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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF DAN L. RICE AND JUDITH A. RICE

Upon The Petition Of
DAN L. RICE,

Petitioner-Appellant,

And Concerning
JUDITH A. RICE,

Respondent-Appellee.

Filed September 25, 1984

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Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Polk County--Theodore H. Miller, Judge.

Petitioner, Dan Rice, appeals from his dissolution decree. AFFIRMED.

Jeffrey G. Flagg, of Flagg, Hockett, Benhart, Bertogli & Jennett, Des Moines, for petitioner-appellant.

Kenneth W. Rittgers, Des Moines, for respondent-appellee.

Heard by Donielson, P.J., and Schlegel and Sackett, JJ.

I. Custody

The trial court awarded the parties joint custody of their two children and awarded physical care of the children to Judith. Dan contends he should have been awarded physical care of the children or that his visitation period should be extended. We disagree. The record reflects that the mother has been the primary caretaker of the children during the marriage. She has a job which is compatible to the children's school schedule. The children are well adjusted and well cared for. We find no reason to disturb the custody award made by the trial court or to increase the ordered visitation.

II. Alimony.

Dan next contends that the trial court should not have awarded Judith alimony. Dan has established himself in the business world during this 19-year marriage; Judith has primarily remained in the home to care for the children. Considering the factors of Code of Iowa 598.21(3) (1983) an award of alimony to Judith is proper and we affirm the award of the trial court.

III. Attorney Fees.

Judith requests attorney fees on appeal. We award her $500 to apply on attorney fees.

AFFIRMED.