

"MAN IS DEFINED AS A
HUMAN BEING AND WOMAN
IS DEFINED AS FEMALE.
WHENEVER SHE TRIES TO
BEHAVE AS A HUMAN BEING
SHE IS ACCUSED OF TRYING
TO EMULATE THE MALE."
SIMONE de BEAUVOIR

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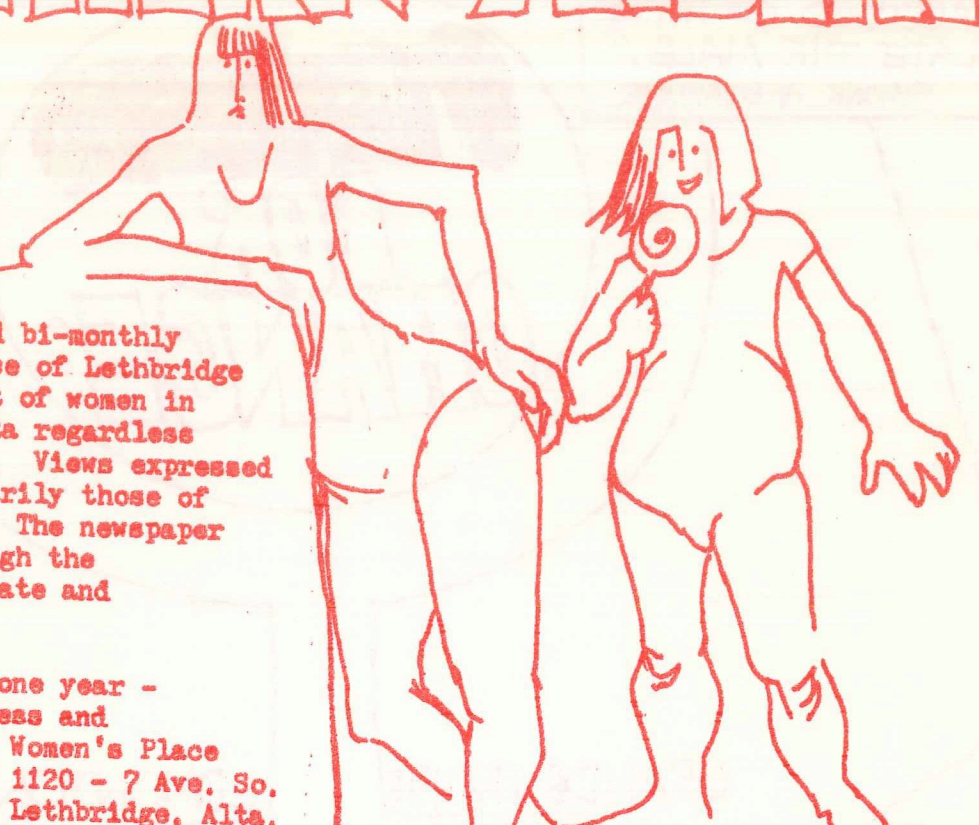
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WORKSHOPS ON IMPROVING THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN ALBERTA

WHAT'S UP IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA?



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Lethbridge, Alta.
Phone - 327-6917

BOARD AT W.P.

At our last general meeting,
Gerta Patson was elected to
the board.

The board members are:

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Welcome to the board, Gerta.

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The Women's Place Board wishes
to thank those who helped with
the March Issue.

COURSE COMMUNICATION



Leader: Dr. T. Alan Parry
Psychologist and
Director of Counselling
University of Lethbridge

Program: Various methods and
unstructured encounters
will be used to enable
couples to get past
unnecessary barriers in
communication with each
other.

Place: Basement of Old Red
Cross Building.
1120 - 7th Ave. So.

Time: Sat., March 20
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sun., March 21
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 P.m.

Cost: \$20.00 per couple

Registrations:
Women's Place,
327-6917
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

ASSERTIVE TRAINING



Leader: Maria Eriksen
Psychologist-
Calgary General Hospital
Coordinator - Calgary
Status of Women Council

Program: Film-Assertiveness
Training for Women
Workshops-Attitudes and
Non-Verbal Behavior
Dealing with Anger.

Place: Basement of Old Red
Cross Building
1120 - 7th Ave. So.

