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PRES: William M. [redacted] Full membership \$17 per year. NEWSLETTER EDITORS Helen and Wilma [redacted]
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Hi Folks:

Had a good turn out for the Xmas Party last night. Some of the girls came in Gowns, some in Pants Suit; all looking their best. Sorry for those who couldn't make the party. The girls who were here: Dennie and Michelle Ann from Somerville, Mass., Phyllis and Eileen from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Karen from Clifton Park, N.Y., Agnes from Colonie, N.Y., Pricilla from Scotia, N.Y., Kathy and Rachel Ann from Camellus, N.Y., Winnie from Schenectady, N.Y., Peggy from Schenectady, N.Y., Sandy from Rochester, N.Y., Frances from Henrietta, N.Y., Veronica from Warsaw, N.Y., Joan from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Elanda from Rome, N.Y., Joan from Colonie, N.Y., Susan from Nassau, N.Y., Jamie from Floral Park, N.Y., Joan M. from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Renee from Stratford, Nonn Wilma and I.

The meal for the girls was: Roast fresh ham, Gravy, Mashed potatoes, corn, Butternut squash, rhutabaga, cole slaw, olives, bread and rolls, butter, coff and cake. The cake was made by Elanda who made her delicious German Xmas cake the other cake we had was a sheet cake strawberry filling and loaded with whipped cream . Calories didn't count tonight.

After we cleaned up the table and dishes we were ready for our grab bag. Yes we had a lot of fun with the girls taking away some of the other girls ba Thank you again Pricilla for the jug of maple syrup, I'll think of you all the time I use it.

Jamie the other new name was to be a guest of Janets from N.J. but unfortu nately Janet became ill and couldn't make the trip. Jamie came as a guest by herself.

A big get well wish for Sonya who had a minor operation, and of course it was the reason her and Cynthia had to miss the Party. Sorry they couldn't mak it but I always say your health comes first. Hope you feel better soon Sonya. Was kinda surprised that DeeDee and Vi didn't make it , thought from their note that they were going to make it, after several months absence.

Missed too were Sally and Jean whom we haven't seen in awhile. Do hope you project is coming along good so you may have a little free time to be able to come and visit with us.

There are so many of the girls that we have been seeing pretty regular and then there comes the time when other things take up their time that we don't see them for awhile. We sure do miss all the girls whom we have become good friends with. Maybe 1981 will be a better year for all.

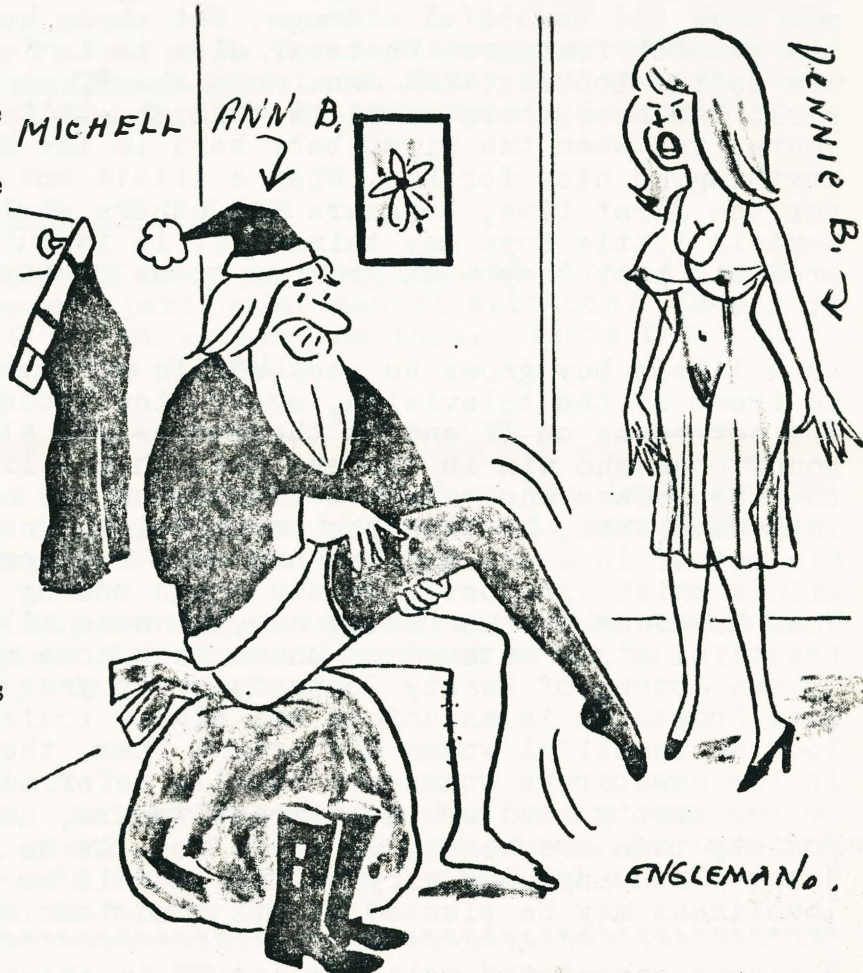
Sorry about the gal who came in Fri. night but got called back home early the next morning. Sorry she had to miss the strawberry eke cake with all the whipped cream. Next time Sis.

