

Capital's Parties Go On and Seem To Get Gaudier

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Come Doomsday still be partying in the capital — up to the last minute.

A party almost every minute, from breakfast and the guest list to an exclusive blue-stock party to an indiscriminate 5-11 p.m. party at the White House is the pace for the "official" with all out full-dress, ties and long kid gloves the first time in 10 years. Conditions still are tough and prices still are high. To that, government jobs are sitting uneasy at the thought of having the rug pulled under them in the big over-extended cut. But almost everywhere in Washington will go to a party at any place and at any time for anyone or anything, a Dior gown or a pet for that matter, in honor of the last year in office. A wagging Washingtonist proved the last year in office he invited 150 people, of whom he didn't know to honor the Hon. Titus. More than 200 showed up, one ever met the guest of or even inquired for him. Dates did not exist. I often attended parties in World War II where guests didn't even know who was host.

Mrs. Caroline Hagner Shaw, social arbiter, and others predict that more "polite" social life will flourish this season under the Eisenhowers. "This is partly because of the President's overwhelming friendliness and his appreciation of form acquired in the high military posts he has held and as President of Columbia University," Mrs. Shaw tells me. "And Mrs. Eisenhower, who has shared his career, is herself a naturally gay person with an instinct for tact and consideration."

The White House has announced a minimum of six 8 p.m. dinners and five 9 p.m. receptions. The horseshoe table in the State Dining Room will be set first for the Cabinet, Nov. 3, then later for the Supreme Court, and the Speaker, plus two separate feasts for diplomatic envoys representing some 75 foreign countries, and one for the vice-president.

Highlighting the receptions will be the colorful event for the diplomats Nov. 10, when full dress uniforms and decorations will be the order. Biggest of these fetes, however, will be the affair for the Army, Navy and Air Force Feb. 2



NOT MUCH LEFT of this 1952 DeSoto, which went 200 feet down a steep embankment at White Oak. Harold Hunter, owner of the car, had parked the car, and the brakes failed to hold, and the vehicle started to roll. It stopped rolling 200 feet down the rocky bank. Hunter is from White Oak, but has been working in Virginia. The car is termed a complete loss, and is shown with Elford Sutton, wrecker operator, who spent four hours getting the wrecked car back on the road. (Mountaineer Photo.)

and the jumbo reception for officials of civilian agencies.

The army buys more than 24 million pounds of salt a year to supply both itself and the air force.

Sequoia National Park in California encompasses some 386,560 acres.

Many Capital Hostesses Put Away Own China And Silver For Big Parties

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Most of the embassies and some of the more wary private hostesses put away their fine silver, china, linen and glassware when entertaining. The

town's biggest catering concerns furnish everything from chairs to nut dishes, along with food, chefs, butlers, dish-washers, car-callers, check room girls and some times the liquor.

the party off to a screaming start in the house.

By the time your guests get upstairs they will be all set for fun. A real old-fashioned Halloween party can't be beaten. So why not have bobbin' for apples, apples on a string and fortunes in a cake?

The apples rather than the cake may contain the fortunes. Let these be intriguing with such predictions as "a certain senior has eyes only for you" or "before the week is out you will meet your fate." Unless you have a separate container of apples for boys and girls, the fortunes should apply to either.

Hang apples in the doorway, offering prizes for those who can bite into a swinging apple suspended by string without using their hands.

Avignon Freres cater from 600 to 800 parties a month and help numerous embassies put on their big shindigs. Right now they're in a dither of preparations for the October Revolution celebration, always held in November, at the Russian Embassy. The USSR will supply caviar and vodka for the 1,500 to 2,000 guests expected. The caterers will supply the candies, fancy cakes, pastries and canapes probably hams and turkeys and salads, waiters at \$10.50 apiece for four hours, pantry boys, dishwashers at \$7, apiece.

Hubert's used to do a lot of embassy business, but now they say they prefer putting on parties for business people.

"It's a lot less trouble," a spokesman told me. "These embassy people are used to having hordes of slaves working for them back home, and they think our men are the same. They'd work them all night on the four-hour deal if they

Nurses Sponsoring Workshop At Their November Meeting

The North Carolina League for Nursing is sponsoring a workshop November 12 and 13, at the Buncombe County Medical Library, Victoria Hospital, Asheville. The sessions begin promptly at 9 a.m. and all interested registered nurses are cordially invited to attend.

could."

The Hubert's man says most of their glassware got lost when they handled the Russian parties. The Soviets get to drinking toasts, throw the glasses against the fireplace—an old Russian custom.

"We put on a party recently at a military installation and lost 13 demitasse spoons," the spokesman said. "They must have been taken as souvenirs. They cost 35 cents apiece. And at a seated dinner we lost seven napkins at 45 cents apiece."

This year caterers charge around \$12 per 100 for hot canapes, \$100 for cold. Assorted fancy cakes come to \$4.50 a hundred. Turkeys run \$2 a pound cooked weight, sugar-cured hams \$2 a pound, too. Lobster newburg is \$3 a gallon and shrimps in sauce \$4. Hubert's recently put on a dinner for 260 that cost the host \$9.50 a plate, including equipment and service.

Carnival Makes \$300 For Fines Creek School

By MRS. SAM FERGUSON
Community Reporter

The Halloween carnival was termed a great success at the Fines Creek school last week. Approximately \$300 was made with a large crowd in attendance.

Jesse Haynes and his son-in-law, Humphrey Haney, from Woodstown, N. J., are visiting relatives in this section.

