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Hi Girls;

We had a nice little turn out last night. There was 14 members in all with 3 wives. They were Ellen J. & Yevonne P. from Poughkeepsie, N.Y. - Dennie & Michelle B. from Sommerville, Mass. - Elnader M. from Rome, N.Y. - Winnie B. from Schenectady, N.Y. - Joan H., Alice & dot G. from Coline, N.Y. - Pam - Percilla W. from Scotia, N.Y. - Jamie M. from Long Island, N.Y.

The meal for the girls was Baked Ham - mashed potatoes & gravy - green bean casserole - peas - corn - cole slow - hot rolls - butter - cake & coffee.

Pam here for the first time brought a delicious cheese cake that she had made herself.

It was an easy planned meal as both Wilma and I were sick for over a week. We are still not really ourselves yet, but thanks God that everything went along fine.

My thanks to the girls for their help and my special thanks to Dennie for cleaning up.

You know when you do not feel good you do not really know whether to cancel a part or not. As some of the girls really look forward to this one weekend a month to dress and be with the other girls, The girls kept up a steady stream of conversation about all topics, most of them left by 12:30 so it wasn't too bad.

Most of the TV's we know well are delightful people. People we would enjoy knowing whatever the circumstances of our introduction. Cross-dressers come in all sizes and shapes and degrees of TVism and our friends are no exception. Some when dressed could pass anywhere and others are content to look their best at parties and seem to have little desire to go out.

The wives range from those who refuse to have anything to do with transvestism, though the majority of us ~~are~~ are tolerant but not inthusiastic, to a few who wholeheartedly support and encourage their husbands.

An evening spent with one or a group of TV's is very pleasant and the conversation ranges over many subjects, We descuse books, movies, baseball, engineering, clothes, make-up, recipes, cooking, the state of the world, what makes a TV and all the great many other things any social group talks about.

My concern as a wife is to find ways to deepen the understanding between TV's and their wives by airing some of the little things. For if you can remove the small, tiresome pearls of understanding mat result. I am convinced that transvestism is harmless, that it has nothing to do with homosexuality and that if it gives a TV pleasure he should be able to indulge in it in moderation.

Moderation is the joker in that statement. Too mant TV's seem to go from furtive dressing once a month or at even longer intervales, to dressing severa times a week regularly. How much of this change comes from reading about others who go out dressed all the time and from meeting other TV's who do so, and how much is natural evolution is hard to say, since no 2 TV'S are alike.

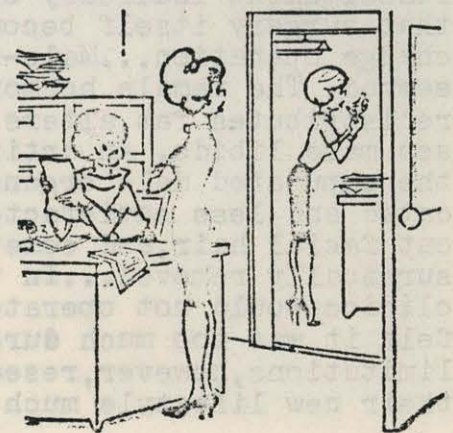
However, very few wives really like constant dressing on the part of their husbands. We married you because you were a nice person and a man - in short a husband. Had we wanted a "sister" or a "roommate" we would have found anothe girl.

Untill next month, all my love

H E L E N



"I HOPE THE CHIEF ISNT CHICKEN OR ALL THE ENGINEERS WILL HAVE TO GO BACK TO SHIRTS & PANTS"



"BOB SAYS HE WANTS A HAND IN MAKING POLICY AND THINKS HE'LL MAKE FASTER PROGRESS THIS WAY."

"...but, what would happen if the boss came back from his trip a day EARLY?"

WHAT MAKES A PERSON WANT TO SWITCH SEXES?

