

All in the Family
**Keeping 'Em
 In Stitches**

By Sarah Child



On the first day of kindergarten our older daughter boarded the bus looking, as one neighbor put it, "as if she had just stepped out of a bandbox."

I can still see her now as she looked that first day of school. Butterscotch colored dress, knee socks, sturdy brown buckle shoes and a sp little yellow coat. Her neat pony tail swung primly as she took that first big step up to the bus.

It comforts me to know that I've got the mental image well fixed in mind. It comforts me on days like yesterday.

There she went skipping lopsidedly down the driveway in some obviously hilarious game before boarding the bus.

I hoped she wouldn't get too strenuous because the faded patchwork pants had already been sewn up once in the back. The gold pullover shirt, decorated forever with ballpoint ink, and showing the holes where I'd sewn the pompoms for a recent circus day at school, would once have been set aside for play only.

But I have learned. Topping the whole outfit was the pink jacket to her snowsuit. I would like to be able to describe it as something other than disgustingly dirty, but in all honesty I can't. It is washed on an average of twice, sometimes three times a week. I have decided to limit the washings since it has to last at least another month.

The large rip in the back of the coat came from a stray nail I'm told, result of a visit to her father's office where some major improvement is taking place. If my mending handi-

work was uneven that's because the tear was.

I do not know how mothers of other kindergartners send their youngsters off to school as heretofore I have never made a study of the subject. Hopefully they are smarter than I.

It was only a week after school started that I realized my dainty daughter was something less than fastidious. A new dress she had been wearing came home minus a goodly size chunk in the midriff section. Seems she had been cutting some construction paper and the dress had been in the way. The next day she came with a second new dress unraveled completely at the hem. There had been a string and she had pulled it. Two belt loops were also pulled loose.

Later that same week another dress bore various colored signs of her budding interest in chalk paintings.

I got the message. The bandbox look has been replaced by a style that best can be described as "opportunity shop" mod.

There are days she leaves dressed in one or another of the pretty knits her grandmothers picked out for Christmas gifts. But usually that's only when she's gone through three pairs of bellbottoms in the muddy woods on the previous afternoon.

BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Our Mother of Sorrows, 5000 Mt. Read, from 1 until 7 p.m. April 4 and 5.

**Harvard Doctor
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Dr. Frederick Stare, chairman of the department of nutrition at Harvard University, will speak here Tuesday, April 13, on the relation of diet and good nutritional habits to the risk of heart attack.

The educational program for mothers is sponsored by the Genesee Valley Heart Association and billed as "The Way to Your Man's Heart." It will be held from 1 until 3 p.m. at the Monroe County Cooperative Extension Association, 249 Highland Avenue.

Miss Mary McCartney, home economist with Rochester Gas and Electric, will demonstrate food preparation of low-fat, low cholesterol gourmet recipes.

Registration is required, through the Heart Association, 232-2820. Attendance is limited.

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