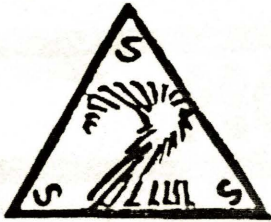
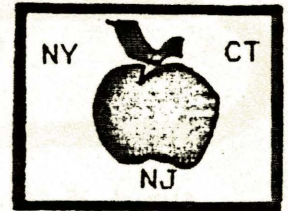


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September, 1984

...A super, super affair is the only way 1984 Family Day can be described. We had plenty to eat and drink, good company, lots of fun, and some new folks joining us. The only negative part was that we did not see more of you members and families. You missed a truly enjoyable time!

...Attending were: Joe - "more beans here" (Patricia, Ct.), Ed (Edie, N.Y.) and son Ned, Ed (Eve, N.Y.) and wife Valerie, Larry (Arlene, N.Y.) and parents, Jim (Janice, N.J.), Marty (Mary Jane, N.Y.) and wife Agnes and sons Patrick and Liam, Doug (Doreen, N.J.) and girlfriend Cindy, Roger (Yvonne, N.Y.) and girlfriend Victoria and son David, Rick (Robin Ann, N.Y.) and girlfriend Linda, daughter Ginger, and Rick's mom Shelly, and Stan (Renata, Ct.), and sister Carolyn. Woops, forgot Charlie (Camile, N.Y.).

...By unanimous consent the membership attending Family Day voted to have our 2nd annual Family Day in Greenwich, Ct. on August 10, 1985 on Todd's Point but at another spot for a clambake-catered affair. We must book this event now due to the popularity of the place.

...A special thanks to Renata and Patricia for all that they did to insure a very enjoyable day. As we have and will always say, the work you do for the chapter not only benefits you but others. A very warm thanks.

...I'm writing this after our Family Day celebration has concluded in a motel in Stamford. If I sound too enthusiastic, I am. We really had a wonderful time. We met some new folks who, I'm sure, were very happy to meet us. As a final note on this very memorable occasion to celebrate our chapter's 3rd birthday, a special thanks to our wives/girlfriends for creating this enjoyable event. Back in the Spring, the wives/girlfriends (in particular, Victoria), suggested that we have some type of summer picnic. We did, and we - as always - enjoyed! Thanks. We look to our wives/girlfriends to help us in our efforts. They did, and we greatly appreciate their effort and concern.

Family Day '84



Ned, son of Ed (Edie) drawing the lucky 50/50 winner, who happened to be Joe (photo, Mary Jane)

IMPORTANT

September 8th meeting will be in NEW JERSEY. This is a new site. The motel management know "the story". Contact your GAL for directions.



WHAT'S GOING ON

August 25-26 will, I believe, be a landmark occasion for our chapter. My wife, Agnes, and I were very fortunate to hostess a good part of the chapter leadership for many hours of important talk. Lynda and wife Marilyn arrived around noon Saturday, and so did Eddie. Most of the time there was no dressing, but we still enjoyed good company. Karen and Patricia joined us Sunday at noon as male selves, and we continued our discussion. Later, Felicity as John came on a motorcycle and we had a nice barbeque. Eddie, Lynda and I dressed Saturday night and had a delightful conversation. I'd like to thank my wife, Ag, and my mother-in-law, Margaret, for their help and also Marilyn for her help in feeding us folks. Having social affairs, dressed or not, are quite enjoyable. I know that my mother-in-law greatly benefited, for she met some truly lovely people and recognized this. Items discussed follow.

...The unfortunate death of Eileen of New Jersey is still sending shockwaves throughout the membership. Perhaps the only way to look at this is to say that at least Eileen and Faith found us, even for a brief period. Those wishing to make a donation in Eileen's name can do so through our Treasurer, Lynda (L. Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, New Jersey 07960). The church which Eileen attended is building an organ in her memory. Lynda will consolidate all funds received for this purpose and remit a check to Faith around November 1st as Chi Delta Mu's contribution.

