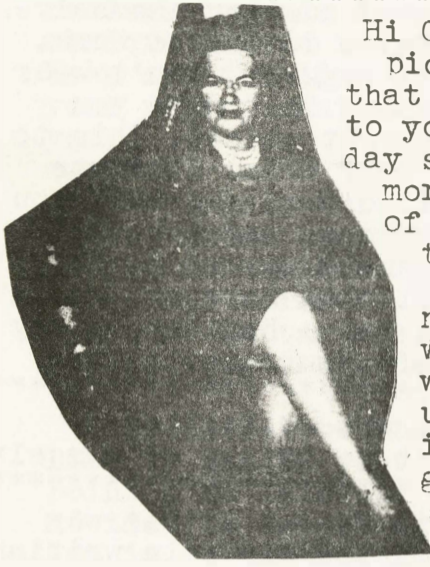


PRES: William M. [redacted] Albany, New York PHONE: [redacted]

NEWSLETTER EDITORS Helen and Wilma [redacted]



Hi Girls: Here is a picture of the gal that has been writing to you for 5 years. One day soon I will put a more recent picture of myself in, as I am today.

I enjoyed last night very much as we had a nice group who came and of course the weather being nice made it a good day for traveling. We had six of the T.V.'s from out of State.

We had 13 T.V.'s, 1 G.G., 2 T.S.'s who have had the operation, and 3 T.S.'s who are going to have the operation.

The girls who made the meeting were Elanda from Rome, Kathy from Syracuse, Lynn from Rochester, Winnie from Schen., Jane from No, Syracuse, Kristine from Saratoga, Joan from Colonie, Janice from Long Island, Pamela from Berne, Andrea from Mt. Vernon, Geraldine from Poultney Vt., Betsy from Boston, Mass., Ariadne from Boston, Mass., Sandy from Belmar, New Jersey, Donna from Greenwich, Conn., Valiance from Newport, Rhode Island, Wilma from the Bronx, and Wilma & I.

Sorry Valiance if I made you wait at the door, but I had to be sure as to who you were, as I had not heard your name mentioned before nor I had never seen you. To me at first you really didn't look like a male, I thought you might be the wife of one of the T.V's and I might have some trouble. Security is a big factor here, as there are some T.V.'s who have to be protected. Besides both Wilma and I cannot afford trouble, we live here.

This is one reason we like to know at least four days ahead who will be here This is by no means an open house.

It is only after you mentioned the name of Wilma from the Bronx, that it came to me that you were a T.V. and not an intruder.

If any of you would like to know what a difference a new wig and high heeled shoes does to a T.V. ask Wilma from the Bronx, because this is the way she came last night and her appearance was so different I asked my Wilma who the new T.V. was, as she answered the door bell. The new wig and heels made Wilma look at least several years younger.

Wilma brought Sonny M. with her as a guest, and we certainly all enjoyed a talk with her. Of course some of the T.V. girls knew her from other places.

We are glad you could make a trip here to visit with us.

Janice, after a long absence seemed to be enjoying herself talking to Kristine and Lynn. Kristine and Jan have had the change, Lynn is in line for hers. So these three had some thing in common.

I have noticed that as time goes by that Kristine is really happy in her new self and slowly becoming a well groomed lady.

Glad to see Gerri from Vermont at the meeting last night. Gerri is at present putting a book together all about T.V.ism and getting the public better educated to accept you in this world of Society.

Our best to you Gerri and may you have great success.

Sorry you didn't make it last night Elaine, as Wilma from The Bronx was looking forward to seeing you, and so was I. Well maybe next month.

To Dennie and Jo we'll forget what you two look like if you miss many more months. Do hope every thing is alright.

A NOTE OF NEWS:

Winnie will present the Dream Show slides and cassette tape of the Sept. affair in Oregon which has been expanded to a full week this year from Sept. 11th. to the 18th.

Pamela looked good after a long absence Glad she could make it as Wilma from the Bronx was asking for her and it was good for the others who know Pam to once again see her and talk with her. It is nice to know that they care enough about one another that it is sheer pleasure when they get together again.

Women look upon their age in a very practical way. It's simply something to hide.

If the truth hurts, it's probably in retaliation.

One of the easiest ways to make a long story short is to hang up.

Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing.

I want you all to know that Wilma is taking organ lessons and maybe by next year she will be able to play some sing along music for all.

