



## Pre-Marriage Agreement - The Answer?

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — One step in ending inequality between men and women may be a pre-marriage agreement — or even a contract — to share the total time spent working on a 50-50 basis.

Brought up as a "talking point" by Kathryn Walker, a leading expert on time spent in household work, a pre-marriage agreement would give newly forming families a way to plan for the workload that comes with marriage and children.

Prof. Walker, reporting at the annual meeting of the American Home Economics Association (AHEA), said her research supported through the N.Y. State of College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, showed heavy family time commitments to work were matched by unequal sharing by husbands and wives.

When job time, household worktime and volunteer worktime are added up, employed wives spend 66 to 75 hours a week and employed husbands spend 57 to 71 hours, she said. The figures vary depending on how many children are living at home and how old they are.

Pointing out that these are conservative estimates of worktime, she asked the nation's home economists "Where is the leisure society we are brainwashed to believe we have?"

Her study of 1,400 rural,

urban and suburban families in New York State showed that employed wives work an hour more each day on the average than their husbands do when all worktime is added up. She said this is true at all stages of married life and regardless of how many children the couple has.

In some kinds of families, men are the ones with longer work hours, the Walker research shows. This is the case in families where the wife is not employed and there are no children or only one child.

Husbands and wives are about equal in worktime in families with two or three children if the wife is not employed.

Whether or not a pre-marriage agreement is chosen by young families, the research results can allow individuals and households to plan the time spent working at all stages of married life in a sensible way, Prof. Walker said.

Noting that such a pre-marriage agreement might be a "good beginning for a share-and-share-alike life," she

added: "If we are to break the cultural trend of certain kinds of work belonging to males and certain kinds belonging to females, the possibilities for change are more likely to come with development of new work roles in the families as they are being formed."

Along with economist William Gauger, Prof. Walker recently completed the first study of its kind on the dollar value of household work. That research had support from the Agricultural Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Gauger reported on its possible impact on GNP (Gross National Product).

### CARD OF THANKS

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to my friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness shown to me during my recent stay in Chowan Hospital. A big "thank you" to Dr. Wright and the wonderful staff of nurses.

MRS. MATTIE NIXON

## Edenton Native Dies In N. J.

Wiley Payton, 84, died last Sunday at New Brunswick, N. J., after a lengthy illness. He was a native of Edenton but resided in New Jersey for about 15 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Maggie Nixon of Edenton; a son, Samuel W. Skinner; two stepdaughters, Catherine Carter and Louise Gaskins; three stepsons, James Brickhouse, Ferman Brickhouse of Edenton and J. Payton of New Brunswick.

A funeral service was held Thursday at New Brunswick

## Recreation Update

### By ROY WINSLOW

#### TENNIS

The Recreation Department is now taking names of boys, girls, men and women who are interested in taking tennis instruction. The session will begin instruction Monday at 8:30 A.M. on the tennis courts. All interested persons come by the municipal building and fill out a participation form for tennis or be at the tennis courts at 8:30 A.M. to register. There will be three times offered, 8:30 A.M., 9:45 A.M. and 11 A.M.

#### HORSE SHOES

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a Horse Shoe Tournament for interested persons in Chowan County on Saturday and Sunday afternoons July 28 and 29 behind the National Guard Armory. This will be a double elimination tournament divided into three classes; boys under 16, men 16 and over and a women's class. In each class there will be singles and doubles competition. There will be a \$1 entry fee for all entries. No class will be held if less than four entries are received for the particular division. Entry deadline will be July 25 at 5 P.M. Interested persons may register at the municipal building or directly with me. Trophies will be given to the winners of singles and doubles in each class.

