

## Mothers of Brides Have Menu Planning Problems

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White Plains, N.Y. — (UPI) — Mothers of brides ask the darndest questions about menu planning.

One intrepid hostess once wrote General Foods for a menu that would serve 150 and could be prepared by one or two persons. The home economist's suggested sandwiches—chicken salad, cream cheese and nuts on whole wheat, and ham, with punch; cake, plain or with ice cream, and coffee.

Another cook wanted to know what to serve besides cake, nuts and punch at an outdoor evening reception for 500 guests. Still another planned to bake rolls for 400 guests.

The food company's test kitchen figured 600 rolls would be sufficient (an average of 1 1/2 rolls per person) but advised against home baking for all but the most experienced cooks.

Questions such as these prompted the home economist to offer these general suggestions for hostesses who plan to do their own catering for bridal parties:

—If you are hostess at a pre-wedding meal, check with the mother of the bride to make sure you aren't duplicating her menu. If you are, it's up to you to change yours.

—Plan consommé instead of cream soup or seafood

bisque or offer a choice, because some guests may have milk or seafood allergies.

—Don't try to make cakes and rolls at home if your guest list runs to the hundreds. Go to a local bakery or a nearby restaurant whose owner may be willing to order for you from the commercial bakery it uses.

—Ask the baker if you are unsure about the size of the main cake, the amount needed, and the cutting procedure. He may suggest that you order extra pans of cakes that can be cut in the kitchen while the bride and bridegroom cut the main one before the guests. This way, more guests can be served promptly.

—Serving sandwiches? Make them a day ahead and pack them in foil-lined, foil-covered pans, one variety to a pan, so that the bread stays moist and the flavors don't mix. Then, refrigerate until serving time.

—Save Trips

—Save repeated trips to the kitchen and keep service plates full by stacking sandwiches on doilies on large round plates. Separate the layers with lace paper doilies that decrease about one inch in diameter with each stack. Use about four or five layers—only as many as will look dainty and appetizing.

—For greater variety, serve both sandwiches and bite-size cream puffs filled with chicken or seafood salad. The shells can be made ahead of time and frozen, then thawed and filled on the day of the party.

—If your guest list includes both children and adults, plan one menu to please both generations. Here's a lunch menu suggested by the home economist to serve 60 adults and 14 children: sliced turkey and ham, potato salad garnished with stuffed eggs and cucumber slices, cubed tomatoes, aspic, dressing, greens with French dressing, cake, ice cream, coffee, a champagne punch, and a non-alcoholic punch.

**PUFFY**  
Creamy chicken salad makes an unusual filling for tiny cream puffs. Blend two tablespoons of vinegar from one envelope of french salad dressing mix and one cup of dairy sour cream.

Stir in three cups each of finely chopped cooked chicken and finely chopped celery, and two tablespoons of coarsely chopped walnuts. Chill two hours to blend flavors. Remove shallow pieces from tops of six dozen 1-inch puffs, fill with chilled salad and replace tops. Refrigerate any that are not served immediately.

## Students Make Summer Trips

At the close of the school year at Wellesley college, Wellesley, Mass., Miss Marianne Keating, daughter of Rodney Keating, Ashland, left for a trip to Mexico City, Mexico, and San Luis Potosi, Mexico. In the latter city she will visit cousins. Miss Keating is accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Edwin Mautz, former Portland resident, now of Ft. Worth, Tex., where the student with her grandmother and other relatives. Previous to that she stopped in New Orleans, La. Miss Keating has majored in Spanish culture. After the month's trip, she will continue to Lake Tahoe, Calif., where she will spend July and August.

Miss Lucy Keating, a sister, who recently graduated from Ashland High school, returned this week from La Jolla, Calif., where she was a guest of a former schoolmate at Bishop school, which she attended last year. She also attended the commencement exercises there.