Take this time to thank all the girls who have sent us Xmas cards. Sandy and Franses are trying to get a group started in Rochester to help some of the girls up that way to get out and enjoy their cross dressing as they do. I know that they will succeed and make us all happy knowing that someone else cares enough to try to help those that really need help and understanding. You have our best girls.

If you girls go out on New Years be careful and stay healthy and happy so we will see you in 1981.

Happy New Year to all our girls out there.

My Love to all Helen



"You're supposed to fill my stockings with goodies. .!"

W I L M A S V I E W S

SEASONS GREETINGS

Its a good time of the year to extend our special good wishes to you all. With Christmas and New Year only weeks away, it is a time for joy and giving. It is also a good time to spend a few moments reflecting on our blessings and good fortune.

First let us, Helen and I, say Thank You to each one of you, our loyal members. Your support and belief that TVIC could beaworthy organization has made it so. TVIC has played an important part in all of our lives to make us mpre total and effective human beings. Through the help of many we have been able to help many, which was our primary goal since the very first days of TVIC. We have gathered knowledge together and dispersed it wherever it was received. Through this knowledge, we have learned a great deal about ourselves which in turn has precipitated truth and peace of mind.

As individuals, we have asked for some means of expresing what we have felt in our hearts since early childhood. For most of us this wish has been granted at least to some degree. Our struggles have been long and difficult, but at long last we know that we are not alone and through others of like dreams we can now have friends who do understand and accept.

For those of us who have loved ones who have extended their hands in understanding, we give our deepest love in return. We promise to be worthy off this understanding, returning it with empathy through the maturity that we have achieved. For the wives and loved ones who have yet to accept our full personalities because they cannot see us as human beings but rather as masculine beings, we will display the patience necessary to win their favor and acceptance. We are stronger now that we are not alone and through this strength we can overcome not being ourselves when we want to in order to build lasting relationships and wait our turn.

In truth, we have all come a long way these past years through we have a distance to go in order to reach our individual goals. So, in this season of joy, let us be joyful and truly express our appreciation for the blessings we now know to the others around us. To our members throughtout the world we extend our heart felt appreciation for all that you have done. May happiness always be yours in every day and every way of your lives.

Femininely

Helen & Wilma.

SOME REASONS WHY I AM A TV

Women are the beautiful sex. Who can doubt that? Among the birds the malre may have the beautiful plumage, but among human beings it is women who wear the peacock feathers. Whatever else is denied women, no one denies that they are better looking than men. When the first baby born in the New Year is a girl, the newspaper predicts that she will grow up to be Miss America in 20 years; yet when the first baby born in the New Year is a boy, no one predicts anything so nice for him. When a little boy sees his baby sister unwrapped for the first time, he hears the others exclaim "My, isn't she pretty!" Certain little boys may think that it is quite nice to be pretty but mo one predicts that they will grow up to be pretty and it can be a bit confusing at times.

As a little boy grows he sees modls of feminine beauty everywhere. As he sits in front of the television, every nice product is in the hands of a fairlady. The actresses on TV and in the movies are always beautiful, or at least the young ones who win in the end are. When a little boy travels on an airplane, the stewardess who gave him his dinner and a soda is lovely and when he peeks into magazines, he sees the beautiful ladies in the ads. When he walks beside his mother in a supermarket his eyes are level with all the covers of the magazines which are mostly pretty women posing in the prettiest clothes possible. When he rides in the family car, he sees all the billboards with gigantic beautiful girls papered on them. Back home on his TV set he has the opportunity to see dozens of Beauty Contests every year and can easily see that to become Miss Something is an unique and highly praised honor. So, little boys not only look at beautiful women all around them, they hear and read about them too. In the newspapers women are usually referred to as the lovely Miss So and So or the pretty coed or the attractive Mrs, and, ofcourse, all the brides on the society page are beautiful girls too. As he looks in the mirror at himself he doesn't see anything very pretty, but if he looks long enough some seeds of loveliness may be planted in his mind that will never grow away.

