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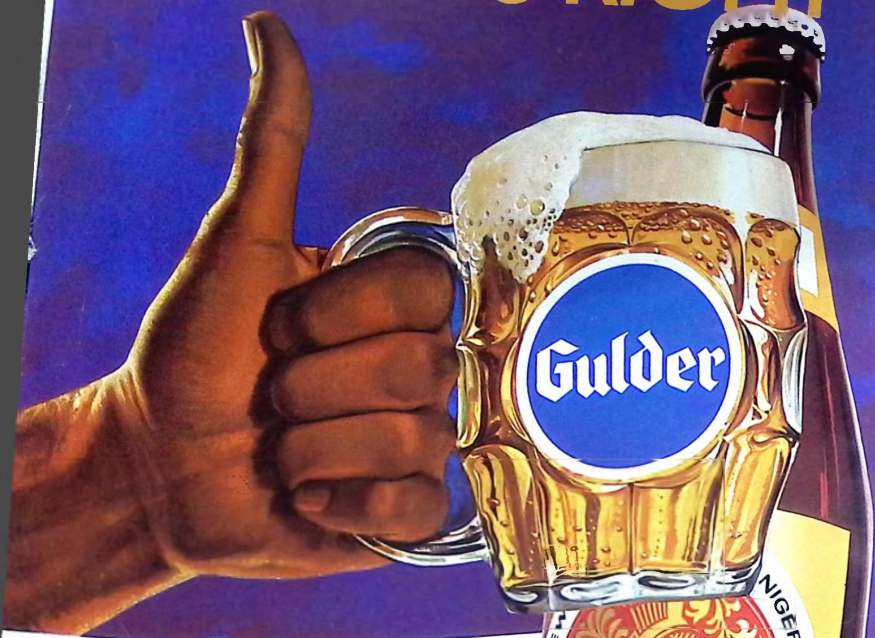
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VOLUPTUOUS BRIDES OF CALABAR

The Efiks of Old Calabar, in Nigeria's South East, like their women to be fat and fabulous. So before marriage young brides are confined to the "fattening room", where they are initiated in domestic arts and fed on high-powered diets. Plump and comely, the Efik girls have become famed far beyond their own town — as any Nigerian man of the world will tell you. Here ERNEST ETIM-BASSEY lifts the veil on the secret and voluptuous boudoirs of old Calabar.

THE girls and women of Efik Division of the South-Eastern State of Nigeria enjoy a very high reputation among Nigerian males because of their excellent performances while making love.

One musician, who claimed to have lived among them from 1955 to 1963 said: "Efik women have an unbeatable stamina for sex. They know how to do the thing. They are great, believe me".

One Press photographer who has travelled widely in Nigeria said: "Calabar women, as many people in Lagos use to refer to Efik women generally, are unbeatable. They are majestic. They will win gold medals any day if sex were made an event at the All-African Games or even the Olympics".

A businessman, himself an Efik, said: "I am not saying this because I am an Efik. Efik women don't leave it to men when it comes to sex. Their technique is hard to come by. They make their men get real kicks out of sex. Unfortunately, I am not married to an Efik woman, but I have a good lady who helps out once in a while".

One journalist, who claimed to have sampled women from various ethnic groups in Nigeria, commented: "I had an Efik girl for the first time in 1959 during my coverage of the political party campaign for the 1959 pre-independence general election.

"Later during my tour round the country, I tried various other women: Kanuri, Itsekiri, Urhobo, Hausa, Fulani, Gwari, Beriberi, Yoruba Owo, Ondo, Ijebu, Eko, Ekiti, Oyo, Ibadan, Ile-Ife, Ikaile, Rivers, Iho, all the lot, but honestly, there was none to beat Efik women. They are the masters," added the multi-tribal Romeo.

As a result of the great credit given to Efik females, some men have wondered if Efik females are given a course of sex training while they are young. This puzzle has led to curiosity among non-Efik men as to whether or not Efik girls get sex coaching lessons during the period when they are confined to "fattening rooms".

The fact that every Efik girl is expected by tradition to spend some time in the fattening room before marriage tends to increase the curiosity of many non-Efiks as to what goes on in the fattening room.

By Efik custom and tradition, a woman is not considered to be ready for marriage, even if she has come to the age of puberty, until she has undergone the fattening ceremony, notwithstanding her educational achievement.

Efik tradition also demands that a young lady who is to be betrothed should be conversant with an all-Efik menu, as the cooking of the foods of some other lands. She must know elementary arts and crafts, ranging from the art of sewing to good-house-keeping, ethics of behaviour at home towards the husband, his guests and family, traditional dances and child care, without which it is safe to conclude that marriage for such a girl is a farce. Besides, it is a bad reflection on the family of a girl who has not yet undergone this fattening exercise, for



BEAUTIFUL hairdo, mounted with bejewelled brass combs, is worn by the Efik virgin girl for her fattening. It symbolises purity, love — and corpulence.

the girl is regarded as crude.

The fattening ceremony enables the family of the bride to be sure that their daughter is corpulent after fattening in a manner that would readily and constantly attract the would-be husband.

Despite the conflict between

indigenous Nigerian culture and Western culture, and the conflict between Christian religion and some Nigerian traditions, the Efik tribe of Old Calabar in South-Eastern State of Nigeria has tacitly adhered to its fabulous "Fattening Ceremony".

Although the age-long tradition has

now become revolting to some young Calabar women who consider it unnecessary—and expensive—a good number of Calabar families are firm traditionalists who believe that without this important ceremony their obligations to their daughters are incomplete.

Although the ceremony can be very expensive, yet every Efik family can afford to arrange it for their daughter, thanks to the extended family system. A wealthy or a poor family readily receives assistance from other members of the family in times of need, such as death, marriages, and the celebration of traditional rites.

In ancient times, the period of fattening varied from family to family—all depending on the wealth of the family. The eldest daughter of the family has a longer period of confinement.

Her dowry too, is more than that of any of her younger sisters. For instance, it is a pride for a traditional ruler of Calabar to brag before his colleagues that "his daughter was in the fattening room for over one year".

In modern times, the influence of Christian religion among the Efiks has limited this duration. One finds that the average period nowadays varies from one month to six months, but this depends again on the intended purpose of the fattening exercise. It may be the coming of age ceremony or post-delivery ceremony or the ceremony connected with circumcision prevalent among children during the long holiday season.

Among the Efiks of Old Calabar, there are three known aspects of fattening. For example, with circumcision of a teenage girl between the age of six and ten years, went the fattening exercise known as *Nkhuo Ewen Owon*. This may vary from three months to six months. And it entailed a little ceremony and festivities among her age-group.

The second aspect is called *Nkhuo Ebuo*, for unmarried women who unfortunately, became pregnant before marriage.

And this exercise closely follows after her safe delivery, during which she is confined to a secluded room in her family compound. However, the most impressive and popular one is the premarital fattening ceremony which is linked with the coming of age ceremony on the attainment of the age of puberty. To the Efiks, it makes no difference whether a bridegroom has been found for the bride or not. The ceremony must go on.

One wonders how many of Nigerian young women of today would like to be secluded from the social limelight for over three months? But among the Efiks, this is a source of pride and happiness. During the period of confinement for the fattening ceremony the girl enjoys free feeding, regular bathing, body massages, special diet, plenty of rest and a selected company of her girlfriends, who, according to tradition, are



Two-STAR bride in fattening gear. The star on her head is the Efik "Star of Beauty", and that on her breast is the "Star of Love". The raffia wraps on her arms are a gauge for fatness — and must be filled out before she is ready.

Serenaded by her maidens

continued as her maids during the period of the ceremony. She is forbidden to make contact with any male child during the period. Her diet consists mainly of plantain, water yam, cassava, beans, tiger, fish and palm oil. The usual type of dressing is restricted to half the usual type of raffia bangles, according to Efik tradition, become a strenuous exercise in which her response to the music is poor, the period of her life spent in contact with her play-maids is extended. She is not allowed to make any contact with strangers. Her play-maids are allowed to visit her daily, sing

traditional songs and through this process, she becomes conversant with Efik folklore, songs, dances and music, such as *Nimi, Ebuk-idlok*.

The climax of the fattening is the outing ceremony. Usually, it is a day of great festivity during which all batchelors are invited to see the charming damsel on display. Important personalities in the community are also invited to witness the show. For many parents, it is the only public occasion at which the parents of the bride offer her gifts and money, as well as everything that a woman requires to make a new home.

The outing ceremony is attended by dancers and drummers who add lustre, charm and colour to the fattening ceremony. The girl comes out of it a robust, charming and romantic woman, which explains why Efik women are usually far from slim.

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Supermen of the Midwest

More size is not enough, argues DRUM columnist DAP DORMAN, to guarantee success: what Nigeria needs right now is real inspiration.

THE much talked-about First National Sports Festival has come and gone. Only a few memories of the actual events remain with many of those who watched them.

It was an opportunity for Nigerian sportsmen from various parts of the country (to paraphrase Adamu Odu of the Broadcasting Organisations of Nigeria) to meet other Nigerians from other parts perhaps for the first time; to make new friends; to see Lagos; and to compete in the spirit of sportsmanship.

But there is little or nothing that anybody has said about the sporting or political moral of the First All-Nigeria Sports Festival that really takes my figure. Let us take a look at the figures for the medals for the first four winners. Midwest State: 68 Gold, 61 Silver, 50 Bronze. Lagos State: 53 Gold, 34 Silver, 31 Bronze. East-Central: 20 Gold, 37 Silver, 27 Bronze. West: 19 Gold, 27 Silver, 26 Bronze.

Then, let us have a look at the population figures of all the states. Figures are by the 1963 census. North-Eastern: 7,793 million; Kano: 5,775 million; North-Western: 5,734 million; North-Central: 4,098 million; Benue-Plateau: 4,009 million; Kwara: 2,399 million; East-Central: 7,228 million; South-Eastern: 3,623 million; Rivers: 1,545 million; Western: 9,488 million; Mid-Western: 2,536 million and Lagos: 1,444 million.

Triumph for Small States

One certainly does not require any computer to be able to draw the conclusion that, in the famous festival, numbers just did not count. Midwest State, with a population of little over 2.5 million people bagged 68 golds, 61 silvers, 50 bronze medals. Lagos, with 1.4 million, bagged 53 golds, 34 silvers and 31 bronzes. East-Central with 7.4 had 19 golds, 37 silvers and 27 bronze medals.

Governor Ogbemudia of the

Midwest State must be congratulated for his state's excellent and shattering performance. That a comparatively small state should have come and shamed the giants in the manner that we witnessed was due, solely, to Samuel Ogbemudia's inspiration of his people and his determination to get results.

That he got enviable results was due also to the fact that he applied himself to it personally and vigorously, and not by any divine intervention. To disparage him and discredit his achievement, some people have been whispering about real or imaginary ulterior motives. Personally, I take notice of such stories.

Morals to be drawn

For though the festival might have been the very spirit of competitive intercourse in true brotherhood, I cannot accept that for that same reason or even in spite of it that the competition did not reflect the economic, social, physical and moral dynamism of the competing states.

