

Sense of importance

Children look forward to getting their own mail

Getting mail is important to children who reach out at any opportunity to join the adult world. All family members await the postal worker's daily arrival, filled with excitement and a hint of mystery. Receipt of mail can bring a sense of importance. When mail is addressed just to you, it's proof that someone outside the family acknowledges your presence. That doesn't go unnoticed by the youngest household members. Using mail wisely can be fun and informational. Correspondence can be a

lifelong source of satisfaction. You can begin to teach your little ones about the fun by using legitimate and reliable mail offerings.

A new softcover book, "SWAK, The Complete Book of Mail Fun for Kids" by Randy Hareless, shows how to address envelopes. But it also describes "puzzletters," hardmade stationery and envelopes and how to find pen pals, send secret messages and play games through the mail.

Available at the Children's Bookshop at Applegate Square in Southfield, or through Workman Publishing in New York, the book costs \$4.95. The following list will get the kids started on some interesting things to send for:

- "Sprokettman" is a comic book



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about bicycle safety. Get it free by requesting booklet 3052-011-00174-1 from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

• "U.S. Postage Stamps and Postal Stationery," 614E, gives tips for beginning stamp collectors. For a free copy, write Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009.

• "The First 200 Years," 612E, includes a pictorial essay of our coun-

try's history and development since 1776. It's yours by writing the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009.

• "Play Clay Play" is a booklet of recipes to make homemade clay which lists projects to create with it. It's free from Best Foods, Dept. PC-X, Box 307, Coventry, Conn. 06238.

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• "Good Food News for Kids," 518E, describes games and puzzles to

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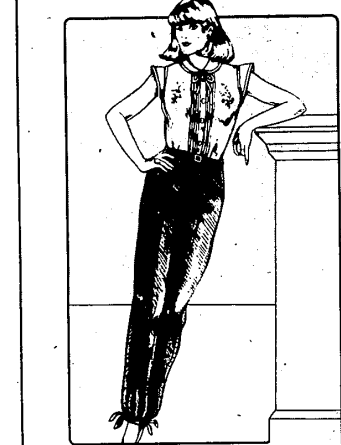
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