

## 16-Year-Old Is Early Entrant In The Times Sewing Contest

By ART WRIGHT  
BEING A VICTIM of spastic paralysis isn't going to keep 16-year-old Helen Senteig, a Tech High student, out of The Times' National Sewing Contest.

She was one of the first entrants in the Junior division. She plans to enter a dress made over a standard pattern. She might even submit additional entries, if she can find the time.

For Helen, an A-plus student in sewing at Tech, makes all her own clothes and now is making her mother's wearing apparel.

Described as "an extremely artistic girl" by her mother, Helen has won laurels for her sewing in 4-H competition at the Marion County Fair at New Bethel and in the Indiana State Fair.

THE LIST of entries is growing with each mail that comes to The Times' Sewing Contest Editor's desk. Every woman and teen-ager seeking a share of the \$160 in cash prizes must send in the registration form (at bottom of page) which appears only in The Times. That officially puts her in the contest.

Garments must be delivered Apr. 19 to a downtown location which will be announced in The Times. Garments will be judged the week of Apr. 26.

First place winner in each of the eight classifications listed on the registration form will receive \$50 from The Times. Second place winners will get \$20.

THE FIRST place garment in each classification will be sent to New York for judging in the national contest which pays \$100 for each of the eight first places, plus \$100. The Times will add for each Indianapolis entrant winning first in the national. Creator of the garment will get a three-day all-expense trip to New York.

The only persons barred from the contest are employees of The Times and members of their families, and professionals. A professional is one who makes her living by sewing or designing.

Contest garments must have been made this year, started since Mar. 1.

## Country Club Lists Events

The Indianapolis Country Club will have an open house for members and guests on Mar. 20. The House Committee is in charge of the event.

The members are W. R. Boucher, Glenn F. Warren, Frank W. Baron, Mesdames George E. Eno, Mary Owings and Ford H. Kaufman. There will be a buffet supper at 6:30 p. m.

The club has also planned an Easter egg hunt for the children of members on Mar. 28. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hurt are chairmen, assisted by Messrs. and Mesdames Joseph F. Breeze, Ralph B. Roberts and Buford Cadle.

A dinner dance will mark the season's formal opening on Apr. 24.

## Cute as Can Be



By SUE BURNETT  
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Pattern 8298 comes in sizes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years. Size 3, pinator, requires 1 1/4 yards of 35 or 39-inch; bonnet, 1/2 yard.

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ENTERS SEWING CONTEST—One of the early entrants in the Junior Division of The Times National Sewing Contest is Helen Senteig, 1620 Spann Ave., an A-plus student in sewing at Technical High School. Here she is at work on a garment for her mother.

### We, the Women—

#### Small Talk

#### To Master

By RUTH MILLETT  
NEA Staff Writer

A WOMAN reader confesses she hates to go to big parties because she doesn't know how to make "small talk" and invariably finds herself standing tongue-tied on the sidelines.

Small talk is easy, lady, if you'll follow a few rules.

**RULE ONE:** Don't wait until you have something to say before you open your mouth. Just open it, and say anything that comes into your head.

**RULE TWO:** Don't get flustered if nobody seems to be listening to what you're saying. That is the one saving grace of small talk. Nobody has to pay any attention to it.

**RULE THREE:** Use plenty of gestures, and, no matter how many you chatter, you'll fool the people who are listening with only one ear into thinking you are a clever, gay conversationalist.

**RULE FOUR:** Never wait for an opening before putting in your nickel's worth. If you do, you'll never get to say anything. Grab the floor when you want it, and hang on until you've had your say.

**RULE FIVE:** Don't worry about whether you are making a favorable impression. Everybody else will be too busy wondering the same thing about themselves to care about how you are doing.

And that's all there is to the ability to make "small talk." If you doubt it, listen carefully to the chatter next time you are at a big party.

### Pen Women To Elect

The annual election of officers of the National League of American Pen Women, Indianapolis branch, will be held at 1:30 p. m. Mar. 20 in the Meridian Room of the Colonial Furniture Co.

Mrs. E. R. Shoemaker will discuss "A Robe for the Passover." The hostesses will be Mrs. E. E. Rhoades, Dana; Mrs. W. D. Kee and Mrs. William C. Patterson.

There will be an 11:30 a. m. luncheon in the Hotel Lincoln before the meeting.

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### Let's Eat—

## Serve Rolled Dumplings With Stewed Chicken

By META GIVEN

TWO KINDS of flour dumplings—the rolled and the drop type—long have been associated with stewed chicken. The former have not been common in recent years, but in grandmother's day very few cooks made any other kind for their chicken and dumplings dish.

These dumplings are prepared much like biscuits and are easy to make. Most cooks seem to get the best results if dumplings are kept covered during the cooking.

### ROLLED BUTTERMILK DUMPLINGS (For Friday dinner)

1 c. all-purpose flour  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/4 tsp. baking soda  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/2 c. buttermilk

Sift the flour, measure and sift three times with baking powder, soda and salt. Sift the last time into a bowl. Add buttermilk and mix lightly with a fork. Turn out on a floured board, knead lightly four or five times and roll out to one-fourth inch thickness.

