

# Teachers Have It Rougher Than Most People Imagine

"Ahhh. It must be nice to be a teacher and have those long summer vacations all to yourself — three months of fishing, some camping with the kids, maybe a trip—now back to school all rested up. What a life."

Maybe that's what you think, returning to your own daily grind this fall after the annual two-weeks-with-pay vacation.

It's not what teachers think. And it's not quite the way things are. Because of the way things are, more and more teachers are becoming ex-teachers, especially among the male teaching corps.

Let Sam M. Lambert, director of the research division of the National Education Association, tell it:

"THE TYPICAL man teaching in today's schools is both angry and impatient. He thinks he is entitled to a better break in this era of two-car families and electric can openers, and he is.

"He is fed up with working nights, week ends and holidays trying to make ends meet on a teacher's salary. He is tired of sacrificing his family for his profession. While many people are sympathetic, the exodus of talented men from teaching goes on."

Men make up a third of the teaching force in public schools. Most of them are concentrated in the high schools or junior highs.

Eight of every 10 men teachers are married and have two children.

**MORE THAN 65** per cent of the men teachers have to "moonlight" to supplement their incomes. Even more work summers. In a study two years ago, the average income for male teachers was \$5,568.

Working summers and at extra jobs during the school year, they earned an average of \$1,155, but this figure also includes earnings from dividends, rents, and interest. Since most men teachers work in secondary schools, let's stick with that. The average high school teacher puts in 46 hours a week on school work.

Over half of this is spent in the classroom, 20 per cent is spent in duties related to classes (like supervising study hall or working on records or reports, coaching athletics, sponsoring clubs, attending official meetings and the like) and another 29 per cent goes into related work outside of regular working hours (correcting papers, preparing lessons, contacting parents).

**THE TEACHERS** would like to study during the summer to get advanced degrees so they can be better teachers and earn more money at their educational jobs. But many can't afford it. So they work.

During the school year they'd

like to spend more time correcting papers, making individual assessments of the weak points in which some students may need special help. But many can't afford to do it. So they work.

And their wives work, too.

**OF EVERY 10** married teachers, 4 have wives who work. Three of those working wives have full-time jobs. Teachers' wives are found working at a job more frequently than the wives of any other professional group, according to the report.

Quoting figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the report said:

"Of 25 occupational groups shown separately in the BLS study, only two other groups of professional and kindred workers are

great versatility. As with all good shifts deserving of the name, it can go on its own, sleeveless-style, with or without a same-fabric belt.

The shift sometimes turns into a skimmer jumper, a great favorite since it allows the wearer such shown.

**WIVES IN** the labor force were reported by 31.3 per cent of the men in medical and other health work, and by 30.5 per cent of men in other professional, technical and kindred work.

Of the entire labor force of married men in the BLS study, only 34.3 per cent of the men had wives who were also in the labor force, as compared with 41.8 per cent of the men teachers."

Now, about that three month vacation teachers get.

For An appropriate schoolroom look, a blouse is worn . . . the blouse this year that is more of a softened shirt, with a bow-tied platter collar, double-buttoned barrel cuff.

For more good schoolday form, the culotte skirt turns up in a revival of the jump suit for active wear.

It becomes an action dress with a panel-pleated front culotte that allows for plenty of freedom for active sports—bowling, bicycling, or casual wear around campus or around the dorm.

As for fabric and color this fall, the choice is a wide one, ranging from patterned fabrics of plaids and solid color wools that cover the entire color spectrum of brilliants, dark and neutrals.



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