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Hi Ladies:

This month the gathering was a lively, lovely, happy group Every one laughing at jokes, some taking pictures, and of the crowd our Laura came thru with a bit of humor. First Laura was dressed in a pretty green gown later went to the motel and did herself up in a brown dress. This of course was alright, but something just didn't look right, so I asked her to turn so I could see what was wrong and you know what, she had her dress on backwards, well if that didn't have the gals laughing, I don't know what would.Laura don't be embarassed, it could happen to anyone.

Jo Ann made a visit after an absence and she looked great in a pretty black and white hot pants suit, with high white boots. Good to see you Jo Ann.

The gals who came last night were: Josie & Leah from Pearl River, La Verne from Clay, N. Y. Jean from Platsburg, N. Y. Laura from Sharon Conn., Winnie from Schen. N. Y., Betty & Sue from Rochester, N. Y. , Michelle from Glens Falls, N. Y. June from Averille Park, N. Y. ,Barbara from Colonie, N. Y. Crystal from Menands, N. Y. Joan from Colonie, N. Y.(liked your hair style Joan). Pauline from Voorheesville, N. Y. Michelle from Albany, N. Y., Pam from Altamont, N. Y. (sorry you couldn't make it Joel). Jo Ann from Stony Point, N. Y., Jo & Dennie from Peekskill, N. Y.

Betty and Joan gave Dennie And I a hand in the kitchen to get the food out on the table, and then the clean up job when they were finished eating. Thanks girls it sure does help to finish cleaning and be able to get out in back and enjoy the conversation.

Our menu was a good one we had Roast Turkey, dressing, peas, potatoes, candied sweets, apple sauce, pickles, cake and coffee. It was a pleasure for me seeing the girls going back for seconds.

Next month we will have Dennie come up and prepare a surprise for the girls.

Crystal didn't have a letter from Aunt Harriet for us this month, but how about it Crystal do you think Aunt Harriet will write to next month. Or maybe some one of you other gals have some entertainment for us. Does anyone play an instrument?

Thanks to a friend I received a letter and thru him the following piece of news came to me. It seems that a T. V. that comes to our meetings wrote to a T. V. who we correspond with, told him that the meetings here are boring. All you can do here is meet the different T. V. sisters, drink and talk. So I will say now- I opened my home to T. V.'s so that they could come here and meet, and be able to talk to their closet sisters who unfortunately cannot dress at home.

I said from the beginning that I would not allow any monkey business in my home as there are a lot of the T. V.'s who have to be carefull they are not exposed to any bad publicity. Second, I would like to improve the attitudes of some of the wives who are trying to understand why their mates have to dress.

Why they would say it is boring, I don't know, as Crystal most always has some sort of entertainment for us. Also they were asked if anyone else had an instrument that they played or if any of them sang or danced, and no one got up so if the meeting was not to his liking, it is no ones fault but his own. If on the other hand, they are looking for a spicy program, their in the wrong place.

As for music, we played the tapes and no one even heard it as they were to busy talking, drinking, and taking pictures that you couldn't hear the music.

I will not change my rules to satisfy a few. If they want any monkey shine business they will have to do it when they leave here. Their personal life is no business of mine, only when here they do as their Hostess asks.

I know that if I found some thing boring, I certainly wouldn't keep comming. I know some of our T. V.'s travel a distance to be hear so they could talk to their sisters without any thoughts of being bored.

It's too bad I had to hear this from a T. V. far away, it would have been just as easy to be a Lady and come to me and see if we could do something to occupy his time. If any of them are Homosexuals or Transexuals they keep it to themselves as I don't ask them their personal life. While here they act like ladies because if I hear or see anything out of the way, they will get a kind goodnight and certainly no return invitation.

I am truly sorry this had to come out, but to safe guard the true transvestite, and keep his private life secure. I will continue to be on my guard There are too many Professional and highly respected citizens, who have to have strict security, and this I vow will be kept as long as you come under my roof.