Goodness gasped the well dressed TV in the taxicab when her escort's hand slipped under her skirt and between her legs and then moved unhesitatingly up to the heart of her malehood. "This is certainly one of those nights when feelin is running high."

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PARTY DATES:

TVIC holds its parties on the third Saturday of each month. The next three ~~part~~ dates are Jan. 17th - Feb. 21st and March 21st. Please make your reservation known four days in advance of your coming.

SPECIAL NOTE::: Every member who calls or writes that they are coming and don't show, are costing the club \$10. I am very disapointed this month because 8 members made reservation to be present and did not S H O W and the cost the club an extra \$80. As there is a 30 limit for every party I had to turn down 4 members because i had the 30 reservation inn. And as you can read on Helens page only 25 showed up. IN THE FUTU RE any member who makes a reservation and does not show WILL BE CHARGED DOUBLE THE NEXT TIME SHE DOES SHOW. It cost an average of \$10 per person to put on these parties and you are charged only \$7 per party. SO PLEASE don't make a reservation if you are not going to make it. Why a reservation I'm asked. Well because are parties are for members only and there wivvs, and mostly because the right amount of food and extras have to be purchased and prepaired. It's no fun to buy an extra \$50 of food and have to throw it out. Another reason is that no one, member or not will be permitted to enter are home that night unless she is on the reservation list.

N E W M E M B E R S

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of 3 new members this month

DEAN W...Standfordville,N.Y..... CHERIE W... SARATOGA....N.Y.....
PRESILLA W... SCTIA.....N.Y.

We all here at TVIC welcome you nice people and we hope that you will be able to attend some of our parties and get to meet a real nice bunch of people in person.

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

JAN.	1	Robert F	[REDACTED]	JAN..15	William K	[REDACTED]
"	5	Nick G	[REDACTED]	"	16	Glen C
"	6	Leeland R	[REDACTED]	"	18	Eugene M
"	9	Betty B	[REDACTED]	"	21	Allen E
"	10	Elayne W	[REDACTED]	"	22	Gerald H
"	12	Patti F	[REDACTED]			

D I R E C T O R Y

The 1980 membership directory is still available. Members who have not yet received one can send 30¢ in stamps or cash for it.

S P E C I A L T H A N K S

TO Michell Ann B. For the extra printing she done for the club this month.
TO Lee R. for the extra dollars.
TO Charlotte B..Marilyn K..Muriel W..Janice M..for the newspaper articles.
TO Dee Dee W..Connie N..Charlene B..Joan F..Winnie B..Cindy C..Veronica L...
Susan R..Julia L..Terisa H..Paula D..Marilyn K..and Francis G..for the lovely pictures they sent inn.

T H E Q U E S T I O N O F T H E M O N T H

What does feminity mean to you? Does it mean pretty clothes? Does it mean an ideal type of woman? Does it mean a particular mental attitude? Or what? Certainly any member of TVIC has an opinion on this. Please get your answers in early so I can get them in the JOURNAL.

T V C L U B S

ROCHESTE R,N.Y. A group has formed in Rochester and meet on the last Sunday of the month. in the evening. For further information contact: Sandy E [REDACTED] at 716-[REDACTED] or Francis G [REDACTED] at 716-[REDACTED]....

Warren, Ohio: Paradiice Club holds its meetings every other month, usually on the third Saturday in Warren Ohio. For more information write to J. La Faye, [REDACTED] Akron, Ohio. 44313...

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Attendance at TVIC parties in 1980. We had 190 people showup for our ten parties. That an average of 19 per month. Of this 43 were wives..28 came from Mass..17 came from Conn..2 from Florida and 2 fron New Jersey and 151 from New York State. Lets see if we can do better in 1981.

WHAT IS A GARDEN TYPE TV.. As a girl she's an old tomato and as a man he's a dead beet.

November 23, 1980

Dear Wilma,

I found the very curious entry in the new TVIC Journal about the "FRONT PAGE BAR, & Restaurant ..2258 Young Ave..Memphis ..."

