

Sewing Circles

By BECKY SCHAEFFER

When you have put in a sleeve, or attached a collar, then turned the garment right-side-out to discover that there was a mistake and it has to be ripped out, does it frustrate you?

Of course it does. And you wonder whether you'll ever learn to sew with ease.

Sometimes I have been so mad at myself that I felt like chucking the whole thing in the trash barrel. But as long as you sew, you will make mistakes. Not so many, after a while, but the very finest seamstresses own seam rippers. The idea is not to try for perfection, but to learn patience.

For the beginner, who has taken Homemaking in school but has never tried to do any serious sewing, I recommend starting on uncomplicated items. Bibs, hemming diapers, making kimonos for babies, all are simple projects.

A gathered skirt (or even a little apron) then perhaps a straight skirt or a shift might be good beginning. But when you feel you are ready for something more complicated, be sure you have time enough to get it done. Rushing will cause nervousness and produce mistakes.

When I made my first jacket, I studied the delfor (the how-to-do-it sheet) all of one evening before cutting it out. Then I took my time cutting on one day, sewing for two or three more, and was rewarded with a good product.

But in these times when hurrying is the rule, it is hard to put something down and just wait. Still, isn't it worth it? Next time it won't take so long.

Experience will teach you where basting is not absolutely essential and pinning will do. But there are times when there just isn't an easy way.

At those times, bear in mind that satisfaction and admirable work will only happen if you are willing to put a good deal of yourself into it.

That is what makes sewing an art, and why so many women consider it a hobby rather than work.

I am frequently amused when people show surprise that I made the dress or suit I am wearing. But keep this encouraging thought in mind: every beautiful garment you see was made by someone.

That dressmaker was not born knowing how to sew any more than you were. And chances are that she'll attribute her ability not to advanced classes or to a special apprenticeship with some great couturier, but to two simple things: patience and experience.

HINT FOR TODAY

Using a double thread will make a hem stronger, but it

may also make little marks that show in the material. If you feel a hem needs to be made stronger, go around twice. It may cause extra work, but you will have a better finished product.

Hospital Honors Volunteers

Little Company of Mary Hospital will honor 43 senior auxiliary members who served 100 or more hours, at a luncheon tomorrow at the Polynesian Restaurant.

Presenting pins will be Mother Mary Patricia, administrator.

President's pin and highest award will be given to Mrs. Clarence Van Lingen, for serving 3,000 hours since the inception of the women's auxiliary in 1959.

Eight women will be presented with gold bars denoting 1,000 hours: Mmes. Martin Rice, Charles R. Hosler, George Olivieri, Jule Reultz, James Murphy, Karl Ransom, Milton Bailey, and Homer Morgan.

Seven volunteers singled out for contributing 500 or more hours will be: Donald Puhl, Thomas Dear, Jay Ingles, Theodore McNeer, John Wilson, Charles A. Kirsnis, and Cecilia Young.

Twenty-seven women to be honored for giving a "lending hand" in the form of 100 hours each are: Miss Carolyn Booth, and the Mmes. Ronald Byke, Howard Brooks, Marie Watson, Lois Butler, Jack Hahn, William Howard, Robert Koonz, Ben Kuchar, Denis Lynch, Ann McCoig, Howard McVay, Jackson Maxey, Blanche Miller, T. L. Montgomery, Ronald Piccirillo, Albert Roth, Sherry Snyder, Harold Spores, Herbert Suer, Gust Sundquist, Harry Titus, Curt Wagner, Ted Whitting, Frank Eppenheimer, James Weber, C. R. Zaborowski, Homer Milsap.

Entertaining the honored volunteers and guests during the luncheon will be auxiliary members who will model Helen Botique's informal fashions. Models will include: Mmes. Robert E. Jenkinson, Jerome Hinman, Robert McMahan, Gordon Richardt, Stanley R. Caughlan, Homer Milsap and Estelle Lovett. Arrangements for the luncheon are being handled by Mrs. T. L. Montgomery of Rolling Hills.

Special guests will be Mother M. Barbara, honorary president of the auxiliary, Gene Alfred, president of the hospital advisory board, Robert Elsleben, assistant administrator and Mrs. Frank Forester, past president of the auxiliary.

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DISPLAYING handpainted Brazilian dress to her sister, Mrs. Frank Maguire of Torrance, left, is Senhora Jose Ferraz, right, of Rio de Janeiro. Sen-

hora Ferraz, who is spending a month as her sister's guest, used shaving brushes and baby bottles to create floral effects. —PRESS photo

Brazilian Socialite Calls Life Here 'Easy'

By BONNIE SAUNDERS

North is North, and South is South — but occasionally the two DO meet. Such a meeting between cultures of the Americas took place this week when Senhora Jose Luis Ferraz of Brazil arrived in Torrance to spend a month with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maguire of 5136 Merrill St.

A member of one of Rio de Janeiro's leading families, Senhora Ferraz makes her city home in the Ipanama section of Rio near Copacabana Beach, and has her country house at Petropolis.

Senhor Ferraz, Brazilian attorney and investor, is president of Botafogo, national soccer club and holder of national and international soccer title.

"Castanheiros" (Portuguese for chestnut plantation), the country home of Senhor and Senhora Ferraz, was built to accommodate a full size football field on

which members of leading Brazilian amateur soccer groups spend weekends engaging in the sport.