On July 1 Miss Lucy Keating is to leave for Wyoming to be the guest of another former Bishop school classmate, whose parents operate a cattle ranch. She will spend the month of July there.



The wardrobe presented to Miss Rogue Valley by area merchants includes this light blue sharkskin middy suit from The Carriage House which she will use as a talent rehearsal costume. Miss Rogue Valley is Joanne Callaghan of Eagle Point and she will go to Seaside next week to take part in the annual Miss Oregon contest. Miss Callaghan, pictured here in Hawthorne park, is a Southern Oregon college student. (Cinematography photo)



With all sorts of work around the garden and house just crying to be done, Potpourri resented a few hours of enforced leisure following a trip to the dentist. But don't think we just sat and stared into space — we made ourselves as comfortable as possible on the patio lounge and read for almost three hours. Mostly we ran through a great stack of clippings which Pal Peg gleaned from the New York Times and like clippings from any good newspaper, the subjects were many and varied.

One was an advertisement headed "Just What the Doctor Ordered" and guess what it was about — a genuine jade "Fidget Stone." The text said that fiddling with the fidget stone will cause "euphoria to set in" and that it is "prettier than pills, more fun than a massage and soothing as a lullaby." Don't laugh too quickly — we've read that these objects to hold in the hand and play with do have a soothing effect. The price of the jade object is \$10, so if we feel in need of a fidget stone, we'll just find ourselves a pretty Oregon agate.

The next clipping was a Wallachs' advertisement which told about a straw hat being marketed in London — it has a zippered compartment in the crown for such "beach items as car keys, sunglasses and ham-on-rye." Now this sounds like a very practical idea, but why confine it's use to the beach? For years Potpourri looked for some place to put our car keys rather than in the bottom of a big purse filled with a hundred other objects. However, now that a kind friend gave up a key ring with a big, bright glass bead ornament, our problem is partially solved. This is much easier to carry (just slip it on the little finger while running a quick errand into a store) and the bright ornament makes it easier to find among the necessary junk in the handbag.

We also read about a church with an unusual problem — too many persons want to get inside. It is the new Episcopal cathedral in Coventry, England. This cathedral, built to replace the one destroyed by bombing during World War II, is becoming world famous because of its magnificent architecture and setting and because of its extensive program to "reach into the community." It has become one of England's greatest tourist attractions and on a recent Sunday, 6,000 persons attempted to attend services there. The cathedral had to turn away thousands and some who had waited a long time in long "queues" as they say in England, wrote angry letters. Some pointed out that those who were attempting to enter the church to pray should have precedence over those who just wanted to see a beautiful building. Those who want to enter to worship should be able to do so, of course, but think of the dilemma of the tourist who has traveled thousands of miles to see the famous building and who will never pass that way again.

We also read that a new edition — the 42nd — of the book, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" is being issued. This book about a professional lady has sold 2,000,000 copies since 1925. The Times reporter had interviewed the author, Anita Loos, who made a couple of astute observations on modern times. "There's no gaiety any more," said Miss Loos. "We just have grave nuclear humor. . . . Today, Freud has taken the fun from life and given us guilt feelings. That's why we can't go back. But who wants to?" She added philosophically that "The astronauts will bring a breath of grandeur to life. You can't go from an analysts couch into a space capsule."

New York City has talking trash containers. One Times reporter told how a woman walking down one of the city's streets threw a gum wrapper on the street only to have a voice from the trash can say "Madam, a cleaner New York is up to you!" When the woman turned around and glared at the receptacle it said "I'm Lively Louie and I'd like to be of use."

While the trash basket and the pedestrian carried on a conversation which included information about what she did to earn a living and the name of her latest novel, a crowd collected. Finally the woman said she had to be running along and the trash can said "Goodbye" in a polite tone. This, of course, is one of the gimmicks used in New York to train residents to keep the streets clean. A two-way microphone is put inside the can and a Department of Sanitation worker, concealed inside a nearby building, is the watchful voice.