Not all "cross dressers," are satisfied just to wear feminine finery and assume female mannerisms. Many men and women have long harbored deepseated ambivalences—even disgust—about their sex. They're often described as a person with the mind of one sex "trapped" in the body of the other sex. They are not transvestites; they are transsexuals. The ultimate manifestation of this inexplicable syndrome is a ~~strong~~ compulsion to alter the body to conform to the mind... Sex transformation; A half-century ago, it was little more than a science-fiction notion. Today it is a proliferating reality, available to anybody—male or female—with enough determination and money. And it is a controversial subject for exploitation articles and medical symposia... Yet the tantalizing question lingers. What is it like—really like—to cross that magical line separating man from woman??? The only people who know are those who have done it, and not many of them want anybody to find out. They are teachers and students, doctors and sociopaths, hookers and preachers, athletes and strippers, executives and bums. A few are relatives of prominent show business and political figures... With a few conspicuous exceptions, several thousand American transsexuals have started new lives and faded into obscurity... No-so-mundane realities raised by transsexuals will keep lawyers, legislators, sexologists, and moralists arguing for a long time... More generally, is there anything fundamentally wrong—morally, socially, scientifically—with the whole concept of gender engineering? Through hormones and cosmetic surgery can alter the visible evidence of a person's sex, there is something profound that such measures cannot touch. Apply them to someone who did not fervently desire to change his gender, and the result would not be a sex change but a grossly mutilated man or woman... History is laced with reports of folks who disliked the sex they born with. Phila describes Romans who so craved "complete transformation into women" that they castrated themselves. "Eonism," a synonym for transvestism, derives from the audacious career of the Chevalier D'Eon, an Eighteenth Century French nobleman, swordman, and spy. His flagrant cross-dressing provoked courtly gossip and wagers over his true sex on both sides of the Channel. King James I of England was probably a transsexual. So was Edward Hyde, the first colonial governor of New York and New Jersey, who in one formal portrait is decked out as an elegant lady. Yet not until the Twentieth Century did medical science begin to distinguish between transvestites and men and women who wanted to be the other sex... Modern plastic surgery and the synthesis of sex hormones made sex transformations possible by the 1930s. The first such operation reported turned a male Danish artist into Lilli Elbe in 1930. But sex transformation was still a subject for public snickering when, in 1952, the New York Daily News broke the Christine Jorgensen story: EX-G.I. BECOMES BLOND BEAUTY... Dr. Harry Benjamin was for years the only known American doctor treating transsexuals with sex hormones. It was he who labeled the syndrome "transsexualism." But his radical therapies also raised eyebrows and hackles among his colleagues, especially the real-life test of dressing and living in a different sex role... In 1964 the Erickson Educational Foundation was established to support radical and controversial research efforts, particularly in the area of parapsychology and transsexualism. Since then it has made research grants, published informational booklets and a bi-annual newsletter on transsexualism, and fostered many other educational projects. The foundation's NEW YORK office maintains only national counseling and referral service for transsexuals seeking help, many credit them with saving them from ~~the~~ self-destruction. One of Erickson's first projects was helping Johns Hopkins University establish the nation's first "gender identity clinic" in Baltimore. "When we began", reflects medical psychologist John Money, "I insisted on using the term 'sex reassignment' rather than sex change' Reassignment is a social and legal procedure, with some hormonal and surgical backup." The procedure has been copied, refined and adapted by at least 40 more gender identity centers. Its basic elements are meticulous screening, designed to exclude applicants who are primarily homosexual, transvestite, or psychotic; continuing hormone treatment; a year or so of full time living as a member of the preferred sex; and ultimately sex-conversion surgery... In the real life test, sex reassignment is already occurring—endocrinologically, socially, romantically—so that surgery itself becomes a sort of sex confirmation rather than a sex-change operation... Male-to-female sex reassignment is not as complicated as it seemed. The female hormone estrogen, taken for several months softens the skin, redistributes fat, alters some parts of the anatomy, enlarges breasts, and depresses male libido. An artificial vagina is fashioned from the sensitive skin of the amputated male organs... Turning a woman into a man is vastly more complicated and less satisfactory procedure. Androgen hormones toughen the skin, bring out facial hair, and sometimes heighten libido. Breast and female organs are surgically removed... In their first few years of operation, most American gender clinics would not operate on females who wanted to be males. Surgical people felt it was too much surgery for what they wound up with... Despite surgical limitations, however, researchers report that female-to-male patients adapt to their new lifestyle much better than their male-to-female counterparts.....