Zambia with a population of over 2 million people, the other day beat us silly, 5 goals to 1, in soccer; for which reason of disgrace the giant of 60 million disbanded its national team. And very characteristically Nigerian, too.

The nation ought to draw some sporting as well as political morals from our first national sports festival. Nigeria is badly and desperately in need of inspiration. Our large size and impressive number is not just enough. Nor are the millions of barrels of oil.

Nigerians, I am sure, are not looking for angels; for such holiness exists only in religious imagination. But Nigerians and Nigerians deserve inspiration, dedication and, above all, results. Samuel Ogbemudia has given us all an example of how this can be done. And he is as good and as bad as most Nigerians that I know.

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Things fall apart in the Congo

A small boy, his father's rifle slung across his shoulder, waits at the airport with his family for evacuation from the Congo (now Zaïre). A few days after the incompetent Belgians hastily gave independence to the Congo in 1960, this country apart and bring the world super-powers close to conflict in Africa, the Belgians were raped and killed by rebellious troops, and the tribal bloodletting Lumumba, the Congo's first leader, and the sudden death of Patrice secessionist Tshombe. If any good did come out of the Congo tragedy, it was that the major powers learned of the dangers of playing politics in Africa.



Facing the firing squads

When peace returned to Nigeria after its Civil War of 1967-69, the sound of gunfire was still heard as the Federation strove to repair itself. Gangs of ex-soldiers who had deserted with their automatic weapons killed and looted in a wave of armed robbery. Gang crimes were echoed, to a lesser degree, in other parts of Africa. Nigeria's public executions, ordered after proper trials in an attempt to discourage the robbers, drew large crowds to Lagos' Bar Beach—and were criticised by the foreign Press. With many old traditions and obediences broken, a new age of crime and punishment had come to Africa.

Above: Robber Williams Oyazimo shouts defiance before the firing squad.



A brief taste of freedom for Joshua Nkomo & Co.

Rhodesia's White bosses began to imprison the nationalist movement's bitter leaders in the late 1950's. When George Nyandoro (stretching his legs in our picture above) returned from detention at Gokwe he had developed a slipped disc. The turn-out to greet his return to Salisbury was massive. The man who was to assume nationalist leadership — Joshua Nkomo — sits on his left. It was a taste of freedom for Nkomo who was put in detention, where he remains.



Face of a woman possessed

A woman who believes she is possessed by a witch is exorcised (above) by a Nigerian "witchdoctor." DRUM commissioned a psychologist in its early years to report on the value of traditional medicine in easing mental anguish, and on the wealth of herbal cures — some accepted by modern medicine. But we warned of dangerous practices.

Wonder boy Ade gets his goal

Suddenly Nigeria, which produced several famous boxers of world repute, heard of another star — the young footballer Ade Coker. DRUM's reporter was in London to tell of Ade's sensational debut in 1972 for the leading English team West Ham United. Ade got an amazing goal — and was widely hailed by British sport writers.



Ghana's Dr. Busia gets the boot

Civilian rule returned to Ghana in 1969 — and Kwame Nkrumah's long-exiled opponent Dr. Kofi Busia took over after his Progress Party won at the polls. But Busia gradually lost support — and found Nkrumah's huge debts an impossible burden. He was ousted in a coup managed by a serious young soldier, Colonel Ignatius Acheampong. Our cartoonist showed (above) Acheampong giving Busia the boot.



Assassin robs Kenya of Mboya

Shot down in the street in Nairobi by an assassin in 1968, Tom Mboya was a sore loss to Kenya. Brilliant organizer and trade union militant, Mboya was one of Kenyatta's staunchest supporters, and his influence was felt across Africa. His murder provoked tribal rioting, but the authorities quickly brought back order. On right, Mrs. Pamela Mboya takes a last look before her husband is lowered to his grave.



Black 'No' wrecks Ian Smith's Rhodesia dream

In 1972 Ian Smith, whose White regime had illegally declared colonial Rhodesia independent of Britain, agreed to a British "settlement" that would lead to independence. But Rhodesia's massive Black majority did not believe that the Rhodesian Whites would keep to the terms for gradual Black rule. A British fact-finding commission met a resounding "No" to the settlement from Black Zimbabweans (see picture above). Ian Smith's dreams were wrecked.

The joke's on Ajax

Remember the man and the hat? He's Ajax, Africa's clown from Ghana, who studied his craft in a Russian and became jester at the court of Kwame Nkrumah, friend of DRUM. Ajax never failed to make us all see the side of life. Nigerian-born, he still has a family in

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Our man sees a bloodthirsty witch get a beating

Abigail Oredola, a 76-year-old "witch" from Abeokuta, Nigeria, gathered a crowd in Lagos in 1965 and started to tell them in grisly detail of the 700 people she believed in her imagination she had killed through witchcraft. The outraged spectators went berserk — and DRUM's Matthew Faji photographed them as they dragged the old woman through the streets, leaving her a simpering bundle of old rags. She survived the experience — to return quietly to her spe-



Croc devours priest

... it's killing me... aiii... it's ki... waves of screaming voice was muffled by gushing water." So, in 1961, we reported the fate of Tsutsuo Grunshie, fetish priest of Paga, Northern Ghana, photographed above with one of the crocodiles he tended for the villagers, who worshipped them as the incarnation of their ancestors. Not long after the picture was taken, the crocodile broke a habit and devoured the fetish priest.

Kaunda's anthill meetings

In a series of "anthill" meetings that took him to all corners of the then colonial Northern Rhodesia, Kenneth Kaunda (right), son of an African missionary, helped to pave the way for Zambian freedom. He supported Nkumbula's ANC to fight the British-imposed Central African Federation of Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland; and then broke away to form his own party, leading Zambia to independence in 1964 after being jailed.





The rebellious Colonel

Chukwuemeka Ojukwu was a wealthy, clever young lieutenant-colonel in the Nigerian Army stationed in Kano when the military seized power in the country in 1966, and he was appointed Military Governor of the then Eastern Region by Major-General Aguiyi-Ironsi. After Nigeria's second coup, Ojukwu refused to submit to the authority in Lagos and led a rebellion for the creation of a 'Republic of Biafra' in the oil-rich lands in the East. It was to lead to a terrible civil war.


Nigeria's anguish of war

A pathetic gesture of futility (in picture right) by a "Biafran" soldier who follows the stretcher-borne body of a compatriot killed in the Nigerian Civil War. The war cost Nigeria dearly in life and progress as Ojukwu held on stubbornly while support gradually deserted him. Foreign journalists and observers, who followed the advancing Federal armies in droves, changed their pro-Biafran chorus as they witnessed the restraint and orderliness of the majority of Nigerian troops.



Ojukwu broods on the brink

Ojukwu (left) as the world came to know him — bearded, contemplative, and already in the grip of the ambition that was to bring Nigeria to the brink of ruin. This picture was taken at the funeral of Major-General Ironsi, when Ojukwu was Military Governor in the East. On his right is his wife, Mrs. Njiolu Ojukwu. Next to her is Philip Effiong, who became Ojukwu's No. 2 in the rebel army with the rank of General. It was the amiable, kind and soft-spoken Effiong who was left at the head of the shattered rebel government after Ojukwu had fled by plane to the Ivory Coast. Within 48 hours, Effiong announced that the rebel hierarchy was ready for total surrender. He formally surrendered before General Gowon at Dodan Barracks.

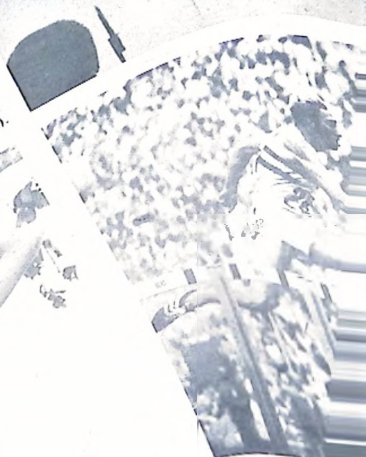


The 'unknown warrior'

Federal Nigeria pursued its war against Ojukwu's rebels under the leadership of Yakubu Gowon (above) who young and little-known Northern Christian soldier who had stood apart from tribal division. He had become Head of Government after the second coup in 1966. General Gowon won the respect of Nigeria and the world by his maturity and sense of compromise — remarkable for a young soldier with no previous political training. After the war his military government reformed Nigeria into 12 states, and he successfully preached reconciliation with the shattered Ibos.

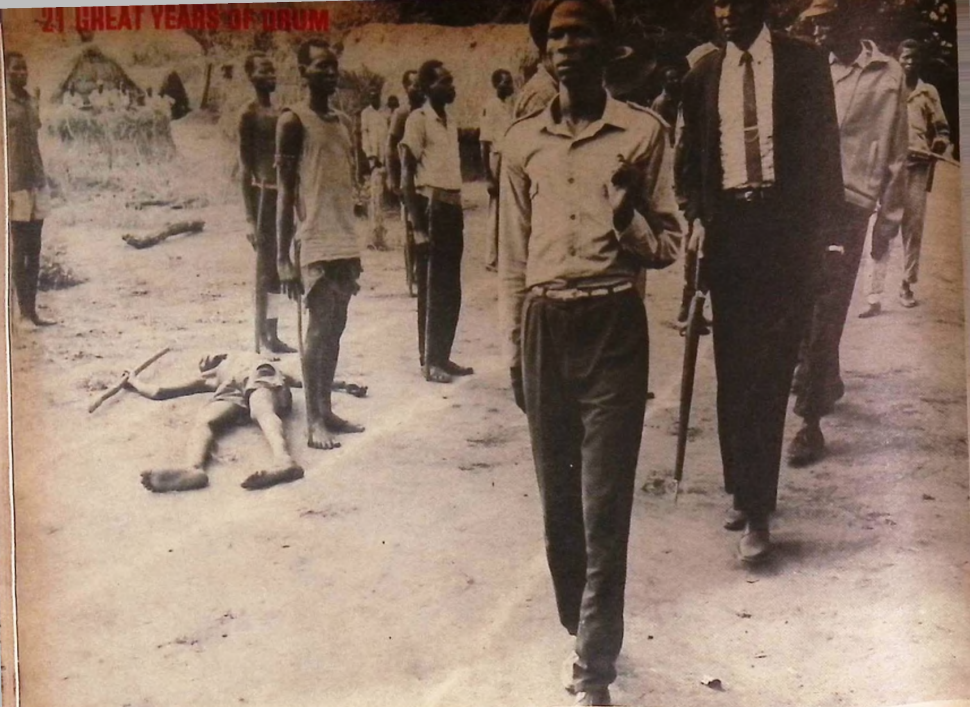
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Nigeria after the war set about a remarkable phase of reconstruction, led skillfully by General Gowon and helped by her wealth of oil. Yakubu Gowon pledged a transition to civilian rule when Nigeria could rid herself of the disruption and form non-tribal political parties. Following a census. This growing role earned him the attention of Queen Elizabeth of England, and he became the first Black African leader to make a State visit to Britain. (As shown in picture on right).