I'll admit I was mad to think they could complain, when I gave them a home to come too. I try my best to give them a good meal, and keep things moving. All I can say is that they knew the rules before they joined and no one twisted their arm for them to join. Sorry gals but this is the way it is.

Helen

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Take It Easy

Don't turn your wife from an understanding person who willingly tolerates your cross dressing to one who will fuss and raise a little hell every time you do. You can you know and not even realize that you are doing so.

Many of your wives go along with your cross-dressing just as long as it is on a one for one basis that is only she and yourself knows. Normally, you are one who only cross-dresses in the confines of your own home, motel or possible a costume ball or otherwise in some other city. The trouble starts when you tel someone else or write for information from Virginia Prince, TVIS, Empathy club etc. Immediately she becomes fearfull that all of the security the two of you have maintained is crumbling. The postman will be suspicious from the corner card. The postman will blab it to all the neighbors. Their kids will blab it at school. Your children will be ostracized and so on. While this is far from the case in our present society, the fear of your wife is very real-very real.

A better way is to discuss your ideas of wanting to write for information casually, trying to work the conversation around to where she actually suggests or encourages you to make such contact. You would be wise to handle the idea of meeting some local TV the same way. Let her think it is her idea and she is encouraging you to do so in order to find out a bit more as to how you think and act.

At the same time take it slow in your follow up. Try not to appear too anxious although you may be itching to make such a contact. Please remember that you are initiating contacts that could develop into some very meaningful friend ships. Friendships that spill over into your brothers world such as a new fishing or golfing buddy, a twosome that you and your wife could enjoy and possible leads for your business activities.

Patience and persistance coupled with consideration of her fears are so important.

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Always borrow from a pessimist- He never expects it back anyway.

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About all that is necessary for a divorce nowadays is a wedding.

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Well folks I do hope you have enjoyed reading my two sheets for this month. I am typing this and watching the ballgame, so if there is any mistakes please forgive me.

Untill I see some of you next month and hear from some of you that cannot make it here, I'll say Bye- Bye for now.

Helen

"You should see some of the characters that come in here."

Hi all you gals

Well we had another very nice month. We had 21 TV's at this last gathering. we picked up 4 new members and one new subcriber.

After all, if most of us TV's weren't really men, this whole business of dressing up in gals clothes would be a bloddy bore wouldn't it? The kick we get out of cross-dressing comes because we are men not because we're answering of "girl with in". It provides us with some healthy relaxation and a change of pace from the brutal rat-race of a world gone entirely mad. Oh yes, we do have TV's who wish the operation, and claim that they are a real woman, but this runs only 10% of all TV's.

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If you happen to be someone who's still in the dark victorian closet, all I can say is-- come on out and join us.

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The new TV's present at our last gathering told me that this was the first such event they had attended. I was glad it went off so well to give them an encouragingpicture of what these get togethers can be.

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NEW MEMBERS

Lee R. Batesville, Ark.
Patricia E. Bronx, N. Y.
Doris L. Latham, N. Y.
Richy K. Montreal, Canada

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NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Dr. S. Chicago, Ill.

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YOUR NAME AND YOUR ADDRESS

Another question that is asked of me frequently is regarding Post Office box The procedure is simple. All that is needed is to make application at a post office that has boxes to rent. The applicationshould be made in your real name and there is space to list all peolple who will be getting mail at your box. There you can list your sister's name. The post office is completely security conscious on post office boxes and will not give out the name of box holders to anyone. They do insist, however, in you giving themyouy correct name and home or business address which is verified by your local carrier who initials the cardto indicate that, yes, that is your name and you do live at the addres you gave on the application. There is absolutely no contact made at your home or business-- only verification that you are real and you have a permanent adress.

Should you have not selected a femme name for yourself choosing a name that starts with the same initial as your brothers name has its rewards in case of a goof by someone. Even similarity of first names has its advantges for an example: my given name is Mert and femme name is Myrtle Ann or Myrt for short. Even were someone to call my brother Myrtl no serious harm would befall me since it could easily be passed off as a slip of the tongue. Some other similar combinations are: Donna- Don, Joe- Joan, Fran- Francis, Gene-jean,Jerry-Jeri, Bob- Bobbie, and Henry- Henrietta.