Time: Sat., March 6
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 and bag lunch

Registrations:
Women's Place
327-6917
Monday - Friday
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

A LIFE PLANNING PROGRAM

FOR

HOUSEWIVES AND HOMEMAKERS

Is your life changing through:

children starting school?
children becoming more
independent?
children leaving home?
separation? divorce? death?
unsatisfactory employment?
illness? unhappiness?

How do you want to spend the next 20 or 30 years?

Join a group of women with
similar problems to discuss
goals and ways to reach them.

Focus on Womanhood is a course
led by Jean Kuijt.

Mon., Wed., Fri., 1 - 3 p.m.
for six weeks.

Cost \$10.00

Next session begins March 8th
To Register phone 327-2141
Lethbridge Community College

FOCUS ON WOMANHOOD

STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

Last October, Options for Women, an Edmonton's Women's group, received a grant of \$7,000.00 from the Secretary of State. This grant is being used to put on four regional workshops in Alberta in the following centers: Edmonton, Grand Prairie, Calgary and Lethbridge.

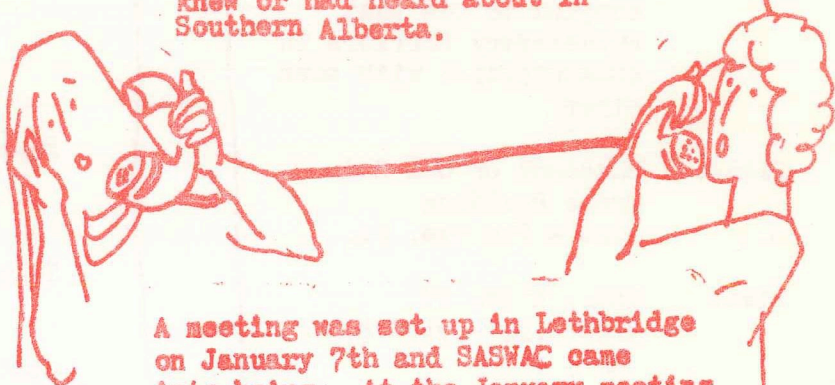
Prior to receiving the grant, a planning meeting was set up in Grand Prairie. Interested women from the four centers were invited to attend, thus forming the Alberta Status of Women Action Committee (ASWAC) which would be responsible for co-ordinating the workshops on a provincial level.

The purpose of each workshop will be to identify the needs of Alberta Women not presently being met through existing government agencies and to gather enough information to write a comprehensive brief to the provincial government concerning structures and agencies that would best meet these needs.

What is Being Done in Southern Alberta

The Southern Alberta Status of Women Action Committee was formed in January subsequent to a very informative talk by Maria Erikson of ASWAC, in December.

Maria explained how ASWAC had been formed and what the purpose of the workshops would be. A small group of interested women in Lethbridge began contacting all the women they knew or had heard about in Southern Alberta.



A meeting was set up in Lethbridge on January 7th and SASWAC came into being. At the January meeting the workshop date was set for March 27th - 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Each member of SASWAC is responsible for contacting people in a specific geographic area and informing them of the workshop and what we hope to accomplish.

Information kits have been compiled by ASWAC and are being sent to interested groups of women. A speakers list has been compiled and speakers are available to any groups who wish to know more about the workshop. Speakers may be obtained by phoning Katharine Russell. Phone - 328-3108

Speakers have already gone out to groups in Lethbridge, Taber and Medicine Hat. In the near future a speaker will visit Orion, and Claresholm.

SASWAC invited Dorothy Richardson of the Human Rights Commission to speak to us about Government Structures. Dorothy gave us a very informative talk and some insight into how the government operates in Alberta. This information has proven to be invaluable in our attempt to define what structure is needed in Alberta. Our speakers are passing on this information to groups who request speakers

Julianne LeGras, also of the Human Rights Commission came to speak to us about what the Human Rights Commission does for Women and gave us some specific facts about issues concerning women.

**WE INVITE YOU ALL TO COME:
SAT MAR. 21 - 9AM - 4:30PM**



FORERUNNER

Calgary Workshop was held at the YWCA in Calgary February 10 - 11. Janice Cain, Jean Kuijt, and Barbara Huston attended as "observer-participants" from Lethbridge. Well informed Resource women presented the pros and cons of various government structures. It was a day of hard but stimulating work and an excellent fore-runner to our Southern Alberta Workshop.