The meal for all the girls today was a turkey dinner, dressing, au gratin potatoes, baked macaroni, corn, pickles, olives, pickled cauliflower, cranberries for dessert was Carrot cake and coffee. After dinner we cleaned up and sat and listened to Ariadne talk to the girls all about the Fantasia Affair.

This year they are going to improve on the affair compared to last year. A little bit about the affair. They will have dailey sessions in using cosmetics, hair and wig styling, feminine comportment, body movement, and yoga.

Workshops in Social dancing, voice modulation, the T.V. and his wife. These events and many more. As soon as we get the printed Brochures from Ariadne we are going to mail them out to you so that a good understanding of what will be going on can be studied by you.

I myself think this is a good opportunity for all the girls to get out and do what they have been dreaming so long about. Here is a chance for all to meet one another and enjoy the love of life a lot of you share. A chance to learn to improve on the quality of makeup, the all important art of applying this makeup to make your appearance as a good woman. This is a great chance for those of the T.V.'s who have yet to come out of the closet, those of you who are shy, those who need the helping hand of a friend. So I urge you T.V.'s all over take this Affair offered to you, go and enjoy the kind of life you want Society to accept you in.

The other subject Ariadne talked to us about was a program called T.V.out-reach. This program will be based more on a helping hand to all T.V.'s and T.S.' A little bit about the program.

A list of Lawyers in different States, Doctors, Leaders, will be published so that if a T.V. is read or stopped by a trooper they will have the right to call on these Leaders, or Lawyers for help. More will appear on this Program as we get more Information from Ariadne as the program progresses. This is a program of great importance to all T.V.'s or anyone who does cross dressing and likes to go out in public. Everyone enjoyed listening to Ariadne talk.

Wilma and I do our best to help T.V. thru our own group here, but it is rather difficult to reach all of you, especially those of you who are a great distance away. We know that there are still many of you in the closet, afraid to take that big step foward for fear of being caught or afraid you will not be accepted by the other T.V.'s. This is sheer nonsense as I have seen hundreds of them in my home and no one has yet turned their backs on their Sisters.

The best advice I can give any T.V.'s is to try to dress your age. If your past 30 don't dress as a 16 year old would. A well mannered woman is a well dressed woman. Daytimes do not wear flashy clothes, heavy makeup, this day and age the woman has come away from heavy makeup, their clothes are more on a simple line, cool colors. Mainly try to match colors, by this I mean, If you wear a red dress try

to have your accessories in a matching color, red with perhaps black bag shoes and gloves. or navy blue with red. The less you use different color the better dressed you will be, and a more comfortable person you will feel.

I myself ride a bus to work every day and you would be surprised at the number of women I see who have a brown coat, black shoes, green hat, and still another color bag and gloves. I cringe to think that women consider themselves well dressed going to do Office work.

Another thing I suggest, don't wear tight fitting clothes that make you bulge out in different places. This to me as a slob, it only takes a minute to look in the mirror and see that you have a neat appearance, and ask yourself " How will others see me ". There's an old saying " Clothes make the Woman". Keep this in mind for a healthy, happy outlook on the life you care to live.

