

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Christopher had the honor of a major role in the dance production put on by his dance school held at a high school here in Vallejo. He got to dance about the stage as Dopey, the smallest of the seven dwarfs. He did a fine job. His own tap class put on a dance too. They were all racoons dressed in blue w/ red taffeta sleeves decorated with black sequins & dangling striped tails. After two dress rehearsals and three performances Chris was one worn out little boy. The last nights performance he almost fell asleep on stage & the show didn't end until 11:00. But he had fun being a part of the show. Robert took 2 rolls of movie film of his dances.



MY PART IN THE SHOW

Besides getting Chris to rehearsals & practices I made eleven costumes; all seven of the dwarfs, the boys racoon costumes (three of them) and the one boy leprecaun costume. I was pretty busy the week before the show, was down at the studio every day for materials, fittings or rehearsals.



NEW WHEELS!

A 1977 F10 Datsun station wagon rolled into our garage March 25th. Robert was having fears of the old Datsun falling apart so we traded it in. The new one is quite pretty, dark blue with wood graining on the sides, a luggage rack, stick shift and FM radio. Its fun having a new car.

EXERCISE & SPORT SECTION

On Tuesday nights we play volleyball at the Presbyterian church, an activity we have enjoyed and been involved in for over a year now. Of course I still bowl on Wednesday mornings, my average took a dive last fall but is beginning to improve now that I have a new ball; its two pounds heavier and a vivid green. Robert & the kids gave it to me for my birthday. And both of us are into jump roping. Our goal is to jump every day, jumping 150 jumps at one jump per second followed by 300 jumps at two per second. Its great exercise!

Not much skiing though; Robert went once March 11th; spent most the day in a snow storm.

NIGHT CLASSES

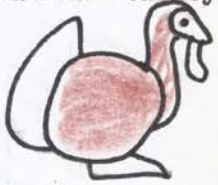
Robert has signed up for a swimming class starting April 17th, will be going Monday & Thursday nights for six weeks. Says he needs to learn to swim.

I signed up for two night classes, but elected to drop the painting class because it was too elementary. The second class is piano which I enjoy taking. I'm still playing very simple tunes; right now I'm learning to play "This Old Man" with chords.

HOW MANY CANDLES FOR THE CAKE?

One member of this family turned a year older. We decided to do the birthday party a bit differently. We cooked up a turkey dinner for all 18 guests. Then there was an ingenious baker around (Robert) who baked the cake to look like a turkey. It was cute. So everyone had turkey for dessert too.

BATHROOM GETS A NEW LOOK



We began remodeling the downstairs bathroom in January. Started off by Robert taking out a floor to ceiling closet & having to take about half the flooring out, it was entirely rotted. Once new flooring in we laid down new rippled blue linoleum. Then came wall papering (our first job) bright flowers & leaves in blues & greens in vertical patterns, being prepasted vinyl, it went up very easily & really changed the look of our bathroom. Last fall we purchased a marble like top with two sinks; Robert built a cabinet to go under it & stained it walnut. Next came the plumbing for the double sinks in place of the former single sink. Our plumber was Robert. Now I still have to find a shower curtain, macreme a window curtain and buy shelves to mount on the wall for medicines and bathroom etcetra.

She's Growing Up

Also in January, Kathy did a little more growing up; she decided to start sleeping in her bed & let us sell her crib. We sold it for about 80% of what we bought it for. It was still in very good condition. And she graduated into panties. So nice not to have to wash and fold diapers anymore.

TIME TO RUN AWAY

February 25th, Robert and I left the kids with his parents and drove to Las Vegas. Did some gambling (not much winning) & took in a couple of night shows. Even got to see Tom Jones which I enjoyed very much. We were there 3 days, it rained most the time, then we drove to Los Angeles. Robert had business there and I went along with him. We drove back the following Saturday and did we ever pick the wrong day; there was an awful rainstorm, flooding everywhere. When we drove off for gas before leaving L.A. we drove down a street that had turned into a three foot river. It was like that everywhere. Inst. 5 was closed in two places; we were detoured to Hwy 58 then to Hwy 99 adding three hours to our already long return trip.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**A garage sale the end of April for spring cleaning purposes and to make a few extra \$\$\$.

**Start of an addition to the front of our house making an entranceway, two closets and a large fenced in redwood deck.

**Kathys birthday on July 3rd; she will be three.

**In September we will be having a booth at the craft fair in Benicia which means we'll be starting toy making projects.