



How to Enjoy Entertaining

The secret of enjoying entertaining is to have fun at your own parties. "How so?" you ask, "with so much work and preparation."

Part of the answer, I believe, is a matter of attitude. If you approach a party feeling sorry for yourself because there is so much work to do and apprehensive of how it is going to turn out, your party is doomed from the start.

One of the most difficult roles in entertaining has been solved by a young newly-married couple I know. They handle the old bugaboo of graciously playing host to in-laws this way.

"First of all," says Mary shyly, "whether it is my family or Don's who are coming to visit, I try to put myself out to make everyone feel welcome. And I mean put myself out—not knock myself out. I know I'm not an experienced cook, so I do my culinary experimenting on Don. When company comes, I stick to the dishes we've already tried that I'm sure I can prepare successfully. Thanks to some wonderful wedding presents and some wise shopping, most of our cooking utensils are in stainless steel. Everyone knows that this makes cooking and cleaning up easier. What surprised and pleased me though, is the number of stainless steel items that are so beautifully designed I can whisk them right from the oven to the table to double as serving dishes. They look elegant and save me work.

"Our stainless steel flatware and holloware are god-sends for entertaining because they never need polishing. They are just as bright and sparkling as when

they were brand new. This is one important way that I avoid the frantic, last-minute rush that can make entertaining a chore instead of a pleasure.

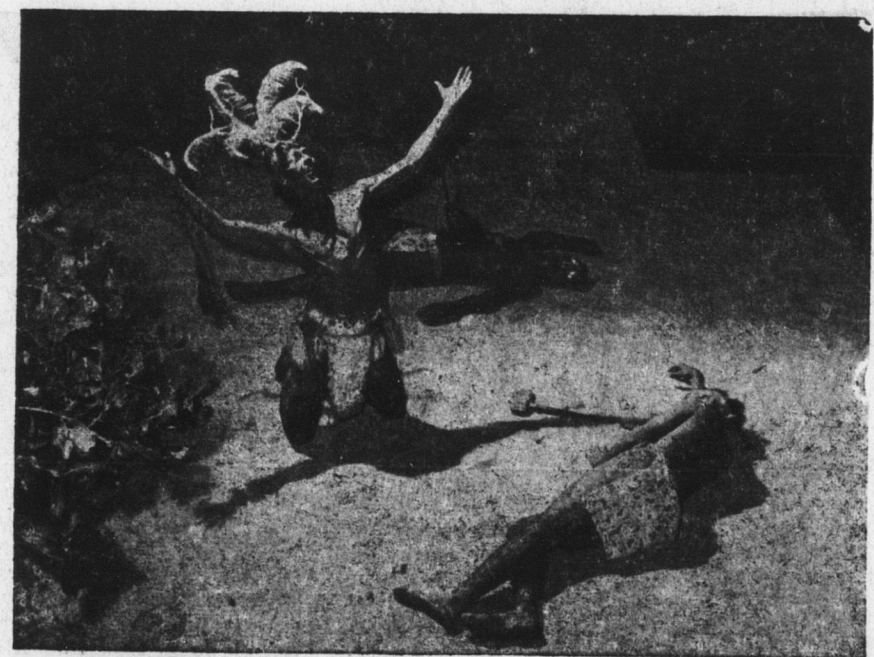
"Flowers create a festive atmosphere. But instead of blowing our budget (which always seems to be a target for well-intended in-laws) on florists, we keep a few window boxes of virtually indestructible common flowers like marigolds, pansies and pinks. I find fun in arranging these little spots of color in unusual containers. Every newly married couple has received wedding gifts that on first glance seemed useless and inappropriate. A pewter inkwell and an antique egg warmer which we received, that I initially scorned, are now two of my favorite flower containers. Another "fun" arrangement is to make twin bouquets in both the top and the bottom of a stainless steel covered dish we have.

"Very often we invite to family gatherings some of our young friends who are good mixers. You'd be surprised how they perk up the party. Some of the old stand-by family jokes find a new and appreciative audience."

