MISS GLORIA ROBBINS

broken homes are repaired...

Many Homes Salvaged Here
By Domestic Relations Work

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A soft-spoken young counselor who has a way of getting folks to talk about their problems was instrumental last year in helping to get 104 families that seemed doomed for a crackup.

Approximately 420 cases were handled during the year by Miss Gloria Robbins, special assistant to Judge Leroy W. Sands of the Family Court.

"The underlying emotional disturbances in men - support cases are not always directly connected with the economic status of a couple," said Miss Robbins. "Support may be withheld for many reasons."

Poor Rate Reasons

"Usually the factors contributing to family breakdown may be placed under one of four types of problems," according to Miss Robbins. These are: 1) income, 2) sex problems, 3) domestic difficulties and social problems."

"Every possible effort is made to assist complainant in settling their differences without taking them to court," said the domestic relations counselor.

In many instances this can be done by heart-to-heart talks with those who are involved, and by helping them to realize that marriage and raising a family is a partnership affair that requires working together." In some cases, said Miss Robbins, complainants have been convinced that assistance of one kind or another would help a family get on its feet and carry on. In these instances Judge Leroy W. Sands virtually always followed her recommendations in making referrals to social agencies that provided needed assistance.

Adverse Cases Made

Last year 67 complaints of non-support were settled without going to court. In addition to these, 16 cases were dismissed after a court hearing and in 38 cases the complainant said she didn't want to pursue the matter further. In almost all of these, according to Miss Robbins, satisfactory adjustments have been made.

But the domestic relations of families can be tough, too, without legal interventions.