



BUSY HANDS keep girls out of mischief. Left to right are Elize Tribble, Leslie and Hopie Zaccagni and Vicki Tribble. (Observer Photo-Kelly)

With Planning, You Can Enjoy Free Time In Spite Of Junior

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Mother, put down the mop and dream a bit of summer. Think of long leisurely days stretching out peacefully, capped with a marvelous vacation. Don't let Junior interrupt your reverie. Forget he'll be out of school — freewheeling around the house all day, hot, bored and exasperating. Take heart. With planning, you can have both leisure and Junior.

We found several representative families. All are packed with children, but all plan carefully for a summer that's fun for the whole family. The Hal Tribbles of 1975 Maryland Ave. are a Charlotte family with five children, Michael, 16; Nicky, 14; Nina, 13; Vicki, 11; Elize, 6.

They've capitalized on what is often cited the biggest disadvantage of a city. They're surrounded by neighbors. So the neighbors pool resources and time.

Mrs. Jildo Zaccagni of 1266 Maryland Ave. has a basement that is summer headquarters. "And it's a basement, not a playroom," emphasized Mrs. Tribble.

It features an enormous old table, around which lots of children can work. Picture window provides light.

"We keep paper, crayons, glue, stars, old cardboard out of shirts, doll furniture, scissors, and dole them out all summer," said Mrs. Tribble.

When the neighborhood children are hot and tired from being outdoors or on rainy days — it's a perfect place to keep them from under foot and out of trouble.

Other advantages to living in a neighborhood of about nine children, besides the Tribbles' five, are sharing backyard equipment, car-pooling to swimming classes and family get-togethers, where children can play and adults can chat.

Also, the older children plan art exhibits and programs.

"We have nothing to do with these, they put them on and we go," laughs Mrs. Tribble.

The Allen Hobbes live in the county, "where there aren't many children or many facilities like parks," says Mrs. Hobbs.

"We learned the hard way," she laughed. "You just have to plan your summers very carefully, long in advance."

For them, grandparents and the beach are a boon. The family, Stephen, 10; Bill, 8; David 5, and Chuck 2, plan a trip to the beach in June.

Bill will be hustled off to Kentucky for the remainder of the summer to visit his grandparents.

Stephen, who is too old to play around the house in the summer, has a full schedule lined up. He'll be going to the Presbyterian Church Camp,

Camp Stewart, and playing Little League Baseball.

Mrs. James D. Daniels, 1500 Exeter Rd., has four children, Mike, 12; Vicki, 6; Cathy, 4; and Chris 2.

Mike is the Danielses' biggest problem. Keeping him occupied, busy and out of trouble is their big goal.

Athletics is their answer. Mrs. Daniels hopes he'll make the club swimming team, and join golf and tennis clinics.

"I plan to devote the summer to my family," says Mrs. Daniels firmly. "And without any help it means all are going to have to pitch in and do their share so I can be free to do things with them."

All mothers agree that backyard play equipment is a wonderful investment, and that all children should take naps or get some quiet rest in the summer, and that all their suggestions don't make a perfect summer, but a better one.

City's Businessmen Find Little Time For Leisure

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The average Charlotte business executive feels he's too busy for much leisure living.

"We'll just have to get Congress to pass a law for a 48-hour day," was one lamented comment.

Most businessmen say they have none of Webster's dictionary type of leisure — "time free from employment" — but they confess to sneaking off occasionally for a few moments of that they prefer to call recreational pursuits.

A spot check shows business executives like golfing and fishing — apparently in that order.

Take, for instance, James J. Harris, president of James J. Harris & Co.

When he has some free time away from his business, his YMCA, hospital and Queens College work and "trying to operate a farm on the side," he prefers golf.

The mountains have more ap-

peal to Harris than the beach, and he's now completing a swimming pool and fishing facility in the mountains.

Traveling is a form of recreation and the Harris family leaves June 15 for a month's tour of the Midwest and Far West.

Carl McCraw, president of Union National Bank, is a fisherman. He likes to go after 2 to 30-pound snook in the Florida everglades. And he's a golfer.

He finds some time for reading — half business and half pleasure — and he's a moderate television fan, pledging allegiance to the \$64,000 Question program.

Edwin Jones, chairman of J. A. Jones Construction Co., says his work is his leisure and recreation.

"If I didn't enjoy my work," re-remarks, "I'd get out of it."

Jones travels extensively as a part of his business duties and his reading is limited al-

most entirely to business literature. He has no television set and has seen only one baseball game in his lifetime.

Fishing is W. T. Harris' biggest hobby.

As president of the Harris Super Markets, his interests are directed to business, church work and fishing. He has a lake, complete with boat, in back of his home.

Occasionally he finds time for sports — particularly football — and he prefers the beach for vacations.

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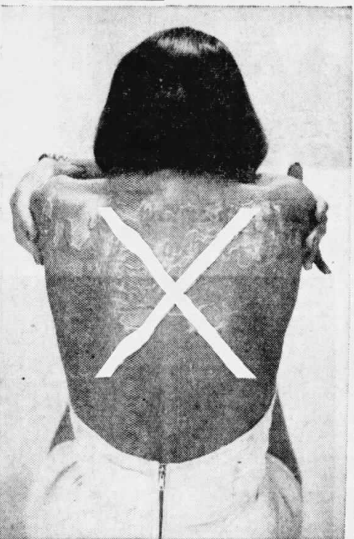
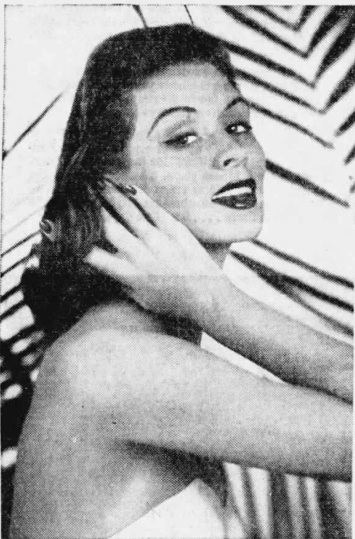
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