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For Pearl Girls

If you're a pearl girl, there are new ways of wearing them with the coming season's revival of the black short or long evening dress. Fasten one end to the shoulder with a jeweled pin, the other end of the strand(or strands) falling diagonally to the hip bone, and another fastener. Designer Donald Brooks showed a number of off-beat ways to wear pearls.

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A Russian officer, a Czechoslovakian, a little old lady, and an attractive young girl are sharing the same compartment on a train to Czechoslovakia. Shortly after the train enters a dark tunnel, the passengers hear first a kiss then a loud and substantial slap. The girl thinks: " Isn't that odd that the Russian tried to kiss the old lady and not me?" The old lady thinks: "That is a good girl with fine morals." The Russian officer thinks: " The Czech is a smart fellow, He steals a kiss and I get slapped."
The Czech thinks: " I am really smart. I kiss the back of my hand, clout a Russian officer, and get away with it."

Transvestite law held illegal;

By Larry Weintraub CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, Sept. 21, 1973

"He's got my old dress, but that's not good enough!"

Circut Court Judge J.I.Sperling ruled that the city law against dressing in garb of the opposite sex in public is unconstitutional.

The judge said the law violates the constiutions of Illinois and the United States because it does not afford a transvestite equal protection under the law and dismissed charges against 4 juveniles.

He cited federal court opinions that held that people have the right "to present themselves physically to the world in the manner of their own individual choice..." as garanteed in the 14th Amendment.

The judge noted that when the defendants apperaed before him in open court "their faces and lips were made up with lipstick and rouge and they wore female wigs in addition to being attired in miniskirts and blouses and carring ladies handbags."

Asst. Coporation Counsel A. Mooradian argued that the crux of the law was the prohibition of transvestism "with the intent to deceive" He said one of the defendants was seen using the women's washrommin the tavern when arrested.

Mooradian said the law would not apply in many cases, including Holloween costumes. What the city is concerned about, he said, is a person who would wear clothing of the opposit sex to get into a place for peeping, or luring a victim for sexual molestation or robbery, or to get someone to agree to a sex act that he would not have had to realalized his partner was not a member of the opposite sex.

Renee Hanover, the defense lawyer, disagreed with Mooradian on the law, saying that it prohibits transvestism "with intent to conceal his or her sex," not intent to deceive.

Moreover, she said, if the law is concerned about the luring of unsuspecting victims, it should make the act a crime only if it is done for the purpose of committing another crime.

Ms. Hanover asid modern fashions often make it hard to ascertain what clothing is made for women and what for men.

"It's very, very difficult on the street to tell the difference between men and women, especially for your generation and mine," she said.

"Oh, I can tell," the judge replied with a smile.

"From the front or from the back, sir? Ms. Hanover inquired.

Sperling assured her that he could tell from any anglr.

Ms. hanover was clad in a blouse and a knit, striped slack suit. Mooradian was attired in a striped sports jacket and slacks. The judge wore a floor-length black robe.

The four youths-who have aliases of Melinda, Mona, Tany and tammie-told him they preferred to be known as women, he said.

In the old days, TV's used to dress to kill: Now they dress to torment.

Dear Wilma.

I would like to make a comment on Dorathy's question. No I don't think my dressing is a case of "forbedden fruit," not with me anyway. I think as a women, feel like a women, and of course I like to cook and keep house. Sewing is a very relaxing for me, and of course, I've always loved gardenung. I've never been interesting in body contact sports, and am only a mechanic because of society, and possibly, the idiotic idea that I had to prove myself, when I was younger that I wasn't crazy. With me its just that the Man upstairs made a horrible mistake, somewhere.

JACQUELINE N. PORT HOPE ONT. CANADA.

NEXT GATHERING NOVEMBER 17th 17 17 17 17 Don't forget it.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 15th.

