

WHY EX-AIRMAN JOHN WANTS TO JOIN THE W.I.

TWICE-MARRIED John Davies is starting a new life at 67—**as a woman.**

He says that he went to bed one night as a man and woke up feeling he was a woman.

Now he has changed his name to Jan, bought a wardrobe of dresses and is going man-hunting. "I am not homosexual, but I have all the desires of a woman and want to be loved by a man," he said.

He has booked a Christmas holiday at a top Bournemouth hotel where he hopes to meet a man to share the rest of his life.

The new "Miss Davies", who managed a menswear shop for 30 years, has now started dress-making at evening classes and plans to join the Women's Institute.

"I feel so excited. It's like starting life all over again," he said.

He claims that his case is baffling doctors who believe his "change of life" is unique.

Treatment

His transformation, he says, happened shortly before his second wife died earlier this year.

"I just woke up and felt I was a woman," he said.

"Now I'm having hormone treatment and my breasts are developing.

"Only my age is stopping me having a sex change operation."

"Miss Davies," who lives in Moulton, Northants, says that there was never any desire to be a woman before the transformation.

During the war he served in the tough RAF Regiment for four years and was accepted as a man.

"I was just a normal serviceman doing the usual duties.

Rejected

"Now my whole life has changed and I feel like a 17-year-old girl."

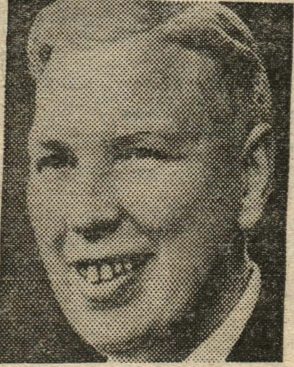
Neighbour Trudy Smart said: "It was weird at first, but now I'm used to seeing Mr Davies dressed as a woman."

But relatives have rejected him.

"They have been so cruel," he said. "Everyone around here accepted it, including the vicar."

Sudden change

PENSIONER John Davies relaxes with his sewing in his new life as a woman. He says he was "transformed" overnight after almost 70 happy years as a man. Right. How he looked when he was 47.



FILMS
By John Du Pre
Terror with thrills

ANYONE who has ever been in the British Army will wince at the way a bunch of Yanks carry on in Southern Comfort (X).

They're a squad of National Guardsmen—weekend soldiers like our Territorials—on an initiative trek across a nasty area of Louisiana swamp-land.

One of them fires blanks for a joke at local Indian hunters—and real bullets come back. One by one, they are picked off by the inhospitable locals.

EXCITING

It's hard to feel much sympathy for such a rabble, but the two soldiers played by Keith Carradine and Powers Boothe might just have rated an unpaid stripe in the Argylls.

That said, the film remains a gutsy, earthily-spoken adventure piece that is often compulsively exciting.

Rich in characterisation and clever dialogue, *The Return of the Secaucus Seven* (AA) tells the story of a group of buddies facing up to the problems of turning 30.

PEOPLE PULPIT

Thou shalt neither vex a stranger nor oppress him
—Exodus 22:21