PARTY DATES:

The next 3 party's will be held on April 16 - May 21 & June 18th..

NEW MEMBERS:

I'm pleased to announce the enrollment of 2 new members.

JANE D..... ALBANY...N.Y..... & TREANA M..... ANGELICA...N.Y.....

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOO

H.J. [REDACTED]	April 1	MARILYN [REDACTED]	April 13
DAVID [REDACTED]	" 4	VALARIE [REDACTED]	" 25
COLLENE S [REDACTED]	" 6	SUSSAN [REDACTED]	" 21
C,R, [REDACTED]	" 12		

QUESTION OF THE MONTH.

Did you ever buy a ladies girdle for yourself as a man and explaining that it was for yourself in a store?

SPECIAL THANKS

TOO Gordon Eastwood-Barbra Philpots-Joan Edwards-Jamie Mc Closky-Yevonne P. - & Percilla Welch for the extra \$ for postage.

TOO Michelle Bolis for the books donated for our library.

TOO X Esther Randle for the pictures sent in for the club album.

TOO Gale Evans for the cartoons.

TOO Charlotte Boyde for the news articles.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Please remove Charles [REDACTED] of New Palestine, Ind. & Alan [REDACTED] of East Rockaway, N.Y. from your TV Directory.

TRANSSEXUAL VOICE:

A newsletter written by and about transsexuals - Free Personal adds - \$2 per copy - Payable to Phoeb [REDACTED]

TV WORK

One of our members Kathy Hivish of Pa. has landed 2 partime jobs as Kathy on weekends. One waiting on tables at a swank Pocono resort & the other as a barmaid at an area ski village. (So you see it can be done)

MEDIA BLITZ CONTINUES:

On St Elsewhere (10 p,m, Tues. on NBC 2/10) Dr. Craig tried to stop an old college friend from having a sex - change operation. The doc was having a rather difficult time dealing with the subject.

On the BOB HOPE Special Supper Boel Eve, Hope & Don Rickles did a spoff on Tootsie, as 2 cheerleaders. The show closed with a 1/2 dozen pro football players in Little Bo Peep outfits singing "On The Good Ship Lollipop."

INTERESTED IN VELVET?

Anyone interested in VELVET in male or female clothing, please contact me, Wilma

NEWS:

I received a letter from Cindy Gately this week and she states that she has a 2nd part time job as a housekeeper in a girls college fraternity house. The girls bought her a maids uniform and insests that she wear it when she works there even though they know she is a man. She says that the work is pleasant but that a few girls insult her.

QUESTION: When did women in this country first start wearing lipstick?

ANS.: Just before world war 1. Say about 1911. Thats modern lipstick color in a wax or oil base. One form of tint or another, even berry juice, has been around longer.

A POPULAR item during the 16th century was a steel cage type corset that extended from crotch to collarbone and squeezed a woman's waist into a tiny 13" circumference. In the 1880's girdles were so tight that a man could actually make a complete circle around a woman's waist with his hands.

Here is an add that was in The Lakeville Journal - Classified section January 27, 1983. "Attractive Opportunity in woman's clothing \$8 - 12 in hourly commission plus wardrobe. Over 21, car phone necessary - Call [REDACTED]."

"HEY MAN, who was that crazy chick I saw you with last night?"

"That was no chick man! That was no chick that was my brother, hes got problems

Dear Wilma:

The past few issues of the Journal have raised some questions that I would like to see adressed more fully. They are not questions of the month, nor can they be answered by the membership, but rather they seem to be questions indicated by the tone of articles that have appeared...FIRST is the feeling I get that we are talking to each other about dressing, without actually receiving any new information on trends or changes on the part of the public towards us. Your editorials are superb in the range of subjects and provocative ideas they cover on the whole area of transvestism, and I look forward to them with each issue. So this is not a criticism of real effort on your part. Rather I would term it a sensing or yearning for a different perspective on who we are in 1982, and what we will become in the future? Are we going anyplace, or are we simply treading water? Where do we want to go, where should we be going, and reasonable changes can we expect for transvestism in the future? Indeed, is there a future for us, or are we condemned (Content) to remain secluded in a kind of genetic stagnation leading to retardation and death??? IT makes me wander what we are all about? There are several things that cause this. On the outside, there have been tremendous efforts to change our thinking about who we are as women and men, and most of this has been in favor of a more nurturing, feminine role for men; an attempt to lower male barriers to the female world as a natural balance to the female quest for equality. As the most obvious sign of this struggle and its attainment, women have taken to wearing mens styles, and show every indication of moving even further into male appearance, sans make up, shorter hair, gestures and language. They are against violence, yet their trousers have a fly-front which was originally intended to make rape easier. We have seen homosexuality (which includes drag) become legitimate, transsexualism become commonplace, and even portrayals of transvestism have changed from ridicule to serious consideration, and yet, this is what bothers me; transvestism is still not expressed as a viable alternative. We remain hidden, still basically thought of as deviant, still subjected to a psychological terminology that holds us firmly in society as misfits, and tacitly refuses to endorse our practice as being in anyway a healthy or desirable. We in turn seem to encourage this dichotomy of thinking about sexes, mainly by our meek acquiescence to it, and a strong desire to remain secluded as we are...LOOKED at from another angle, as members of TVIC, our purpose is one of support and encouragement for each other, an effort to reduce guilt and cause happiness with our condition. Is guilt our common bond; that it will not go away because society will never accept us, and really, we dont want approval anyway, because it would remove the fun of dressing? What if we should suddenly find our practice acceptable? would we stop dressing and turn to something else; stop meeting and disband because the clandestine aspect had been removed? There are times when I see women dressed in a blouse and skirt, and my heart literally aches to dress the same way, and be able to go public. I wonder what is meant by comments such as, "If Martians were to visit our earth and see the differences of men and women, they would be astonished to learn we were the same species," or Dustin Hoffman's more recent insight (gleaned by cross-dressing) that "Men and women of this latter half of the 20th century are leading vastly different lives." For all our efforts to establish a blending of our humanness, we are further apart than ever, and seems to be moving towards a separateness more severe than the Victorian era ever was...THE sensing and yearning I get from Journal articles concern women more directly; a vague wishing for more openness from them; for a chance to approach them (and them us) on a different level of communication that would make our perceptions of them more accepting of us and who we are. I believe that opportunities for exploring this lie with women themselves in areas of self-perception concerning their appearance, and what it means to share this with males. I get the feeling that we want to know more, that we are searching for a different level of existence from where we are now, that perhaps we are on the threshold of some kind of newness that will affect us all. I cant explain it, but its there...PERHAPS this is too much, but we are who we are, and I am wondering about us in the future. Are there avenues we should be moving along other than feminine perfection in ourselves? Do we remain here, or will feminine emulation become a legitimate, visible expression of the person without regard for sex? Is this a part of the interpretation of proposed amendments? Were we in the mind of our public official who stated "the (passage of) ERA would make possible all kinds of public mischief?" Is this why it failed?

NEWS: EX-MAN VICTIM IN RAPE IN PARK. (AP) A 23yr. old Omahon who was changed surgically from a man to a women reported she was raped-police said. According to dectives the victim was forced into a car and driven to Elmwood Park where the attack took place. She told officers the suspect, in his mid 20s with greasy hair forced her into a small red car where he struck her several times and threatened her with a knife before driving to the park. The victim said she had walked from her apartment to buy cigarets. The victims phycian told policie the victim underwent transexual surgery in Denver two months ago and is "legally and physically a woman".

IN Los Angeles its illegal, specifically in the winter to hang out womens underwear on the clothes lines visible from the street.

Dear Wilma;

Do I underdress in femme? When I do go out I go 1/3 Robert and 2/3 fran.by underdressing asCarol T. of Albany called it and i go a step further by wearing a unisex turtleneck,skirt or sweater. The less clothes I have to swap when I get home the better. So I agree with her too...THEN too there is Joyce Dolons problem. Why should a person judge perfoemance? Why should a person put up a fuss after seeing a well turned ankle clad in nylon and fending that it was attached to a male? Does the car run any worse because the male mechanic wears panty hose under her coveralls or do the groceries taste better or worse if the checkout clerk happens to dress in a skirt abd blouse? After all the female clerk in the next check out may be wearing her husbands shirt and slaks and thats perfectly all right. I'm sure as our numbers grow and there are those like Joyce we will eventually have our day.