It made me wonder what sister in Memphis or who visited Memphis, unknown to me, might have sent in the information behind that listing. Of course, last winter I sent in information then current that appeared in the directory of Golden Gate Girls/Guys, which some TV could have used when visiting.

Anyone who tries to find The Front Page at its true location, the northwest corner of Linden Avenue and Cleveland Street, will find a vacant lot now.

however, 2258 Young Avenue is the address of Buddy's Restaurant, and I guess Buddy's still has a disco too, quite a different location from the site of "The Page." I'm not sure about the status of Buddy's, not having been in there in months, although I did visit it more than once crossdressed. Buddy's has dropped out of listing in the gay paper, which could be a bad sign for crossdressed persons, on the other hand it might mean that it is closer to a conventional restaurant that will still let a TV in. (I have eaten twice en femme in another place that is not a gay place but many gays go there.)

Most if not all of the gay clubs in Memphis will let you in crossdressed. I have never been refused admission to one (although Buddy's, again, once briefly had a no-drag rule). However, surely anyone beginning to go out en femme in Memphis will begin with

GEORGE'S, 600 Marshall Street, and THE FRENCH CONNECTION, 598 Marshall. George's has nightly F.I. shows (about 11:15 P.M. Wed.-Sat., 6:15 P.M. Sun.), and a large disco. The French Connection is a small restaurant and piano bar. Phone 526-1038. Amateur F.I. show Thursday.

I often go to THE PSYCH-OUT, 76 North Cleveland. Small bar and dance floor, both fast and slow music. Largely lesbian, also a few men generally. Sometimes the women take considerable interest in me, other times there isn't much communication. Phone 725-9842.

The successor to the old Front Page is TEN NORTH CLEVELAND, northeast corner of Madison Avenue and Cleveland Street. Bars and disco. I have not been there many times en femme.

list I could other places as well, if you were likely to print a lengthy section. I should mention that the "gay bars" of Memphis generally welcome a broad-spectrum clientele. Some of the most obsessive patrons of George's are heterosexuals.

LOVE TERISA H...MEMPHIS...TENN...

(ED. NOTE. Anyone else who knows where one can go dressed in femme, please let me know and I will publish it.

Dear Wilma:

I started to dress when i was 19 years old...This started when another fellow bet that we could pass as girls at the roller rink.. So the next night we went as two girls and no one ever knew that we were not two real girls..We went there several times and were known as Debbie (me) and Kathy..We also went to dances and had a wonderful time..We were Debbie and Kathy for a long time but then we had to part as we moved to different towns..However I still bought girls clothes and took walks at night, went to shows, to stores, etc One day I went shopping with my lady friend and she bought a dress for herself, then she saw a real pretty blue dress and told me that I would look cute in it.. She didn't know that I was a TV..I said, "Do you think so?" She replied, "I dare you!" So I took the dare. At home I put on the dress and she made me up and said that I made a cute gal..Since then she has been a big help to me and has seen that I have a good supply of everything that is feminine..She named me Shelia Ann. She is here while I am writing this letter. I am ~~are~~ dressed in a black chiffon dress, black high heel shoes, garter belt, panties, bra, slip, make up and a wig. I am now in my forties but still petite, wear a size 7 dress I am 5 feet tall..SHELIA ANN..A..ROCHESTER..N.Y.....



"Even your Mother would not know you, sir."

Dear Wilma;

As I have been wonderfully blessed by Mother Nature with what I think is a lovely figure (36-27-38) I can, with only slight alterations, buy and wear any ready made gown or dress I wish..Being just past 31 I feel that My figure is something to be proud of, and I am, I assure you..I still have the first complete outfit I ever wore in public..What a far cry from the precious gems of nylon and lace I now wear.

In that box of old clothes I came across a letter from one of the land-ladies who had ordered me to move..I was caught by her as I came back into the house all dressed as a young woman..She ordered me out, and being inexperienced I left..A few days later I went over, dressed as a girl again, but with much prettier clothes, a blond wig, and a style of make-up different than I had used..My girl friend did the make up for me, thinking that I was going to a party as a girl, so I looked very different and proved it when I got my clothes from my former landlady..She had no idea who I was and when I told her that I had come for 'his clothes' she wondered if I knew I was taking back a couple of suitcases full of womens clothes..I expressed utter surprise, so she opened them to show me..I told her that I had no idea that he wore womens clothes, but I wondered what he would look like dressed up..The landlady replied that he did not look bad at all, but she couldn't have a young man dressing as a woman in her house or the other tenants would leave!