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Flattery is the art of telling a person exactly what he thinks of himself.  
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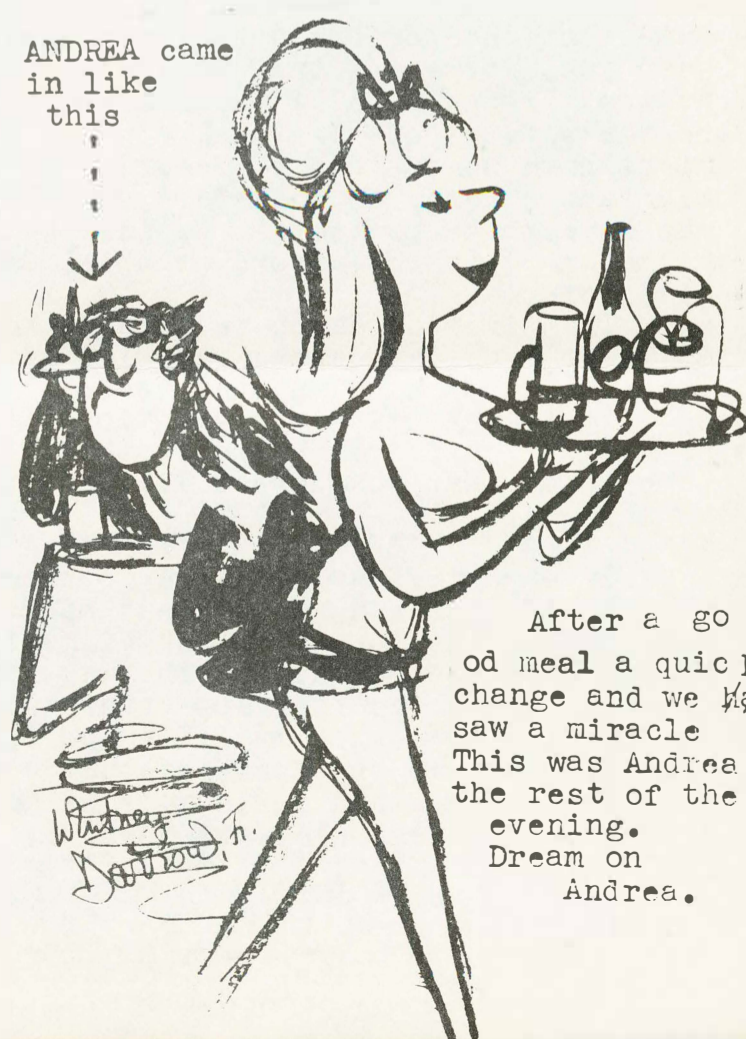
I hope that in my own little way of putting some of the above in writing I was of some help to some T.V.'s who need help and don't know where or how to reach for it.

I will always do my best to make a T.V. feel comfortable, as I know I would want someone to help my Wilma if at sometime I wasn't around and she needed a helping hand.

Last nights group certainly showed that there are still some T.V.'s who enjoy seeing one another from time to time.

I had a poem written to me, but I will put it in next month as my sheet is running out.

All my love to the girls HELEN.



After a good meal a quick change and we saw a miracle This was Andrea the rest of the evening. Dream on Andrea.

# From Our Presidents Pen.....



Since the dawn of journalism, editors have constantly attempted to impress their readers with the idea that the success of any publication which conscientiously tries to serve its readers depends largely upon those same readers active response. The cry has been sounded time and again: This is your paper, what it becomes is up to you.

Certainly this is true of our paper, whose purpose it is to offer a medium for expression of ideas, attitudes, and opinions of you. ~~business~~. It does not matter whether these ideas differ from those held by your editor.

So do let me know what you would like to see in your journal. The point I am laboring to make is simple, no idea is so outrageous, or no opinion is so controversial as to be denied an airing in your paper. I have said it many times ideas do not offend me, but their suppressions or repressions do. This paper can't become the kind of paper we want it to be without your help, in some form or another like a small article, letter to the editor, or a cartoon with a crazy caption. Remember to keep this paper going depends largely on how much help you all are willing to give.

Write me now and let me know your feelings on the paper.

I am happy to say that 36 new members joined TVIC from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st 1975.

Inclosed with this Feb. issue of the TVIC journal you will find the names and addresses of 26 of them. The other 10 do not wish to have their names listed.

Drop each one a little note to say hello, and let them know that you are a member of TVIC.

A few members have suggested that we swap clothing. So if you like this idea, bring that wig you're sick of looking at, also clothes, shoes, etc. you want to swap, sell or give away. Your "oldies" might make another TV happy, and vice versa.

The next member gathering will be  
M A R C H 2 0 t h

Drinking from a glass, a MAN usually looks into the glass; a WOMAN looks over the rim.

A story from F.I. News reports on the successful challenge by John Rodgers of an anti-crossdressing law in Columbus, Ohio. Rodgers took his case through a Municipal Court, a County Court of Appeals, and to the Ohio Supreme Court. According to F.I. News this decision can be used in similar cases in other States--but it does not at all mean cross-dressers no longer have any legal problems!

If you think you can't dress you will not. If you think you can't look as pretty as the next, Well you won't. For out in this world you'll find success begins with a person's will. It's all in the state of mind. If ~~you~~ you think you are outclassed, you are. It's the one who thinks they can get things done the way they want.

Well that's my editorial for this month, not much but I'll try harder next month.

W I L M A

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of ~~six~~ new members this month (four)

Michell - Brockville Ont. Canada	
Joanne -- Glens Falls -- N.Y.	
Jan ----- Sappington --- Mass.	
Donna --- Greenwich ---- Conn.	

We hope to see you new members in the coming months in person. And may you find many ~~fr~~ friends among us.



