

Mrs. Edward Nixon

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ALDERWOOD MANOR, Wash., Jan. 1 (UPI)—Mrs. Edward Nixon, sister-in-law of the President, says it's "tough" to be left home alone with the couple's two children while her husband is "off being paid to do nothing."

Mrs. Nixon's remarks were made Monday when reporters attempted to interview her husband at the family's suburban Seattle home about consultant fees he was paid in connection with the proposed Nixon library.

She said her husband was not at home.

"I don't want any publicity," she told reporters. "While he's off being paid to do nothing, I'm here alone.

"I'm trying to teach school and I've got two kids. And let me tell you, it's tough.

"I could tell you what he did, but I'm not going to."

Payment of \$21,000 was made to Edward Nixon to find out where the Nixon family would like the library to be located, according to a report made public by the Richard Nixon Foundation in California.

Edward Nixon, a trustee of the foundation, was paid \$1,500 per month for 14 months beginning in December, 1970, to find a location for the library.

Leonard Firestone, president of the foundation, said in Los Angeles Monday that Edward Nixon had reviewed six possible sites across the country and had recommended that a final selection be made from among three locations in Orange County, Calif., where the President began his political career.

Prior to the 1968 election, Edward Nixon held a staff supervisory position with Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Co. After the election, he was offered a federal position in Alaska but he said he turned it down to avoid charges of nepotism.

Currently, he is a Republican state committeeman for Snohomish County and is a partner in the Seattle Kings, a group hoping to obtain a National Football League franchise for Seattle.

When she answered the door Monday, Mrs. Nixon was holding a hammer. She told reporters she felt "like taking this thing and knocking down our newspaper delivery boxes so I won't have to read some of the things they write."

She said she was "sick and tired" of newspaper reports about the President's family. She described the story about her husband's consultant's fees as "an invasion of our privacy."