A few months after that my girl friend found out I wore womens clothes more than once a year..I was wearing a bra and girdle, one stocking, and was just putting on the other stocking when she knocked at the door. When I said, "Yes?", she took it to mean "Come in." And I was caught..She looked dumb-founded at first, but after the shock wore off she agreed with me that I had a cute figure and looked pretty good dresses as a girl..She's the one who taught me all about make-up, dress, color combinations, how to sit, walk and hold my arms like a woman..She drummed it into me so often and for so long a time I would even catch myself walking like a woman when I wasn't dressed as one! It's now a habit.. Love..Joyce

JOYCE...B..BINGHAMTON..N.Y.

Dear Helen:

I took your advice and approached the subject with my wife..Last Saturday night when she went to bed she had on the pajamas so I did what you said to do about the nightie..I said to myself, "This is it!" and I got up and put on one of her nighties, and turned off the light and got back into bed. I put my arm around her and she happened to reach out and felt the nightie."What have you got on?" she said.. "One of your nighties Doll..If you can wear Jamas then I can wear a nightie. "she laughed, kissed me good night, and went to sleep.. Gee, I thought, NO lousy remarks for once..but I was wrong. The next morning when I was slow in getting up she said, Why so lazy, Doll? Does the nighty feel so good that you don't want to take it off? So as it stands I don't know if I made any progress at all.

CARALINE..BINGHAMTON..N.Y.

Last Sunday KAREN G. went to church and at the sermon, the local preacher lectured his congregation on the evils of sex and now planned to dramatically demonstrate the laxness of their morals..Brothers and sisters, he exhorted, upon pain of providential warth I want you all to consider your sinfulness. If there be any female virgins among this gathering, let them stand up now, so that we may honor them.

At first, not a single female arose, but ~~th~~ then a young woman, holding her small child stood up in the back row. You shouted the incredulous cleric..Isn't it true that you're an unwed mother? ~~Riget~~ ^{RIGHT} preacher the young woman replied..But did you expect my six-month-old daughter to stand up all by herself.....



MICHELL ANN B.

"Now where is the other one?"
(why don't you look in the car it might be frozen . WILMA)

Dear Wilma:

Yes dues are due and pay them I shall because I am not dropping out because I waited over 40 years to find a bunch of guys like myself who liked to dress in women's clothes..Now that I've met some, really know some and correspond with many, I'm not about to go back to the locked, guilt-ridden stage that was so wonderful, yet so awful.

Freedom? Yes, I've found freedom now..Physically, I dress, not so often-as I wish to be sure, nor as freely as I'd like..I still follow the rules..Rather freedom in my mind that this awful thing is no longer awful.

I, like everyone else, have talked about, explored, thought about, lived and breathed and spoke and thought some more-TVism to others and it's still a never ending point..Nevertheless, when all is said and done, I can best express the heart of TVism..I just can't see taking something that I have found beautiful, satisfying, expressive and definitely part of me and attempting to deny it's existence.

TVism is my way of life..You can't help yourself, you can't change, you can't fight it, and lastly, if you deny it, you're lying..Only another TV knows the heartaches, the mental doubt and the great satisfaction in dressing, There is nothing like it..Even though I have many non-TV friends who like it, they can only have a degree of empathy..They've never had the whole thrill, the satisfaction, the love of dressing that we have had and do have...

PHILLIS...STATEN ISLAND...N.Y.

It was late afternoon in a small Nevada town and Joe, the owner of the local beer parlor, was lazily polishing glassware when his friend Thomas, obviously agitated, came running in.

JOE, he shouted, get over to your house quick..I just stopped off to see if you were home and I heard a strangers voice in your bedroom..So I looked in the window and there - well, I hate to tell you, but your wife is in bed with another man.

Is that so? Joe replied calmly..What does this guy look like?

Oh, I don't know - he's tall and completely bald..

And did he have a thick red mustache? asked Joe..

Right, right! Thomas yelled..

And did you notice if he had a gold front tooth?

Damnit, man, you're right..

Pouring his friend a beer, Joe remarked philosophically, Must be that jackass Cal Thompson - he'll make love to anything.