PROGRAMS...We anticipate a number of new folks at the September meeting. It will be our first formal meeting since June; we will probably have no special program, just the business meeting and dinner, socializing, and getting acquainted/re-acquainted. For October, we will have our first Pink Elephant exchange of femme items. If you want, bring any number of items you no longer want (dress, jewelry, etc.). If another member is interested, they receive the item and pay the Treasury a .50 cent surcharge. Also, Faith has given us Eileen's clothes, and believe me they are quite nice. They will be distributed also at the Pink Elephant. If you have a need for a size 12 shoe, please we have an ample supply...The schedule is "open" for November's meeting, but we can anticipate more videotape showings of Donahue and Susskind programs, plus a new one featuring Carol Beecroft. December will see our formal Holiday

Party. Meeting locations: September-New Jersey, October-Westchester, November-New Jersey, and December-New Jersey. We are anxious to see how operations will turn out at our New Jersey site...We need ideas from the membership concerning programs. The leadership confirmed the decision made earlier at Family Day to repeat this event in 1985, with a pre-paid catered clambake at Todd's Point in Greenwich. Also in the works are two other important events. Dinner in NYC with our wives/girlfriends with no dressing. This is a continuation of the spirit of Family Day and to specially treat our mates. January or February are the likely months, but this would not be a substitute for the regular monthly meeting. Another major event in the planning process is a Spring Weekend for 1985. Other program potentials are repeats of wig demos, lingerie shopping at the meeting, special speakers, etc. Looks like a very interesting schedule is in store! Hope that you'll be there!! Members will "brainstorm" at September's gathering, so bring your "thinking" wig.

REACH OUT...The chapter will be working on contacting professionals to convey the experience of a lot of healthy people in this group; often even professionals don't know all they should about people like ourselves, and this will benefit both them and us...Sometime in September the chapter will advertise in the VILLAGE VOICE again ("hetero crossdressers..wives/girlfriends welcomed.!!). Eddie will coordinate and all GALs to help out. The names in the new Directory from our area will be matched with the chapter's list of members; those who belong to the national but not the chapter will be contacted about us. A similar effort will be made for former members of Albany T. V. I. C...We are very interested in having a professional counselor "on call" for us when needed...As an experiment, Lynda contemplates running an ad in a local northern New Jersey paper, buying an answering machine and providing a mini "hotline" for the area. The chapter will evaluate how this works and see if it should be expanded.

GALS...some changes. Dorothy (NJ-1-G) will take over central/southern New Jersey; Lynda, our Treasurer, will help Wilma coordinate in northern New Jersey; Fran (NY-1610-B) will take over for

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Rockland and Orange counties (NY); Robin Ann (NY-1675-S) for Ulster county (NY), and Patricia, our President, for Connecticut, Westchester and the Bronx. The GAL structure is fluid, and new areas will be created as demand exists. To help coordinate things a periodic publication called GALGUIDE will be sent out (hopefully, the first issue will be prior to Sept 8). I have asked our new Assistant Editor for O. S. J., Edith Marie (NY-319-W), to handle this for us...The two specific responsibilities of GALs are to meet potential members and to get counts/coordinate attendance for the chapter meeting, GALs are also encouraged to promote and organize social functions in their areas, dressed or not.

ADS...the chapter will pursue an idea formerly suggested to include business cards in the newsletter. These would be commercial establishments who provide services/sell items of interest to us. Charge will be \$30 for a 2" x 3" card for 12 issues of the newsletter. If you have a store that you think would be interested, have them send their \$30 to Lynda and she will see to it that I get the card and include it in the newsletter. Revenue realized will help offset the cost of the newsletter.

Food For Thought

"Reflections on a Year Past"

by Edie

"I like myself - probably more than I ever did.
I accept myself - all of me - that's new for me.
I have friends, new, but feel like old ones,
deeper friendships with things never shared
with my other close friends.