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The rag-tag army of the Sudan that fought on for 17 years

The pathetic parade above of Sudanese rebels was part of a war that festered for 17 years in the Sudan. Black Africans to the South of the country first rebelled against the Muslim-dominated North in 1955. A Nile Government was later declared under Gordon Mayen (with umbrella, above). Then a rag-tag army of men armed at first with sticks and spears went into action under the daring Major-General Joseph Lago. Some of the men were too undernourished to stay on their feet (like the fainted man in our picture). Peace was finally achieved in 1972, sponsored by Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and the OAU.



Idi Amin the jumping General

General Idi Amin Dada, who came to power in Uganda in a 1971 military coup while President Milton Obote was abroad, is seen jumping for joy at a diplomatic football match. His weight was soon to be felt by the expelled Asians and Israelis, and by most of his Cabinet. The critical early battles of Amin's "economic war", in which he gave Ugandans control, are still being fought.

One-Man Banda goes south

Dr. Hastings Banda (dubbed "One Man Banda" by DRUM) fell out with much of Black Africa in the 1960s when he preached a policy of "dialogue" with South Africa. In our picture (left) Dr. Banda and his wife — during a formal visit to South Africa — are introduced in Pretoria, citadel of apartheid, to President Fouché. Some hailed the Banda visit as a racial "breakthrough."



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by, while the unfortunate losers were supposed to be able to "pic form" for all the world like monkeys in a zoo.

Although this practice has been mercifully abandoned, in some ways vestiges of it remain. At weddings, guests often bombard the groom with jokes, comments, and ribald advice because he will be able to enjoy intercourse that night with his bride. A bride, in her turn, is liable to get, from women guests, comments which are unredeemed with humour, long faced advice, or worse still, silent sympathy that implies she is about to experience something pretty ghastly.

This is added to the undoubted strain involved in a wedding, however simple a celebration it is. There is worry about guests, sometimes, the arrival of hired cars, the state of the flowers; the quantity of liquor and food provided; clothes; and all the rest of it. Much of the anxiety has been building up for weeks beforehand. The day itself is exciting, emotional, and altogether utterly exhausting. Yet the couple are supposed to be able to spend the night in a strange hotel, possibly sleeping together for the very first time, and enjoy successful intercourse, knowing well that a number of their friends and relations are thinking about the fact that they are doing so!

Probably, most couples would much prefer not to attempt to consummate their marriage on this very first night. If they are tired, the wisest thing they can do is simply fall asleep.

If the couple have, during their engagement period, practised extended love-play that only just fell short of complete intercourse, they will probably have little difficulty in completing intercourse for the first time. They already have some understanding of each other's bodies, and have shed some of their natural shyness and know how their stimulate each other and know how to progress beyond hand-holding.

But the couple who have never kissed and had a few chaste caresses, are in a rather different situation. Their first hurdle is to get over received bodily stresses, apart any way displayed her body to be naked to him to learn to be able to do this if she can't be seen, wanting her man to turn his back when she undresses, or preferring to undress in the bathroom alone. Time, she will find that undressing while he watches her can also be stimulating for both and is stimulating. But at this stage, a man would be wise to respect her shyness about nudity. She will get demands to see her, which she would naturally like to do so, but is not angered by her temporary

Shyness goes

Completely inexperienced men may also feel more comfortable if they can hide their bodies at first. Verily normal men can be just as masculine by feel like this, for it is a temporary phase, and will

However, refusal to be seen naked and to make love in the light

should be regarded by both partners as temporary. Too many mature married couples have never tried to get over these inhibitions, which are so natural in the honeymoon days. This means that their love-making never becomes completely uninhibited and never really gives them the pleasure it could.

As well as these problems, it may be that the honeymoon spent in a strange place, such as a hotel, fills both partners with a sense of complete unreality.

Outraged

If the man feels that he must "summit his manhood" by consummating as soon as possible, and forces himself to do so, he not only outrages his own feelings; he outrages those of his wife. From her point of view, intercourse which is forced upon her is tantamount to rape, even though she is married. It can have a dreadful effect on a sensitive woman.

However, if one partner consistently refuses to consummate after several weeks of marriage, on the refuser's behaviour. If he or she cannot bring themselves to the point of intercourse but cannot attempt any form of love-play of some help is needed. For the disappointed partner to look hopeful later may be misguided patience.

Obviously, if no attempts to make love are accepted, then consummation will never be possible. In such a situation, outside help may be needed.

Because a man is the dominant partner in sexual intercourse, any difficulties he has affect not only his own pleasure but his wife's. A wife may have problems that destroy her pleasure while her husband is perfectly satisfied — but this is not so for a man. So we will consider male problems first.

Certainly, pre-ejaculation is one of them.

The male orgasm can be controlled; that is, it is possible for a man to deliberately prolong or build up of sexual excitement and delay the moment of ejaculation. But orgasm itself is an involuntary action, and in some circumstances it is just not possible for a man to have any control over it at all.

For example, a man who has gone through a period of sexual abstinence and not masturbated or experienced nocturnal emissions has a considerable store of semen; when a sexual stimulus is then applied, very little is required for ejaculation to occur. Also, a sexual stimulus is both physical (a man can achieve an erection and then an ejaculation simply because friction is applied to his penis) and emotional. The man who is deeply in love with a woman can experience an erection if he sees her without touching her, even if he only thinks about it. In some cases, a man can experience orgasm without any direct physical stimulus to the penis because of these emotional factors.

The newly married man who has not had intercourse during the engagement period is obviously in a state of extreme sexual desire the first time he is close to his wife. His approach to her, and the knowledge that intercourse is imminent can stir his feelings to such

a pitch of intensity that orgasm naturally happens, even before he attempts penetration. In some cases, he may get to the point of starting to penetrate the vagina, but the first contact of penis and vulva results in an immediate ejaculation.

When this happens, of course, the couple are disappointed. Usually the wife is himself at a high pitch of excitement, which in rare cases, she will not achieve orgasm before her husband ejaculates. Instead of experiencing the penetration she expected, she finds her vulva has been suddenly bathed in semen and her husband has lost his erection. If her response to this is shocked (and a girl who does not understand what has happened may be well deeply shocked) she may distress her partner. He wants to love her, and has only succeeded in alarming her.

He may also be distressed because he feels a sense of failure. He has experienced orgasm, but not as he wished, in completed intercourse.

If the couple don't know what to do about this situation, what will happen? The wife may withdraw into hurt and frustrated silence; she may show anger at her husband. He, frightened the same thing may happen again, keeps away from her, not attempting intercourse until his feelings build up to such a pitch that he must; and then, because he is once more highly excited, he becomes more frustrated again. The wife is more frustrated than ever, and still has not experienced penetration. This can go on and on, until a self-perpetuating problem exists.

What can be done to deal with the difficulty? First, the pair need to be able to understand it, and even laugh about it, with neither accusations from the wife, nor some cases, the man is able after a short while to start love-play again, and achieve another erection, especially if his wife helps him, by giving his body all the erotic caressing she can. Then, a second made and may well succeed. It is far from unusual for a newly married man to experience a second orgasm within a short time. Thus, the wife experiences penetration, and may go on to experience later when we discuss female difficulties that this is not always so.

Try to relax

But even if the man is so relieved of sexual desire by his premature ejaculation that an immediate second attempt is not possible, there is no need for his wife to suffer frustration because she has not experienced orgasm. Her husband can achieve this for her by stimulating the clitoris.

For most men, the problem of premature ejaculation is self-limiting, as long as a state of fearful anxiety is not allowed to develop.

The best advice that can be given to a man with this problem is to relax. Explain to your wife that has happened and why, help her to have her own frustration, assuring her that this is perfectly the circumstances, and help her to accept frequent intercourse until such time as the desired degree of control has been achieved.

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ONE of the most popular of myths is that honeymoons are all sweetness and light. In romantic fiction and films, bride and groom fall into each other's arms, and with strains of sensuous music in the background, or sounds of waves roaring up a beach, the reader or viewer is left to believe that the consummation of their love is perfect, easy and uncomplicated.

Sometimes this may indeed happen. Some honeymoons are heaven, all that a pair dreamed it could ever be. For others, possibly the majority, the honeymoon is an uneasy time when a couple make their first tentative efforts to come to terms with each other's needs, desires and responses.

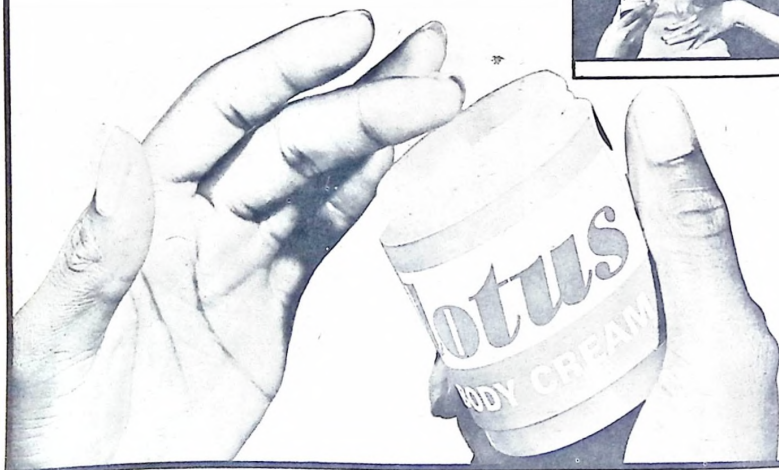
In fact a honeymoon is very unimportant, considered in the context of a couple's whole marriage. But because it is the first part of the marriage, and is so wrapped up in dreamy romantic ideas, it assumes an importance it doesn't deserve.

Some of the commonest problems that attend the honeymoon, which can be defined as the first few weeks of marriage, will be explored.

To start at the beginning, considering the wedding night. In the past, in some parts of the world, it was customary to 'bed' as well as wed a pair. That is, the wedding guests escorted the couple to bed, tucked them into it, amid much ribald commentary, and often drew the bed curtains and stood noisily

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DRESSING their God — the Agemo — in highly colourful mats is all part of the cult's annual festival which was, until recently, closed to outsiders.

NIGERIA GOD AS OLD AS THE PHAROHS

For centuries, intruders who tried to discover the secrets of the Agemo cult of Western Nigeria were put to death. Here DRUM reveals the manifestation of the esoteric god — and reports on its reported links with the Pharaohs who ruled Egypt thousands of years ago.

UNTIL recently it was a common practice for Europeans to condemn these African religious traditions without understanding them. These first missionaries — many of them from Scotland — believed that traditional African religions were "primitive". Within a few decades the entire pattern of village social and religious life was written off. Those who accepted Christianity often did so for political reasons. Meanwhile, the "old gods" lived on in the bush. Only recently have

anthropologists taken a fresh look at the pre-European gods and cults. And they are coming up with some remarkable conclusions — especially in some parts of the Lagos State. One historian, Archdeacon Olumide Lucas, believes that the Agemo Cult, common to Ijebuland, has much in common with the cults in the cradle of ideas — Egypt.

In his new book, "The Religion of the Yorubas," Dr. Lucas, who is an educationalist, historian and Honorary

Secretary of the Anglican Diocesan Synod of Lagos, shatters the myth that the Agemo Cult represents the darker side of African life.

He certainly turns the beliefs of the missionary Christians upside down.

