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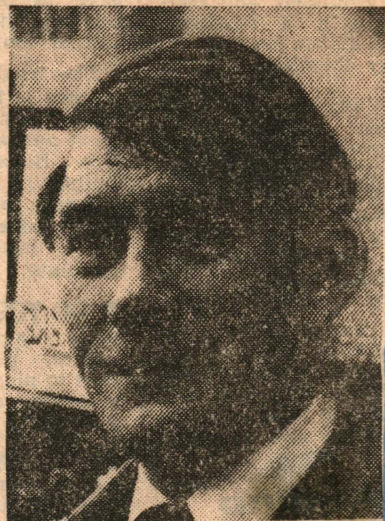
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# MY WIFE AND OUR GIRL LODGER

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JILTED JOHN: "Kicked out"

AN unusual seminar. A dozen women, who were once men, gathered in Sydney recently for Australia's first public seminar on transsexuals. Roberta Perkins, who was born male, estimated that 2000 transsexuals live in Australia, 200 of whom have had sex change operations. This represents one of the highest levels per capita in the world, "she" said. Sort of puts a dampener on the myth that all Australian men are the macho type.

**A MOTHER of three has walked out on her husband to live with a girl who was their lodger.**

Middle-aged Dianne Chapman has fallen for 21-year-old Jackie Adnams, who insists on being called Ian following a sex-change operation.

The affair has rocked their village of Finchampstead, Berkshire, and husband John says: "I don't know whether to laugh or cry, it's so way out."

"You never expect your wife to run off with someone like that, do you?"

Mr Chapman, a 45-year-old bus driver, found out about Dianne when, he says, he caught her in bed with Jackie. He added:

I had the feeling something was going on, but I wasn't sure

The last thing a man thinks of is his wife having an affair with another woman.



JACKIE: "Laughing stock"

have and grabbed her by the neck.

Looking back, I can see now it developed. Some nights Dianne would stay late at the youth club with Jackie.

Now I know what they were really up to. But if that wasn't bad enough, Jackie then moved in.

I was kicked out of my own bedroom and had to sleep in a spare bed. Neither of them would even speak to me. I begged Dianne to come to her senses, to stop this stupid affair.

Later, Dianne and Jackie moved out and now live in a caravan at Three Mile Cross, near Reading.

But the couple are planning to move into a bungalow near Mr Chapman's home and open a post office.

He said: "I certainly don't want them to start that post office. That would really be rubbing my nose in it."

"It would be bad enough

if Dianne had run off with another man, but she ran off with another woman—at least that's what Jackie was at the time.

"Now she's had an operation and is calling herself Ian. I don't know what she is.

"As far as I'm concerned she's an 'it' who has twisted my wife's mind.

"She has some strange hold over her. If that could be broken I'm sure Dianne would see sense and come home.

"That Jackie was a laughing stock in the village. She never wore women's clothes and her hair was cut short like a man's.

"All the men would nudge each other when she went past and say things like, 'Well what is it then?'"

Mr Chaaman, father of Stella, 19, Stephen, 17, and eight-year-old Phillip, has no plans for a divorce after 19 years of marriage.

## PYJAMAS

He said: "The ball is in her court. If she wants to come back, then I'll take her with open arms but it's up to her."

Jackie's father said at the garage he runs in Finchampstead: "I admit my daughter is now my son and a much better person for it.

"People in this village have been marvellous about it. What's happened has happened, and all we want to do is to be left alone."

At the mobile home the couple are sharing, a man wearing blue pyjamas answered the door.

He said he was Mr Adnams, but refused to discuss his relationship with Mrs Chapman.

## Little boy with his pram

Nigel Hawkes's article on the 'conditioning' of young children to play sex roles (Sunday Plus, last week) interested me.

Last year I asked my four year-old son what he would like for Christmas. He replied unhesitatingly 'A doll's pram and a boy doll to go in it.' Further questioning would not shake him.

I sought a second-hand pram among families I knew. The reaction among the males ranged from outright disapproval to unbelieving hilarity.

'You can't possibly give a boy a pram,' or 'You'll make him a laughing stock' or 'That's one sure way to turn him into a raging poofter.'

In the end I bought a new pram in a shop where a navy version was pressed on me as being 'more discreet for a boy.'

The doll was more difficult.

Cheap dolls are universally female: curly locks, rosebud lips, dewy cheeks etc. In the end I bought one

which had many clothes and was less obviously girly than most.

I secretly chopped its blond curls and told my son its name was George.

The pram and George were an instant success, and George was tenderly dressed, undressed, put in and out of his pram, scolded and cuddled.

Then, alas, we were suddenly informed that the pram could only be used outdoors. George could not go outside. Why? 'All the children in the street laugh at me because they say prams are girls' toys.'

In general, I wonder how many boys are bought prams. How many girls are bought guns?

N1. Jenny Rogers

## Oh boy! Doll reveals its saucy secret

MUM Norma Addison got quite a shock when she was mending her daughter's

... something extra that didn't belong to a lady! Mrs Addison, 31, said yesterday "Man" doesn't have those bits.

"It was such an innocent-looking dolly. I just didn't expect anything like that. Somebody a bit prudish could get angry about it."

Mrs Addison, of Ingleborough Way, Leyland Lincs, said her four-year-old daughter Christine, thinks the sex-swap doll is a great joke.



I always thought they were women

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