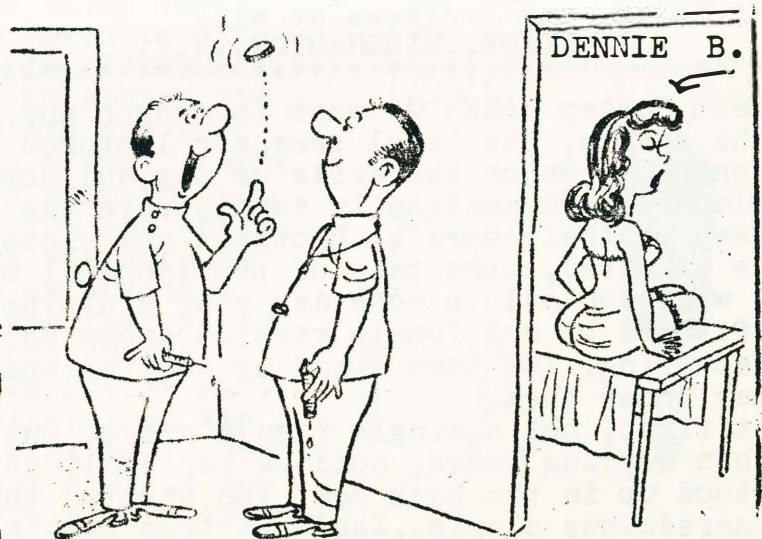
Dear Wilma:

I have learned several facts that I'd like to pass on to other members. First and paramount..YOU'VE GOT TO FIND SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST! Like everyone else for all too long I never breathed a word to anyone..If necessary tell them the whole story..Usually a single woman will be more apt to fall in with your plans and more than likely will offer her help..For over 30 years I worried about where I could keep my things..A box here, one hither, one yon.. This was especially true after marriage and I've had 20 years of that..I just had to find another place, other than my studio..It was then that I told a lady friend the whole thing..Her answer was simply, Bring your things over here..So I did. Too, after ~~ing~~ marrying, I reverted to secrecy..All sorts of ruses were used for both egos..For instance, He had to assert his masculinity and wore a mustache to prove just that..But, conversely, when SHE demanded smooth arms and legs, he gave in and learned that there just weren't any comments..Then there was the matter of photos..All that I had developed myself.. After learning how little the commercial finishers see of the finished product I simply sent mine in..Maybe somewhere down the line a finisher said, BOY WHAT AN UGLY DAME..But I didn't know that, and they weren't ugly to me .SOTHERE, JEAN..PLATSBURGH..N.Y.....

When Columbus decided to set out to sea he said, I'VE A DATE WITH A STRANGE DESTINY..So he sailed up the river and formed the TVIC from the crews of the Nina and the Sants Marie..P.S..The Pinta fell off over the edge..DEE DEE..HARTFORD, COV.

Maybe the reason for TVism is that this is really a womans world..For instance, when a man is born they ask, HOW IS THE MOTHER? When he marries they say, WHAT A LOVELY BRIDE! and when he dies they say, HOW MUCH DID HE LEAVE HER?

My girl friend is Rosie [redacted] from Passion Pit, Pa.. I just [redacted] o play tiddly winks with her cause shes got such cute tiddlies.



"Heads-she's a he; tails-he's a she."

NEWS

Reported by playboy Dec 1980; St. Louis; The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the state of Iowa should have paid Medicaid benefits to a man who underwent a sex change operation. The Iowa Dept. of Social Service had refused to pay for treatment, claiming that it did not qualify as "Medically necessary." The appellate court disagreed: "From this record, it appears that radical sex conversion surgery is the only medical treatment available to relieve or solve the problems of a true transsexual." The decision upheld a district court award of \$3024 in medical payments and \$500 for mental anguish and suffering resulting from the wrongful denial of benefits.

Reported by THE GATEWAY Nov. 1980:

Recently Toni Ann [redacted] won \$775,000 in a court settlement granted by a jury of 8 women and 4 men in the Oakland Tribune and columnist Sidney Jones for an article [redacted] appearing in the Trib in 1977, which referred to past-operative Tina as a "he".

Ms. Diaz charged that the article caused "two years of emotional hell" and that the item by Jones was a "callous invasion of privacy." Jones had written that "the student body president, Toni [redacted], is no lady, but in fact is a man whose real name is Antonio." At the time of the incident Ms. Diaz was the student body president of Alameda College.

The jury, in finding for Ms. [redacted], said the item was not newsworthy and would be "highly offensive to a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities," and that the article was written "with knowledge that it was highly offensive or not."