I'm changing -
Years of doubt and thinking of myself as a
pervert,
deviate, etc. are changing. These attitudes
don't
wash away but a new, stronger self image is
emerging.

I am what I am -
I'm not angry, I'm contented.
I'll be better than ever, and my life as
long as
I have will be better than it ever was."

(Thanks, Edie, for some beautiful thoughts, Ed.)

MEETING ORDER...the leadership appreciates the need to keep the business portion of the meeting down to a limited time (30 minutes). Each speaker is asked to hold to a 3 minute commentary. The chapter would like to see some banners for the conference room, including a copy of the pledge which we have signed when we joined TRI-ESS as a reminder of who we are and what our objectives are. A table checkin near the door will be tried to facilitate the collection of meeting fees, 50/50 ticket selling, and to provide control of room access. A set agenda to facilitate an orderly meeting...Right now the leadership consists of elected officers, the GALs, and Chairpersons of committees. Elected officers will, at times, meet separately as needed...As necessary, the chapter will help sisters in other areas in "getting started" as a chapter. Our primary concern for the next 12 months will be our chapter's development...We will pursue with Eileen (NY-11-J), the thought of using "space food" - specially prepared meals requiring no refrigeration - as an alternative to our usual buffet supper...Consideration is being made to issue a bi-monthly press release of our activities.

Wow!, a lot of items; hope I didn't miss anything. Ag and I thank ALL those who participated in this effort. I think that it was well worth it and we warmly enjoyed your company. We did discuss the concern we all have for those members whose wives/girlfriends that are unknowing, hostile, or just unsure. A support group of wives/girlfriends is ready to help. Edith Marie has suggested a special column in the newsletter. Ed.

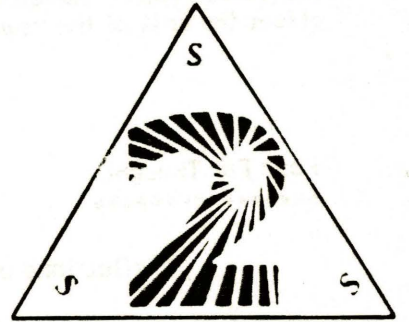


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WILL WE SEE Y-O-U IN
SEPTEMBER ? ?

(PHOTOGRAPHS: PATRICIA)

The male look swaggers into female fashion

any fair?

By Ruth Olis
Gannett News Service

Don't be surprised if it looks like a man's world in women's fashion departments this fall and winter.

It simply means that male order is the hot new look moving in for fashionable females.

Styling notes stolen from the guys run through almost every leading American designer's collection for fall and winter. And even women who don't wear designer labels will find this menswear influence in adaptations and translations at all price levels.

In the upper echelons of fashion, just about everyone from Bill (Blass) to Oscar (de la Renta) shows all sorts of oversized coats and full tailored trousers in yards and yards of menswear-inspired fabrics.

*Contributions
not
welcomed!*

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Raggedy 'Legs' wanders

By CURT DAVIS

AUGUST is a traditionally slow month for nightlife, but still one doesn't expect two major revues to be raggedy.

Legs, at the Rainbow Grill, is a dancing, lip-synching floor show that isn't about legs so much as it uncovers them. The Peter Jackson revue, choreographed by Eddie Wright without the proper punctuation to

signal the end of a routine. The program careens through a fantasy boat tour, a look at Broadway (with a transvestite version of *Dreamgirls* and "dances" to *It's a Grand Night for Singing* all with little or no transition between numbers.

Dancer Clifford Smith has a usable street pose, but only Cecilia Houseman has both personality and dancing ability.

Can he win this lace?

East Spencer, N.C. (UPI)—Mayor Charles Ramsey Jr. says he was wearing a man's racing-style bathing suit, but a woman who had police arrest him argues that he was wearing light blue, women's, see-through panties with lace trim.

Ramsey, 27, an interior decorator appointed mayor two months ago, was charged with indecent exposure after a conference of police brass in this tiny town.

He was arrested at the Shell Quality mart service station after an attendant complained about his dress.

