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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF JEAN E. BJUSTROM and MERLIN D. BJUSTROM

Upon the Petition of )
JEAN E. BJUSTROM, )
Appellant, ) Filed June 24, 1977
And Concerning, )
MERLIN D. BJUSTROM, ) 25
Appellee. ) 2-57769

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Appeal from Hamilton District Court - Newt Draheim, Judge.

Appeal from economic provisions of marriage dissolution decree. Modified, affirmed, and remanded.

Lund & Chambers, of Webster City, for appellant.

Merlin D. Bjustrom, pro se.

Submitted to Allbee, C.J., and Donielson, Snell, Oxberger and Carter, JJ.

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PER CURIAM

Petitioner, Jean Bjustrom, appeals from provisions of a decree of marriage dissolution concerning division of marital property, lack of alimony, and the amount of child support.

In resolving the issues as trier de novo on appeal, we have examined the entire record, giving weight to the findings of the trial court but not being bound by them. In re Marriage of Novak, 220 N.W.2d 592, 597 (Iowa 1974). We are guided by criteria set out in Schantz v. Schantz, 163 N.W.2d 398, 405 (Iowa 1968), but without consideration of fault, In re Marriage of Williams, 199 N.W.2d 339 (Iowa 1972), in determining if alimony should be awarded and whether the property division was just. Factors considered in setting the level of child support are set forth in In re Marriage of Zoellner, 219 N.W.2d 517, 525 (Iowa 1974).

We conclude trial court's property settlement was equitable under the circumstances peculiar to this case.

We also are satisfied trial court's failure to award Jean alimony was justified under this record. Both parties are gainfully employed, approximately making the same amount in wages, although the evidence indicates Merlin has the greater earning power.

We do find insufficient, however, trial court's award of $75 per month for the support of each child. Merlin has the ability to pay more in light of his earning capacity and the record establishes the need for a larger allowance. Accordingly, we find that the support for each child should be increased to $100 per month.

Except as modified by this opinion, trial court's decree is affirmed. This case is remanded with directions to enter a decree in accordance with this opinion.

Costs on appeal are taxed to respondent.