

"One Day With Mrs. George (Ellen) Clark" . . . (Isn't Enough)

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Note: It took (2) two fairly rugged women representatives from the Herald and News for this assignment. When we could get the subject "to light" . . . we took a picture . . . when we asked pertinent questions we got "You're not going to use THAT? So the meager pictorial and printed data is because Ellen Clark plays more roles EVERY day than plenty of top stars do in a long Broadway run (and with no rehearsal . . . strictly impromptu). She doesn't know for sure tonight whether she'll be dispatching cabs or substituting at KUHS tomorrow morning.
— All Photos by Milly Ramsby.



near as women's chairman of the Republican Citizens for Better Government, which she led on the board of Parents and Patron's Association of University Women and Scripps Club. She is an active partner with her husband in the operation of their last business, working a full substitute most of the time, and runs the housework, and does all her sewing for her family, which includes two daughters, Nancy, Dick, and . . .

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MRS. CLARK started out to be a serious subject with us . . . we planned an objective 'round the clock report on how COULD one person be such a sustaining influence and support to the community and so generally and generously contribute to its innumerable public and personal demands?
FIRST we found that Ellen is essentially a spendthrift with herself and her apparent limitless energy.
SECOND (. . . and last) we found that we couldn't be serious with a subject so completely full of humor and so totally lacking in conceit.
For example: during one of the hectic "sittings" (so-called) amazed admiration prompted the query: "How do you BE like this . . . ? . . . affable . . . agreeable . . . and take everything in your stride . . . ?" At the moment she was about to have the "sewing-machine" shot of this series taken. With an enigmatic "Ellen" smile . . . her response was, "YOU don't see me ALL the time . . ." and taking a long inventory look at the mending . . . she said, "Sometimes I feel like THIS!" and that's when we got the agony shot (not for publication).
The pictures, taken at random, when we could catch "The Woman of Achievement", between achievements . . . represent only a fragment in a "day with Ellen" . . . and although well aware of her civic accomplishments and domestic "derring-do" . . . we finally solved how she could be Quota Club's perfect choice for "Woman of Achievement in Klamath County" . . . (SHE just has more HOURS in her day!).
And that's about all we got out of having her "smile for the birdie" . . . except that the pictures show her dispatching at the taxicab stand where she and her husband George work as partners (usually on different shifts) . . . in her kitchen taking a batch of bread out of the oven (all the friends of son Dick, and daughter Nancy, envy the Clark kids' homemade bread).
She smiles for us in another in the sewing machine picture referred to above . . . with her is that stack of mending which she had washed with the rest of the household laundry. She also irons . . . buys the groceries and cooks; sews for the family . . . including some trim tailored toggery for Nancy and herself.
Equally at ease in another role, she is snatched behind a desk at KUHS (where she is "on call" whenever they can snag her from the cab-stand, or a (take your choice) house cleaning, pie-cake-conkie baking, deep-freezing, painting or paper-hanging project) is Ellen, in constant popular demand at KUHS, serenely substituting in classes embracing everything from physical education to art . . . (Latin too).
Then there's the Ellen dressed for what could be one of many social occasions. She made the dress in the picture which shows her holding (by request . . . we thought she at LEAST should have a HOBBY) a vase from her large and beautiful collection of Chinese cloisonne.
The swishy dress of heavy satin in stripes of many hues; reminiscent of (nostalgic past) beautiful hair-ribbons . . . our heroine could be going to a Republican "special dinner" (she's a vital factor in the Republican Citizens for Better Government group); an American Association of University Women evening function (she's an active member); a party at Reames (ditto); the Yacht Club; a Shrine or Elks social event; or to cut a long list short, an "after-five" at the home of a friend. It's not hard to imagine her going to ALL of them in ONE day!!
. . . (Slight pause while changing the typewriter ribbon before adding more to the partial list of Ellen's various achievements): Scouts . . . many, many hours including those spent helping to open or close Camp Esther Applegate; Parents-Patrons . . . a helping hand here, too; Library Club, the same; and oh and on . . . she's always giving of herself. And perhaps that's the reason that she has kept the trim figure which once modeled for one of San Francisco's major stores.
NOW there are TWO more statements to be made. (1) — We already know that THAT is black thread on the spindle of the sewing machine — and a white sheet under the needle. (2) — That if this same, varied pace has been maintained for as many years by any other Klamath Falls woman — with NO hired household help — she will be heartily and publicly recognized, R.K. and M.R.