FRAN V.....BEDFORD.....N.H.....

Dear Wilma:

What Is a Woman? To me a woman is feeling proud of her man. A woman is just being together with the one you love. Awoman is watching her man go out the door on a stormy night and worry about him,about his safty. A woman is feeling good about her husbands satisfaction. A woman is sharing in a relationship. A Woman is standing by her man through thich & thin. A woman is seeing her child grow up. A woman is knowing the pain and joy having his child. A woman is feeling the comfort of his scent. To me a woman is the most beautiful creature God ever created. I have often asked myself why I was't born a female. I can not help to think maybe I was not good enough.

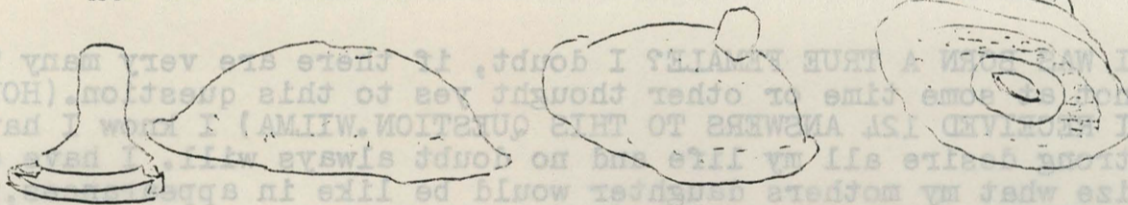
JANET F.....EAST ROCHAWAY.....N.Y.....

Dear Wilma:

Joyce Dolan poses an interesting question of the month. If she is going full-time transgender,she can be anything she is qualified for,including her male occupation. It just takes one helluva lot of guts to come out of the closet.

Transsexuals seem to have it easier as far as public acceptance. Nowdays women can perform in any job from airline pilot to surgeon to judge to coal miner - you name it,they can do it. Even those strongholds of conservatism, police departments,have transsexual police officers. If Joyce is thinking of a femalejob for evenings or weekends,she might look into being a waitress, coat check girl or hostess in a restaurant. Or any job that is off the books is best because withholding of taxes and social security can be fraught with legal problems....EDITH MARIE W.....VALLEY COTTAGE....N.Y.....

HOW TO PUT NEW TIPS ON TIRED TITS



They were originally called "Tender Tips" but the tips proved to be much too tender and eventually wore off. What to do? Keep buying new ones or glue new tips on? Nothing worked, so like so many other unsolvable problems, the best solution seemed to be "enter from the rear." Ah, yes. And two pink Even-Flo nipples neatly did the trick. Poke a hole first, then enlarge it with a finger. Then insert the nipple. These have hidden benefits: the back of the nipple rests over your real nipples and transmits any feeling of touch on the fake nipple to your real mammary gland. Second, you can make them give real milk by blocking the back part and filling them with milk. Warning: The effect of nursing is a turn-on that may leave an echoing ecstatic effect.

Enjoy with love: Rae Marie

RAE [redacted].....WANTAGH.....N.Y.....

Dear Wilma:

What Item Of Feminine Cloyhing Do I Like To Shop For Best? I will say all the nice frilly pretty items which we do not display to the general public. My reason for choosing these items is because here one seldoms finds men in this part of the store,which while there it seems as if I'm in a completely feminia world.....ARLENE A....ALBANY....N.Y.....

Dear Wilma: WHAT DO I WEAR AT NIGHT? My regular nightwear consists of stockings,belt,bra,panties,gown or baby dolls. Someone may ask why the stockings, well thitout them I feel half of each sex & that leads to unrest.

DORTHY A.....ALLENTOWN.....PA.....

JOKE:"DADDY" said the little boy, "What does the word Drag mean?" - "Never you mind Timmy" replied his father. "Just unhook my bra."