Later in the day when The Mail Tribune arrived we read that the first woman cosmonaut had landed safely in Russia after spending about three days orbiting the earth. Many women in this country have expressed irritation that it had to be a Russian woman and one feminine flyer — even went so far as to say that this country was about "a hundred years" behind the times in its use of women in the field of aviation. She exaggerated, of course, but one can understand her annoyance.

If we can believe what we've read from many different sources, women in this country fall behind the Russian women in some other respects, too. There are many more Russian women attorneys, doctors and scientists than in the United States. Every writer or authority gives a different reason for this being true. Since some American women do enter these fields, and are successful, why don't more of them do so? Wasted potential talent and ability is bad, whether it is a man or a woman whose inherent capabilities are not being developed and used. This is one more problem which this nation must solve.—O.S.

## Chapter Conducts Ceremony

Gamma Xi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, held the last regular meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Donald Hanscom, with Mrs. Carol Adams as co-hostess.

The events of the year were evaluated, cultural programs discussed, and the chapter yardstick completed, determining Gamma Xi to be a 2-star chapter. Installation was also held.

This was also Mad Hatters Night, with a prize for the most unique hat going to Mrs. Robert Knight.

Mrs. Adams, president, installed the new officers. They are Mrs. Jimmie Anders, president; Mrs. Dalton Straus, first vice president; Mrs. Donald Lacey, second vice president; Mrs. John Pinkham, recording secretary; Mrs. Jean Skirvin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Maurice Harvester, treasurer; Mrs. Herbert Edwards, city council representative.

Mrs. Skirvin served as chairman of the recent Founders' day banquet, which included all local chapters. Guest speaker was Dr. Harold Barrett of the Southern Oregon college speech department. Mrs. Ned Starnes sang, accompanied by Mrs. Darrel Greb. Gamma Xi chapter paid special recognition to the sponsor, Mrs. John Day, and director, Mrs. Raymond Dallaire, by presenting each with a silver, engraved candy dish.

Mrs. Herbert Edwards, mistress of ceremonies, received the Girl of the Year award from her chapter.

A Mother's day luncheon was held at the Colony restaurant, May 11. Baby pictures of the members were shown and a prize awarded to the mother who identified the most. Mrs. Dalton Straus, Mrs. Donald Hanscom, and Mrs. John Pinkham served as co-chairmen of the event.

Summer plans include two swimming parties and a family campout at Lake of the Woods.

An early fall fashion show is planned, the date to be announced.

## Housewarming Honors Women

Ashland—A group of former school friends and mothers of several, surprised Mrs. David Deller and her mother, Mrs. Thelma Fox, with a housewarming shower and party June 13. Hostesses were Mrs. Faith McCullough and Miss Janet McCullough who entertained in their home at 137 Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. Deller recently bought the former Fox home at 275 Scenic drive where Mrs. Deller had lived as a small girl. Her mother came to Ashland from Hollywood for a week's visit in her old home.

A variety of household gifts was piled beneath a flower-centered parasol and during the evening the guests hemmed luncheon napkins, reminisced and enjoyed hot weather refreshments.

At dishwashing time, make it a habit to dip a sponge into clean soap or detergent suds and wipe the refrigerator door, stove knobs, and drawer handles. This erases telltale finger tracks and food splashes.

## Ashland Club Elects Officers

Ashland — Members of Ashland Study club elected new officers at their annual luncheon meeting held Monday at the home of Mrs. Horace Myers, 800 Clarence lane. The business session was conducted by Mrs. R. Drew Lamb.

President for the coming year will be Mrs. Elizabeth Sommer. Mrs. Faith McCullough was elected vice president and Mrs. Frances Hardy was reelected secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Len Osgood is to be program chairman.

"My Life in Court" by Louis Nizer was the book reviewed by Mrs. Harry Skerry. It is the personal account of the lawyer's experience and his opinions on such significant issues as libel, divorce, plagiarism, negligence and factious.