Cut into rectangles one by three inches with a floured knife. Drop into the boiling stew, cover and gently boil for 12 minutes. Do not stir the dumplings.

**Design Safety Into a Home, Expert Advises**

"Safety must be designed in and hazards ruled out during the planning stages if homes are to be free of accidents," John F. Rithmiller, engineer for the Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Co., pointed out today.

He spoke at the second session of the Indianapolis School for Home Planners held this afternoon at the YWCA. The night meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Steps prospective home owners should take in planning their "dream home" were outlined in addresses by Edward D. Pierre, Indiana Society of Architects, and Clarence T. Myers, Construction League of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Pierre said persons planning to build a home should have all their ideas ready before they consult an architect. "Back of every good plan for a home is a good architect," he maintained.

The use of permanent materials in the construction of a house was advised by Mr. Myers. "In the long run," he said, "the better the materials used the lower will be the cost of living in a home."

The classes are free and will be held on consecutive Tuesdays through April 6.

**Bunny Bib Set**

Hard-cook the eggs and cool immediately under cold water. Cook the macaroni in the same pan according to the directions on the package. Drain and rinse or note as directed. Drain off tuna oil and discard. Flake the tuna into a large bowl.

Mix the salad dressing, mustard and vinegar thoroughly and add to the tuna mixture. Toss to coat the pieces well. Season with salt and pepper to taste; amount will depend on the seasonings of the French dressing and salad dressing.

Peel and cut the eggs into eighths; cut the pineapple into cubes and add both to the salad. Toss very lightly to mix. Pile lightly on a platter and surround with thick slices of chilled tomato if desired. Serves four.

By MRS. ANNE CABOT

Applique cute bunnies on tray cloth, napkins and bib and trim with gay ric-rac braid. The well fitting bib extends in back to the waist. Use the pattern below to order the pattern.

**Standard Pattern Group, Senior Division, for entrants above 18 years of age. (1) Dress—Rayon, silk or wool.....**

**(2) Dress—Cotton..... (3) Coat or Suit.....**

**Standard Pattern Group, Junior Division, entrants 18 years or under. (1) Dress..... (2) Suit or Coat.....**

**Glamour Group, no age limit. (1) Evening, lounge, beach wear, etc., from standard pattern or original design.**

**Original Design Group, no age limit. (1) Dress, suit or coat originally designed by contestant and intended for adult or upper teen-age wear.**

**Children's Clothing Group, no age limit. (1) Clothes for children up to 12 years of age.**

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## Transplanting of Trees and Shrubs Should Be Done Before the Plants Begin to Open Their Leaves

By MARGUERITE SMITH  
DO WE DARE transplant our forsythia this spring? Will the little peach tree we set too close to the house last year survive if we move it back farther in the yard now?

Move them after the ground is ready and before they begin to open their leaves, then they'll not mind. Choose your moving day when skies are cloudy, air damp, and they'll like it. Transplanting failure often comes from drying out of roots. So if you must move your plants around on a warm sunny day, cover the roots with a shovel of dirt or a burlap sack while they're waiting to get into the ground.

Some plants, like people, take to moving with a lot less fuss than others. Forsythia will adapt to new surroundings easily even when it's in bloom. But magnolias! They're just too high-strung.

HERE'S a professional trick for moving fuzzy shrubs. Circle the plant with a shallow trench at some distance from outer branches. Then work dirt gently off the edge of the circle until you encounter the first fine roots. At that point dig deep to take all the earth possible with the plant roots.

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SPRING HOUSECLEANING—Houseplants need spring housecleaning, too. Mrs. Emil Schmidt, 4231 Sunset Ave., sprays for scale.

HOUSEPLANTS need spring housecleaning, too. A common affliction of ivy and other smooth-leaved sorts is scale. Mrs. Emil Schmidt, 4231 Sunset Ave., says she brought this pest into her window garden (a charming one it is, too) on a Christmas poinsettia.

First I noticed that it had shiny spots on the leaves, then the other plants got shiny, too, and I even found the spots on the window sill," she described.

After these first symptoms show up you can, on close inspection, find the tiny brown



### Men and Women—

## Which Are Better Drivers?

By ERNEST E. BLAU

WHILE THERE are thousands of very fine women drivers, and while the average woman is prone to drive more slowly, to take fewer chances than a man and not to drive while intoxicated, women do have some natural driving handicaps that more than offset their good qualities as drivers.

As a sex they are more excitable, more easily panicked, do not react as quickly and decisively in emergencies. The American Automobile Association, after testing 10,000 men and women, reported that women are not as good in judging distances, steering in tight spots, using brakes quickly.

IN ORDER to prevent strain on fabric, a dress top, blouse or jacket should be amply cut at the armhole and across the bosom. In a crease-resistant linen dress, the waistband which doesn't nip you in too closely might be a wiser choice than the one which does.

Bear in mind, also, when buying wrinkle-resistant linens that they are not likely to be so cool for warm weather wear as untreated linens.

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