

Heart Deaths Studied

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Are the washing machine and the vacuum sweeper saving the housewife's heart?

The American Heart Association thinks it is possible. Rome A. Betts, executive director of the association, said that heart disease was killing more men and fewer women in middle age.

The association, he said, was studying the idea that men undergo more tensions and pressures than women.

"The fact that women now have more labor-saving devices in the home is also being considered," Betts said.

Statistics, he said, showed that 25 years ago 245.7 women out of 100,000 population died of heart conditions between the age of 45 and 55.

In 1951, the figure dropped to 203.9 out of 100,000 population. For men, the 1930 figure was 334.8. It rose to 490 in 1951. Betts was one of the speakers at the New York heart assembly convention.