

Drivers Needed By Red Cross

If you know how to drive, have a good driving record and can devote a day a week, Red Cross can use you. Mrs. Herbert Steiner, of Redford Township, has announced the Northwest Regional office of the Red Cross is seeking five volunteers to train as transportation drivers.

Volunteers also will be asked to assist on bloodmobiles and make necessary blood runs between the Red Cross building in downtown Detroit and hospitals in this area.

To obtain a volunteer application form call the Northwest Regional office at 422-2797.



Debbie Sews Up A Storm

Debbie Sackey, of Livonia, figures maybe it was four yards of handmade wool fringe that made her a winner.

Her mother, Mrs. Harold Sackey, believes truly painstaking attention to detail did the trick.

Certainly the high-fashion look of agay poncho-and-shorts outfit and the flashing smile of its wearer must have counted for a lot.

At any rate, the factors added up to the top state prize in dressmaking competition for bright-eyed Debbie, 15 years old and in the 10th grade at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Farmington.

THE CONTEST was part of a nationwide competition sponsored by the Singer Sewing Machine Co., and Debbie is still in the running in the sub-division, for girls 13 to 15.

She won first at the Wonderland Shopping Center store, where she had taken a sewing course.

Then the blue and red plaid poncho and tam and the red wool shorts that had won for her were sent to a judging that included all Singer stores in Michigan.

"DON'T COUNT on winning," her father told her. And Mrs. Sackey kept reflecting that the

outfit was only the second Debbie had sewn.

But their teen daughter felt quite confident, and it turned out she was right.

"It was the first time anyone in our family had won ANYTHING," Mrs. Sackey said.

"The whole neighborhood was excited," Debbie added.

MRS. SACKEY, who has been sewing all her life and loves to make clothes for all six young Sackeys, said Debbie's first venture into the world of needles and pins and sewing machines was two years ago, when she made the dress she wore for graduation from St. Damian's School, in Westland.

"I was sure then she'd sew well," the mother said. "I showed her how to set in the sleeves when she was baby-sitting for us one evening, and when we got back she had them in perfectly."

"While I was admiring the work, she told me she had put one in wrong side out and had to rip the whole thing out and start over."

That experience can be pretty upsetting, but it didn't throw Debbie. However, it was this summer before she found time to start another project.

FOR THE Singer competition, she said, she wanted to make a coat, but Mrs. Sackey

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PRIZE SEAMSTRESS — Debbie Sackey, seated at the sewing machine above, turned out a well-made poncho outfit (below) that won her a top state award.

Women On The Go

Debbie Sews Up A Storm

thought something simple would be better.

"A friend of mine had a poncho outfit that I just loved," Debbie said, "so I decided on one of those."

She picked out the blue plaid and coordinating red wool right away, but matching fringe was a problem.

"We drove all over hunting for it," Mrs. Sackey said, "and finally I suggested she try making it."

Debbie did, in hours and hours of careful threading the darning needle through the plaid poncho. She also made the perky pom-

pon tam outside sewing class hours.

DEBBIE FIGURED the outfit cost her a little over \$20, counting the extras like a reversible zipper and the fringe yarn.

She agrees with her mother that part of the enjoyment of sewing is getting lovely clothes for a tiny price.

This seamstress doesn't spend all her time sewing. She loves to swim and sing—she's just been elected president of the sophomore glee club at Mercy—and she's been knitting since she was seven.

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Then, of course, there's always lots of homework and leading a hand with the younger Sackeys, Diane, 14; Bobby, 12; Susie, 10; Virginia Lynn, 7; and Theresa, 3.

"Theresa loves to help us sew," Mrs. Sackey related. "She cuts scraps of material, and learned to cut so well that one day she chopped off a lot of her hair."

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ner in each division wins a trip to Europe.

The only problem just now is that the cool fall days are coming and Debbie doesn't have her pretty outfit to wear.

She'd like to use the new machine to make one for her sister, maybe, while the judging goes on, she'd better plan to wear it too.

Ballet classes for children nine through 14, will be offered by Mercy College of Detroit at 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 10 weeks. Registration will be Sept. 24 and 25.

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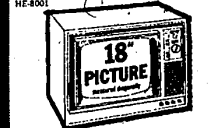
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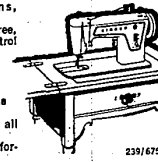
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