Who Can Participate in The Workshop

Any woman who presently resides in Southern Alberta may participate in the Workshop either as an individual or a spokesman for her organization. We expect that each delegate will have studied the information in the kits so as to be well informed and in a position to make recommendations and decisions.

For information kits, please contact Katharine Russell
Phone 328-3108

We are the nucleus of a support group. We have within our group, experience and knowledge. We have learned by experience.

This can be an opportunity to share, to learn by others' mistakes, and proceed on to make our own way.

No one else can answer our problems. We have to be given the opportunities to find our own solutions...

In the end perhaps we will have the freedom to disagree without endangering the total.

(From the Report of the Western Conference on Opportunities for Women, Vancouver, 1973.)

LAURA SABIA

BT JKUJT

I couldn't have been more excited than when I got the idea of telephoning Laura Sabia and asking her to come to Lethbridge to speak at a Southern Alberta Council of Public Affairs luncheon in March. My excitement built up as I told friends what I was doing - as it took three days to get in touch with her. I re-read the article about her in November Chatelaine. Finally, the phone at Women's Place rang: "We're ready on your call to Ms. Sabia." I told Laura what I was proposing. She sounded so warm and human and real. We obviously spoke the same language.

I told her about the Strategies for Change Workshops we are holding in Alberta. Laura said, "Are you finally going to get an Advisory Council in Alberta? You don't want one do you?" I replied that we really can't say yet - that's what we are meeting about in March. What do you think about Advisory Councils? "Well, in Ontario, we've been trying for years to get changes in the laws and we get nowhere. I feel very strongly that the government has immobilized us by giving us a council and some money to keep us quiet. I think the Federal Government is not even doing as well as the Ontario Government."

Laura ought to know - she got the Federal Advisory Council on the Status of Women going and is now Chairman of the Ontario Advisory Council. According to her "the only council that's getting anywhere is Quebec's."



The women there started with less and have been very active - they have achieved dramatic changes in their abortion laws.

I WIT SET THE CAUSE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS BACK 5 YEARS

How does Laura Sabia regard International Women's Year? "It set the cause of women's rights back 5 years. The government gave us 5 million dollars and told us to have a good time. Now we have our consciousness raised and the men in the government don't have to do a thing."

ELECT A GOVERNMENT THAT'S HALF WOMEN

How can we get the government to pass new laws?

"By electing a government that is half women." But I don't think that will happen in Conservative Alberta. "You know, don't you," says Laura "that women are their own worst enemies. Women have to support one another or they will never get anywhere."

SOUTHERN ALBERTA -
COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MARCH 17th. 12 - 1:30
ERICSON'S RESTAURANT
AURA SABIA: STRATEGIES
FOR CHANGING THE STATUS
OF WOMEN

WOMEN AND CREDIT: THE GREAT CREDITABILITY GAP

What form does credit discrimination take? Here are some examples - all happened to Canadian women in the past three years:

A woman in Ontario, an advertising executive in her late thirties and head of her household, wanted a house for herself and her children, but couldn't get a mortgage without the signature of her 79 - year - old pensioner father.

A large department store told a widow she could have credit only if her 16 - year - old son co-signed for her.

A regularly employed single woman in her early thirties was unable to get a loan to buy a vacation home, despite having cash for a substantial down-payment. Yet her fiancé, a former bankrupt, easily got a loan to buy the same property with a smaller down-payment.

A woman earning \$20,000 a year was told by Diners Club to get the signature of her husband who earned \$7,000 a year less than she did.