#### FLAG FOOTBALL

The Edenton Recreation Department is starting its flag football season for boys and adults this fall. There will be three leagues set up, Pee-Wee League for boys 8 and 9 years old, Midget League for boys 10, 11 and 12 and an Adult League for men 18 and over. To be eligible for the boys's leagues, one must be 8 years old by Dec. 31, 1973 and must not be 13 years old before January 1, 1974. Practice for the Pee-Wee and Midget League will begin August 20 at 3 P.M. on the field behind Holmes High School. All persons interested must fill out a participation form and bring it by the municipal building or give it to me. These forms may be picked up from the municipal building or directly from me. For the boys who are interested and live out in the country, we will put you on the same team so that car pools can be arranged. The success of our program depends on your participation, so sign-up now to insure us a successful and enjoyable season.

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This network links the more than 300 public, special, community college, college and university and technical school libraries in the State, providing North Carolinians with almost any type of information they can possibly desire.

Inaugurated in 1968 as the first such telephonic information service in the world, the service has grown enormously, and has been widely imitated. Even though North Carolina has a wealth of library resources, before IN-WATS they had been inaccessible to many, and at times the information was delayed until it was useless. Any individual in the State can now enjoy fast, toll-free service 24 hours a day by making a request from his local library. If the information is unavailable at the local facility, the librarian will take advantage of the statewide IN-WATS system to obtain the answer to the patron's question by relaying it to the IN-WATS network at the State Library in Raleigh.

An automatic answering device records messages during the time the State Library is closed, and relays the information to the staff on the next day of operation. Individuals and planners throughout the State now have access to historical works and publications from any other part of the State, and even further afield, if necessary.

The State Library is able to fill more than 80 per cent of the requests it receives, according to Mrs. Virginia Gibson, Interlibrary Services Network Librarian, with answers gathered and mailed to the patron's home library, usually the same day the request is received.

For the first six months in 1973, IN-WATS received more

than 6500 calls, an average of more than 36 a day.

And the program has been enthusiastically received. "I'm sure there would be quite a few complaints if we tried to take it away now," Mrs. Gibson mentioned. She explained that the three full-time staff librarians, plus other help have to keep well ahead of current events. "We'd better keep ahead if possible," she emphasized with a smile. She explained that they can always expect a flood of calls on whatever is currently in the news. Recent questions have concerned watergate -- and its Biblical references, as well as the upcoming bicentennial --

Department of ART, CULTURE, and HISTORY  
Sam Ragan, Secretary



**MAKES FIRST SOLO FLIGHT**--Marine Sec-Lieut. Clarence A. McCleave, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. McCleave, and husband of the former Miss Deborah Jordan of 125 West Freemason Street, all of Edenton, N. C., made his first solo flight in a Navy aircraft here. Soloing is a major step towards becoming a Naval Aviator.

We are ready to turn our thoughts, once again, to good old summertime.

## Five Participate In Tennis Event

ELIZABETH CITY — Five players from Edenton Recreation Department entered the North Carolina Far East Junior Tennis Tournament held here Friday and Saturday. The event was sanctioned by USLTA.

Robert Hutchinson defeated Bruce White in their match Friday morning, 2-6; 6-2 and 6-1. In an afternoon match with Tom Poston of Elizabeth City, Hutchinson was defeated, 6-0; 6-0.

Dallas Dunbar of Elizabeth City defeated Martin Cross, 6-3; 6-1 and Dunbar went on to defeat Greg Shackelford of Edenton, 6-4; 6-0 and then Poston, 7-6; 6-4 to win the Boys 12 and under division.

Maurice Bunch of Edenton was defeated by Rudy Smithwick of Washington, 6-3; 6-2 in another division.

One of the most important changes in the American economy in this century has been the increase in the proportion of women who work outside the home, according to the U. S. Department of Labor.

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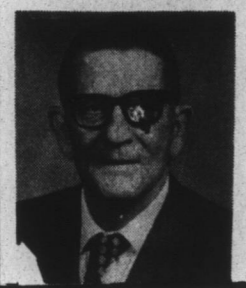
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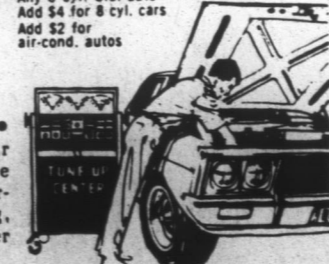
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