Until recently no outsider could get close enough to the cult to accurately record its practices. Its secrets were guarded: a transgressor could be killed. Some people who have fallen foul of the cult's rules and regulations have been cursed, lost their eyesight or harmed mentally.

But in recent years anthropologists and journalists have been able to observe, at first hand, the cult's practices and its various festivals.

So DRUM decided to take advantage of the cult's relaxed



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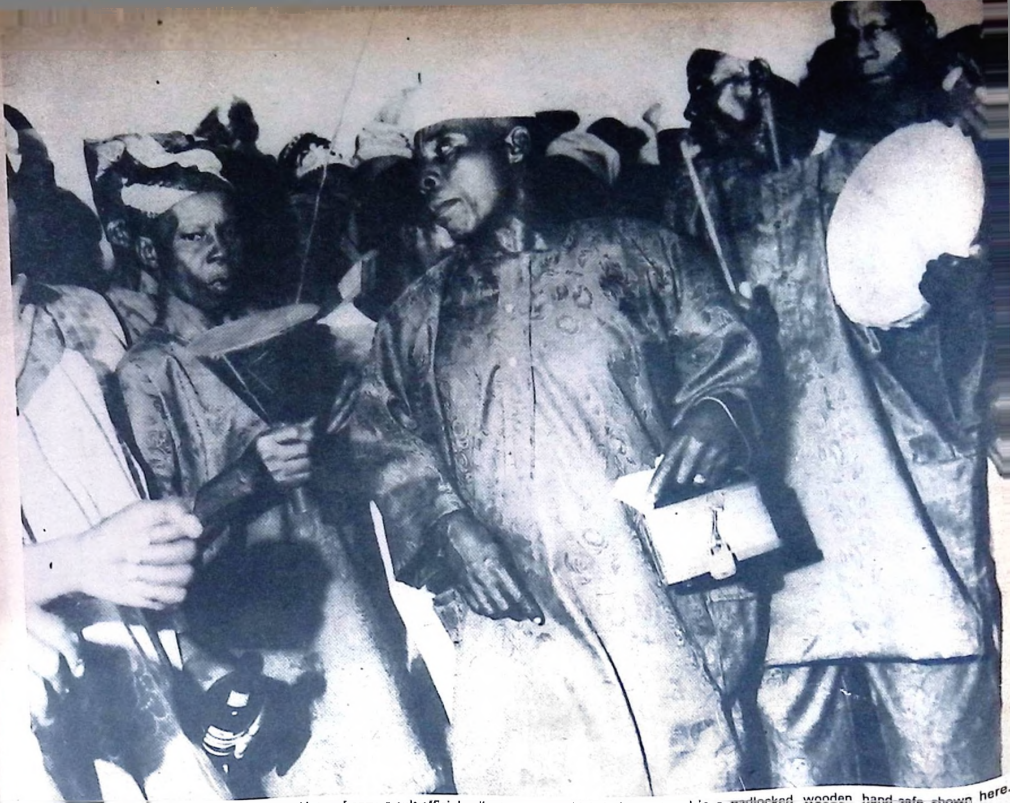
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Cracking the ancient code of Agemo

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laws and to watch the sect's most exciting annual festival — the Festival of Agemo.

Agemo is the chief ancestral spirit of the people of Ijebuland. It excites the greatest terror among the Ijebus. But, at the same time, the people undoubtedly have a great deal of fun.

Amongst other things the Yorubas believe that by worshipping departed spirits they are, in turn, safeguarding their own future.

The Agemo is represented by a cylindrical figure varying in height between two and a half to three feet and in radius from 18 to 24 inches. It is not covered at the top and in it are some of the secret paraphernalia of the cult.

In his book Dr. Lucas says:—"It is usual for the members of the Cult to go into

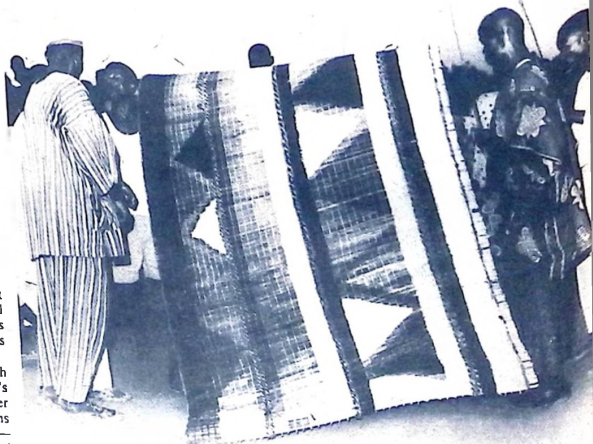
a deep bush. There one of their members is selected to carry the Agemo on his head. In addition to this, he wears a headgear containing two ram's horns and feathers. He is entirely enveloped in reeds or rushes (lko) . . . It is said that on some occasions the Agemo is covered with mats covered all over with feathers. This form of Agemo is called Oniwurururu . . ."

Dr. Lucas goes on to say that if anyone tries to see the Agemo the God buries himself in the earth — or disappears into the sky.

Agemo is said to be invisible to human beings but his worshippers know how to invoke the spirit.

His worshippers believe that Agemo is the father of all mankind, he blesses his worshippers and punishes intruders.

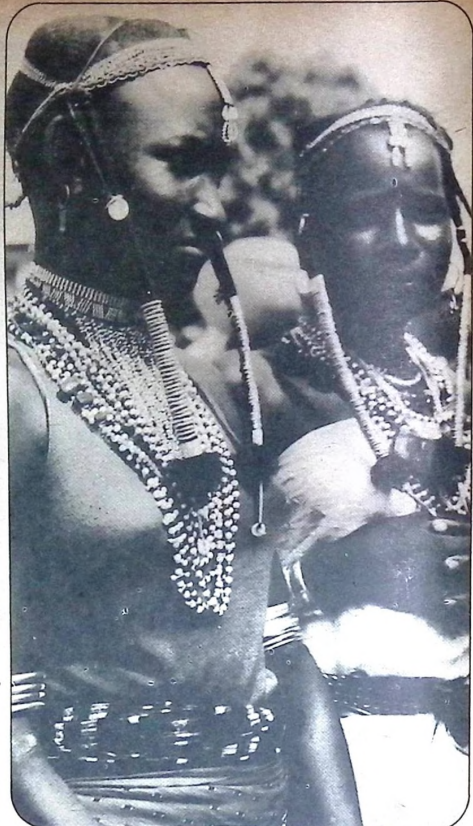
Although there is still much to be learned about Africa's great traditional cults a clearer picture concerning their origins is undoubtedly emerging — thanks to the scholarship and hard work of historians such as Nigeria's Dr. Lucas.



DRESSED and ready to be worshipped the Agemo is revered by those who regard it as the God of gods, the one which links the living to the dead — the ancestors who can bless or doom.



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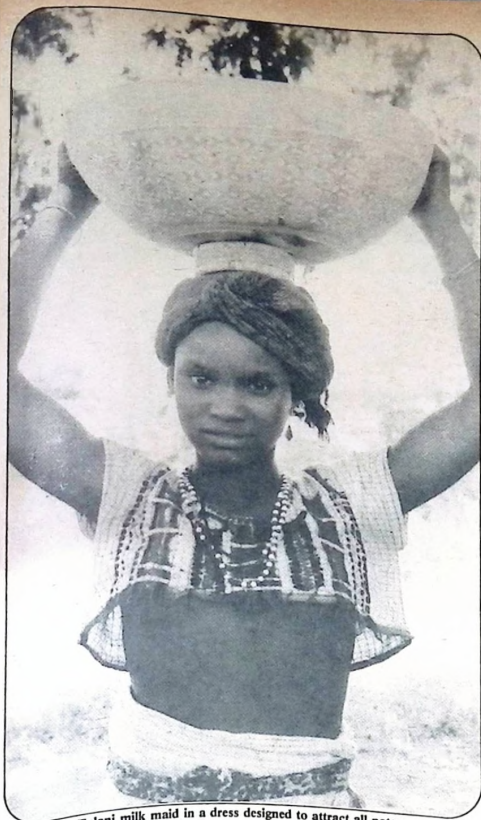
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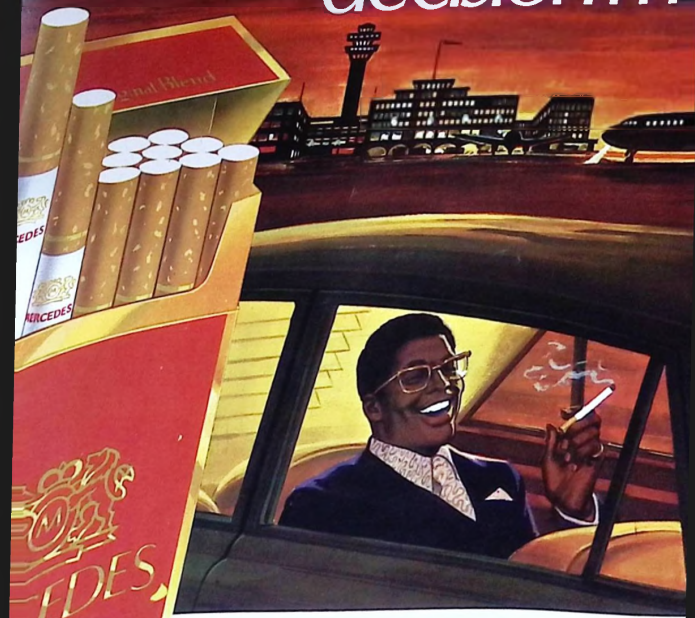


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FEMALE DYNAMO Bola Onajide puts punch into women's liberation — Nigerian style. Cool and efficient she's now one of the country's top TV journalists

ROOM AT THE TOP FOR BOLA

WHEN Mrs. Bola Onajide turned up at Television House, Ibadan, for an interview 12 years ago for a position in the News Department of the Western Nigeria Broadcasting and Television Corporation (WNTV-WNBS), she did not think she had a chance. When she introduced herself to each of the other 14 people — all men — called for the interview, she discovered that her experience at that time was not a match for most of them.

The members of the panel agreed unanimously that a highly-experienced journalist who was one of the 15 was the best candidate for the job of Senior Sub-Editor.

But they felt it would be a pity to turn away such talent as Bola's. Mr. Sam Folahan Ayo-Vaughan, Head of the News Services and Current Affairs of the WNTV-WNBS persuaded the panel to give Bola a chance by offering her a lesser position as a Sub-Editor Grade 1.

Called back for a second round of interviews, Bola accepted the offer and promised that she would live up to their expectations.

Today, 12 years after that solemn pledge, Mrs. Bola Onajide is the first woman to hold the position of Head of News Services and Current Affairs in a television station in Nigeria.

In the new Mid-West State Television Corporation in Benin, she is also the first woman Head of Department.

Bola's climb to the top of the ladder in her profession was achieved through sheer hard work, a willingness to learn, and an indefatigable spirit. Bola also has succeeded over the years in combining service to her husband and their children on one hand and their chosen profession on the other. She is one of the fast-growing number of Nigerian women who have proved that what a man can do, a woman can do as well.

After leaving St. Agnes' College, Ibadan, Bola went straight into journalism as a trainee reporter on the now defunct "Daily Service".