COME ONE
COME ALL

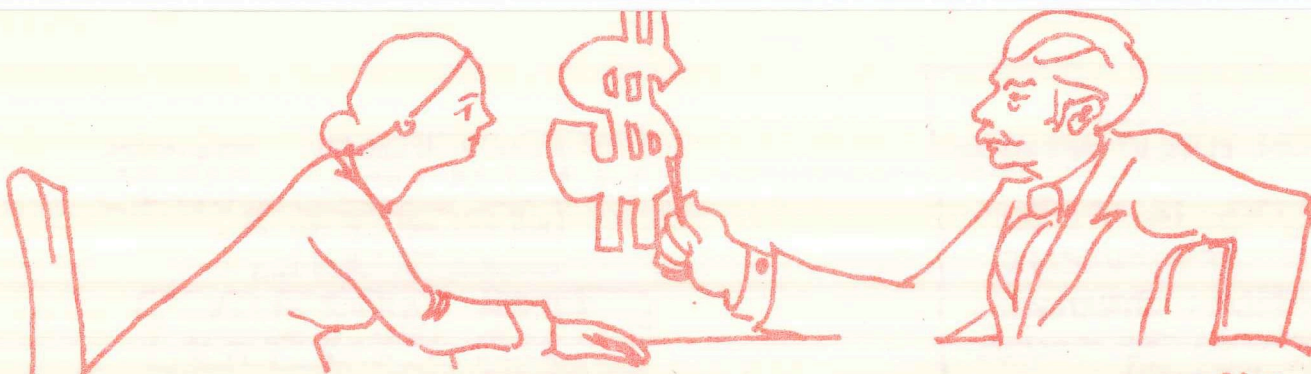
Women and Social Planning Conference

March 18 & 19 - Palliser Hotel
Calgary

Key note Speaker - Laura Sabia

Registration - \$15.00

Strategies for Change:
Dealing with issues and how to
change as an individual,
community and government.



An assistant general manager of the Royal Bank's Toronto branches explains how a woman can tend her credit status.

- a. Women should learn to think like men. If they think they are being discriminated against, they should complain. And if they can't get a loan, they should shop around.
- b. Women have to build their own credit ratings. This they can do by making a friend at the bank, saving over a period of time and asking advice of the bank for savings investment plans. A woman can do this even if she is simply saving out of the housekeeping budget.
- c. A woman should get credit cards or borrow money in her own name. That is the only way she can build up a credit rating for herself.

Then if she is widowed or divorced she will have no trouble (or less trouble) getting credit.

Some banks will now issue a credit card to a housewife in her own name without her husband's signature.



Often while company policy may support the granting of credit to women on the same basis as men, it is someone in the local office who refuses credit. Thus, any woman who is discriminated against can get satisfaction by taking her case higher up.

UNEQUAL PAY

The next time someone asks you: "But what's all the fuss about? What more could you women possible want?" give him (it's apt to be a him) these figures:

The average starting salary for full-time MALE employees of the Alberta government during the period between April 1, 1974 and March 31, 1975 was:

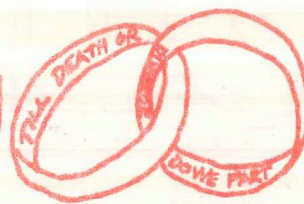
\$9,263

The average starting salary for FEMALE full-time employees of the government during the same period was:

\$6,247

These are the latest statistics obtainable. If you think the situation is improving since then, you are naive. The total amounts may have gone up, but the gap is widening. After all, 11% of \$9,000 is more than 11% of \$6,000, right?

MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY



The Institute of Law Research and Reform was appointed by the provincial government to study the division of matrimonial property, to receive recommendations from people of Alberta, and to report to the government advising them regarding changes in the law.

Results:

MAJORITY REPORT:

- a) that marriage be regarded as a partnership - on dissolution the assets would be divided 50/50. This is the principle of DEFERRED SHARING.
- b) that the law should NOT BE RETROACTIVE (thus we would have two classes of marriages).

MINORITY REPORT:

that the division of property be left to the judges discretion but he should take into account several factors such as: the way the property was acquired, conduct of the partners during the marriage, number of children etc.

A private member's bill was submitted to the legislature last fall supporting the minority report. Although this bill was talked out, it now appears that the government will present a bill this spring ALSO SUPPORTING THE MINORITY REPORT leaving the decision up to the judge's discretion. I personally, have no faith that the judge's discretion will prove more sympathetic to women in the future than it has in the past. I urge all women who are concerned about the division of matrimonial property to speak up now. This is your chance to act. Write a personal, hand-written letter urging the government to SUPPORT THE MAJORITY REPORT of the Institute of Law Research and Reform but to MAKE THE LAW RETROACTIVE to cover all present marriages as well as future ones.

ACT NOW!
WRITE A LETTER IN YOUR
OWN WORDS SAYING
WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT
TO YOU.