Ramsey said that the arrest was a misunderstanding caused by a clash of cultures.

HE SAID THAT he might be guilty only of bad judgment for not changing following a swim, but not indecent exposure.

"I'd have to be an absolute fool or an absolute pervert to even be there as they said," said Ramsey.

Ramsey said that he regretted not changing after his swim because his bathing suit might have offended some persons.

But he said that he had grown accustomed to shopping in a bathing suit while living in Atlanta and other places more casual.



*Thanks
Diane (NY)*

Our Readers Write

..."My husband, Eve, and I were privileged to attend the TRI-ESS Family Picnic on Aug. 11th. This was our first contact with TRI-ESS and it was enjoyable in every way.

...Needless to say, I was very nervous when we first arrived. However, the open, honest and sincerely friendly people I met put me at ease quite quickly. It felt so good to at last have people who understood the situation I am living in and who understood and accepted my feelings and my love for Eve.

...I feel particularly lucky that my husband is a transvestite because I have a best friend, lover, father for my children, and husband all wrapped up in one beautiful person. We share so many common interests and activities which makes our relationship so special.

...I came away from the picnic with such warm feelings for the people I had met and such gratitude that TRI-ESS exists for Eve and I. ...Looking forward to seeing you again, Fondly, Valerie. (Ed. note! a very warm welcome to both Eve and Valerie to the chapter and we are very happy that you will be attending our meeting.)

..."I would like to thank everyone who made the picnic the success it was. It was a wonderful experience to have us all together with Family and Friends in a non-dressing environment. My son David who is 15 was as comfortable as the other guests were.

...I asked David what he thought of the organization? His response was, 'I am only trying to keep an open mind, Mom'. As David's mother this event gave David the opportunity

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The TRI-ESS DIRECTORY

THE PICTURES BELOW ARE A SELECTION OF THE BEST YOU'LL SEE IN THE BOOKLET



Irene TX-4 1/4-M



Josephine VA-1001-A



Sally CA-67 1/2-T



Prudence MI-001-L

to talk and see the members of TRI-ESS in a non-threatening situation. This is a big step forward for the organization. To present alternative ways to meet. It is very important for supporting members such as wives, girlfriends and other Family.

...Even a new member and his wife who were unsure what a meeting would be like appeared to be enjoying themselves. I remember my first exposure and it wasn't a picnic.

...The only negative note on the whole day was the fact we had to take home the baked beans. I am sure Roger will finish them soon." Victoria



Rick, I'm sure that you'll look much better come September 8th (photo: Mary Jane)

"We have quite a few Rockland and Orange (county, NY), members now. I'll send Fran the missing names and addresses. Maybe we can get an occasional week-night meeting started among the local members who cannot (or even can), make it to the Saturday meetings. I probably won't be able to dress up as I would like, but even so I would appreciate getting together with others once in a while to rap about our hobby...The latest OSJ is really good. I like the idea of 'departments' such as 'Page 6', etc. Do you think some of the wives might like to contribute items for a 'spouse's view' column? Would one of the wives want to edit such a column? Edith Marie (NY-319-W) Hope so-Ed.

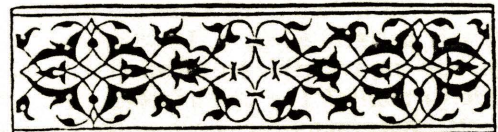
"I was also pleased to see that publicity that you gave the national HOLIDAY EN FEMME IN SAN FRANCISCO. We have at this time about 23 people who have committed themselves. I hope that more will come and that we will have sisters from the east attend. Norma and I have been to San Francisco several times already, making arrangements for the HOLIDAY EN FEMME. This last weekend we met with people who are helping us contact individuals who will participate in the HOLIDAY, such as instructors for CHARM activities, cosmetic demonstrations, and even helping us to be on television and appearing in the newspapers. Lots of work but it is fun to work on the project...Lastly, the Directory is actually running on the presses this evening - it will be a three day run - 1,000 copies. It should be great!" Carol Beecroft (8/22) (Ed. note: the HOLIDAY takes place October 24-28)

