

# Slice of bread, artistry

It's the greatest thing since sliced bread.

In fact, it is sliced bread. What Don Erdmann of Bloomfield Township does with ordinary white sandwich bread (minus the crusts) constitutes a new and unique art form called bread sculpture.

Don, an eighth grader at Southfield Christian, was introduced to bread sculpture in his seventh-grade art class. He became interested in the craft's possibilities and studied up on it on his own.

**THE PROCESS** is similar to clay modeling. The "clay," which Don more accurately calls dough, is made by combining one table-spoon of white glue with each slice of crustless white bread (any brand) plus "a little" glycerine.

At this point, the dough is ready for modeling. Don has found that books on bread sculpture are

scarce, but he was able to find three from which he gets most of his patterns.

He began with free standing mushrooms, which he mounts on driftwood for table pieces. He also makes larger mushrooms and mounts them on barnwood to be hung on the wall.

Raggedy Ann and Andy wall plaques, turtle pencil holders, rosette necklaces and long stemmed flowers are other products of Don's dough art.


**HE USES** few tools in the modeling process. Most of the shapes are made by pressing the dough into the palm of his hands, but for the more delicate elements in his works, such as the Raggedies' hair

and the grass under the mushrooms, he uses a noodle press.

When the models are completed, Don brushes them with a glue and water solution so no shrinkage will occur. They take about a half day to dry and then can be either painted or shellacked.


Don, who wants to be an auto mechanic, did not get into the bread sculpting business out of purely aesthetic motives. He hopes to seal enough of his work to enable him to branch out into an even more lucrative line — honey.

He hopes to earn a substantial part of the capital necessary to purchase a bee hive at the Teen Art-Craft Fair being held Saturday at the Bloomfield Township library.



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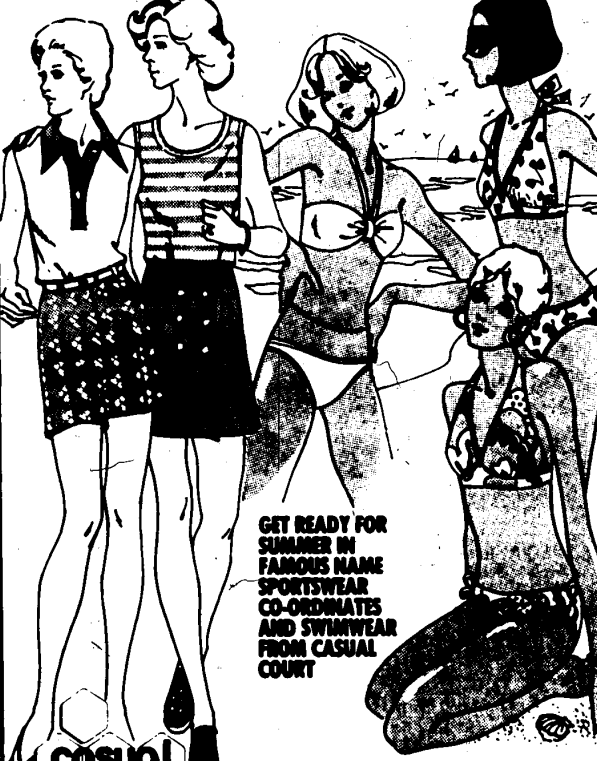
Mrs. Leo Ordof of Southfield will be installed as president of the League of Jewish Women's Organizations at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon meeting at B'nai David Synagogue on Thursday, May 22.

She is the president of the Cooperative Council and a past president of Northeast Child Rescue and founder of the C.A.N.S. program.

Highlights of the afternoon will be a panel featuring Dr. Shmarya Kleinman, Dr. Irving Edger, Mrs. Golda Krolick and Mrs. Harry Jackson.

Mrs. George Robin will be the moderator.

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