SUPPORT

A PLAYET
BY
GUNILLA
MORGAN

FROM CALGARY WOMEN'S NEWSPAPER - JANUARY 1976

Scene:
Large Cocktail Party

Characters:

SHE - middle-aged woman
fresh from the
hairdresser

ME - any woman who calls
herself a feminist

JACK - husband of SHE,
successful doctor



SHE: So you are one of those
women's libbers, eh?

ME: Well, yes....

SHE: So let me tell you
something! I don't want
to burn my bra or work
to support my husband.
I don't care what you
say, it's just ridiculous!

ME: I didn't say you should.
I'm wearing a bra, and I
don't think it's all that
important whether one
does or not. I can be
a feminist just as well
with a bra as without
one. Anyway, nobody
ever did burn a bra, you
know.

SHE: You're kidding, everybody
knows that all those crazy
libbers burn their bras!

ME: No, really. The whole
thing is just a fabrication
by the media. All that
ever happened is that once,
back in the sixties, a
small group of Americans
threatened to burn their

bras as a demonstration,
but they ended up
throwing them in the garbage
can instead.

SHE: Oh, really? Well...
anyway, you are never going
to convince me I should
be supporting my husband.

ME: Maybe you ARE supporting
him already. There are
more than one kind of
support, you know.

SHE: You must be kidding. My
husband is a heart
specialist, and he works
damn hard, I'll have you
know. And I certainly
wouldn't.....

ME: Yes, I know. But tell me,
when did you get married?

SHE: Just before he started
medical school. Next year
will be our twenty-fifth!

ME: Congratulations! But I'd
like to know if you had
a job back then.

SHE: Of course, I had to get
him through medical school
didn't I?

SUPPORT

ME: What did you do?

SHE: I just worked as a secretary. Originally, I had started in Interior Design, but when Jack got accepted at the medical school, of course, we had to move, so I never graduated.

ME: And how many children do you have?

SHE: Three. But now they're all teenagers. It was a bit tough in the beginning - sure, Jack was in his internship and residency, so he was making some money by then, but of course, he was never home! For the first ten years, I don't think those kids knew their father... Anyhow, now that they are older, I have lots more time. But if you are going to suggest...

ME: No, no. - Do you find that your husband has more time to spend with the kids now?

SHE: Are you kidding? Our older daughter is really interested in the violin - she just won a scholarship to Juillard - and I hardly think he's ever heard her play! .. She's fantastic, you know. It really seems worth it now, all that driving her to lessons and encouraging her, and listening to her practice. She...

ME: And do the other two have lots of interests?

SHE: Oh, sure. The house is always full of kids. They do a million things. But you know, they really still need me to help them and encourage them. That's one reason why I like to be home. If you think I should go to work ...

ME: No, I'm not saying that. I think that what you've been doing is work. And you seem to have done both your own and your husband's share of bringing up the children. Isn't that supporting him?



"WHY THAT'S JUST WOMEN'S WORK"

SHE: What do you mean? That's just woman's work, isn't it? Anyhow, even if it weren't for the kids, I'd still be happy at home, just fixing up the old house... We've got this huge old Victorian house, you know. I still really enjoy interior design, so I've done a lot to it. I love poking around in antique shops... Sometimes I help friends out, decorating their homes.

ME: So just looking after the house must take a lot of your time?

SHE: Yes, but I enjoy it. And of course, I do have a cleaning lady once a week. I've been thinking of getting a part-time gardener, too. The garden is getting to be a bit too much for me alone.

ME: What else do you do with your time?

SHE: Well, I write a lot of letters. My husband has a huge family, spread all over - well, except for his mother - she's in a nursing home right here in Calgary. The poor dear, I make a point of visiting her once a week.

ME: Doesn't Jack visit her?

SHE: Oh no, he's far too busy for such things. And since I'm not doing anything, anyway....

ME: What do you mean, not doing anything? It seems to me that you do a lot.

SHE: Oh, you know what I mean - I'm not doing any work, well, except volunteer work, of course.

ME: That too?

SHE: Oh sure. I'm very active in the Heart Fund, and the Philharmonic - that's one thing Jack really enjoys in his spare time, is a concert. I think it's important to keep a good orchestra in Calgary, don't you? But believe me, there's a lot to do!

