



QUITE A YARN

Essay by Martha Tolles

When Bettina moved into the retirement home at Casa Dorinda she heard about a knitting group. She quickly joined and soon made a number of good looking scarves and hats. But now she had a lot of leftover yarn, all different colors, so she donated the whole batch to the knitting group. Fanny spied it and decided to use it. She designed a round neck, sleeveless sweater with wide rows of reds and blues and greens and everyone admired it so she decided to put it in the bazaar sale of arts and crafts. Bettina spotted it there and was delighted. "Oh, I love it," she exclaimed. "What a good way to use my leftover yarn." And she immediately bought it at a high price. She knew the profits from the bazaar would go to the employees' scholarship fund.....a wonderful way for the residents to thank the employees for all their great help. After she acquired the sweater she donned it and strolled proudly around campus. Although the other walkers were always fashionably dressed in quilted jackets and snazzy hats, she was the hit of the day.

Meantime, perhaps this happened when the fund was distributed. An employee hurried home after a day at Casa Dorinda and was met by her ecstatic daughter at the door. "Mom, guess what? I got in! They took me." She waved a letter. "I'm going to college. But, Mom," the daughter drew back with a sad face. "Can we afford it?"

Now it was the mother's turn to smile broadly. "Yes, dear, because today I got a check from the scholarship fund. " So, thanks to the sweater, that's quite a "yarn", isn't it?"



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