There's more than wheels to bicycle

MISS DELORES BRANNIGAN models dress which won her first prize in McCall's Zig-Zag Contest. The 17-year-old high school design student, a resident of Long Island City, N. Y. put a snake design on this high neck, long sleeve wool dress. She made the snake of suede patches, appliqued with zig-zag machine stitches. The design is round and bound high around the front of the dress bodice, across the back and his slim tail moves to the front, following the curved, dropped waistline. He rests on her chest and smiles up into her beautiful face.

A child's first bicycle, ideally, should not be a surprise.

No matter which model you choose, you would be wise to first make sure the bike is the right size for the child. The seat should be adjustable so that the child can extend his leg down and reach the pedal in its lowest position without having to flex his ankle or shift sideways in the seat.

If letting the child try the bike for size means taking the surprise out of the gift, you might borrow a neighbor's similarly-sized child for the fit check, try, where possible, Consumer Reports considers it worthwhile to check for size with your own child. And, advises the publication, there are some important bike features to check before you get to the "try on" point.

For example inflatable tires are a virtual must, CU believes. Although non-inflatable tires never go flat, they can make drudgery out of cycling. In tests, they made pedaling very hard, gave an extremely rough ride, were rapidly and provided poor braking traction as compared with models having inflatable tires. To identify an inflatable tire, look for the air valve.

A ball-bearing steering assembly gives better handling and easier control than a plastic-sleeve steering assembly. You often cannot tell the two types apart visually, at least without dismantling the steering assembly. But try gripping the handlebar post and yanking it back and forth.

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A plastic sleeve usually has telltale play, a ball bearing should have none. Try steering the bike with the front wheel held off the ground; you should notice no binding with a ball-bearing mechanism.

The seat of the bicycle should be spring-mounted, with some padding for comfort. On a trainer bike, avoid a long, banana-type seat. A conventionally shaped seat will position a beginner properly and give better support.

In models convertible for use by either sex, a frame with at least two permanent frame members welded to the steering head gives structural strength. Most models with single frame members proved flimsy in CU tests. (Bolt-on members did not add noticeable strength.)

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Check the range of adjustment in the seat and handlebars; that largely determines how soon the child will outgrow the bike. At least two inches of the seat post should remain with the bicycle frame for sure, safe support.

Beyond that four to five inches is ample, in CU's judgement.

Wheels should have at least 20 spokes, each individually adjustable via threaded nipple located at the rim of the wheel.

Conventional handlebars with hand grips a bit higher than the seat are ideal for beginners. Modified high-rise handlebars should be O.K. if the child can reach the grips easily. But avoid true high-rise handlebars on trainers.

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Full fenders give protection against road splash. Models with abbreviated or "chopped" fenders give less protection, and some have sharp, flared rear fender edges that could be hazardous.

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A pedal-operated coaster brake is desirable. Small children usually lack the strength and coordination to work hand-operated brakes.

Pedals that spin on ball bearings proved slightly easier to operate, according to CU laboratory tests. Even more important, slide your shoe across the pedal treads to check for slip resistance.

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Duplicate Bridge

By MARGARET D. HALEY

The beginning player of duplicate bridge holds a deep, awe-inspiring respect for the Bridge Master and with good cause.

The Bridge Master is someone who has played long enough and well enough to gain national recognition for his game.

He has been playing bridge long enough to have received the great satisfaction that playing a good game brings, but not long enough to forget how it felt to be a beginner.

The Master has competed with some players and had brilliant results and he has competed with others who have made him more determined to improve his game. He knows exactly where he stands on the bridge totem pole and, above all, he has a deep and abiding respect for the game.

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Most beginners will find that in the entire bridge world the most understanding and patient group of players is the Masters.

It is therefore with great pride that the Baltimore Bridge Congress presents the following Masters in the American Bridge Association: Oliver Green, Frederick Joyners, Mrs. Norma Leak, Mrs. Faye Lee, Edward Martin, Tex Newsome, Dink Nicholson, Dr. J. Laws Nickens, Mrs. Aurelia Parker, Eugene and Ernestine Sample, Gerald Venture, William White, Mrs. Iris Williams and Alfred Woolridge.

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For last month's list of the Life Masters these names are added: Mesdames Grace Hall, Delores Hawkins and Shirley Woods.

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The December winners in the local bridge clubs are Mesdames Gilda Garrett and Irma Fenton for the Double Finesse.

The North, Ditto, and Short Clubs did not hold regular sessions due to the holiday season.

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Ring in the new year with bridge. The Short Club is holding a Grade B, Open Pair Game on January 15. This tournament will be held at the Mohawk Inn, 1701 Russell Street.

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Registration is at 12:30 p.m. and game time is 1 p.m. All bridge players are welcome.

In memoriam: James Garland Diggs, a noted bridge player, died recently.

Household hints

Daily brushing for the hair is a must. Bending from the waist and brushing vigorously from the neck to the outer tips distributes natural hair oils, stimulates blood flow and is good not only for hair but for your complexion.

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Two new sets of placemats designed for children include non-toxic crayons, markings of which can be washed off the mats. The coloring mats contain letters of the alphabet and numbers. Child fills in and ostensibly learns a little while eating.

South Baltimore Notes

By WALTER W. E. HILL

Deepest sympathy is extended to Robert Jackson and family in the passing of his wife, Mrs. Shirley Jackson of the 2600 block of Huron St.

Mrs.Jackson leaves to mourn eight children. The Rev. Roland Howard and Mrs. Dessie Williams accompanied the family during their bereavement and at the funeral services.

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A surprise birthday party was given William Mayfield at his residence, Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield and family are former residents of Mt. Winans.

Members of the Mt. Winans CIG will be presented as guest on a television taped program on WJZ-TV. The program is called "In Person" featuring professors Corvin, it will be telecast in January or February.

Among those present were Mesdames Frances Seagle, Willie Mae Jones, Dessie Williams, Mary German, Mamie Hill, Helen Burley, Elizabeth Wallace.

Robert Smith of 5615 Hollins Ferry Rd., has left John Hospkins Hospital where he had an operation and is now at home.

A surprise birthday party was given Walter E. E. Hill Jr., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Regina Betts.

The Mt. Winans Westport CAA has registered twenty persons to enroll in classes at school No. 225 for high school equivalent tests. All interested persons must register at the CAA Center on Hollins Ferry Rd.

'Nothing changed' in symphony union strike

"Nothing has changed," according to David S. Levenson, spokesman for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, in reference to negotiations between the orchestra and its Musicians Union.

Mr. Levenson made this statement Wednesday afternoon as the symphony continued its sixth day of striking.

The Orchestra announced to season ticket holders last week it would suspend concerts beginning Dec. 29 due to the strike called by officials for midnight, Dec. 28.

According to Joseph Meyerhoff, president, "The union has been completely unfair to the orchestra and to the public in the manner and timing of their work stoppage."

He termed the union's demands as "completely unrealistic and far beyond possible achievement."

"Union members, it was revealed, have demanded increases in minimum salary payments, length of the playing season, pensions, fringe benefits and travel charges.

Mr. Meyerhoff also asserted if the orchestra association agrees to union demands, "Most of the enumerated additional costs demanded cannot be offset by payment for concerts or additional tickets."

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