"I DO ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US..."

ME: I believe you. Without women like you, we wouldn't have a Philharmonic in Calgary. Doesn't Jack do any community work?

SHE: Oh no, he doesn't have time. And he kids me that I do enough for both of us.

ME: Yes, it seems to me that you do his share of lots of things.

SHE: Well, after all, he supports me. And I like being involved in things. I'm with Meals on Wheels, too, and I'm the president of the parents' association at Karen's school. It's rather exciting - right now we're trying to arrange an exchange with a French-speaking school -- I'd love to tell you all about it, but we've been talking for a long time, and it's getting late. Jack is leaving for a medical convention tomorrow, and I haven't packed his suitcase yet.

"WORK" IS ALWAYS EQUATED WITH INCOME IN OUR SOCIETY.

ME: You pack your husband's suitcase?

SHE: Of course I do! Jack hasn't packed a suitcase since we got married. He's really helpless without me. Goodness, when I was in the hospital having my third, he went without socks for three days, because the babysitter had put them in the wrong drawer! - No, I really must go. It's been nice talking to you, but I'm afraid I still don't agree with you. I'm perfectly happy being supported by my husband, and I certainly wouldn't want to start supporting him.

ME: Listen to me for just a minute. You are mistaken in thinking that I'm telling you to go out and get a job. After 20 years, I imagine your skills are pretty rusty. And then, you never completed your training because of having to put him through school. - I just wonder why you say you do nothing when you actually do so much? And doesn't it occur to you that you are supporting your husband as much as he does you, or even more?

SHE: Of course I'm not supporting him, that was just through medical school.

ME: But I'm not thinking of just financial support - there are other ways of supporting someone. It's not just all the unpaid services that you have provided him with over the years - you have also carried all his family obligations for him, all his cultural, social, community obligations... That's what has made it possible for him to get so far in his profession, and to make so much money. Isn't that support?

SHE: That's a funny way of putting it. I've never thought of it that way. Maybe you're right... You know, the worst thing about it is feeling guilty and defensive about not doing anything worth while. I...

JACK: Oh, there you are! I see you're in quite a deep discussion. Converting my wife to women's lib, eh? Ha, ha. But seriously, you know, I do admire some of you girls, thinking and working just like men. But I'm afraid you'll get nowhere with my wife. She'd rather just stay at home and take it easy - wouldn't you, dear?

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THE WORST THING IS FEELING GUILTY AND DEFENSIVE ABOUT NOT DOING ANYTHING WORTHWHILE

MYTHS: WORKING WOMEN

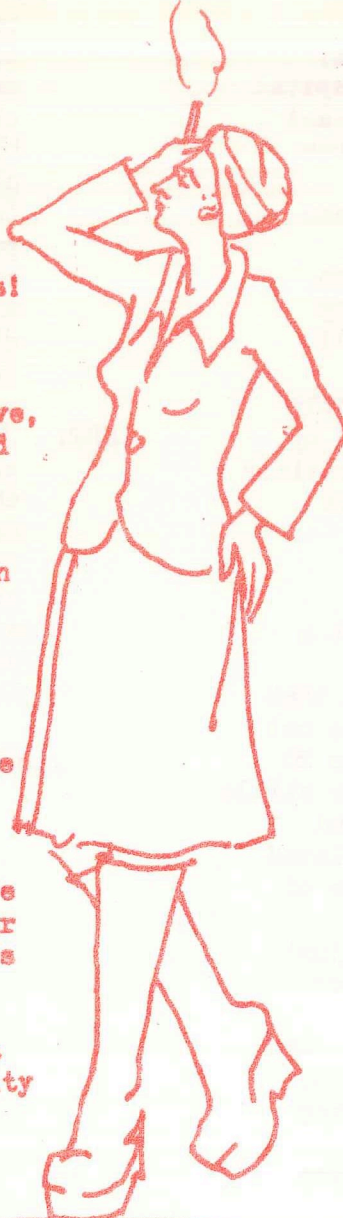
Advertising Media--Marc Lalonde says "Women are portrayed as somewhere between idiotics and infantile."

What of roles of women portrayed by Rhoda, Maude, Mary Tyler Moore? Dingbats!

