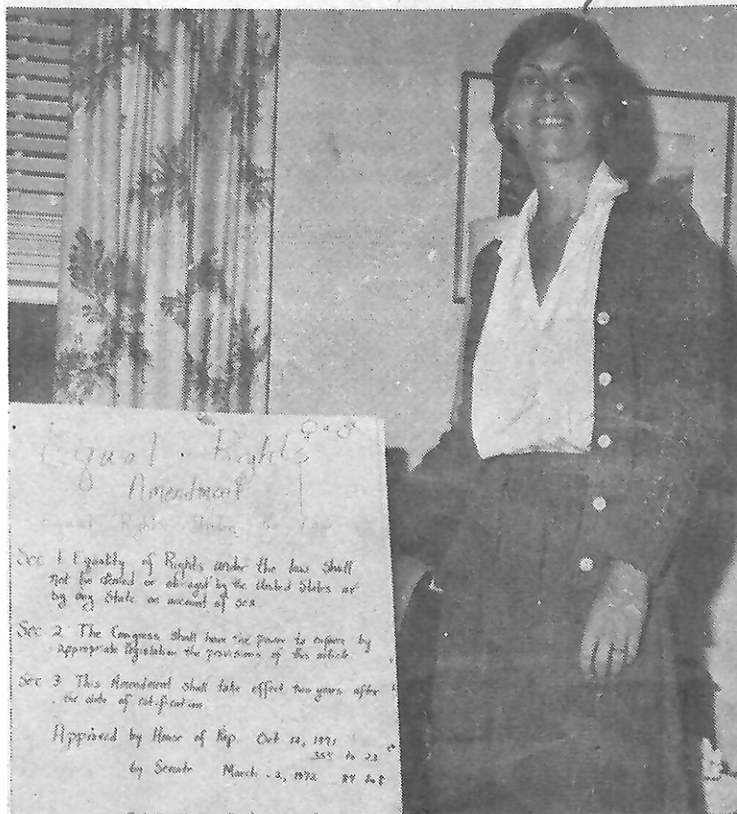


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MS. LEA DICKSON

Lea Dickson wins discrimination suit

Two Stratford, Conn., women coaches have won a sex bias case filed with the U.S. District Court in Bridgeport, Conn.

One of the women coaches is Lea Dickson, daughter of Andy and Noreen Dickson of Gouverneur, who visited Gouverneur recently to explain the Equal Rights Amendment.

The Stratford Board of Education has been ordered by the court to pay Ms. Dickson and Barbara Hall back pay and benefits.

By the court's order, Ms. Dickson, a gym teacher at Bunnell High School, will receive \$1,571 and Ms. Hall, of Stratford High School, will get \$1,234.

In addition, the Stratford BOE must pay \$1,700 to the Connecticut Women's Educational and Legal Fund,

Inc., which supplied attorneys to argue the case.

The two women filed suit after they determined that they were being paid less than half of the salary of their male counterparts in basketball, swimming and softball coaching.

According to the settlement, the Stratford BOE has promised to pay coaches, regardless of their sex, on the same salary schedule for comparable girls and boys sports. Coaches of both sexes would have the same access to facilities, uniforms and equipment.

Legal procedures were started in 1974, the suit was filed in 1976, and finally settled in early December of this year. The landmark legal decision was covered in the December 5 issue of the New York Times.