Of course, the verdict will be appealed. Tribune attorney John Mahoney said the verdicts would be appealed on the grounds, among others, that Diaz was as a matter of law, a public figure and that therefore the newspaper has a right to factual comment about her.

Reported by THE GATEWAY NOV 1980

In the Sept/Oct 1980 issue of Science Digest a column entitled IDENTITY CRISIS provided some small amount of information concerning sex reassignment surgery. In the article Dr. Gene Able, New York State Psychiatric Institute and Dr. Jon K. Meyer of the Johns Hopkins Gender Clinic were quoted concerning their views on reassignment surgery. Dr. Meyer offers the following explanation concerning the cessation of reassignment surgery at John Hopkins.

"After several years of elation, a transsexual may discover a bitter fact. He realizes, in a thousand subtle ways," that he is not, and never will be, a real girl, but is at best a convincing simulated female. Such an adjustment cannot compensate for the tragedy of having lost all chance to be male and of having no way to be really female.

REPORTED BY PLAYBOY DEC. 1980

A man who underwent a sex-change operation faced another reversal recently. The head of the Mother House of the Sisters of Saint John the Divine turned down the transsexual application to become a nun at the Anglican convent, saying "I have enough problems already."

HISTORY

A woman served in the British Army for 52 yrs. without being detected. Her name was Dr. James Barry of Endinburgh (1795 to 1865), granddaughter of a Scottish Earl. As the result of an unfortunate affair, she decided to pose as a man. She entered the Army in 1813, passed through all military grades and rose to rank of General in the Army Medical Corps. She was a redhead with a quarrelsome temper; a successful duelist and described as a most skillful physician and most wayward "Man". She died in London, and not until after her death was the secret of her sex discovered. Not even the servants who had been in close attendance upon her for some 50 years ever suspected her secret.

REPORTED BY NATIONAL ENQUIRER

WORST LAWS:: Don't park your crocodile by a fire hydrant...

Its illegal to peel an orange in a California hotel room???

It is against the law to wear roller skates when you're in a public lavatory in Portland Oregon.

Men in Pine Island, Minn., must under penalty of arrest, remove their hats when they meet a cow.

You are not allowed to fall asleep in a Detroit bathtub.

YOU can not blow your nose in public in Waterville, Maine.

NATCHES, Miss., prohibits the ingesting of beer by elephants.



"I Always wanted a daughter!"

Changing your sex may not be the best Rx

By JUDITH RANDAL
Of The News Washington Bureau

Baltimore—A study by a Johns Hopkins University psychiatrist suggests that men who wish they were women and women who wish they were men do not benefit from sex-change surgery.

Dr. Jon K. Meyer reached this conclusion after interviewing 50 patients who sought the surgery during or before 1971. Comparing the 24 who were operated on with the 26 who were not, he found that both groups were better adjusted than they had been. But he also found that the patients who were not operated on showed more improvement in terms of jobs, educational status and social stability.

Few older than 30

Meyer, director of the Johns Hopkins Sexual Behavioral Consultation Unit, told a news conference that he sees few people older than 30 who wish to change their gender surgically, and that this was also true when his study began.

Growing older seems to make the

difference. Whether surgery is really in the best interests of the patient is debatable, he said. "What is really important is

that at a time of crisis in the patient's life, some kind of therapy is offered. It probably doesn't really matter what."

About 100 to 150 patients whose gender-identity problems are entirely psychological consult Meyer's clinic each year, many of them adolescents brought by their parents, and some of the children are as young as four years old.

Meyer said this is not surprising because human beings distinguish themselves from others in their first 30 months when they also begin to explore their own bodies. If family relationships do not allow these steps to proceed normally, the boy or girl can come to feel that he or she is trapped in the wrong body, he said.

All walks of life

The wish to change sex is not limited to some types of families. "Patients who seek sex-change surgery as adults range all the way from the poor and unemployed to physicians, bank presidents and lawyers," Meyer said.

Men wishing to change their sex outnumber the women, and this goes back to childhood too. Meyer said all children identify with their mothers, "but one of the things boys have to do that girls do not is to give this up if they are to develop normally."



BOYS WILL BE GIRLS All dressed up in the latest fashions, members of the University of Pennsylvania's "Adamant Eve" production got together for an impromptu fashion show in the Wanamaker store yesterday. The first performance of the show, "Adamant Eve," will be given Nov. 17.