Equal treatment should be given to equal news: e.g. imagine the attractive, brown-haired, blue-eyed and masculine father of two, appointed president of a University, etc. It is incongruous to describe men in these terms, but it is done to women emphasizing appearances rather than accomplishments.

How many T.V. shows have boys as heroes? How many have girls? T.V. and schools accept that girls want to be married and have a family, but we expect our sons to have a goal besides marriage.

Old Myths about women must be destroyed if the equality legislation is to be effective.



"THERE IS A GOOD PRINCIPLE WHICH HAS CREATED ORDER, LIGHT AND MAN; AND A BAD PRINCIPLE WHICH HAS CREATED CHAOS, DARKNESS AND WOMEN." PYTHAGORAS

Myths

1. Women are not a serious part of the work force. They work for pocket money.
Fact - nearly one half of working women support self or dependents.
2. Women do not work long or are not a stable part of the work force.
Fact - Married women were 56% of the female work force in 1974. These are less likely to change jobs, therefore are stable.
3. Women are absent from work more often than men.
Fact - Women are absent more often but for shorter times. Men less often, but for longer periods of time.
4. Problem children from homes where mothers work.
Fact - The attitude of mother about herself and her work has more influence on the children.
5. Women take jobs from men.
Fact - Number of women in work force is greater than the number of unemployed men.

Today women should be considered on her own merit and not as a member of a family group when applying for a job

TRUE OR FALSE?



What has been happening to eliminate discrimination.
Creative Job Search Techniques Program - Manpower
Department of Manpower and Immigration - special awareness program for women.
Classification system on application forms have included homemaker and voluntary work skills.
Career Path for Support Staff - secretaries helped to administration level.

Issues

1. Job Segregation - women in top positions remain static (1971 -14)
2. Growing gap between men's and women's wages due to bargaining by percentage.
3. Equal pay for equal work needs to be changed to "work of equal value".
Many jobs are not done by both men and women.
Orderly - Nurses' Aid
Caretaker - Cleaner
4. Part-time workers - no benefits - prorate the work so worker can get a percentage of benefits.
5. Flexible hours - on job for "core hours" as long as job is completed and required hours put in over a week.
Allows people to work at own peak.

Work of equal value refers to skills, effort, responsibilities.

Housewives, Married Women

Farmer not allowed to pay own wife for work done on farm.
Western Agricultural Conference - farmers should be allowed to pay wives and wives eligible for Canada Pension Plan.

Women of Uniform defeated resolution that women be paid for farm work on grounds that it conflicted with policy re property division on divorce.

Contracts - outline what each has brought into marriage and how money and property would be divided on dissolution.

Women would have to accept liabilities as well as assets.

Canadian Law Reform Commission - divorced women should be expected to support themselves as soon as possible.
Child support would continue the same.
If divorced person is unable to support themselves, some sort of aid should be available.

Marriage - needs to be re-evaluated in terms of equality because of decreasing birth rate, liberation from traditional family roles, women in work force, and the greater tolerance of individual differences.

MYTH

"WOMEN IS THE LESSER MAN"

ALFRED LORD TENNYSON

LEGAL TIPS FROM JEAN MCBEAN LLB-EDMONTON

BANK ACCOUNTS

Myth:

that the money in a joint bank account belongs to husband and wife equally.

Reality:

courts seem to consider how much each has contributed to the bank account and pay no attention to who does the business for the family.

WEDDING GIFTS

Myth:

that they all belong to the bride.

Reality:

that they belong to the person by whose family or friends they were given.

INHERITANCE

Myth:

That a widow will inherit all of her husband's estate if he wills it to her.

Reality:

If the property has been registered only in his name, she will have to pay approximately 2% of the value of the estate to a lawyer for probate expenses. For a house worth \$60,000 that would come to about \$1200 - somewhat more than the cost of changing the house to both names (about \$100)

NAMES

Myth:

That a person's "legal name" can only be that which was acquired at birth or under the Change of Name Act.

Reality:

Anyone may assume and use any surname provided its use is not calculated to deceive or to inflict pecuniary loss. No formality is required for the assumption of a new surname - it is simply a matter of acquiring a name by reputation and by changing credit cards, legal documents etc. to the new name.

PROPERTY

Myth:

That a property acquired after the marriage belongs equally to husband and wife.