What do you mean woman of the house! I'm her husband...

# letters to the editor

Dear Wilma;

I am writing this letter in order to straighten out some facts on transsexuals. I have read some letters downing us one in particular which appeared in last month's journal. I am writing this not as an outsider but as a post op transsexual. I have heard or read a lot of people say they don't want to put down this type of surgery BUT ---- and then they not only put down the surgery but also the different individuals who need and want it.

I would like to set the facts straight as follows: (1) To get this surgery you have to go through not only the surgeon but also one or two psychiatric examinations. I have yet to hear of anyone personally or know of anyone surgeon who gets out and begs people to have it. (2) Speaking from my own viewpoint and others whom I personally know, the outlook of life after the operation has improved 100%. They are happy, easy going people who would gladly help anyone requesting it.

A true transsexual (pre-op) is much like any other individual who has an affliction which can be cured by surgery and like these individuals, they seek the surgery which can make their lives worth living.

I would like to make one final observation if I might. I won't say that being a transvestite is wrong nor will I say anyone who dresses as a woman and is aman is crazy. Why then do SOME transvestites turn around and say that transsexuals don't know what they're doing when they obtain a sex change operation. I know what I was doing and I love being a woman.  
Kristine R. [redacted], Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Dear Wilma;

In the spirit of trying to contribute something to the group and *twice journal*, I thought I might jot down a few comments on a subject that interests most TV's and all TS's. The subject in question is Electrolysis.

Now some who may read this have already gone ~~ix~~ through it so they might as well skip the rest of this letter or fill in what I have left out. For those who haven't had the experience and are curious, I'll try to describe my own reactions and experience.

For myself, the battle against the beard began last October with a

visit to the local Gregory System Clinic for a consultation. Actually this turned out to be quite disappointing. The director told me that I had a fairly heavy beard and that she thought it would take a minimum of 150 hours of treatments to clear my face. Now that much treatment translates into \$3000. The only bright spot came when she told me that the large dosage of estrogen I was taking would help a lot to retard regrowth.

So being a TS, and knowing that I really had no choice. I said ok, gave her a check for the first 50 treatments, and was ushered into a booth for my first session. That treatment lasted only a half hour but it seemed to me more like five. The whole time all I could think of was that I was undergoing voluntary torture and paying for it at that. We had decided to start on the second most sensitive area, the upper lip. I have since found that just under the lower lip is the worst. Anyway, by the time the bell rang ending that first treatment, I was to the point of collapse and was having second thought about going through with the whole thing.

Well like the commercial says, "I came back". After this, treatments were extended to 1 hour in length, 3 times a week. After a while ~~you~~ you sort of get used to the pain and it is a little easier to cope with. I did mention ~~to~~ to my doctor ~~how~~ how bad it was and he gave me a prescription for Phenophen - Plus, an antihistamine. Through experimentation I've found that one pill an hour before a treatment and one martini a half hour before makes me just goofy enough not to care about the pain much. What's great is that by the time the treatment is over the effect of the drug and booze are pretty much gone.

One aspect of electrolysis is very disappointing but must be expected. That is regrowth. An area can be clean smooth for a week or more and then all of a sudden hairs start popping out again. Those hairs however are ~~fewer~~ *fewer in number and generally finer in texture* than the previous ones. The good part is that being finer, less current can be used to remove them next time and that means less pain.

I should also mention that this is an excellent opportunity to do something about those untidy eyebrows. Every other session I have my electrologist spend five minutes or so shaping and arching my brows. This way it happens so gradually that people really don't notice that your brows are changing. This is quite helpful when you are still working as a man.

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These have been my own personal experiences and it would be wrong to leave you with the impression that it is the same for everyone. Some have light beards, some have heavy breads, also the amount of pain each person feels is different. Then too there is the question of whether you are taking hormones.

The one caution I would give to anyone starting or considering electrolysis is this. You must want it badly enough to commit yourself to being regular with your treatments and seeing it through to completion. If you don't do this, you are just going to waste a lot of time and money. That old beard will quickly start to re-vest to its former self if you don't keep at it. Just like when you were 13 or 14 and started to shave that peach fuzz which soon turned to sandpaper.

Well I hope these comments on electrolysis are interesting to some and of benefit to others who may be considering it. I haven't seen the topic discussed in the Journal so I thought it might be worthwhile.  
LYNN M. [REDACTED], ROCHESTER, N.Y.

