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The candles flicker softly across the shadow of a man knelling before a young woman.

The words "Will you marry me?" float into the air.

That romantic notion of a marriage proposal seems to have gone the way of Clark Gable movies.

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ACCORDING TO newly-engaged women, one-the-knee marriage proposals are about as common as bustled wedding gowns.

Proposals come as no surprise to most young women considering marriage.

Most recently-engaged women said marriage proposals are anticipated and expected.

"It wasn't a surprise to either of us," said recently-engaged, Linda Fisher of Bloomfield Hills. "It just seemed kind of natural," she said of her marriage proposal from James Kaltz, also of Bloomfield Hills.

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"YOU TALK about it between you," said Marcy Raschke of West Bloomfield about modern marriage proposals. "The guy doesn't go home and think of it himself."

"I don't think it's a big pop-the-question deal among younger couples," said another 20-year old

woman. "You talk about it before it happens."

Another convention which seems to have fallen out of wedding etiquette is the practice of requesting a woman's hand in marriage from her father.

While many fathers with engaged daughters may still recall with trepidation their speeches before their present father-in-laws, some young couples have bypassed the ritual.

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"I DON'T think anybody does that anymore," said one 17-year-old engaged woman.

"He didn't ask my father, he asked me," said another.

While some traditions may be discontinued among young couples, there are some replacements in the offspring.

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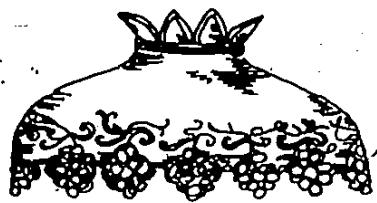
SOME YOUNG observers pointed to the practice of women initiating the marriage proposal.

Although the women might not actually pop the question, they apparently approach the subject of marriage and convey their willingness.

"I've seen it happen," said Miss Raschke. "A girl will bring it up to her boyfriend first and then he asks her."

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