The author's widely publicized case of Quentin Reynolds vs. Westbrook Pegler furnished a large part of the review and was given in some detail. The controversy stirred recrimination and bitter charges on both sides and brought into court an array of celebrities in government

and journalistic circles. Other cases cited by the New York attorney had to do with the differences between the divorce laws of England and this country. Only the verdict and actual outcome may be reported in the press of Great Britain. Cases of plagiarism included the "lifting" of melodies from songs, while the author stated that charges of negligence are among the most difficult to prove.

Mrs. Harold Merrill chose for her selected subject "The Lady of the Louvre" based upon an article in the National Geographic by a Washington newsman who accompanied the famous smiling visitor to the United States last spring.

In an imaginary interview with ageless Mona Lisa traveling in air-conditioned privacy the correspondent recounts her life of 450 years ago, asking questions about Florentine life and such current events as Columbus' trip.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Merrill's talk Mrs. Louise Perozzi recalled seeing da Vinci's preliminary paintings of the famous lady which she de-

clared revealed a more beautiful expression than the well known enigmatic smile in the final portrait after three years sitting for the artist.

Guests attending the luncheon meeting were Mrs. V. W. Gore of Eupora, Miss, sister-in-law of Mrs. Lamb, and Mrs. Robert Sharyon, Modesto, Calif., daughter-in-law of Mrs. Sharyon.

The hostesses assisting Mrs. Myers were the Mesdames I. F. Andres, Osgood, Sommer, Lamb and H. F. Jenkins.

## Party Given On Anniversary

Wonder—Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Sellers celebrated their 20th anniversary Sunday, June 16. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers were married at New Orleans, La., June 16, 1934. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Holder, Mr. and Mrs. Bartnes Barker, Mrs. K. M. C. Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helms, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crane, Mr. and Mrs. James Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Flannery and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Slatton.

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## MOLB Elects Delegates; Cookout Held

Mrs. Ben Allison and Mrs. Con Rost were elected as delegates from the Roguette circle, Military Order of Lady Bugs, to the majestic hunt of the order to be held in Seattle, Wash., August 19 through 23, at a recent meeting of the circle in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. Alternate delegates elected were Mrs. Richard E. Schulz and Mrs. Russell Zundel.

The Royal circle of Oregon recently sponsored a barbecue cookout at the Veterans domiciliary, White City, at which some 90 veterans were served a fried chicken dinner.

Serving at the dinner were Mrs. Ivan Lusk, Mrs. M. Parker, Mrs. R. E. Schulz, Mrs. Ralph Pitcock, Mrs. B. B. Ramsey, Mrs. Rost, Mrs. D. Sawyer, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Harold Sutherland and Mrs. Russell Zundel.

The annual picnic of Roguette circle will be held at the August meeting. The location will be announced.

A regular meeting is to be held July 9 at VFW hall.

Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Allison served refreshments at the recent circle meeting.

## Four Initiated By Sorority; To Convention

Mrs. John Gartman, Mrs. John Huebner, Mrs. Richard Huffling, and Mrs. Dennis Lundgren were each presented the pin of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International sorority in a ceremony held recently in the home of Mrs. Herbert Partridge.

Mrs. Davis Young, president of Alpha Lambda chapter, conducted the ceremony, assisted by Mrs. Partridge, Mrs. Delbert Contrall and Mrs. Harold Edmonds served as candlelighters.

Mrs. Contrall and Mrs. W. H. Fischer will leave June 19 to attend the international convention being held in Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Fischer is first vice-president of the Oregon council and Mrs. Contrall was chosen Oregon's outstanding member at the state convention.

Mrs. Robert Shangle, Delta Omega chapter and Oregon Grapevine editor, Mrs. G. R. Martin, and Mrs. Vernon Rush, ESA Home board representative, both of Alpha Kappa Chapter, Ashland will also attend the convention.

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