DIG DEEP ON THIS

ANSWERS TO QUEATION OF THE MONTH:

Sept. Queestion. If you wanted to, could you stop cross dressing?

I think TVism is a form of escapism and definitely narcissistic. Women are exhibitionist and we TV's are also. I think a male TV is basically dislpeased with his role as a male in our society and escapes into a more attractive glamorous world where he can express his (her/ true self! If nessary I could stop cross dressing, some times its frustrating and futile. But to stop dressing would not be easy since TV's have a psychological need to dress as woman. Giving it up would be difficult just like trying to stop smoking or drinking. There would always bean emotional conflict between the urge to dress and the desire or necessity to quit cross-dressing. In my own circumstances being a TV is very difficult and some times frustrating. I Can't be as active as I want to be and chances are very few to improve this situation. I at times feel discouraged and say to hell with it all, whats the point in going on? To be discovered would be disasterous to me in my job and personal life. It would never do to disclose my cross-dressing. Honesty is not always the best policy. Sad but true.

As you all can see I am not the best looking girl in the world but I sure try. Please send me your comment on my letter and I promise to answer all mail with a better photo.

Dorathy
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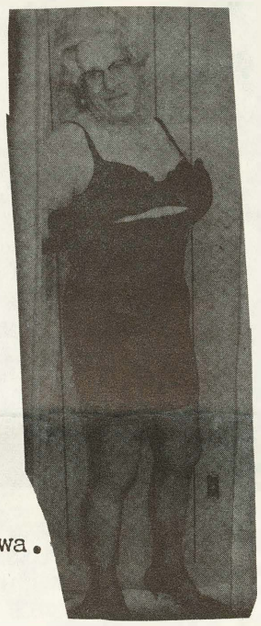


Dear Wilma

No I do not think that I could stop crossdressing, because down through the years, I have acquired complete wardrobes of feminine attire, then destroyed them, and after a time, I would get the urge, and start all over again, I think I have gone through this about 5 or 6 times. I love to go into a store and buy things for myself, when I see something in the papers that I like, (I only read the ads about Female Attire) I will buy it, when I go to a Corset Shop, I ask for something in my size, the clerk usually says, she should come in and try it on, and my reply is, it is for me, I'm going to wear it, I like to do this, can anyone tell mr why? As for Spencer Corsetieres, they know who it is for, because they measure you for a custom made garmrnt, I'm enclosing a picture of myself in my latest spencer, Any of you girls like it?

Francine D. of Camanche Iowa.

Dear Wilma:

Yes and No. Circumstances would motivate one way or another. Certainly I could for I gave up smokeing and I was a 2½ pack smoker. Oh! THAT WAS DIFFICULT. I would dislike to think that I would have to give up cross-dressing for you know Wilma, I am of the Transexual variety but - Yes! Circumstances and - - - !

Jean of Platsburg N Y

Dear Wilma;

I'm the master or misress of my fate. I've dressed for over 35 years and could quite but I don't want to as it's a part of me as I am really a woman.

Now I realize you don't see many double hand amputee women walking the street of America, but never the less I'm one who has really worked on being a successful TV and hoping of becoming a TS. Like many it's the money thay is one of the major factors and it does cost.

Barbara of Springfield Ill.