When a DES Moines woman was given a kitten, she decided to call it "Whoopee." She changed the name to "Kitty" after one night of standing on the porch yelling, "Whoopee! Whoopee!!" while all the neighbors turned on their lights.

Dear Wilma:

I would like to comment on Leslie's letter, in that I do agree with her, that hormones do tend to reduce "drive" in me it has, anyway. Of course other factors have helped in ~~red~~ this reduction. I have written to Leslie, to find out more about her answer to complete surgery. I realize that it won't be the answer to all my prayers, nor will it change my life to any great extent, but, I feel that it will give me more peace of mind, and help alleviate my future legal problems that may arise, at least here in Canada, where I can have all documents changed.

Helen, your column, I feel is a help to those wives concerned, those that do not take advantage of the aid that you offer, cannot truly love their spouses, enough to try and understand, and see that it isn't such a bad "thing" after all.  
Jacqueline N., Ont., Canada.

It seems a homeowner phoned the fire department and shouted "come quickly! Our house is on fire." The fireman asked "How do we get there?" The homeowner replied "Can't you use the red Truck?"

ORGAN RECITAL --  
TSS discussing their operations.

Dear Wilma:

One characteristic I have noticed about us is that most of us have a good sense of humor when it comes to our dressing. We know we are not female, we know we are male, yet when dressed we can joke about our situation. I think we see a certain amount of humor in carrying off our deception. All one has to do is to listen to our conversation when we get together in Albany to understand what I mean. It is a good thing, too. Laughter about ourselves relieves much tension and enables us to get a better prospective about dressing. Some of us are to be sure, quite serious about their feminisim, and I do not want to knock them, we shall certainly be serious with them. Being able to laugh with and at ourselves is a wonderful characteristic to have.  
CYNTHIA M. [REDACTED], NORWALK, CONN.

Dear Helen;

How do parents introduce a 27 year old son who has had a sex change operation? Do we say, "This is our son Bob" or, "This is our daughter Roberta"?

We are trying to be broadminded about the whole thing and it hasn't been easy. Please give us some assistance.

Mrs. j.c, Boston, Mass.

Dear Janet:

Since Bob has gone to considerable lengths to be "Roberta", he surely must be dressing in feminine attire. To introduce him as "Bob" would be ludicrous. It seems to me that you are being extremely cooperative and she should help you out ~~by~~ of the tight spot by introducing herself. Or if you think that you must make the introduction, I would say "I would like you to meet Roberta", and let it go at that.  
Helen.

This is lovely  
Kristine R. [REDACTED]  
of  
Balston Spa, N.Y.



As you can see Kristine is getting lovelier every day since she has had her complete sex change operation, and above all much happier. She has been a member of our club since 1969.

If you would like your picture in our Journal, send in a picture.

I will try and put a photo of a member each month in our journal. Do to the printing process our pictures do not come out to well. We try

# State-paid sex change appeal heard

By JOAN MOTYKA

A sex change operation for a 42-year-old "genetic male who has been living and working as a female for the past 17 years" should be paid for by the state, a New York City attorney argued in the Court of Appeals Monday, because the condition constitutes a handicap.

Attorney Yvonne Lewis of Brooklyn said her client, who is referred to as "Denise R.," has been fired from several jobs in dress shops, and though Denise now has another job in a dress shop, Denise fears she will lose it if she is again "found out."

Additionally, Miss Lewis said, Denise might commit suicide if the sex change operation is not forthcoming.

The state, represented by Asst. Atty. Gen. Thomas R. McLoughlin, claimed if Denise's "neuroses" cannot be cured psychiatrically, they cannot be cured cosmetically. He also said the case, if settled in Denise's favor, could open the door to many other similar claims, and that this particular case would cost state taxpayers between \$2,000 and \$6,000.

He argued the sex change operation is not a "medical necessity," and would merely finance Denise's "living out of a fantasy of being a woman."

The case is brought against former New York City Social Services Commissioner Jule M. Sugarman and former state Department of Social Services Commissioner Abe Lavine, who denied Denise's request for funding.

Their denials were later upheld by a state Supreme Court justice in Kings County, but the Appellate Division afterwards ruled the law does not

restrict Medicaid financing to cure "purely physical problems."

The questions raised by the court revolved around the necessity of the operation. Chief Justice Charles Breitler asked if Denise's "severe pathological" problems could be cured by the operation or whether the operation would merely be a "surgical placebo."