"Enclosed is the semi-formal announcement of the formation of the GENESIS chapter of TRI-ESS. We will be affiliated with TRI-ESS as our purposes are very similar. We are a small group of dedicated people who want to see this thing off the ground and make it one of the finest groups in the country. There are a core of about eight of us with two wives at present involved. We intend to have this group to be a group of equals, with none being more equal than others. All will be treated with the respect that ladies deserve and none will behave in an unlady-like fashion...GGs will not be treated as second class people in this group as they are in another group that I belong to...The emphasis of this group will be in helping the TV and her wife or female significant other deal with her yearnings in a constructive way that both partners can accept. We both know that repressing this 'hobby' we have is not only damaging to us, but to the relationship that we might enjoy with our loved ones. Repression leads to anger, ulcers, headaches, hypertension, frustration and other symptoms. This very often leads to divorce and so creates a vicious circle sometimes leading to suicide. By concentrating on helping the TV and her loved ones come to grips with what they are so madly driven to do it may avert the self destructive circle that all too many fall into and never get out...All of my love, write back soonest. I'll hope that 'In The Beginning' will be as good as 'Our Special Joy' someday. Thanks for helping." Jill (OH-1581-W). (Ed. note: good luck Jill! We were once in your spot; hard work results in success!!)

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"...Through contact with Carol this week I found that there has been a delay at the printer's; the Directory is now scheduled to be delivered to Carol on August 21st. I forwarded the address labels to Carol for the mailing 1-1/2 weeks ago, so everything is ready for the Directory to be inserted in the addressed envelopes and mailed as soon as they are received from the printer...You wrote that someone recommended to you that your chapter 'break away' from TRI-ESS. I hope that you don't think that I am 'insensitive' (I think that's the current buzz-word), but in my opinion such recommendations are a bunch of CRAP! Mary Jane, I have been around both F.P.E. and TRI-ESS a number of years. I have heard such things from many chapters (including my own), approximately every two years. In each case it comes from members who just don't know what the hell is going on, and seem to think that all the material that is published is produced by a wave from a 'magic wand'. It is very easy to criticize the efforts of others, but it always seems that the ones who have the criticism are those who sit back, pay an annual dues, and feel that they know everything. I'm not crying, but just handling the membership alone involves about 30 hours a week of my own 'spare' time, which I am pleased to donate to the Sorority. Just think what the writing, editing, proofreading, etc. the FEMME MIRROR and the Directory take of Carol's 'spare' time (from her regular job), plus the many personal letters she receives each week which requires a personal/individual reply. When we pay a subscription to a national magazine or

periodical, we have a right to expect a regular publication since those involved are paid a salary (from subscriptions received). I guess it's unfortunate, but those involved in the various aspects of TRI-ESS receive not one red cent! It's all voluntary, so our publications are not sent on the same regular basis as a national magazine, since each person involved has their own personal life to live and family responsibilities to observe. We wish it were otherwise, but it isn't, so our membership will just have to learn that they don't live in the 'Land of Oz'. I'm sorry if I sound vehement on this subject, but I just went through the same thing with Chi Chapter and it's starting to 'get' to me. I hope that you will present my comments to both your chapter and those in particular who are raising objections and convey to all that we are doing the best that we can...With regard to Carol and the national publications, I know from personal and regular contact with Carol that everything possible is being done. The Directory WILL be mailed shortly, but since we are now at the mercy of the printer there is no way that anyone can guarantee an exact date; it should be within the next few days. The next issue of the FEMME MIRROR is done, and will be sent to the printer as soon as the Directory is received. Please ask your chapter membership to give us a break; we're all doing the best possible on a spare time/volunteer basis! Donna Martin, National Membership Director (8/19)



Treasurer's Report

(Due to the necessity of getting the newsletter out to you prior to the September 8th meeting, detail has been omitted from this report but will be included in the October, quarterly report on the status of our budget. Ed.)

