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## 72 red roses, an old umbrella: prize

A local woman, Mrs. Eugene Wenger of R.D. #1 Mount Joy, recently designed and sewed a prize-winning gown.

The gown, an elaborate creation with three-dimensional red cloth roses, won first place in the costume competition at the Miss Pennsylvania pageant. It was worn by Sandra Kreider of Lancaster, our county's contestant.

Doris Wenger has been making custom wedding gowns for the last eight years, but her creations never won a prize before. Miss Kreider heard about

her sewing ability from a recently-married friend whom Doris had worked for, and hired Doris to make her outfit.

Besides the gown, Miss Kreider also carried a parasol which Doris made from an old umbrella. She used the handle and ribs, but replaced the fabric with 17 strips of material similar to the gown's.

Both the gown and parasol are covered with a total of 72 roses of various sizes, as well as green leaves and stems. Doris made the cloth foliage by folding and hand sewing. She used 5 yards of cloth

just for the roses. "The roses took about three times as long to make as the rest of the gown," Doris told us.

Both parasol and gown are edged with lace and ruffles.

Doris didn't want to tell us how much she charged Miss Kreider for the outfit, but apparently it wasn't very much for about 10 days' full-time work. "I didn't want to overcharge her. I enjoyed it," she told us, "but I did put a lot of work into it. I was worried that the price I finally settled on was too high, so

I prayed for her to win... and she did!" In any case, Miss Kreider got \$100 for wearing the gown on the contest night.

Doris, who started sewing in 7th grade, does other work besides wedding gowns, but likes weddings the best. She collects photos of brides wearing her gowns.

An average wedding gown takes about 25 to 30 hours to make. Including the cost of material, Doris charges about \$100 for one. She also can outfit all the bride's maids, as well as the bride.

## ...Mastermind on the Roof

[continued from page 1] room contains chess journals, chess books, chess trophies, and, of course, chess pieces.

However, there isn't a chess board: instead, there's a piece of plastic with squares printed on it. "I use this because it folds up for travelling," says Mr. Shields.

One of his seven trophies was won in a match against a Grand Master, but Morrell Shields is modest about it. "He was playing against 25 other people at the same time, so it wasn't really a fair fight," he told us.

Mr. Shields first learned the moves in 1933, but didn't really study the game until his friend, the late Paul Portner of Marietta, began to beat him on a regular basis. Paul had been studying chess books.

Morrell Shields now has many books on the chess game, or rather, portions of it. Some cover the opening, some the middle game, and others the end game. Most of them were won in tournaments, so they aren't all appropriate: two volumes are written in Russian, for instance.

Although Mr. Shields doesn't understand Russian, he does know French, which helps him communicate with foreign opponents. He told us that many European chess players are also stamp collectors, and that several had asked him to send postcards with specific stamps on them.

Many of the postcards he receives contain conversational messages, although all that is required is four numbers. (Each square on the chess board is number-

ed, so a move is specified by the numbers of the original and new positions: for example, "1113" means "move the piece on square 11 to square 13").

Chess by mail can take a long time. One game in the recent tournament was still in progress when the two year limit was reached. The game went to judges who decided against Mr. Shields on the basis of his one-pawn lag. His opponent, a Finn, won the game.

Mr. Shields, who is active in American correspondence chess tournaments and the Red Rose

chess club in Lancaster, feels that interest in his favorite game has picked up recently, due to Bobby Fischer's publicity. He noted that school chess clubs are appearing, and that prize money has skyrocketed. Thousands of dollars are now won in important matches.

H. Morrell Shields, in addition to being an excellent chess player, is an accomplished musician. He can play every instrument in a band, which comes in handy in his job as instrumental music teacher for East Donegal elementary schools.

## ...3rd degree

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"Five dollars," guessed one girl. "Twelve-fifty," said another.

"No, it costs \$1,500," said Steve.

Next Steve showed the children his bullets and revolver. He explained that guns, even BB guns, are dangerous. Children should never play with guns, he told them.

"Can policemen be arrested?" asked a boy.

"Yes," said Steve, "I was arrested for going through a stop sign once."

The kids continued giving Steve the Third Degree for some time. He patiently explained that not everyone who is arrested goes to jail, that many policemen wear bullet-proof vests for protection, and that they don't shoot the majority of wrongdoers.

Mrs. Ronan told us that a fireman and a dental hygienist have also talked to the class this year. "Children are often apprehensive of dentists and police. These lectures will show the children that they (dentists and policemen) are here to help them."

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## Candy keeps rolling

Miss Candy Flowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Flowers, 526 West Market Street, Marietta, has entered the third central PA Roller Skating League contest at Midway Skating Center, Carlisle.

She rolled in third place in primary girls figures and plans to participate in an invitation "Meet" at Roll "R" Way West at York on March 6th.

Candy is a Park City Rollerdomo Club member.