Dear Wilma:

HAVE I EVER BEEN STOPPED BY THE POLICE WHILE CROSS-DRESSED? As I came over the crest of a long hill I came into a road block. I pulled over in line of cars waiting for the officers to check their drivers licenses. I got my own driver license out of my purse and pulled up to the officer...Knees knocking...hands trembling. His flashlight scanned it, and he did a double take, looking first at the license and then at me several times. Then he said, "Lady, this is a mans name on here...May I have your license please?" I said "You might as well have it straight, officer, I'm a man...and thats my drivers license. You see, officer, I'm a professional impersonator. I've just come from giving a performance for a private party and they didn't provide a dressing room for me to change in. I went to the party and am returning home in costume. Here is my identification card, as you'll see, I'm a member of the A.G.V.A...That's my union card." The card I gave him had my real name filled in on it, which compared with the name on my drivers license. I had it mounted in a plastic holder. Looked real official...He said "Well I'll be darned...I thought you were a real woman. Get out of the car and let me see you." He had me walk around in front of my car in the light of my headlights and model for him, he seemed completely amazed. The policeman seemed to accept the story and the card as being fact and let me get back in my car, cautioned me not to drive in costume again, and sent me on my way...I attribute my success in getting away with it to being firm and calm in my story and more particularly in having that fake identification card. I had made that card in case I did run into such a circumstance. It really paid off. I usuall carry a small suitcase in my car with me filled with mesh opera hose, long gloves, a satin costume for dancing, which I plan to show any policemen who stoped me if the fake union card does not do the trick. I had forgotte to bring the case with me this time. Thank goodness the card was all I needed to convince him I was telling him a straight story.....

LIZ T.....LOS ANGELES.....CALIF.....

Dear Wilma:

WHAT ITEMS OF FEMME CLOTHING DO I WERA UNDER REGULAR CLOTHING? Wilma this a most interesting question of great merit, but I wonder just how many of the ~~gix~~ will devalge this information. (IRECEIVED 53 ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTION, WILMA) I think there are many factors involved in this matter, in most cases it would be impossible to wear much because in our work-a-day world we must present our masculine self. However, in my particular job since automation I am a lone ranger performing my duties all alone each of the 5 working days which gives me the opportunity to take DONNA to work. So each morning I dress as any normal women would, garter belt, stockings, bra, panties, vest, jumper and slacks. To this I add my own socks, shirt and pants...MICHELLE W...WASHINGTON D.C.....

Dear Wilma:

DO I WISH THAT I WAS BORN A TRUE FEMALE? I doubt, if there are very many TVs alive, who have not at some time or other thought yes to this question. (HOW RIGHT YOU ARE. I RECEIVED 124 ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTION. WILMA) I know I have ~~ax~~ had this very strong desire all my life and no doubt always will. I have always tried to visualize what my mothers daughter would be like in appearances, personality etc., and I can say I am the personfication of that vission. She bears a strong family resemblance to both sides of her family. If wishing could make the dream comr true, no doubt, she would want to have smaller feet and hands and features. She would love to have beautiful long black or dark hair with a lovely sheen to it....CHERIE W...SARATOGA...N.Y.....

Dear Wilma:

DID I EVER HAVE AN EMBARASING MOMENT WHILE OUT DRESSED IN FEMME? One evening I went out to start my car only to find I had forgotten to put the keys in my purse. My housekeys was also on my key ring so I was locked out. There was only one way in without breaking anything so I tried it. I climbed up onto my garage roof, crossed over the carport, worked my way up to the peak of the roof and climbed down a telephone pole, to which my TV antenna is attached and into an upstairs window. (WOULD I HAVE LOVED BEING THERE WITH MY MOVIE CAMERS WILMA) It was beginning to get dark so I wasn't too worried about being seen. If anyone had seen me they wood have wondered what that crazy woman was doing climbing around the rooftop. I got my keys, changed my hose, as I had gotten a run in one of them and then went out for the evening....

DONA B.....MARLBORO.....MASS.....