On a salary of 16 Naira a month, Bola learned fast. She went back to St. Agnes' College to successfully take the WASC Examinations.

Then she travelled to England in 1957 to study at the Westminster College of Commerce in London, and later at Hull University where she studied Public Administration.

It was shortly after her return to Nigeria that she got the Sub-Editor's job with the WNTV-WNBS. After six years in the WNTV-WNBS, Bola gained admission to the University of Ibadan in 1967, where she studied English.

After graduation in 1970, Bola returned to the WNTV-WNBS as Public Relations Officer, soon becoming Editor/Producer of television current affairs programmes.

Bola was in this position when she vied for her present post in Benin. Her husband, a senior Civil Servant in the Western State Public Service in Ibadan, did not put any obstacles in her way.

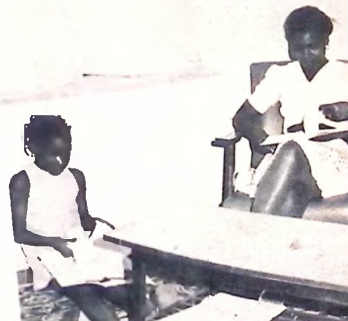
Bola's despatches from London on the State visit of General Gowon to Britain were first rate. Also, when in Canada for the 1973 Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference, Bola made a mark as a real "newshound".

She scooped many male journalists by obtaining ex-

clusive interviews with the colourful Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Trudeau, and the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Whitlam.

Bola is a lucky girl. She has a husband who fully understands and sympathises with her aspirations. Their marriage is blessed with four promising children and she is

on top in her chosen career. As long as she continues a student of the art of getting on with people, in a corner where many people find delight in damaging others, her present high position in Benin will be the beginning of a new chapter of achievements.



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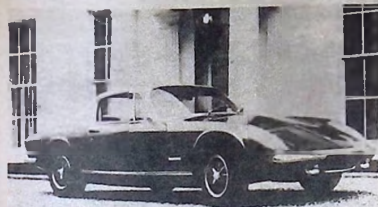
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Lotus Plus 2S: succeeds the popular and speedy Elan

LOTUS PLUS 2S

The Lotus Plus 2S has filled the gap in the market following the manufacturers' decision to halt further production of the Elan. It has an optional five speed gearbox, with fifth as an overdrive, the Plus 2S is a delight to drive. Lower fuel

consumption makes it economical, too. The Plus 2S has electronically operated windows. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 120 mph; 23-27 mpg; length 14ft; width 5ft 6in; height 3ft 11in; Tank holds 13 gallons.



Datsun Skyline: six-cylinder engine but cheap fuel

DATSUN SKYLINE

This smart saloon has a six-cylinder engine which is a de-tuned version of the famous 240Z unit with twin-choke carburettor and low compression — allowing it to run on cheap fuel. Rally successes have helped to establish the Datsun in East

Africa, but it is the car's reliability and speed which have made it a favourite with buyers everywhere. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 106 mph; 22 mpg; length 14ft 7in; width 5ft 4in; height 4ft 7in; Tank holds 12 gallons.



Datsun 240ZG winner of 1973 East Africa Safari Rally

DATSUN 240 ZG

Victory in the 1973 East African Safari has given fresh appeal to the ZG. With a top speed of 125 mph the car is one of the greatest. The new model has reclining seats with built-in headrests. Disc brakes have

been fitted onto the front wheels with self-adjusting drums at the rear. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 125 mph; 20-26 mpg; length 13ft 4in; width 5ft 4in; height 4ft 5in; Tank holds 13½ gallons.



Mini: "Beetle's" chief rival has many new features

THE MINI

The trend-setting Mini has changed a great deal over the last 14 years. Extremely popular in Great Britain, the Mini never really caught on in Africa, mainly because of its rival the VW "Beetle". But the new Mini has a number of exciting features, including radial ply tyres,

and a mechanical fuel pump replacing the old electric one. Heater, passenger's visor, and adjustable backrests are optional extras. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 73 mph; 38-42 mpg; length 10ft; width 4ft 5in; height 4ft 5in. Tank holds 5½ gallons.



Simca 1501 Estate: one of a range of four Simcas

SIMCA 1501 ESTATE

Last year Chrysler France produced 45,000 Simcas. The new range includes two saloons and two estates. The company has made a big effort to improve interior decor. Halogen headlamps have been fitted to the 1501

model, making it a healthy rival in Africa to some of the most established names. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 91 mph; 26-30 mpg; length 14ft 7in; width 5ft 2in; height 4ft 7in; Tank holds 12 gallons.



Fiat 128: crosswise engine gives extra space

FIAT 128

A delightful medium-priced car from Italy's most popular motor manufacturers. The engine, with belt-driven overhead camshaft, lies crosswise and the spare wheel is above it, leaving extra space for luggage at the rear. For sportmen the

128 Rallye has an enlarged engine up to 1,290cc with a maximum speed of 94 mph. **PERFORMANCE:** Maximum speed 90 mph; 33-36 mpg; length 12 ft 8 in; width 5ft 2½ in; height 4 ft 5 in; Tank holds 9½ gallons.

Steering the right way

ONE of the more notable design revolutions of car design in recent years concerns the steering system. The only real way to appreciate the steering of a modern car is to try a well-maintained 20-year-old vehicle. Handling many of the older generation of cars was hard physical work compared with today's finger-tip control.

With this improvement in handling there has been an equally pleasing improvement in life and freedom from wear. But, as with every other part of the car, some regular service is needed if ease of operation and freedom from wear are to be maintained, and this service consists largely of adequate lubrication.

There are, basically, two types of steering. One type works through a steering box in which the rotary action of the steering wheel and column is converted to a side-to-side movement to turn the road wheels.

The other type, known as rack and pinion, has a toothed cog at the end of the steering column which mates into a toothed rack. As the steering wheel is turned, the cog at the end of the column turns with it and the rack is pushed to one side, thus moving the angle of the wheels.

Important to maintain oil level

The steering box holds only a small amount of oil and it is, therefore, extra-important to keep up the level, otherwise there will be rapid wear. According to design, topping up the steering box may be easy or incredibly difficult, but there is no doubt that a pressure oil can makes life much easier, no matter how accessible the box may be.

In the majority of cases the filler orifice is also the level indicator, and all that is necessary is to fill the box right up — but do check with the instruction book to be on the safe side. It is important to use the correct grade of oil although slight wear in the box can sometimes be absorbed t

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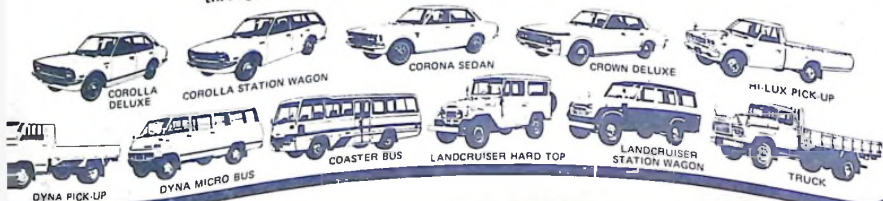
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Fiat 130: making rapid headway in Africa

FIAT 130.

One of the best selling cars on the road today, the Fiat 130 could soon be making rapid headway in the African market where it is well known to be a fast and very reliable motor car. It holds over 12 gallons of

petrol and is ideal for the long African journey.

PERFORMANCE:

Maximum speed 106 mph; fuel tank holds 12.3 gallons; length 14ft 4in; width 5ft 4½in; height 4ft 6in.

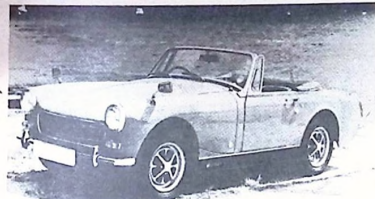


Peugeot 204: over two million of these have been sold

PEUGEOT 204

One of the motor success stories of the last 10 years, Peugeot now has two million 204s on the road. Its appeal has been re-inforced by a revised interior, optional head restraints, cigarette lighter, anti-dazzle mirror and new tail lamps.

Mechanical improvements included stronger engine mountings, and revised suspension. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 86 mph; 29.34 mpg; length 13ft 1in; width 5ft 1½in; height 4ft 7½in; Tank holds 9½ gallons.



MG Midget: last survivor of a long line of sports cars

MG MIDGET

The MG Midget is a bachelor's dream car. Basically, a fast car for one man and his girl. But give up the idea of keeping the car when you've got the girl and a family as well. This fast survivor of a line that started with the frog-eyed Austin Healey Sprite has a twin carburettor engine and

stylish wheels. Optional extras include tonneau cover, detachable hard top, anti-roll bar and wire wheels. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 95 mph; 30.34 mpg; length 11ft 5½in; width 4ft 6¾in; height 4ft 0¾in; Tank holds seven gallons.

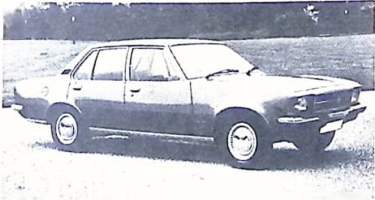


Morris 1800: roomy and comfortable, ideal family saloon

MORRIS 1800

Front-wheel drive and a transverse engine have allowed the manufacture of the Morris 1800 a really large interior to play around with. An ideal family saloon, the Morris 1800 has a new gearbox and the handbrake is now between the seats instead of the fascia.

Upholstery is an expanded vinyl. Hydroelastic suspension guarantees comfort while travelling on bad roads. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 94 mph; 22.24 mpg; length 13ft 10½in; width 5ft 7in; height 4ft 8in. Tank holds 10½ gallons.



Opel Rekord: incorporates many special safety features

OPEL REKORD

Delightful body lines, allied to performance, guaranteed the Rekord an instant success in Africa, especially Nigeria. Pillars, four doors and roof rails are re-inforced against side-shock — the steering column collapses

under impact. Corrosion and rust-prone body parts are made of galvanised steel. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 101 mph; 24.28 mpg; length 14ft 11½in; width 4ft 11in; height 4ft 7½in; Tank holds 15 gallons.



Toyota Corolla Estate: economical and compact family car

TOYOTA COROLLA ESTATE

Economical and compact, here's a car that suits all families and most policies. An ideal 'in and out of traffic' car with real stamina for the longer journey. It is well equipped with reclining front seats, a radio, and front lights which are powerful even in the worst kinds of weather. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 88 mph; 31.34 mpg; length 13ft 0¾in; width 4ft 11½in; height 4ft 7½in; Tank holds nine gallons.

STEERING continued

using a heavier oil than recommended.

More advanced wear can be taken up on the adjuster fitted to many steering boxes.

This adjuster takes the form of a stud, secured with a locking nut, but a light hand is essential here. Most of the wear in the box takes place at the point where the road wheels deviate slightly from the straight and narrow; the wear caused when the wheels are locked hard over is lighter.

To make an adjustment, the front end of the car has to be raised so the wheels are clear of the ground. Slacken off the locking nuts and swing the steering wheel from lock to lock, feeling for any binding or clicking in the box.

