

Be the Worker Male or Female The Task Remains the Same

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Special Writer

B'ham Man Dutch Consul

A Birmingham resident has been appointed honorary consul for The Netherlands for Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

He is Rodrick K. Duane, who with his wife and four children lives at 1302 Washington Blvd. An attorney, he has offices in the Fenolosa Building in Detroit.

Duane succeeds W. K. von Weiler, who retired in June after serving as Netherlands consul in Detroit for 12 years.

According to W. B. J. M. Lambou, consul general for The Netherlands in Chicago, Duane's appointment was by a royal decree by Queen Juliana.

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Even though most married couples have known all along that "taking on each other's jobs does not mean one loses his identity as a man or woman," it was consoling to read, via print, that two research faculty members from Michigan State University found out the same fact after a thorough study.

"Instead of diminishing one as a female or male, this modern day practice will have the tendency to add richer and deeper meaning to the chores done around the house," they both declared in glowing terms.

Whether one gets "richer" by taking on the trimming and hedging job (as the spouse pushes an electric mower right along beside the knee-worker) is a question

open for discussion. It can be affirmed that the back-bender becomes much dirtier.

LOOKING BACK to the very beginning of married sharing bliss, my spouse never once held negative qualms about "keeping the little lady out of the swim of things. How little it was realized he was far ahead of research teams. (When he learned his wife loved a neat, orderly garage at all times he purchased the biggest, broadest, toughest broom the hardware owned and its hands fitted, perfectly, the female hand.)

And when it was murmured, after a couple of years of living together and seeing how the bedroom walls cried out for a new fresh coat of paint, something to the effect that "painting courses had been taken at school," he declared that if he insisted on following this hobby he'd see to it that I get a brand new roller-kit.

"No wife of mine will struggle with an old-fashioned, heavy paint brush," he added.

It's a tiny bit regrettable that the experts waited this long to make their study of how it's alright for married partners to interchange jobs and not harm one another's personality. The only occasion that any doubts existed about what was proper for a female to tackle was a few summers ago, when on one warm evening, just for fun, the station wagon, standing dirty and muddy in the driveway, was jumped on with a hose, rags and sponge.

"GOLLY, DEAR," was whispered to the mate working his crossword puzzle on the back veranda, "do you think that by my polishing the car will anything to our status around here?" This worried since no other matron had been observed switching clothes against hub caps. Chuckling to give added courage to the enterprise, the crossword puzzle fan insisted that the status would remain "que."

"You go ahead and enjoy your polishing," he said.

To be real honest in their detailed study which this team of professors undertook, I feel they should have, perhaps, mentioned that a few isolated instances do exist when it's imperative that the male employ his unique powers and allow his mate to be a mere silent "helper." Take the laying of basement tile, for instance.

"DARLING," he said when the first load of supplies were hauled down the steps. "If you don't mind, I think I'd be best if we left the plaining of the blocks up to me; when it comes to drawing a straight line you aren't too successful." He did say no harm could come from my handing him the lovely pieces of red and blue tile and that I could mix the glue also.

Also, it was the same way when the paneling was undertaken. "You and a hammer just don't mix too well," and he asked if I recalled the first year of our married life when I was never without a sore thumb.

However, outside of these few occasions—as that team of experts found out recently—there's no reason why a man and wife shouldn't feel quite free in allowing one another to share little jobs around the house.

A woman gets weary of merely doing the same old dishes and beds and floors all year long. Squaring in a few challenging man-sized chores gives a wife quite

an accomplished feeling. But, as the professors insisted, it in no way takes away her femininity. That's consoling, isn't it? Sometimes I get worried about this.

Legal Notices

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 25th day of August, A. D. 1942.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of HENRIETTA M. COHEN, Deceased.

Muriel H. Cohen, having filed a petition praying that an Instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, that said Instrument be admitted to be granted to petitioner, the executor named in said will, and for determination of the legal effect of said instrument.

It is Ordered, that the 15th day of September, A. D. 1942, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that applicant cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt requested, to each of the beneficiaries named in the foregoing will, at least seven days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, on the 25th day of August, A. D. 1942.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MILDRED GROOM McCORMICK, Deceased.

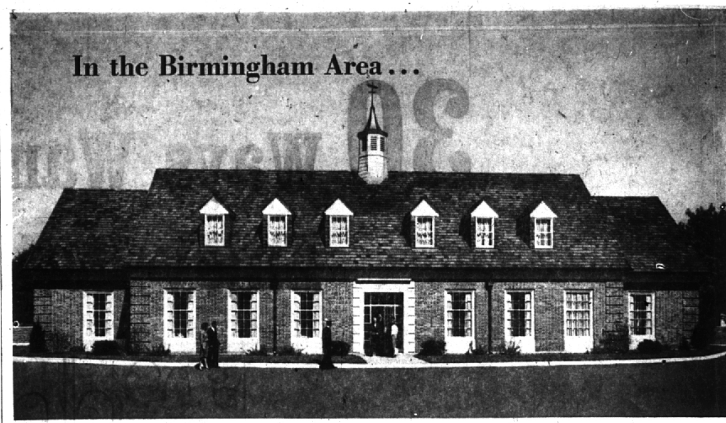
Mildred C. Groom having filed in said Court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to petitioner or to some other suitable person, and for determination of the legal effect of said instrument.

It is Ordered, that the 17th day of September, A. D. 1942, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered, that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail, with return receipt demanded, addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

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