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| Opening balance (8/1)..... | \$418.51 |
| Receipts..... | 190.75 |
| Expenses..... | 109.45 |
| Closing balance (8/31)..... | \$499.81 |

We understand that 4 new sisters have joined the chapter; a warm welcome!

Also, Marlene of California advises that Jennifer (NJ-1696-S), of New Jersey has joined the national organization. As always, new national members are advised of the existence of C.D.M. and invited to join us.

According to our records, the following sisters are due for dues renewal with the chapter in the month of September: Lora (PA), Eileen (NY), Eddie (NY), and Marion (NY). For October, dues are payable for: Terri (NJ), Camile (NY), Carole (NY), and Mary Jane (NY).

Dues are now \$15 per year. Please forward same to our Treasurer, Lynda (and NOT your Editor). You can pay by mail or at the chapter meeting. Edith Marie is helping us automate our dues/ mailing list, and we hope to be able to keep a more current listing of members.

We trust that you are satisfied with what the chapter has to offer, and that you'll renew with us. If you're late in your dues payment, please take care of this important obligation.

Quality

In Case You Missed It

CAROL BEECROFT WRITES ANN LANDERS



Ann

IT MAY NOT BE "NORMAL" FOR A BOY TO WEAR LADIES' UNDERWEAR, BUT NEITHER IS HIS PRIME MOTIVATION FOR CROSSDRESSING A SEXUAL ONE. YOUR EDITOR ENLIGHTENS FAMOUS COLUMNIST A SECOND TIME. WHEN IT COMES TO CROSSDRESSING, NEVER TAKE THE WORD OF THE "EXPERTS."

NORMAL FOR BOY TO WEAR LADIES' UNDERWEAR?

Dear Ann Landers:

Could it be part of a normal growth pattern when a 13-year old boy enjoys trying on ladies' undergarments? The boy's father insists that many physical and psychological changes occur at this age, and the lad is merely fascinated with the softness of feminine attire.

Our son shows no other signs of femininity. His physical growth this past year has been extraordinary. He has popped up six inches, gained 20 pounds and his shoe size has gone from 6½ to 10.

Please consult with your experts and rush an answer. Although my husband is not the least bit concerned, I am. — No Name, No City, No State.

Dear N.N.N.: I suspect that your son has transvestite tendencies. This doesn't necessarily mean he is a homosexual. Many transvestites marry and have families. (Some homosexuals do too) Generally speaking, transvestites get their jollies from dressing as women — and this is the extent of their bizarre behavior.

Carol's Reply:

Dear Ann:

Several years ago we exchanged letters in regard to crossdressing — which you know as transvestism. At that time, we asked that you correct your information that you had received from "experts" — that most transvestites were either bi-sexual or homosexual. You then went back to them and came up with a more enlightened viewpoint of transvestism. We do appreciate this.

In a recent column you indicated to a parent that her son, who was evidently dressing up in her clothes, was a transvestite and that such people got their "jollies" from dressing as women and that this was the extent of such bizarre behavior.

Ann, what really bothers the members of this organization is that you are saying that transvestites (crossdressers) dress for one main reason — sexual gratification. You have called it "jollies" several times in the past. But, just as much as your "experts" were incorrect the first

time when they said that most crossdressers were either bi-sexual or homosexual, they are still very much wrong when they say that the motivating factor for the vast majority of heterosexual crossdressers is one of sexual gratification. That REALLY "steams" me! And it makes tens of thousands of people like me very impatient, too.

I don't especially blame you since you are not an expert on crossdressing. But be careful of so called "experts". They are not so expert on this subject of crossdressing as you might think. Thousands of us have been crossdressing from pre-school age and up — do you think we were getting our "jollies" at age four, five or six? Certainly not!