Tighten the adjuster a quarter of a turn and repeat the lock-to-lock test with an extra critical touch. The adjuster must never be tightened up to the extent where the steering binds at its extremity, otherwise the steering will be stiff and wear will accelerate alarmingly.

Only small adjustment can be made

What it boils down to is that only fractional wear can be absorbed through the adjuster. If the stage is reached where the adjuster is taken up as far as possible without causing binding on the extremes of movement, the box needs replacing or repairing.

When the optimum adjustment point has been reached, the adjuster has to be locked with the nut — a job calling for the adjuster to be held securely while the locking nut is tightened, to avoid over-tightening. Even so, spin the steering wheel from lock to lock after the nut has been tightened — just to be sure.

Rack and pinion lubrication is easier — mainly because it is only needed at long intervals of perhaps 20,000 miles. The most likely cause of trouble with this type of steering is, in fact, too much lubrication.

The rack is contained in a flexible bellows filled with heavy oil or grease and a few mild squirts from an oil or grease gun is all that is needed. Too much lubrication can burst the bellows or rupture the ends — which will require an expensive repair job. So it is necessary to be cautious with the

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lubrication and follow the recommendations to the letter. There is no instant adjustment available on the rack-and-pinion system, although heavier wear can be absorbed by removing shims in some designs. This is usually only necessary after a vast mileage has been covered or when the system has been savagely neglected.

Steering joints are now usually of the sealed-for-life type and no lubrication is either possible or desirable.

Apart from lack of lubrication in the proper places, the main cause of steering wear is the practice of dragging the steering wheel round while the car is stationary. This throws a tremendous load on every part of the steering and the golden rule is always to have the car moving before turning the steering wheel.

Two additional points for lubrication

There are two maintenance-type points attached to this business of dragging the steering round. On the majority of cars using the steering box system, there is a device known as the idler box which is usually on the other side of the car to the steering box. Its object is to eliminate the need for long steering rods which would tend to flex slightly under load unless they were in-terribly thick. The idler needs lubrication at the same period as the steering box itself and it is most important to keep an eye on this otherwise it will make the steering much more heavy than it need be.

Equally important is the lubrication of what used to be called the kingpins, but are known more usually now by the American term, 'swivel pins.' Grease has to be pumped into these at high pressure and a really good grease gun is needed for the job — one that can ram out the grease at a pressure of round the 5000 psi mark.

Power steering is becoming more and more popular and these systems need exactly the same attention as manual arrangement, plus checks on the power unit. The instruction book will give precise details for individual cases but it is generally necessary to maintain the level of the hydraulic fluid, and to keep a special watch on the belt driving the pump. If the belt breaks, you are back to manual steering but the distance the car can drive to the pump could cause excessive wear.

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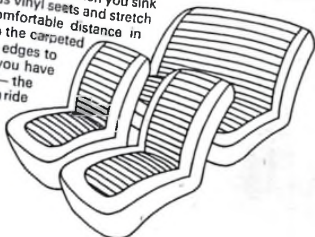
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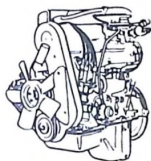
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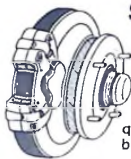
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Avoiding shocks to the system

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But there is an important detail point — the car must be standing on its wheels when the level is maintained. Removing a wheel or jacking the car up to reach the filler will make for an incorrect amount of fluid in the unit and this could rupture the seals.

Topping up side lever shock absorbers at the front of the car, as on the evergreen Morris Minor, is simple enough, but it is supremely important to get the top of the unit completely clean before undoing the filler plug. Dirt or dust falling inside the unit could easily score the pistons and this will upset the operation of the shock-absorber completely.

Difficulty of checking level

The units on the rear end of the car often have to be removed for checking and filling and this is one of those mucky and often frustrating jobs that cannot be avoided.

All manner of ingenious ideas for topping them up in position appear from time to time but they are all suspect. There is the danger of dirt falling from the underside of the car and it is next to impossible to be certain of the level of fluid.

Whether it is worth taking a chance of damaging the units to save time and trouble is a matter for the individual. I am as lazy as the next man — probably a great deal lazier than most — but even I grumble and groan my way under the car at the prescribed intervals to get the 'shockers' off and check them.

PLEASE TURN OVER



Volkswagen 412: increased power in lower gear ratios

VOLKSWAGEN 412

Sophisticated and cool, the VW 412 could be the car of 1974. The VW has proved itself to be a tough and excellent car in Africa for many years, with servicing second to none, and economical to run. The "flat four" engine has been in-

creased in capacity from 1.7 to 1.8 litres with a dramatic upsurge of low and medium-speed power. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 98 mph; 25 mpg; length 15ft; width 5ft 6in; height 4ft 10½in; Tank holds 11 gallons.



Triumph Toledo: many improvements on the latest model

TRIUMPH TOLEDO

A steadily-improving car. Disc front brakes have replaced the drums, and a servo has been added. Two-speed wipers and an electric washer give the driver greater vision than before, and the two-door saloon has the bigger tyres and

bumpers originally reserved for the four-door model. Heated rear window and radial ply tyres are extras. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 88 mph; 32-35 mpg; length 13ft; width 5ft 1½in; height 4ft 6in; Tank holds 10½ gallons.



Renault 6: nearly one million cars produced so far

RENAULT 6

A French saloon with all the attributes of a big car. The model has an attractive new grille and square headlights. It has proved to be Renault's fastest selling economy car and stands more than a fair chance of success on the African

market. Modified front seats give rear passengers more legroom. Renault has built 950,000 of the model six. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 73-80 mph; 32-37 mpg; length 12ft 8in; width 5ft 0½in; height 4ft 11in; Tank holds 9½ gallons.



Renault 12 TS: another success for France in Africa?

RENAULT 12 TS

France has come up with yet another winner in Africa. The Renault 12 TS combines comfort with sterling performance in this roomy family-sized saloon. The model features the special 12 TS "Kangaroo" - type headlamps. Special head,

camshaft, exhaust and two-choke carburettor boosts the model's overall performance. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed is 95 mph; 28-34 mpg; length 14ft 3in; width 5ft 4in; height 4ft 8in; Tank holds 11 gallons.



Peugeot 304 Estate: development of the popular 204

PEUGEOT 304 ESTATE

A follow-up of the popular 204, this family-sized saloon has roomier bodywork, while retaining the essential features of the French best-seller. With a maximum speed of 93 mph the 304 has a four cylinder overhead camshaft unit

mounted at the front of the car where it is inclined at 20 degrees to reduce bonnet height. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed 93 mph; 26-30 mpg; length 13ft 7in; width 5ft 1½in; height 4ft 8in; Tank holds 9½ gallons.



Toyota Crown: powerful six-cylinder 2½ litre engine

TOYOTA CROWN

With a smooth six cylinder engine the 2.6 litre Crown is designed for a really long life on the sometimes very rough roads of Africa. But this car's standards are another car's options. Automatic transmission, assisted dual circuit disc

drum brakes, tinted glass and a master lock are incorporated. **PERFORMANCE:** Max. speed is 100 mph; 20-25 mpg; length 15ft 4½in; width 5ft 6½in; height 4ft 8½in; Tank holds 15½ gallons.

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Fiat: a man's car

If you've ever driven a Fiat you don't have to be told what that means. It's something to do with the "cut" of the coach-work, the layout of the instrument panel, and the little finishing touches which are all instantly recognizable as Fiat. But there's something even more important - performance and mechanical "feel". Fiat cars, in fact, have a distinct personality, a driving quality, an aggressiveness which makes it a real man's car. Find out for yourself - compared with the others there's more "car" about a Fiat.

Take the 132, for example: a comfortable 2-litre class saloon, a versatile, smooth, entirely

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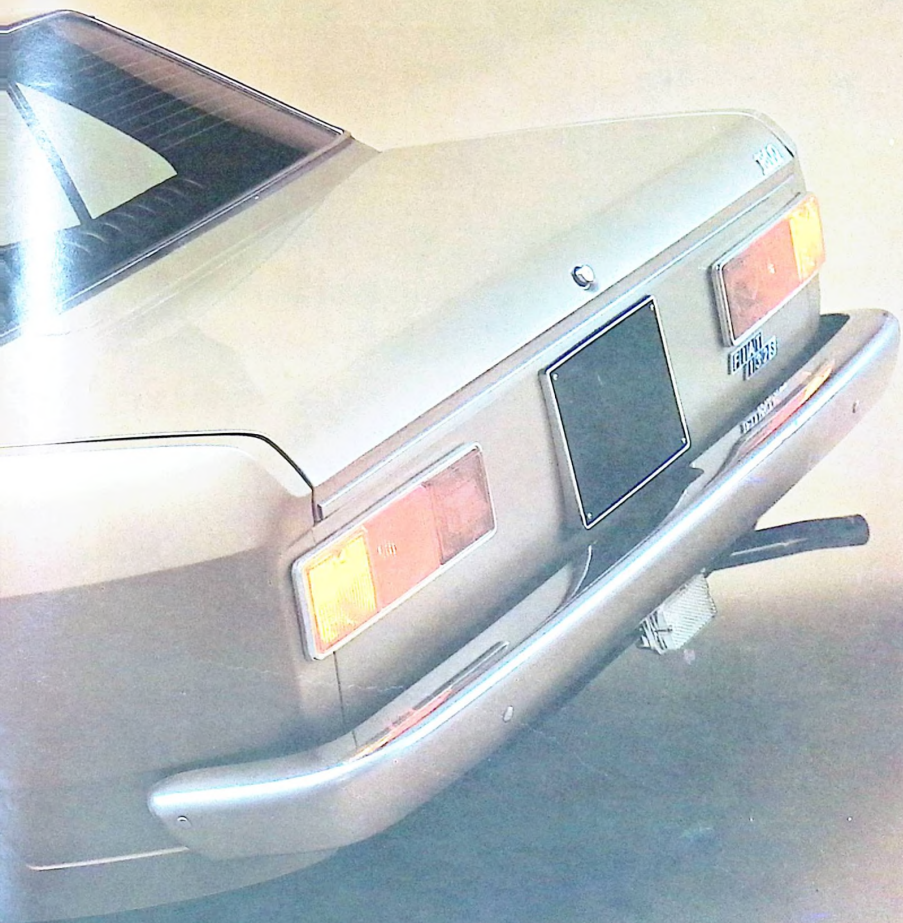
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Lancia Fulvia: has proud record of rally successes

LANCIA FULVIA

A delightful little car with a proud record of rally successes behind it, the Lancia Fulvia first-tempted motorists after a shower of wins in the RAC Rallyes held every year in Britain. The attractive Fulvia falls into the middle-range

income bracket and might well prove to be a big seller over the next few years. **PERFORMANCE** - Max speed 95 mph; 25-28 mpg; length 13ft 1in; width 5ft 2in; height 4ft 6in; Tank holds 8 1/2 gallons.



Reliant Rebel: glass-fibre body and improved performance

RELIANT REBEL

With an engine increase from 700 to 280cc, the Reliant Rebel can now boast a speed of 75 mph. With an improved gearbox and hydraulically operated clutch the Rebel is one of the year's most improved

cars. The bodywork is made in glass-reinforced plastic and on a steel chassis. **PERFORMANCE** - Max speed 75 mph; 20-25 mpg; length 11ft 6in; width 5ft 10in; height 4ft 7in; Tank holds 8 gallons.