Reality:

Even if the property was purchased from a joint bank account, unless the wife can show that she contributed to the bank account she probably is considered to be half-owner only if the property is owned in both names. If, however, she pays toward the mortgage directly, then even if the property is registered in his name only, she will be acquiring a percentage of the equity.



DOWER RIGHTS

DEBTS

Myth: I
that the Dower Act gives the
wife half-interest in the
family home or homestead.

Reality:
the purpose of the Dower
Act is to ensure that the
wife has adequate accommodation
throughout her lifetime.

Myth : II
that a wife loses her rights
under the Dower Act if she
moves out of the house.

Reality:
if the wife has already
compiled evidence of acts of
her husband's physical or
mental cruelty against her,
then she can temporarily
relocate and bring court
action to have him put out
of the house or to provide
her and the children with
alternate accommodation.

Myth: I
that a husband is
automatically responsible
for his wife's debts.

Reality:
the husband is responsible
for providing his wife and
children with the
"necessities of life" not
for mink coats, diamond rings
and motorcycles.

Myth: II
that a wife is not responsible
for her husband's debts.

Reality:
if she co-signed the loan
for her husband to buy a
hot rod or a motorcycle,
then she is equally liable
for the debt. If her husband
leaves the province, the bank
or finance company can sue
her and garnishee her
wages until the amount is
paid.

NOTE:

I have taken these tips from
the book "MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
LAW IN ALBERTA" by Jean McBean.
LLB-International Self-Counsel
Press, Vancouver, 1975. Any errors
are mine and not Jean's. For
full information, please consult
the original text.

Jean Kuijt



FEEDBACK :

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Julia Daeley
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Hello Girls:

I think of you often and wonder what you are cooking up for UP. Couldn't get in to your January meeting - 65 miles is so far on a winter night. It's also 65 miles back. So I'll be interested in the first issue of your magazine to catch up on the current news and doings.

Are you following CURB's activities? I wanted to get to their meetings too, but so far it hasn't happened.

Since you last saw me, I've had my first trip to England. I had 19 days in London with my son who is teaching over there. Don't get me started or I'll take over the whole magazine! One thing hurt and

puzzled me -- those huge British dailies with all their space, seem to prefer any topic but Canada and Canadians - or Canadian doings. Why? Should I write to the Times and ask them why we are getting the cold shoulder? I have some tentative answers of my own, but I'd like to hear their side of the story first.

As for individual Britishers, I found nothing but courtesy and helpfulness, general good humor and a matter-of-factness about troublesome events that opened my eyes. They really do "get on with the job."

Remind me sometime to tell you about the nightmare trip across Canada and the Atlantic via Air Canada. When I think of it, I shudder, and wonder how we arrived safely.

Happy New Year to all. If you wish to quote from this letter, I don't mind.

Sincerely,
Julia Daeley

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The girls at the University residence greatly appreciate comments about women and Law

Keep up the good work.

Your silent
attentive minority

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HONORE DE BALZAC

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FEEDBACK

CITIZENSHIP BILL C-20

3 To: The Lethbridge Women's Place

Please find enclosed my cheque for \$5 - \$3.00 for a 1 year subscription to UP - your fine newsletter and \$2.00 as a contribution towards your operating expenses of the Women's Place. I would also like to request on behalf of the Legislation Committee of University Women's Club of Lethbridge - that you keep us informed as to any provincial legislation so that we can support legislation to improve the status of women in Alberta, should any be presented.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Sincerely

M. Louise McArthur.

URGENT!

ACTION is still required on Citizenship Bill C-20.

Bill C-20 gives

Canadian mothers an equal right with Canadian fathers to confer citizenship upon their children, and equalizes the residence requirements for aliens married to Canadian women and men, to enable them to become Canadian citizens.

We URGE you to press for immediate passage of Bill C-20.

Write NOW to the Prime Minister and to the Leader of the Opposition, JOE CLARK

30 December 1975



You are now entitled to maternity leave - did you know? The maternity leave bill was one of many that were quickly and quietly given third reading just before Christmas. This means that all (well, practically all) Alberta women employees now have the right to 18 weeks unpaid maternity leave. All the details have not been released yet.

Why did this important milestone go totally unreported in the media? The only way we found out about it was through reading the Hansard.

18 WEEKS LEAVE