NEWS: (AP)BATON ROUGE, NEWS ORLEANS. A man told police he met a nice girl early Saturday morning and invited her to his place for a drink. After they arrived, the girl ordered the man to hand over his wallet. The man realized that his lady companion was no lady at all but a man dressed as a girl, police said. The victim told police officers his new-found friend threatened to shoot him, grabbed his wallet and fled. The wallet contained \$40 he said...

BEAUTY HINT:

"Renuzit" spot cleaner removes lipstick from that favorite dress easily. Makeu from the neckline removes, by sponging with soap and water after using the cleaning fluid....Study the rear view after dressing. This posterior is what others get to study the longest when you are out, especially the back of the neck and the wig at the neckline...

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF NASSAU NEW YORK



JOSEPH McCORMICK Almost fired.

By ROBERT WEDDLE NASSAU policewoman Jennifer McCormick, 40, insists there is nothing unusual about returning to the job she left last month as Officer Joe McCormick.

"It's good to be back," said New York's first cop to return to duty after a sex change operation.

"I was treated just like any other officer when I reported for duty at the Hewlett stationhouse," she insisted yesterday at a press conference at police headquarters in Mineola.

Nassau Police Commissioner Sam Rozzi also insisted there were "no problems."

But he conceded he had considered firing McCormick — and admitted she was transferred from street to desk last year after hormone treatment eliminated facial hair.

"I'd be naive to say it didn't cause a dilemma," said the 34-year veteran cop, "but we live in a changing world."

Miss McCormick — whose name and sex have been changed on the records — is going through psychological evaluation this week to determine her next assignment, he said.

Wearing blue jeans, a fur-collared coat, black spiked boots and heavy makeup, Miss McCormick answered reporters' questions.

"I don't expect trouble," she said — the gold earring and frizzed brown hair clashing with an obsolete I.D. photo of the male Joseph on her blue blouse.

She had no fear of losing her job, she said, and hoped her chances for promotion won't be hurt.

She insisted fellow officers accepted her, but sources said most of them hoped she would not return to the Hewlett stationhouse.

Miss McCormick, a

Last month, fellow cops called her Joe. Today they call her Jenny

Vietnam veteran with 10 years on the force, lives in Islip with Louise McCormick, who was her wife until their divorce a year ago.

Last year, she showed fellow cops photos of herself when she won the "Miss-Cherry Grove" contests for men dressed as woman in 1980-81 on Fire Island, they said.

Some called her Klinginger after the TV M*A*S*H soldier who wore dresses, they said, and she "loved it."



Post Photo by Mary McLoughlin

In high-heeled boots, Jennifer McCormick steps out of Nassau County Police Headquarters in Mineola with two colleagues yesterday.



"AREN'T YOU READY YET?"

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF NASSAU NEW YORK



"Tv or no tv, I still wear the pants in this family!"

MY BRIDE WAS A MAN FROM THE WAIST DOWN

By WALTER HERRING

JACK YOUNG says Terri Rochelle was the perfect wife. She could cook, clean, sew. She was kind, understanding, loving and fun to be with.

She was everything a man could wish — except for one thing.

"She" was a he.

Young, a retired government worker and 20-year Air Force veteran, says he courted Rochelle for two-and-a-half years, and never suspected his modest fiancée was a man.

Then on their wedding night, he learned first-hand that the virginally blushing bride could just as easily have been the groom.

"It was quite a shock," says 60-year-old Young. "At first, I was distraught and embarrassed, but then Terri and I sat down and talked about the problem."

Rochelle, 27, had started hormone treatments in preparation for a sex-change operation when he met Young, of Birmingham, Alabama.

"Terri was a good companion," Young told GLOBE. "I began to have strong feelings for her. I felt I loved her."

Young, who was widowed seven years ago and has grown children, adds: "We had our ups and downs. We'd fight like any other couple, and not speak for a couple of weeks before making up."

He finally popped the question, and they were married. Then, on their honeymoon in Montgomery, Young discovered his wife's secret.

"From the top up, and in



YOUNG: "Quite a shock."

After courting 2 years, husband discovers truth on their wedding night

every other way. Terri's a woman," says Young. "She has breasts from silicone implants.

"She talks like a woman and looks female because of her hormone treatments. From the waist down, she's a man."