Peugeot 504: tip-top performance even in rough country

PEUGEOT 504

Peugeot's new 504 is a daily before us and the winning motorcycle in the last Africa meeting and the new Fiat Africa Rally. It is a Peugeot 504, a really tough car with tip-top performance in all rough country. The 504's most attractive features include:

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Vauxhall Magnum: bigger engine and many other extras

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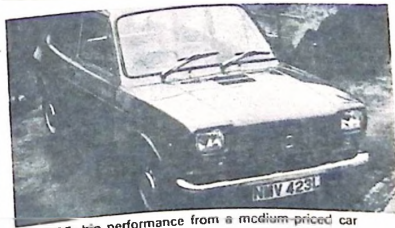


Triumph 2500 PI Mk 2: many developments over ten years

TRIUMPH 2500 PI Mk 2

The third car of the Triumph lineage, built in Africa. Since then the model has grown up - and has developed a longer race and yet. The second issue of the magazine, and giving

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SHOCKS continued

Life is made as easy as possible by wire brushing the dirt off the nuts and bolts before undoing them.

In the normal course of events, the level should be correct, and anything like a marked loss of fluid suggests a leak somewhere which can only mean the shock absorber is defective. It may be possible to repair certain types but it is more likely that a new unit will be needed.

Checking the condition of the shock absorbers is best done by bouncing the front and rear of the car up and down. The car should go down fairly readily but return more slowly and stop at its normal position almost instantly.

If the front, in particular, quivers up and down past its normal at rest position it does suggest that one or both units are failing.

It is most important that the bouncing action is going to get worse and, especially on a wavy road surface, the front of the car could start to bounce to the point where control is lost.

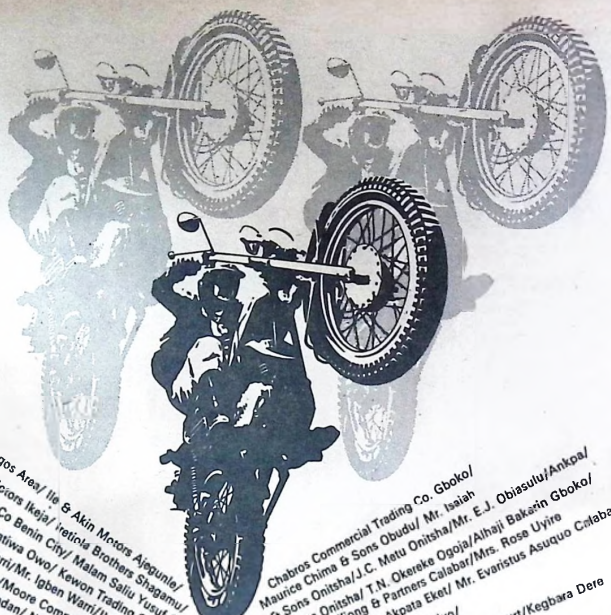
Keep fluid away from paintwork

When it comes to looking after the leaf springs fitted to the rear of many cars, always consult the instruction book. It is likely that attention to the springs will be confined to wire-brushing dirt and rust flakes off and leaving the springs to work dry.

Putting oil on the leaves, or forcing grease between them, could well cause serious damage, resulting in the spring breaking.

With the more sophisticated suspension systems, such as the BLMC Hydroelastic and the Citroen air suspension, always follow the manufacturer's instructions. As a rule, these systems look after themselves very well but any troubles will probably call for specialised tools and knowledge to fix - so let the garage see to it.

Here is a final warning note to end on: shock absorber fluid can be death to paintwork, so be careful when topping-up. Protect any part of the paintwork with cloth if there is any possibility of fluid being dripped on to it, and if some is split, wipe it off immediately and clean the area with methylated spirits.



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STILL WOMAN'S GREATEST JOB

DESPITE all the careers that have been opened to women in recent years, to get married and have children still remains the supreme desire for every woman. An announcement of pregnancy, almost always, brings an expression of complete fulfillment on the face of a woman.

There are three important

ways by which a woman can presume to be pregnant. The first thing she usually notices is the cessation of her periods. It is well known that in a woman of good health and in a fertile age group, the sudden stoppage of previously regular periods is a very strong evidence of pregnancy. There are a few fallacies, such as hormonal dis-

turbances, weather changes, and emotional upsets which may temporarily cause stoppage of monthly periods, but by far the commonest cause is pregnancy. The date of the last monthly period also helps to calculate the approximate date of confinement.

The formula is to add seven days to the first day of the last period and then on nine months proximate date of the baby's arrival.

For example, if a woman had the first day of her last period on February 12, adding seven days to this date brings it to February 19 and then adding nine months brings it to November 19. This in all probability will be the date of delivery, with a few days of margin on either side.

The second symptom that a woman usually feels with "morning sickness." The feeling is experienced by half the number of pregnant women. Generally, morning sickness

begins a little after the patient has noticed that she has missed her period and continued until about the end of the third month.

The third change a woman notices is in the breasts. A feeling of fullness in the breasts is often a very early sign, especially during the first pregnancy.

It is similar to the sensation just before the menstrual period, but here it is more intense and lasts longer.

About the end of the third month, the nipple and the immediate surrounding areas are more deeply pigmented than is only applies to women with fair skin.

A little watery fluid can be expressed from the nipples at the same time.

The enlargement of breasts can be felt after the fourth month and then continues until after delivery. These breast changes are caused by proliferation of milk glands and ducts in side the breast in preparation for the feeding of the baby.

With any of these signs, when a patient comes to a doctor, by

an examination he can be almost sure of pregnancy. To confirm, he may ask the woman to undergo a urine test and this gives an absolutely certain answer.

In addition to the above three vital symptoms, there is one more which is occasionally present. This is known as longings and is in fact a desire on the part of a pregnant woman to eat odd items of food.

At about the 16th or 18th week of pregnancy, when things are pretty obvious, the movements of the baby in the womb can be felt by the mother.

All pregnant women need greater care during pregnancy. If all the above signs and symptoms suggest pregnancy, it is important for a woman to either go and see her own doctor, attend ante-natal clinic in a hospital, or go to a health centre, whichever is applicable.

It is care during the nine months of pregnancy, which will prevent complications of pregnancy and confinement.

Pains in my eyes

I have been suffering from certain pains inside my eye balls since a year ago. Is there a cure?
Worried, Overit

I must say you are taking your eye problem very lightly. You are probably suffering from one of these common optical defects. You should see an eye specialist without delay. It might even be necessary to recommend glasses for you.

I am a tea lover

I am a soldier with a special fondness for tea. I am afraid, since people say that tea has no vitamin which can do any one any good. Am I at the risk of losing my health?
Tea-lover, Awe-Oye, Nigeria.

Ten much of everything is bad. I suggest you concentrate more on balanced diet that will be more beneficial to your body.

Weighty problems

I am a 19 year old girl and I am fat. I don't eat because of my size. I eat once a day but still I am fat. Please, doctor, I need your advice. I want to come back to my normal shape, and I heard that bitter-lem can also help. Is this true?
L.B., Port Harcourt.

There appears to be a constitutional element and a Junitian tendency behind your problem. On no much, even in may be eating too much, even in one meal, for the exercise you take. I suggest you seek an expert advice through your doctor who will help you to create a balance between your energy intake and output.

Surplus of saliva

For the past year I have not been able to speak freely because of an excessive amount of saliva in my mouth. What is actually wrong with me and how do I cure myself?
Fed-up, Ikorodu, Lagos.

Excessive salivation is not unusual and is often particularly troublesome. Various reasons may be responsible, for example, an

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Infec. Excessive salivation associated with abnormal conditions of the mouth, e.g. a bad tooth, are commonly seen. Yours may be due to one of these. I suggest you see your doctor as soon as possible for an examination, you may even end up at the dentist.

Soldier's lament

I am a 22 year old handsome soldier. My only social problem has been my set of decayed teeth. How would you help to effect a cure?
Soldier-Boy, Uromi.

A dental surgeon will be of better help to you. Consult one immediately.

Piles of problems

It looks as though I have an incurable group of piles inside my rectum. The fact is that I was told so some time. I was told since that piles started to worry me since I don't see your doctor and discuss this?
Worried boy, Lagos.

If you are suffering from piles it has reached the stage where an operation might be necessary. Why don't you see your doctor and discuss this?

Blood in my urine

Since I was completely cured from a disease I caught from my girlfriend, I have noticed that each time I go to the toilet blood is mixed with my urine. What has gone wrong?
E.E., Enugu.

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DOCTOR DRUM continued

Blood appears in the urine for many reasons, e.g. urinary tract infections, silicosis, but sometimes rarely produces blood in urine. Why don't you see your doctor for a laboratory check-up of your urine. The right type of drugs will certainly be given to you.

I was surprised that my monthly periods started last year while I was just 13 years old. Could this be the reason for the serious pains that had accompanied my periods? **Principal, Aba.**

There is nothing unusual in your starting your periods at the age of 13. Quite a number of females start at 12. Pain during menstruation is very common at your age. It will pass off with time. It doesn't mean there is something wrong with you.

No sex for years

I am 26 years old. For the past six years I have not had sex with anybody. Will this affect my reproductive organ? **Suprema, Calabar.**

Certainly not. But you should start thinking seriously about marriage and sex.

Wife needs help

I am a married man with two children. My great problem is that my third child died a month after birth. My wife has not had a period for over a year. What medicine can she take to enable her to resume the normal periods as soon as possible? **Husband, Maiduguri.**

Breast-feeding certainly disturbs periods. In any case, it is bad to breast feed a child for too long. She should normally resume her menstruation shortly after four months of breast feeding. If she does not, within a reasonable time, consult your doctor.

A sweaty problem

I am suffering from excessive sweating all over my body. Can you help me? **Patrick Anisikov, Abakiliki.**

A lot of factors induce excessive sweating in human beings in absence of the apparent disease, e.g. nervousness, fear, fatigue and mental work. The sweating occurs in these instances most noticeably on the palm of the hands, soles of the feet and on the hand. Your doctor can reassure you.

Unknown illness

What is hydrocoele? **Warried boy, Ipoti-Ekiti.**

Hydrocoele is a collection of water (fluid) usually straw coloured around the testis. Sometimes blood stained fluid is found. It can be cured by a simple operation if handled in time. The operation is simple enough.

My testing time

I have undergone a series of operations to help me become pregnant but to no avail. Can you help me at all? **Hopeful, Enugu.**

I will advise you to consult experts at the teaching hospital, Enugu, for a complete and thorough check-up.



A new column of anecdotes and humour — compiled by young Nigerian writer Dillibe Onyeama.

MUHAMMAD ALI, asked why he disastrouly failed the Mental Arithmetic questions asked by the Army Induction Centre in Florida, 1964:

I was the greatest, the strongest, the most powerful man in the world.

SALAMI COKER, actor from Sierra Leone:

It is so good to be black, you know. Look at me? ... when I sneezes, I'm black. When the sun shines, I'm black. When I'm guilty of something, I'm black. When I die, "Oh Man! He look as the Whites. When he sneezes, they're pink. When the sun shines, they're brown. When they're guilty of something, they're red. And when they die, they turn black.