Miss Lewis argued Denise would be cured by the operation and McLaughlin continually stressed psychiatric treatment would be available.

Miss Lewis also noted that there was no place in the country where Denise could get the operation free of charge and said the operation, if paid for by the state, could be done in New York City.



## CHANGES SEX AND LOSES JOB!

Carol Lynn Voyles, known also as Charles F. Voyles before he underwent sex change surgery March 4th, recently appeared at a San Francisco Federal Court where she filed suit to try to get back a hospital job she claimed she lost because of the sex change. Miss Voyles, 30, was married recently but would not disclose her married name. A spokesman for Franklin Hospital claimed the plaintiff would upset some of the patients who knew her when she was a male.

## Ann Landers



Now she'll have to shop for two

**Dear Ann Landers:** I came home from a trip two days early. When I walked into the apartment I found my husband dressed in my best evening gown. He was wearing my fanciest jewelry, also my wig. When I tell you I nearly died of the shock, you can believe it.

Without saying a word, he handed me a column of yours that appeared a few years back. "This will explain everything," he said, and left the room.

Here is the column, but it doesn't "explain everything." Please add some words I can hang on to while I'm trying to keep my sanity.

MARGE

**Dear Ann:** A nice young man was arrested recently because he was wearing women's clothing while sitting in a public park. Someone started a fight with him and he flattened the guy.

As a fashion historian I can tell you that everything women wear today was once worn by males. Even corsets. During the Crusades, when men donned suits of armor they had to wear heavy undergarments to protect their bodies against the chafing of the metal.

Christopher Columbus wore bloomers and long stockings. George Washington wore lace blouses and carried a silk handkerchief in his sleeve. He also wore a ribbon in his hair. Men's high heels are not new. They go back to the French Revolution. Even in the bird kingdom the male's plumage is fancier than the female's. The peacock is the best example.

So please, Ann, tell your readers that before they classify a person as "peculiar" they should stop and consider the possibility that he may be a man ahead of his time.

F.H.

**Dear Marge:** Your husband may well be "a man ahead of his time" but for now you must accept the fact that he is a transvestite.

Some behavioral specialists say all transvestites are practicing homosexuals. Others say they are not, that they get their jollies dressing up, and that's as far as they go.

You offer no information about your husband's habits, his friends, how long you've been married or whether you could tolerate this sort of thing if he dressed up only at home.

I hope you discuss this matter with a therapist before you make any decisions. I'm not suggesting that your husband accompany you for counseling because transvestites aren't interested in changing. The best you can expect is that he will agree not to appear in drag in your presence, if you ask him not to.

## I'm a Girl, Says Con, Seeking Sex Change

Hartford, May 5 (AP)—Karlton W. Hudson may become the nation's first prison inmate to have a sex-change operation as a form of rehabilitation, according to Connecticut Corrections Commissioner John R. Manson.

Hudson, 25, is serving a six-year sentence at Somers maximum security prison on two counts of indecent assault.

He began taking the female hormone estrogen from a physician at Mount Sinai Hospital here last year and now has fully developed breasts, rounded hips and a high-pitched voice.

### Think He's a Woman

"The other inmates think of him as a woman," said Manson, adding that Hudson's appearance and actions are disruptive to the rest of the prison population. Hudson is segregated from the other prisoners, he said.

Hudson, who lived as a female under the assumed name Tina most of his life, said the segregation is unfair because he can't participate in most prison programs.

"I can't be put into the population because I'm Tina Hudson, a transsexual, and they don't know what to do with me," he said.

Hudson claimed four years ago in an unsuccessful federal suit that his classification as a "homosexual psychopath" caused prison administrators to discriminate against him.

Hudson's request to marry an-

other inmate in 1972 was denied. Both were paroled briefly last year but are now in separate prisons serving out their sentences as parole violators.

"My mother brought me up as Tina. I'm Tina now and I'll always be Tina. I was born a freak of nature, I guess. My sister is a lesbian, just the opposite of me. She should have been born a man and I should have been born a woman," Hudson said.

"I have this problem, like all women do. I flirt a lot, with guards and inmates, but it's playful. I don't mean anything by it. I'm not here to find a man. I just want to serve my time and get out."

I WENT to pick up some film I had left the day before at a photo-processing store. The clerk told me it wasn't ready. I asked her why not, and pointed to a prominent sign: "24-Hour Service." "Oh, that's true," she said. "But that means three eight-hour days."

Contributed by William W. Perkins