After his initial shock, Young unsuccessfully tried to

get his health insurance company to pay for a sex-change operation for Rochelle. And the couple stayed together for another six weeks until the strain of their unusual situation broke up their "marriage".

Young filed for an annulment, but Circuit Court Judge Jack Carl ruled that, as Alabama law doesn't sanction marriages between members of the same sex, they were never legally married anyway.

"It's not a joke," the judge added. "It's a tragedy."

But Young says he has no hard feelings. "Terri was a good wife," he explains. "We're still friends."

And Rochelle, a husky-voiced hairdresser, says: "There's no one else for me in my life. Our problem was the difference in our ages rather than anything else."

Rochelle is now awaiting a sex-change operation. He'll undergo the surgery in Colorado after raising the \$5,800 necessary. "This is the best thing that could happen to

me," he says. "It's been terrible being a woman trapped inside the body of a man."

"At last there's hope: I know I'm ready to be a woman."

Young hasn't ruled out the chance of a reconciliation.

"I always had a good time with Terri," he says. "We could probably get back together if she has her operation."

It's easy to spot those folks who have had a sex switch operation. They all walk around with hands in their pockets feeling their change.



Kenneth arrives home one day from school and says, "Mama, a boy called me a sissy today."

"What did you do about it?"

"I smacked him in the face with my pocketbook!"

Sex-change patients satisfied

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NEW YORK — Forty-one sex-change patients at the University of Minnesota Medical Center say they have no regrets about undergoing the "gender reassignment" surgery, a university psychiatrist said Sunday.

The psychiatrist, Dr. Sharon B. Satterfield, gave a follow-up report on the patients at the annual meeting of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists. The University of Minnesota Medical Center has performed sex-change surgery since 1966.

Surgeons at the Minnesota facility have performed 41 male to female and eight female to male operations, the report said. Twenty-five of the operations were done between 1966 and 1970.

Candidates with gender identification problems get group therapy before surgery. Males feel they are females trapped in a male body; females feel they are males trapped in a female body. During therapy, attempts are made to make them feel comfortable with their other gender tendencies.

From among those not responding to therapy, surgical candidates are selected. During gender reassignment operations, doctors remodel the genital area and bosom — reducing breasts in cases of female to male and building them in male to female procedures.

The genital surgery attempts to make that area look and function somewhat like that of the "assigned sex." The follow-up showed male to female patients are more satisfied on that score than are female to male patients.

In either case, however, the report said patients with a history of stability in careers and a high level of intelligence do the best. And those with the best surgical results have the highest satisfaction.

Researchers tried to contact the 49 people who had the operations at the Minnesota facility. Among those who could

not or would not respond to the follow-up, one had breast cancer, one with a history of alcoholism had died of a heart attack and one was psychotic — a condition that existed before the surgery.

There also was one suicide.

Satterfield's report was read by an associate, Sandra Nohre, a sex therapist assigned to the university's human sexuality program.

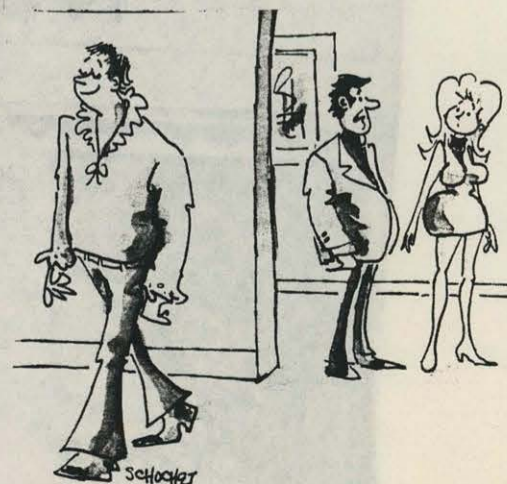
Nohre said the operations are expensive, but she would not name a figure. She said a surgeon at the University of Min-

nesota charges only what Blue Shield and Blue Cross pays.

The first sex change operation in the United States was performed in 1966 at the Johns Hopkins University Medical Center in Baltimore — one month before University of Minnesota doctors performed their first.



"So far all we've received is n wife's luggage!"



"Oh . . . that's my half brother and half sister."