



Charlottean Josie Hudley gave an outstanding performance in Bennett College's production of "Plantation." She played the role of a money-loving bishop in the New Orleans plantation area during the early civil rights movement. (Photo by Davis).

## Entertaining Ideas

by Laura Wells

The theme for December is "parties"—either giving or going! If you're hosting one, some tips on the fine points may help. With invitations mailed and a basic theme (menu, "atmosphere") planned, now is the time for the details.

Begin by deciding if your party will be small enough for you to handle alone. Will you need help? How dependable are family or friends as bartenders or tray-passers? If, by party's end, you'd be exhausted and your budget can handle it, consider hiring a professional to help prepare or serve.

Next, count your guests, study the menu and list all tableware, serving equipment, chairs, hangers and coat racks needed. (Allow a few extras in each category.) Compare the list to what is on hand and, well in advance of the party, borrow or rent those items you cannot supply yourself. Keep this checklist afterwards, update as necessary and use it again next time you're a host.

Now is also the time to experiment with new holiday dishes. Since recipes complement the occasion, I suggest "Gelatin Jewels," a glimmer with the special flavors of Leroux cordials. Soak 3 envelopes unflavored gelatin in 1/2 cup cold water in a deep, heavy saucepan. Stir 2 tbs. cornstarch into 2 tbs. cold water and add to saucepan. Add 1/3 cup Leroux Creme de Menthe,

Leroux Amaretto or Leroux Chocolate Amaretto and 2 cups sugar. Stir in 1/3 cup boiling water.

Cook, stirring constantly over medium heat until liquid boils. Boil 5 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat. Cool in saucepan for about 15 minutes. Scrape foam to side of pan and pour liquid into a loaf pan. Cool overnight. Loosen mixture from sides of pan and pull out onto waxed paper dusted with confectioners sugar. Allow to dry for several hours or overnight. Cut into triangles with a hot, wet knife. Dust with additional confectioners sugar. Allow to air dry for several days.

What would the holidays be like without eggnog? Try "Eggnog Extraordinaire" with Ronrico Gold Rum and Leroux Deluxe Brandy. Simply beat yolks of 6 eggs and 1/2 cup sugar in an electric mixer until light and smooth. Add 1/2 cup rum, 1/2 cup brandy and 1 tsp. vanilla. Beat until smooth and refrigerate. Beat egg whites stiff, but not dry. Fold in 2 pints heavy cream, whipped smooth, and egg whites. Refrigerate 2 hours until well chilled. If desired, thin with 1 1/2 cups cold milk and sprinkle lightly with grated nutmeg. This will make about 16 punch-cup servings.

One final tip. On party day, plan for a nap and a restful soak in the tub. You'll feel wonderful.

# NASCD Honors Dionne Warwick

The National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc. presented Dionne Warwick with its Award of Distinction before a celebrity audience at a fund-raising dinner tribute, Nov. 5 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

Ms. Warwick was singled out for the NASCD's annual honor for her many contributions to humanitarian causes and especially that of sickle cell disease. Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald and Count (Bill) Basie were previous recipients.

The dinner tribute featured entertainment and was co-emceed by Leslie Uggams and Ja'net DuBois, with the Dodgers' Reggie Smith addressing the audience on the need for greater participation in the fight against sickle cell disease. He is the NASCD's honorary National Chairman.

Gladys Knight & the Pips headlined the show and were preceded by comic Kip Addotta and the Lester Wilson Dancers. The H.B. Barnum Orchestra provided the musical background. Frank Sinatra, who was unable to attend, was the dinner's honorary chairman.

Ms. Warwick was also honored with resolutions and proclamations from city, county, and state officials. She was lauded by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, City Councilman David Cunningham, State Senators Nate Holden and Diane Watson, and



Dionne Warwick

Assemblywomen Maxine Waters and Theresa Hughes. U.S. Congresswoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke presented a special plaque.

The NASCD's salute was further honored by the presence of Dr. Charles F. Whitten, the Association's National President, who flew in from Detroit, Michigan, especially

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for the occasion. The evening's invocation was given by Bishop H. Hartford Brooks of the Fifth Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church. Introductory remarks were by Nedra Thomas, who chaired the affair's general planning committee.

Dias guests and audience members included such notables as Barry and Glodear White, Brock and DeeDee Peters, former Senator John Tunney, Diahann Carroll, Florence Gordon and Ron Townsend of the Fifth Dimensions, actress Rosalind Myles, actress Jayne Kennedy and her husband Leon Isaacs, actors, Hal Williams and David Hall; as well as five year-old James Lewis III, the NASCD's National Poster Child from Alexandria, Louisiana.

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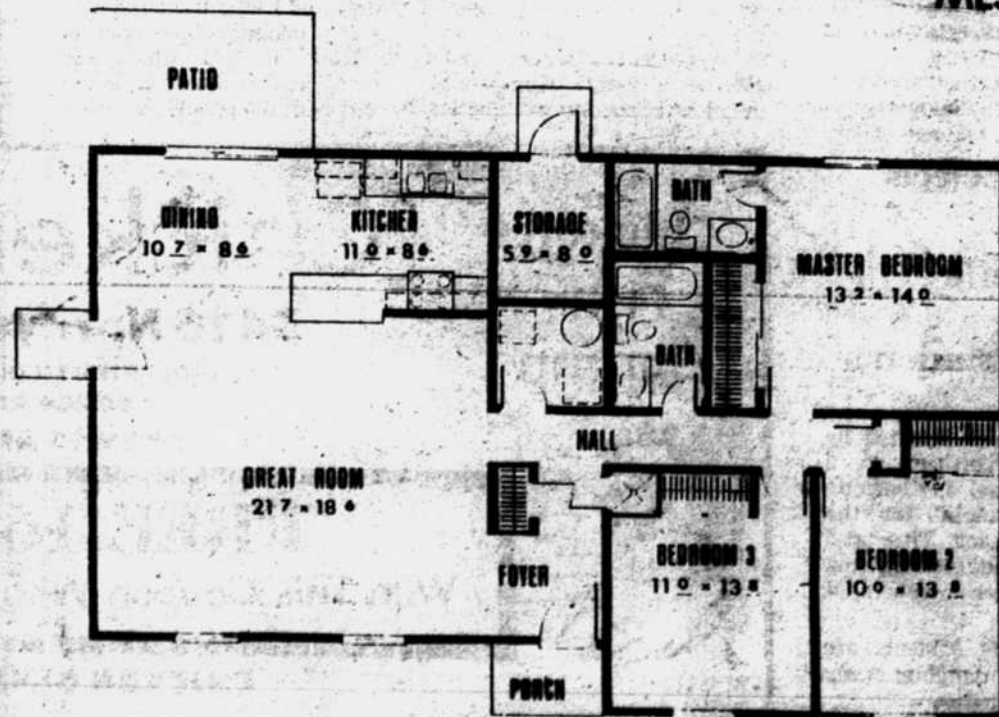
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