced their children's faults right square in the eye.

The matchmaker, then, with the mother, would list all the pros and cons and scour the town for the male who would most likely balance the picture.

And the bride and groom usually lived happily ever after.

Now comes the electronic matchmaker, in the form of a computer.

You're given a series of tests covering everything from your sex attitude to social conformity. As one advertisement claims, a huge human inventory is kept.

Your test score is fed into the machine, which whirrs, clicks, lights, digests, records and matches. Out comes the address of the card-carrying male who

'Good News' Assembly Planned by Circuit 16

"Proclaiming Everlasting Good News" has been selected as the theme for the three-day Circuit Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses. The Assembly will be held in the girls gym at Redondo Union High School June 5-7.

Nineteen Congregations which make up Circuit 16 will assemble for the sessions, according to Leonard Olliff, presiding minister of the Torrance Congregation.

Opening ceremonies will be held at 6:45 p.m. Friday, June 5, said the pastor. Theodore Jaracz, district supervisor, will speak on the theme during the initial session.

The meeting is designed to aid all members of the congregations in their ministerial activities. Saturday's program will begin at 9 a.m., and a talk on "Dedication and Baptism" will be given at a 1:30 p.m. session.

most matches your necessities. The firms politely call this compatibility.

Whatever the name, it's a step in the right direction. And once it becomes practical and the results fairly accurate, the electronic matchmaker should be as much a requirement of law as the now-current blood test.

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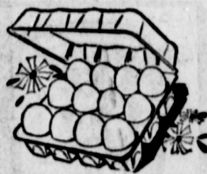
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