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Marriage and Divorce 1972 in Duplin County

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While we realize that many factors affect the ages of persons entering into marriages and many factors affect the circumstances surrounding divorces, we have prepared this article for our county newspapers because we believe that we have many people in the county who will be interested in this data.

A study of the Duplin County marriage and divorce records clearly show some definite trends:

1- As the average age for the persons entering into marriage has lowered since 1975 when the average age for grooms was 26 and the average age for brides was 23; the divorce rate has taken upward trends.

2- Girls continue to marry younger than do boys.

3- There is a growth in the number of couples obtaining divorces with minor children under age 18. In 1972, 104 couples divorced and 82 of these couples had a total of 165 minor children under age 18. The Duplin County Clerk of Court's office is currently maintaining records on support payments for approximately 144 cases involving minor children. The average support payment is approximately \$53.09.

4- The current records on marriages and divorces contradict the popular belief that persons obtain divorces for the purpose of re-marrying. Out of 324 couples who married in 1972 only 28 grooms and 22 brides had been divorced.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RECORDS FOR DUPLIN COUNTY FOR SELECTED YEARS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES-1976-84; 1900-1959; 1960-1972; 1973-1974; 1975-1976; 1977-1978

NUMBER OF BRIDES UNDER AGE 18-None; 19-1; 20-1; 21-1; 22-1; 23-1; 24-1; 25-1; 26-1; 27-1; 28-1; 29-1; 30-1; 31-1; 32-1; 33-1; 34-1; 35-1; 36-1; 37-1; 38-1; 39-1; 40-1; 41-1; 42-1; 43-1; 44-1; 45-1; 46-1; 47-1; 48-1; 49-1; 50-1; 51-1; 52-1; 53-1; 54-1; 55-1; 56-1; 57-1; 58-1; 59-1; 60-1; 61-1; 62-1; 63-1; 64-1; 65-1; 66-1; 67-1; 68-1; 69-1; 70-1; 71-1; 72-1; 73-1; 74-1; 75-1; 76-1; 77-1; 78-1; 79-1; 80-1; 81-1; 82-1; 83-1; 84-1; 85-1; 86-1; 87-1; 88-1; 89-1; 90-1; 91-1; 92-1; 93-1; 94-1; 95-1; 96-1; 97-1; 98-1; 99-1; 100-1; 101-1; 102-1; 103-1; 104-1; 105-1; 106-1; 107-1; 108-1; 109-1; 110-1; 111-1; 112-1; 113-1; 114-1; 115-1; 116-1; 117-1; 118-1; 119-1; 120-1; 121-1; 122-1; 123-1; 124-1; 125-1; 126-1; 127-1; 128-1; 129-1; 130-1; 131-1; 132-1; 133-1; 134-1; 135-1; 136-1; 137-1; 138-1; 139-1; 140-1; 141-1; 142-1; 143-1; 144-1; 145-1; 146-1; 147-1; 148-1; 149-1; 150-1; 151-1; 152-1; 153-1; 154-1; 155-1; 156-1; 157-1; 158-1; 159-1; 160-1; 161-1; 162-1; 163-1; 164-1; 165-1; 166-1; 167-1; 168-1; 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