GIRL' KEEPS SECRET EVEN WHILE IN JAIL

SAN QUENTIN, Aug. 10 (AP)—After two months in the women's wing of the Imperial County Jail, and one night in California Prison for Women at Tehachapi, "Josephine" Montgomery was rushed to a men's cell at San Quentin prison.

A routine physical examination at Tehachapi disclosed that "Josephine"—34 and a hefty 217 pounds—was a man.

Montgomery was disguised as a woman when arrested. He retained that feminine identity through conviction of strong-arm robbery and all the way to Tehachapi.

Dress ban rescinded

HOUSTON — (UPI) — City Council has rescinded an ordinance prohibiting persons from dressing in clothing of the opposite sex. A federal judge earlier this year ruled the ordinance violated the civil rights of transsexuals who were required to dress in the clothing of the opposite sex before undergoing sex change surgery.

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Prison transfers transsexual inmate

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — (UPI) — Prison officials have moved a young inmate from a men's prison to one for women because of a change in the inmate's sex. They said the Chicago man, serving a year for theft, was 75 per cent of the way through the necessary surgery and hormone treatments in his change to the female sex and had adjustment problems when placed in an all-male work-release program. After a physical examination, he was transferred to Dwight Correctional Centre for Women. Officials said the inmate's final surgery for removal of male sex characteristics would have to wait until the inmate's release in August. The state won't pay for the surgery, but is supplying medication for the inmate's current treatments.

He becomes a policewoman

Bridgeport, Conn. (UPI)—A policeman who underwent a sex-change operation plans to return to duty in about two weeks as a woman.

Chester Collins, a 13-year veteran of the force, said this weekend he has taken the name Mary Collins and will be assigned to a clerical job in the central records division.

"I have to expect some flack," Collins, 37, said. "This is a medical problem. I am not ashamed of what I have done."

Overwhelming desire to be a woman

The Vietnam veteran said he had had an overwhelming desire to be a woman for several years, and decided to change his gender after four years of psychological evaluation and therapy.

He attributed his feelings to a hormone imbalance. "I know how I felt, but I went along and lived with it for years," the officer said.

The father of two children, Collins was divorced by his wife several months ago and now lives with his parents in Bridgeport. He underwent surgery June 13 at a New York City hospital and has been on sick leave. Collins said he talked with Police Superintendent Joseph A. Walsh last week and hopes to return to duty later this month.

Walsh said "Officer Collins has been an excellent police officer, and he is entitled to return to duty if he wishes."

It's a 'He'

'She's' Sent To Wrong Jail

A prisoner held on a stolen mail charge was arraigned twice yesterday . . . once as a woman and once as a man.

When the prisoner first appeared in Manhattan before U. S. Commissioner Edward W. McDonald on a charge of possessing stolen mail, "she" had on a brown print dress, a black cloth coat and wore lipstick, face powder and gold-trimmed horn-rimmed glasses.

Her hair was auburn-tinted. She identified herself as Mary Williams, 35.

McDonald ordered her held in \$500 bail for Grand Jury action, and she was taken to the women's house of detention.

Not long afterwards she was back in court minus the feminine trappings.

An assistant U. S. attorney told McDonald that an examination at the house of detention disclosed she was a man.

The prisoner was re-arraigned under the name of Melvin Wilson and McDonald ordered him held in \$1,500 bail . . . in the men's house of detention.



"If there is one thing I can't stand it's being **STOOD UP** on a date!" CRYSTAL S.

Christine: No Regrets

Now 53, Christine Jorgensen has no regrets about her sex-change surgery that stunned the world almost 27 years ago.

"I think in the early days I had regrets about the publicity. I was a bit of a puritan myself," she said. "I thought it was a pretty strange approach that suddenly everybody was interested in my own human sexuality when they didn't want to talk about their own."

In San Diego to address a sex change symposium Thursday, she said she believes the publicity, though harsh at first, helped her.



Christine Jorgensen

Hint Boy Died Of Suffocation

The death of Donald Keveney, 14, in a refrigerator in his home at 1501 Metropolitan Ave., Parkchester, Bronx, was caused by suffocation, according to Assistant Medical Examiner Israel Michelstein who said yesterday that the finding is tentative, pending results of a chemical analysis.

Because of the frozen condition of the boy's body, Michelstein said it was difficult to determine how long Donald had been in the refrigerator. His body was found there Saturday night dressed in his mother's clothes, hose and high heeled slippers as well as underwear.