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## Working Mothers

### Child-Care Costs May Eat Up Income

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RALEIGH—There is one route between bed and work in the morning that leads hurriedly through a cup of coffee, a newspaper and a couple of sleepy stoplight waits.

But for thousands of North Carolina women, the early-morning ritual is much more involved. They must rouse and feed kids, match small tennis shoes and make a stop at the day-care center.

They are women who work and have small children.

For the parent who might otherwise stay at home with the kids, the early-morning routine costs money as well as time. But the expenses only begin there.

What's left of a working mother's take-home pay is often further whittled by the costs of child care, leaving some mothers only a relatively small net income for their weekly effort.

Mrs. Nilda Uyterhoeven is an electronics assembler. She picks up her three-year-old at a day-care center after work. Day-care costs her about \$25 a week. The added cost of driving amounts

to about \$4 a week.

She doesn't buy extra clothes—"no way," she said. Then she also has the costs of some lunches at work.

Mrs. Uyterhoeven estimates her \$100 salary in the end produces enough to buy the week's groceries, which cost \$45-\$50.

The extra income from her work is "not really much," she said.

The money from working is worth it, according to Rachel Gentry, a stenographer for Air Force ROTC at North Carolina State University.

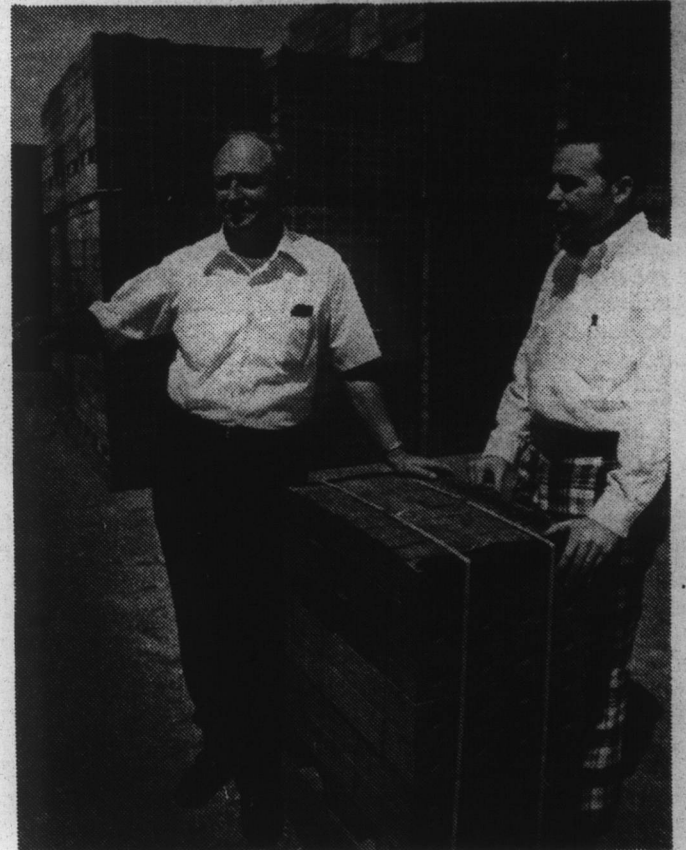
She also has one child, for whom she pays \$32.50 a week for day-care in summer. If she had more children, she'd have to make other arrangements, she said.

"I'd probably find someone in the family," said Mrs. Gentry.

She doesn't have any significant additional transportation costs. Mrs. Gentry buys extra clothes for work but hasn't calculated the costs. She has not hired any additional housekeeping services.

Child-care costs may even reach \$75 a week or more for mothers who pay a housekeeper the minimum wage to keep a child in his own home.

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TRIANGLE BRICK near Durham expects a steady growth in sales this year following the 1974-75 recession. Looking over Triangle's brickyard are president Ted Tysinger [left] and executive vice president Willie Glenn [see story, page 9].

## Pinehurst Investors Given Little Hope

by a Financial Times Writer

Two officials of Pinehurst Mortgage & Loan Corp. were indicted for securities fraud by a Wake County grand jury last week.

The next day, a federal bankruptcy judge in Greensboro told PML investors they might recover only 20% of their \$2.4 million investment in the insolvent company.

Indicted for securities fraud were Pinehurst president Robert P. Kelly III of Southern Pines and former company president Frederick N. Boswell. Kelly, 29, was arrested Tuesday.

Boswell, who has been free on bond since appealing an April mail fraud and conspiracy conviction in federal court in Jackson, Miss., had not been located by late in the week. His whereabouts have been unknown for at least two months, although he reportedly had \$200,000 cash in hand when he disappeared.

More than 600 North Carolinians had invested in high-interest PML securities since 1973. Federal bankruptcy judge Rufus W. Reynolds told investors during a hearing Tuesday there was little hope of recovering most of their money.

"In my opinion, there is no possibility of making it a going, continuing business," said Reynolds in Greensboro. "I hope the trustee can be successful in getting you some money, but some of these properties, you can't expect to get much out of."

John A. Huffines, a court-appointed PML trustee, said the company's losses would likely total about \$2 million.

"We found no evidence that anybody connected with the company was a businessman," said Huffines. He said most of the investors were from the Asheville, Charlotte and Fayetteville areas, where PML had regional offices.

Investors were told their funds would be invested in real estate with a return of up to 9.5%. But the state has charged company officials with pocketing the money or using it to pay off old notes.

The company's assets have been frozen by a superior court order. A few investors who invested money just before the assets were frozen may get their money back, Reynolds said.

The company was prohibited from further financial transactions by a federal judge after it filed for bankruptcy.

## Carolina Compendium

A wrap-up of business and financial news from throughout the Southeastern business community

...North Carolina insurance companies will ask for a 10% increase in automobile liability rates, the North Carolina Automobile Rate Administrative Office said last week. The industry asked Insurance Commissioner John Ingram to drop its earlier request for a 15.9% increase. Several insurance companies also said Ingram's request for detailed

statistics on individual auto charges were unreasonable and would prove cumbersome, complicated and expensive. The companies said some of the statistics are not available. Deputy Insurance Commissioner Byron Tatum called the companies' accusations "ridiculous."

...Cannon Mills Co. has turned down a proposal by Gulf & Western Industries under which G&W would have acquired 20% of Cannon's common stock. Gulf & Western had offered to buy the stock in exchange for 7% of its own subordinated debentures (see story, page 2).

...Raleigh's venerable Sir Walter Hotel may be remodeled and renovated and turned into a convention center. It was reported last week a group of unnamed investors is interested in buying the hotel and adding a new facade, 70 new rooms and an outside elevator. The hotel has recently been used as an office building with no hotel rooms.

...The Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association reported that orders for bedroom, dining room and occasional furniture were up 61.4% for the first four

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