It is true that around the age of puberty, hetero-crossdressers find that, many things about females can be sexually attractive — including the wearing of women's clothes. But that does not mean that this is the prime and motivating reason behind the need to wear women's clothing. This stage of being sexually aroused by women's clothing gradually goes away. And then we are left to continue the expression of an inner sense of femininity.

Thus, to crossdress is to ex-

press our second self, our feminine side. We often satisfy this need by dressing completely as women and go out in public, enjoying the feeling of being accepted as women. In addition, those who might be sexually aroused by women's clothing are not that way 100% of the time they are dressed. And, by the way, homosexual crossdressers are never aroused by women's clothing.

Your experts will certainly agree that there is within all of us a masculine and feminine side. We have all observed rather masculine women. Isn't it interesting that such women generally are not criticized but often admired for their masculine qualities. Well there are just as many men around who have a strong feminine side to their personality but instead of being admired for their feminine traits they are called all kinds of names and put down. It is hard for a man to express his feminine side without crossdressing and we realize that for those who do not understand, this IS bizarre. But that doesn't mean that it is any more wrong for us to express our feminine side the BEST way possible than it is for a woman to appear in a very masculine pants suit.


May I also clarify one of the differences between heterosexual and homosexual crossdressers. The homosexual crossdresser usually crossdresses for the purpose of either enticing a male "patron", or to help that person from feeling guilty. Such homosexual crossdressers are not sexually aroused by women's clothing and, in fact, most often they are only too glad to shuck their feminine garments when they are finished with their male patron. In addition, homosexual crossdressers are usually effeminate but NOT feminine. There's a difference. Being effeminate is mimicking females and adopting their mannerisms in a most EXAGGERATED manner. To be truly feminine requires nothing unusual other than just acting like most women.

A problem that experts have is that the ONLY crossdressers that they see are those

who have difficulty in understanding themselves. The remainder of crossdressers, about 98%, are NEVER seen because crossdressing poses no problem to them and they are content with the expression of their feminism through crossdressing. We are often a different type of crossdresser than what normally goes to a psychiatrist. Unfortunately, what ever the Psychiatrists find with the crossdressers that they meet, gets applied to all the rest of us.

I, for one, do not go around sexually excited when I get dressed up and go out to dinner or to a movie with my wife. We also like to go window-shopping. At an earlier time, when I was in my teens and twenties, I could become sexually stimulated through wearing women's clothing but that was NEVER the reason that I dressed up. Such feelings were merely appendages of my desire to crossdress and such feelings gradually disappeared. Do remember, Ann, that men can be sexually stimulated by many more things than can a woman, so it is easy to see how crossdressers could be attracted sexually to women's clothing. Women are our love objects and it naturally follows that a man

could also be sexually attracted to her clothing. On the other hand, there are many thousands of us who were crossdressing long before we started to school. And, believe me, Ann, I wasn't going around, sexually stimulated, when I dressed in my mother's clothes. I dressed to express a strong side of my personality which was very feminine.

So, please take it from some one who REALLY knows, that the prime reason for most acts of heterosexual crossdressing is not sexual and those "experts" who say so are very ignorant of the true facts. I hope that future articles will show a different viewpoint than what you have been saying up to now. And, since the Society for the Second Self is very anxious to help the many husbands and wives whose marriages are in trouble due to crossdressing, we ask that you give our full name and address (Los Angeles address, please) so that we can send these people our brochure and other literature. You'd be surprised how many people that we are able to help each year. No one gets paid for the work that we do and here I am in the Society office, working all this weekend for those who need us. 

Written by Carol Beecroft, our national leader, in the FEMME MIRROR of Vol. 6, No. 4 in 1981. This is just a sample of the items in our national publication. To receive it you must be a member of the national organization. Dues are \$30/year (write Carol as follows: Ms. Carol Beecroft, P. O. Box 194, Tulare, California 93275). Carol now has additional help, and we expect the FEMME MIRROR to be sent out to us girls every two months. Joining the national organization is a requirement of C. D. M. chapter membership. Remember, this helps all of us and is well-worth it!

Reflecting The Feminine