In addition to sportsmen of the soccer field, weekend guests at Castanheiros include politicians and musicians. On one occasion houseguests included David Niven, a secretary of state and a leading football player.

Houseguests usually entertain themselves by writing bossa nova melodies. The senhora has written several scores. Besides turning out tunes, Senhora Ferraz plays piano, paints, and creates hand-made beaded sandals and handpainted dresses.

She is currently enrolled in a seven-year course in history of architecture and the arts.

The senhora has two personal philanthropies — a favela (group of poverty-stricken families in a hillside community of shack dwellings) and a social clinic. She was appointed by Carlos Lacerdos, governor of Rio, to personally finance and supervise the favela of 70 families. Her duties include purchasing medicine, teaching the families how to clean their persons and their dwelling, how to care for their children, how to budget their earnings, how to sew, and how to fix their machines.

Visits to the favela occupy three afternoons a week. Among the things she has taught her families has been the art of helping one another. The settlement recently elected its own carpenter and seamstress. As other needs arise the senhora will teach the group how to elect the proper person within the framework of the favela. Within two years the government anticipates moving the families from the crude favela dwellings to new government housing.

Located on the family farm, Senhora Ferraz' social clinic serves as an outpatient to 400 patients a month. The senhora obtains donations and finances medicine, doctors, clothing, holiday gifts and layette clothing for babies of clinic families.

In explaining the workings of a favela, Senhora Ferraz pointed out that Praya de Pinto (Beach of the Chicks), a favela of 2,000 families, is the pet charity of the women attached to the American embassy in Brazil.

Describing Brazilian progress in the past five years, the senhora explained that Rio now has three television channels and the country is producing domestic cars, re-

frigerators, sewing machines and washing machines.

What are the biggest differences between life in Torrance and life in Rio?

"American houses don't smell," stated the senhora. There are no spray cans to take care of all types of household needs in Brazil, she indicated. She credited cooking conveniences offered to American housewives by modern packaging as making life for American women "so easy." What did amaze her, however, was the cost of running an American household. "For what it takes my sister to operate her typical Torrance household, I can provide for six maids and two houses in Brazil," she concluded.



RECEIVING PIN tomorrow for 3,000 hours of volunteer service at Little Co. of Mary Hospital will be Mrs. Clarence Van Lingen, right, president of the Hospital Auxiliary. Presentation will take place at an awards luncheon to be held at the Polynesian Restaurant.

Awards will go to 43 women for individual contributions of 100 or more hours. Pictured with Mrs. Van Lingen are Mrs. Ralph Allen, left, chairman of hours, and Mother Mary Patricia, administrator of the hospital, who will present the pins. —PRESS photo.

La Leche League Slates Events

La Leche League will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 in the home of Mrs. Robert Van Over, 3612 Hedda St., Long Beach 5.

The international organization is interested in providing education in breast feeding through contact with members and use of its manual, "The Womanly Art of Breast Feeding."

The meeting is the first in a series of four. Discussion on the art of breast feeding and overcoming difficulties will be led by Mrs. Sherman Nathanson, group leader of the South Bay Chapter. Coffee hour will be at 10 p.m.

"Mothering" is the objective of La Leche League which derives its name from the Spanish word "la leche," meaning milk. Members of the League are dedicated to assisting new mothers in overcoming nursing problems, both physical and attitudinal. Companionship and the sharing of ideas among nursing mothers are key factors in the league's desire to help women toward better "mothering" through breast feeding.

The league will hold a special meeting, for couples, on Father's Day, June 16 at the

home of Mrs. Sherman Nathanson, 2 to 4 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Mary Jane Hungerford, Ph.D., assistant director of the Department of Education of The American Institute of Family Relations. Her subject will be "The Husband's Role" and "The Emotional Climate of the Family: Attitudes and Adjustments."

Dr. Hungerford received her Ph. D. at Columbia University and has had 20 years experience in teaching physical activities, including body-mechanics, and in conducting courses in physiology, health, nutrition and mental hygiene. She studied the development of educational techniques for expectant parents under Herbert Thoms, M.D., professor and head of the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Hungerford is the mother of three young children.

Persons desiring information and reservations are invited to call FR 8-3720.

Luncheon To Highlight Installation

Mrs. J. P. Bay, president of the Torrance Woman's Club entertained the executive board at a luncheon at her home, 2 Headland Drive, Rolling Hills, Wednesday, May 22.

Luncheon tables were decorated with centerpieces of white mums and pink carnations. Each guest was given an orchid corsage and a gift from the retiring president.

Among those present were: Mmes. Alma Smith, B. W. Roberts, A. H. Brown, J. G. Louvier, E. G. Laughney, L. G. Ulliam, Fred Sandstrom, Andrew Acampora, S. J. Dunhouse, D. J. Thomsen and Ronald Forestal.

Torrance Woman's Club will have their final meeting of the year June 5, 1968, at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia.

Business meeting will follow a catered luncheon.

Installation of officers will be held following the meeting. Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, past president of the Woman's Club, will be installing officer.



EXAMINING GIFTS are Mrs. Clarence Kellman, right, Bay Harbor Hospital Guild worker, and Miss Karen

Weiss of Torrance at the guild gift shop in Harbor City. The shop carries a variety of gifts.