

Better Divorce Laws Sought

The Centennial project of the Parents Without Partners Club in Edmonton is to push for improved divorce legislation.

A brief will be submitted to the Senate Committee on Divorce in March suggesting grounds for divorce in Canada be extended to incurable insanity for more than three years and the marriage having been declared dead by a court

examining committee.

The club is also taking other steps to influence legislation on divorce such as petitions and contacts with similar groups.

SMALL VOICE

Mrs. Dawn Quinlan, president, said: "Even a small voice helps.

"I have a divorce, but for the many who don't the law just isn't fair."

The club is affiliated with the YMCA and Rod Barnes, adult program secretary, is an adviser to the organization.

Members are divorced, widowed and single persons with children. Mrs. Quinlan said over 50 per cent of their membership is separated, one reason for the emphasis on more realistic divorce laws.

The club's 100 members meet every other Friday night at 8 p.m.

Although there are social events for both children and parents, the main aim is to provide speakers to discuss problems of the single parent.

More information about the club can be had from Mr. Barnes at the YMCA.

Young Wife Views Work As Privilege

Husband's Law Practice Just Getting Started

(This is the fifth in a series of articles about Edmonton's young pacesetters—the people who are going places and doing things in 1967.)

Diane Buchanan, wife of a budding lawyer, believes it is a wife's privilege to work in order to help her husband over the rough spots.

Don Buchanan, 29, started his own general practice in December.

Diane gladly went to work as a nurse at the University Hospital, "but I would have resent-

ed it if he had demanded it. When we discussed it I volunteered willingly and I'm happy to work again."

A housewife's life gets to the stage "where all you do is wash the floor so the juice can be spilled on it again."

The mother of two daughters, Ruth, 4, and Susan, 1½, Diane worked as a nurse when the couple were first married.

FINAL EXAMS

She had her first baby the week Don was studying for his final law exams.

Don commented: "I was

probably the only guy studying for final exams in the hospital waiting lounge."

When asked when he got married, Don replied: "In 1962."

"1961, honey," Diane corrected.

After he graduated, Don began working for the firm of Cox and Lefsrud.

As well as practicing law full time here and being a member of the Yukon Bar Association, Don's life is filled with sports.

He curls at the Royal Glenora Club, plays squash twice a week, besides golfing three times a week at the Highlands Golf Club in the summer.

Don used to coach a Northern Alberta Little League baseball team and now is on the executive.

Diane joins him at curling on Sundays in a mixed league and the couple play a lot of bridge socially.

"CHEAP" RECREATION

During their "lean years" when Don was going to school "we found that playing bridge was cheap entertainment," Diane said.

The daughter of Dr. Hal Richard, well-known sportsman, Diane said she was "born with a tennis racquet in my hand, but I never excelled in it."

Diane says Don has found working at his own practice more satisfying than being part of a firm.

"But you have to work a lot harder, too. There are no other lawyers to get advice from and no one to cover for you if you want to take some time off."

There is an immense amount of opportunity for a young lawyer operating his own practice, he says.

By working together and co-operating, the young Edmonton couple feel they have a future filled with opportunities.



MRS. BUCHANAN GOES OFF TO WORK

... husband will take care of children