J. David Rathbone, Jr., recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Rathbone, on Fines Creek.

Rathbone has completed his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and reported to a camp in Virginia, where he will be stationed until being sent to Germany.

Mrs. J. L. Mooney had had as her guests for Sunday dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mooney and family, Mr. Gerald Mooney and Vaughn McCracken.

Mrs. Joe Mooney is visiting her parents in Virginia. She plans to return home the latter part of this week.

A joint birthday dinner was observed by Aunt Sarah Rathbone, 93 years old, and Aunt Carrie Rathbone, 78 years old, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rathbone, last Sunday. About 75 friends and relatives were present.

The children and grandchildren present were: Mrs. Cynthia Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis and sons from Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rathbone and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rathbone and son from Fines Creek, Mrs. Sam Ledford and children, Mrs. Rowe Ledford and son from White Oak, Mr. and Mrs. Faraday Rathbone and sons from Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Price of Center Pigeon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price from Spartanburg, S. C., Mrs. R. C. James, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ferguson and son, Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Green and daughter, Phyllis, from Powhatan, Va., made a short visit to Fines Creek Saturday, visiting Mr. Green's mother, Mrs. Ida Green. Sam Ferguson accompanied them here after visiting relatives in that section.

On Sunday, October 25, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Witt Moore and family attended the all-day gathering for English War Brides at the home of Mrs. Graham Ivey, of Candler, Rt. 1. Mrs. Moore is formerly from Trowbridge, England.

The next party will be held on November 29 at the home of Mrs. Doris Campbell of Candler, Rt. 3. We are hoping that all English girls in this section will be able to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harkins and small daughters, together with Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Hipps, visited Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Green, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs.



Dear Judge,

Shine up your best broom and get set for a midnight ride with goblins, ghosts and goons. Halloween is an eerie time for witches and their pals.

If your crowd doesn't have a party but once a year, Halloween is the time. It lends itself to enchanting decorations inside and out. And the autumn chill makes food taste better.

Plan spook-to-spook hookup by getting the outside decked out in haunted house fashion. Black crepe paper may be put over the windows so that the entrance looks pretty grim, and when the guests enter the house a horrible clanging of bells might ensue. (Borrow a fire bell or ship's captain's bell from a friendly neighbor.)

Engage the services of local small fry to assist you on the outdoor scene. The kids adore scaring their elders on a night like this, so let them participate to their heart's content. Dressed in appropriate masks and or sheets and costumes kids may hide behind rocks, barn, garage, house or up in the trees. Tarzan types may sit in trees which must be passed by on the way to the house and unroll sheet-ghosts, witches or goblins to bring shivers to the spines of the guests.

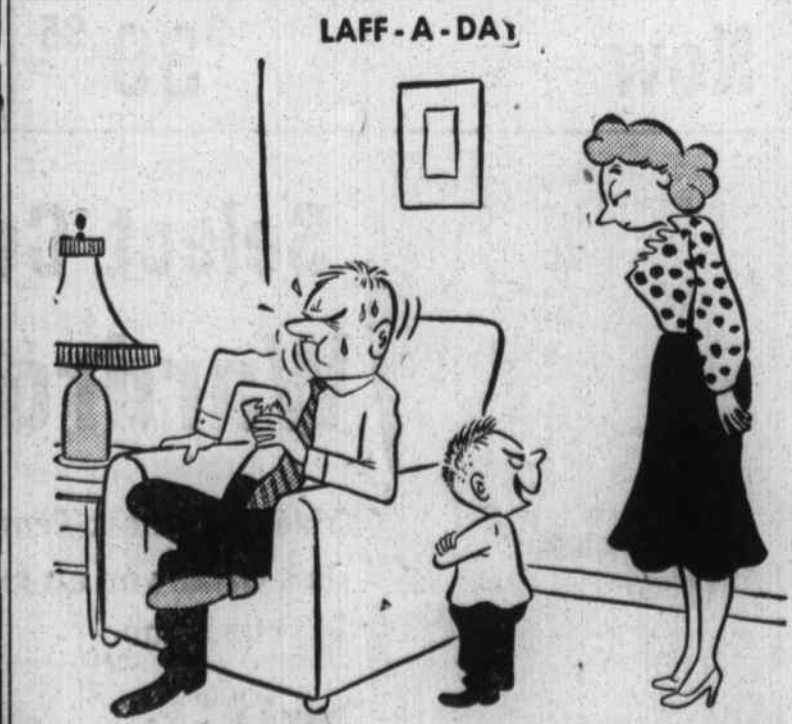
At the gate two pumpkins may glower in eerie contentment. If gate posts are flat, pumpkins may rest on them. Otherwise put your pumpkins on long poles, about the weight of broom sticks and put them in the ground. To keep a big heavy pumpkin from sliding down the pole, put wooden pegs or nails around the pole directly under the pumpkin.

If you live in a house with a roomy cellar, you can really scare your guests skinny. Make the cellar the party entrance, keeping it dark—and full of surprises. Stretch a piece of twine across the cellar and hang cold spaghetti from it—just low enough so it brushes across the forehead and face. Other ideas may be scared up, depending on your little helpers.

In the corner of the cellar, for instance, a kid may stand on a step ladder which has been draped with a sheet or black witch's robe. If he wears the proper mask and there is another kid to flashlight the witch's face at the right moment, your giant witch will get

Charles B. McCracken Sunday afternoon.

Miss Maggie James and small nephew, Charles Stamey, returned to Statesville Tuesday after spending 10 days with her niece, Mrs. Mark Ferguson.



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