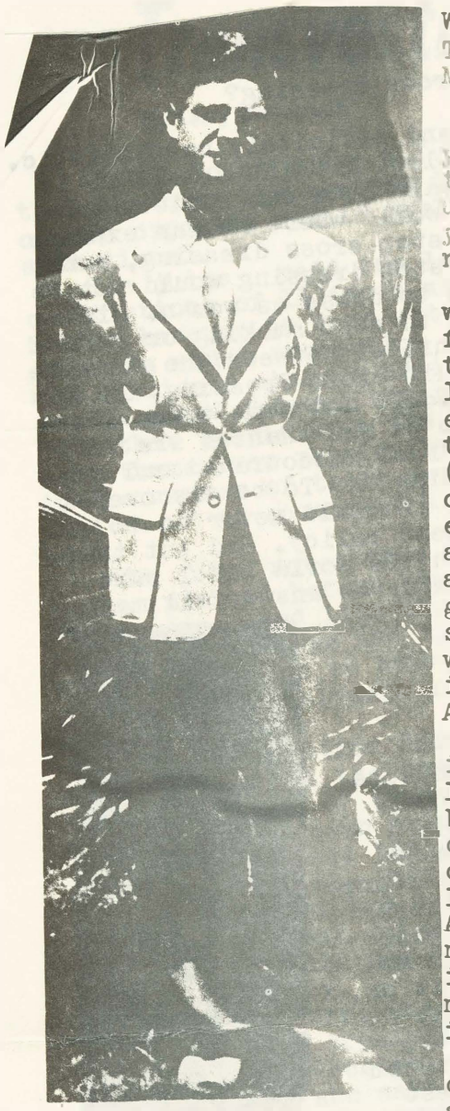
QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

What does a TV want from life excluding Sex?

That's the question sent in by a member. Lets see how many replies we can give her. All replies must be in by Nov. 9th in order to make the November issue. Also let me know how you want your letter signed in the paper. If you send a clear picture i will also put it in with your letter. I must know if this is the kind of reading you want, if not I will discontinue the question of the month section.

DON'T LEAVE FOR TO*MORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TO-DAY. ANSWER NOW.

Y OF SEX CHANGELING



WHAT KIND OF LIFE AWAITS THIS THIS PERSON, WHO HAS FELT A MISFIT FOR SOME 29 YEARS?

After some 28 troubled years lived the youg man at the left, Charles McLeod turned up this year (1954) as the young lady of 29 at the right, named Charlotte McLeod.

Whether this sex change will resolve a lifelong quest for happiness and social acceptance remains to be seen. In 1953, in an operation crudely performed on a kitchen table in Copenhagen, Denmark (reputable doctors refused his case, since authorities objected to the publicity which had attened previous such operations), he underwent the surgery which removed his male sex glands. This he hoped, would forever banish his feeling of being a misfit in American society.

He was born, an only child in Dyersburg, Tenn. on Feb. 26, 1925. He seemed a usual enough boy, save that he was kept in dresses until he was 15 months old, and called "Baby Charles" long after it felt comfortable. At 12, after a bout with pneumonia, began a long series of illnesses, including chronic migraine, which recurred curiously every 28 days.

At puberty, his physical development embarked on a abnormal course. He lacked anyest for boys games, and attending camp, at 13, he felt embarrassed to go swimming, because of pronounced brest development. At 16, when his father shipped him off to a military academy to "toughen" him up he found himself quite unable to keep up with marches and physical exercises. At 23, this experience recurred when he entered the Army for 90-day stint, to "prove himself a man". By then his life had become phychic torment. Twice he attempted suicide, unsuccessfully. He tried living in a New Orleans homosexual colony, but that utterly repelled him. A paychiatrist said he could do nothing for him and so he made the trip to Denmark, in a quest for personal salvation. There he underwent an operation wich almost cost him his life, performed as it was by a doctor of questionable repute, under crud--est conditions. Subsequently, he began receiving massive does of female hormones and was permitted by the Danish police to don feminine clothes. By then a reputable physician, appalled by what had happened to Charles, agreed to complete the series of sex-change operations.

Midway in his treatments, he poses for his first picture in women's garb

Charles McLeod returned to the U.S. on April 16, 1954, with a passport bearing the name of Charlotte Mc Leod, to find he'd become a weird sort of American celeberity. His reception by the New York City press was rude and raucous. But old friends in Dyersburg accepted him and admired his fortitude in going through with the operations.

(This is Charlotte today)

His father-long chagrined by his sons lack of masculinity-welcomed Charlotte cordially enough. It is still too early to tell whether life as a woman will bring her emotional security and social acceptance throughout a lifetime.

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(EDITORS NOTE: If you readers have anything of interset to other TV's send it to me and I will print it.)