Anonymous:

If you had a path with an obstacle, it probably leads nowhere.

A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.

OBİ EGBUNA, Black Power author from Nigeria:

When an Englishman comes to any country to see his Britain, he is what they call a British. But when I go to his land to earn my living, I become what they style an immigrant. Problem.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Black American Civil Rights leader:

I want to be the white man's brother, not his brother-in-law.

Anonymous:

He who shouts at an ass is no better than an ass himself.

The day you work makes it the day you meet your in-laws.

DICK GREGORY, Black American comedian:

Last time I was down the Deep South of America I walked into this restaurant, and the white waitress came up to me and said: "we don't serve coloured people here."

I said: "That's all right. I bring me an coloured people."

About that time there three white came in, you know the Klan — and they says "why we're give you the name?"

They says "you do that chicken. That the waitress brought me the chicken and they sold again to this chicken, why anything you do to you?"

So I you down my knife and chicken, and I picked up that chicken, and I kissed it.

A SOUND DECISION



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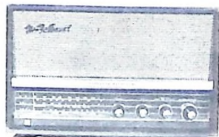
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Dear Dolly

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War-time lover has again captured my heart

I am 28. Before I returned from the war front in 1970 I met my 23 years old sweetheart had got married. I traced my 23 years old sweetheart I saw her on her way to Lagos and fortunately I saw her on her way to the market. After giving her some money, she let me to marry her. She kept her promise and we had promised to visit me. I am very happy because she is still love her but I feel like leaving her because she is married. Please help me.
J. O., Port Harcourt.
You would encourage her to be a good wife to her husband instead of trying to break her home. There are many girls around. Why don't you get one and leave the married ones alone?

My business before his pleasure

I am 19 and a salesman working for my elder brother. He asked me to get married but I do not want to until I start my own business. Please tell me what to do.
Justine, Gboko.
The decision is yours, but I think you are in a financial position hence your brother suggests marriage for a wife for, after all, you are only 19. Hasten to see a wife for.

Tribal differences might mar our marriage

He is 29 and I am 19. We love each other very dearly and we hope to get married soon. We are not of the same tribe and my colleagues keep on telling me that I am a fool to have a non-native as my fiance. I do not like to lose this man so I need your help.
Bibi, Otuorke.
I feel it is only your parents' opinion that should matter in this case. But then many inter-tribal marriages are happy and successful. It all depends on the man and his wife.

Father's wrath has me worried

I am 20 while I am 19. We love each other very much and we hope to get married in future but I am very much worried because of my father's anger. I do not know what to do. When I complain to my boy, he asks me not to worry.
Asie, Otuorke.
Find out from your boy friend what his father has against you before you decide what to do.

Should I give this girl a second chance?

It was when I went home on leave in 1970 that I proposed marriage to the girl I loved. She agreed to marry me and she assured me of her love. When I returned to my station, I was shocked by the contents of her letter. She wrote that she had changed her mind about marrying me so I should look for another girl. Fortunately for me, I am now married to a very good

girl. Late last year, I got a letter from the other girl, begging me to forgive her and take her back because a prophet told her that if she failed to marry me, she would never get another man as good as I. She threatened to kill herself should I reject her. Her people even want me to marry her without paying anything. Please, your help is needed. I am 25 and I cannot marry two women.
R.A.B., Ilorin.

Tell the girl that she has lost her chance. You could tell her people what she did to you and why you cannot marry her now that you are already married.

Runaway wife is a 'tribalist'

My wife is 21 and I am 25. After we had lived together for some time and had a child she ran away with my child and without refunding the dowry that I paid on her. Before then, she had told me that she would not like to marry a man from my tribe. Don't you think she is tribalistic? Please tell me what to do.
Bala, Nigeria.
I don't think that it is because of tribalism that she left you. At least, she knew that you were not of her tribe before you married her. However, look for her and get your child and the refund of the dowry you paid on her.

They scold the girl I love so much

I am in love with a very nice lady. Her parents have now stopped training her because they discovered that she is in love with me. They scold her day in and day out yet she loves me more. Please what do you think I should do about this wonderful love? Should I drop my girl?
D.W.A., Ogoni.
It will be very unfair of you to drop her now that she needs your moral support and besides many men would do anything to have such a sincere and unselfish lover.

Pre-marital sex could ruin my life

I am a student in a secondary school aged 19. My problem is that my mother has married a girl for me and she wants me to be going to bed with her. I do not want to do so as this could disturb my school work. Although the girl is beautiful, I do not like her. Please advise me.
D. M., Port Harcourt.
Your mother, no doubt, means well but you should try to let her see why you cannot carry the responsibilities of a married man yet. Tell her that the girl could stay with her own parents and wait for you to finish your course and get employment.

White woman says she wants my body

I am 20 and working. I live in the same compound with a white couple. The woman likes me very much. She washes my clothes when her husband is not in. The husband likes and trusts me because I can speak French, German and a little English. One day the wife forced me to have sex with her. I really enjoyed her. Now she has promised to buy me a motor cycle if I continue to have sex with her. She even promised to divorce her husband. Do you think she will pay me if I comply?
Jasper, Cotonou.
I am not bothered by whether you are paid or not but by your lack of morals. You wrote that the husband likes and trusts you, yet you are doing this to him. What a traitor! I would advise you to call off this dirty affair before you are found out by the man.

Love has put me in a real fix

I have got myself into a real fix. I am a trader and my girl is a student. I have put her in the family way.

Although we are from the same place, her parents insist that I marry her. I have not informed my parents because they will kill me if they know because they are good christians. Please tell me what to do as the parents of the girl are worrying me.
Let. Like-Ukpo.

You ought to have had your parents' feelings in mind before you had sex with the girl. Whether you like it or not, your parents will find out some day, so why not tell them now?

Wrong finger wears my lover's ring

I am a boy of 24 and in love with a girl of 22. We have promised to get married. She gave me a handkerchief and I gave her a ring. I was surprised to see the very girl ring with my best friend with whom I visit this girl every time. I am very hurt and annoyed. Do you advise that I continue seeing her?
Nyiah, Port Harcourt.
Nyiah, Port Harcourt. Find out from your girl if it is the same ring which you find out from her that you saw with your friend. If she denies give to her that you saw with the one you gave to her, and insist on seeing the one you gave to her, and threaten to leave her if she fails to produce it.

I'm crazy for the man I cannot marry

I am a form five student of 17 in love with a man of 28. We have been in love since when I was in the primary school. Although he is my choice for marriage, it is another man I am going to marry. I have had sex with him several times but I do not want my husband nor other people to know about it. Please advise me what to do.
Dambo, Imo State.
Stop seeing the one you are not going to marry but I hope you haven't lied to your intended husband that you are a virgin?

Cut tooth has ruined my chances of love

I am 16. I love a classmate of mine very much. I wrote to her but her reply was disappointing. She said she does not love me. I think this girl rejected me because one of my teeth is cut and this affects my speech. Please tell me how to win this girl's love.
Ahbi, Abiraka.
Why don't you try your luck elsewhere?

Teenager has given me a dose of VD.

I am 19, in love with a girl of 18 who says she loves me. We have been having sex regularly but recently I caught V.D. from her. I spent about N21 to cure myself. Do you advise that I drop her? Please help before she kills me.
I.O., Aba.
Drop her and tell her to see a doctor.

Father's words cause me a lot of pain

I am 26. I fell in love with a 15 year old girl who is form two this year. We started our love in 1970 and we promised to get married when she finishes her education. While her mother agrees, her father advises me to wait until my girl leaves school before I propose. He won't even take the dowry from me now. My girl is not at rest, so please help. I have spent a lot of money on the girl.
Nelson, Kappa.
I would advise you to take the advice of your girl father.

Married lover knows how to treat me right

I am 22 and my love is a married man of 30. He treats me like his wife. Although many men come to court marriage to me, I do not care for them as I care

PLEASE TURN ON



Dear Dolly

continued

...man. He had sex with a certain girl and because of the snafu we both made, he's confined to me. Please advise me and let me make my own decision but then I do not want to see you this year yet. I am very anxious to hear from you.

Ada, Abu.

At 22, you should be thinking of attaching yourself to a man with whom you have a future — a man who is not yet married.

Does this woman still love me?

I am 30. I married my wife recently. I left my wife with my parents so as to get a better employment than the one I had. My wife left because with the presence that she was ill. She went and lived with another man. When I asked her to join me, she refused. Does this woman love me?

Rezza, Abu.

Her actions do not show that she loves you. Why not have a chat with her so as to know the exact position.

Pregnant words from the girl I adore

I am a boy aged 24. My girlfriend is 21. In fact our love is so deep that I find words inadequate to qualify it. Despite the love we have for each other, she has

agreed that I meet her brother with whom she lives and tell him about her affair. She is now expecting my baby, yet she does not want her brother to know. Further, she wants to abort because she says she is not yet ready to marry. What do you think?

Wanted, Kofia, Maiduguri.

You should really be worried. There is something fishy about this girl. Ask her to be honest with you and tell you her mind. I would, however, advise you not to have hands in terminating the pregnancy.

She loves me more than any other

She is 18 while I am 21. She loves me more than any girl of nowadays can. She left school last year and she is now working. I wish to marry her but she says that she will not marry until she is 25. As for sex, she will not have it until she is married. I am very anxious to marry her before then. Please help me but do not advise me to leave her because I cannot do without her.

Vandekiya, Kano.

Then wait until she is ready.

Living rent-free has problems, too

I am a handsome young man of 21. I am a tenant in a house which belongs to a woman of about 40. I was a virgin before this woman enticed me to have sex. In return, she asked me not to pay my rents and she gave me food and promised to pay for my studies should I wish to further it.

I am now fed up because this woman's sexual demand is taking on my health. My studies is disturbed and she drives away my girlfriend when she comes to visit me. Please help me get out of this trouble.

Rusoma, Zaria.

Quit her house.

How about fixing me up with a girl?

I am 25 and I am studying in Western Germany. I am a married man before I left home but she has now left for a car owner. My parents are against my marrying a foreigner so kindly look for a nice girl for me. I am very anxious to do so but they wrote back to inform me that they have not succeeded.

J. A. Olatunji, Bonn, W. Germany.

Sorry, I cannot help you. There are Nigerian girls here. Why don't you try to hook one?

I'm fed-up because she's ungrateful

I am a 16 year old student of a commercial secondary school. A girl of 18 made me fall in love with her. I fed up with her because she is never grateful when I give her presents. One day, I asked her why she refused that the things I gave to her were beneath her dignity. She explained to her that as a student I could not do more than my pocket money would enable me. Her attitude towards me has since changed and I am no more interested in her. So you advise that I continue with Kisco, Eijhan.

I would not advise you to continue with her. She really too advanced for you and I doubt even if a worker can satisfy her.

Can I force this girl to marry me?

I am 18. I have fallen in love with a girl of 16. I want like to marry her but the problem is she does not agree. Please tell me what I can do to make her marry me.

John, Kaduna.

You cannot force her to marry you. All you can do is to try and win her.

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