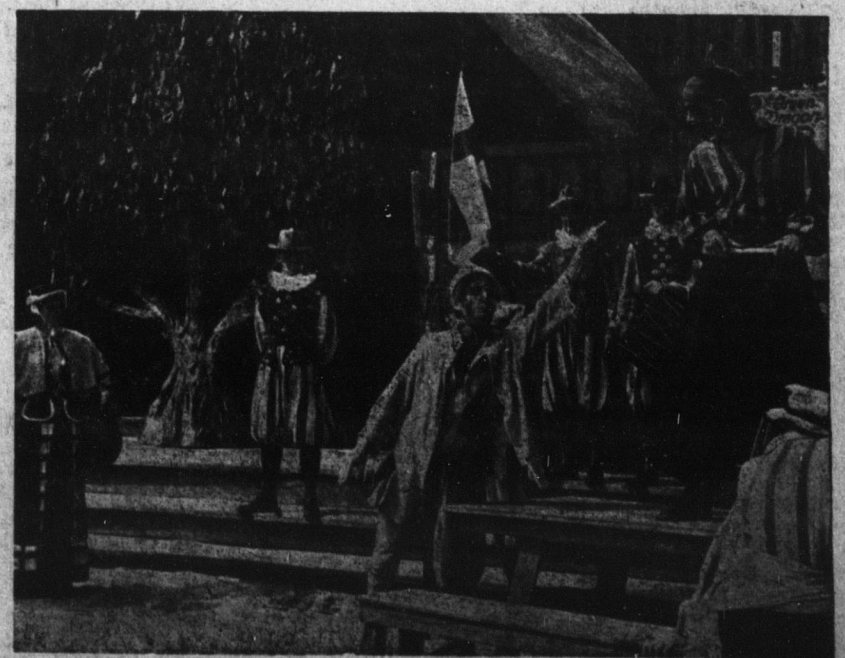
Wise little hostess, this one. Her formula for happy entertaining is simple. She plans food she knows she can prepare well; she makes full use of her modern stainless steel tableware and kitchen equipment so she won't be tired and tense; she adds original decorations that are within her budget; and she selects guests who will enjoy one another. Does she have fun at her own parties? You bet she does.



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OCRACOKE PERSONALS

Ocracoke, June 24.—Mrs. Katie O'Neal was taken to Atlantic Saturday night on the Coast Guard picket boat and from there by ambulance to Sea Level hospital. Diagnosis by a visiting doctor indicated the possibility of bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Howard of Prospect Park are occupying their new home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kennedy and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin W. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Williams have as visitors their son, Troy Williams, and Mrs. Williams, and friends, Mrs. May Ward and Miss Marian Ward, of Wilmington.

Rev. Frank T. Fulcher of Richmond visited relatives and friends here this past week end after a week of revival services in Atlantic. He preached at the Sunday night service at the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Annie Phillips of Washington, N. C., has been spending several days at Sound Front Inn and enjoying some fishing with Capt. Thurston Gaskill in the Southwind.

Major and Mrs. William Biehl and children of Cherry Point spent several days last week at the Howard cottage. Major Biehl stated that for two or three years he has been flying jet planes over Ocracoke Island, but this was his first "landing" and that it was interesting to see Ocracoke village, since he has often wondered just what might be down below him as he passed swiftly over the island.

Col. Mike Cochran, brother of Bill Cochran, and his wife and children are at Hotel Silverlake, Col. Cochran during a brief furlough from duty and Mrs. Ann Cochran for the summer, to assist Bill and Ruth Cochran at the hotel.

Major General Ira T. Wyche and Mrs. Wyche of Pinehurst spent a few days recently with his sister, Mrs. Murray Tolson.

Several summer visitors have come from Portsmouth, Virginia, this summer. Mrs. Mack McCarty and party fished with Capt. Oscar Burrus on June 18th and caught seven medium size cobia. The party occupied the trailer at Mrs. Lillian Simpson's cottage here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilder visited his father in Norfolk recently and enjoyed trips with him to Williamsburg and Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Graydon King and sons, Graydon, Jr. and Lindon Paul of High Point, are visiting Mrs. Annie Garrish.

Miss Fannie Peal Fulcher left on Sunday for New York, planning to sail this week for the Scandinavian countries. She will also visit Mrs. Thomas Cunningham and other members of the Cunningham family in England. Mrs. Cunningham is the wife of Lt. Thomas Cunningham, deceased, who is buried in the British Graveyard at Ocracoke. He was one of four British neamen on HMS Bedfordshire, torpedoed off Ocracoke during May 1942, whose bodies are buried here.

Rev. W. R. Hale left today to attend the East Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church at New Bern. Mrs. Hale is visiting her sister in Manteo this week.

Little Beverly Preston was flown to Tayloe Hospital in Washington, N. C. on Saturday, but was able to return Sunday, having recovered from what was thought to

be an attack of appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Preston are leaving this week for Fairmont, West Virginia, with his father, brother, and sister, who have been visiting them here.

Mrs. Rella Smith of Beaufort is visiting her mother, Mrs. Fannie O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rhine and son, Don, of Baltimore, Maryland, are back for a visit, staying at the Walter C. O'Neal home.

Mrs. Edith Simpson of Wildwood, N. J., is visiting Mrs. Maggie O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Tribble and daughter of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mrs. Irene N. Stupp of Stroudsburg, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wooten and children of Ahoskie, and Mrs. Clyde Wooten and daughter, Elizabeth, of Raleigh are at the Howard Tourist Home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beal and family of Washington, D. C., have arrived at Wahab Village Hotel for their annual summer vacation at Ocracoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray T. Casey and daughter, Nancy, of Norfolk are visiting Mr. Casey's sister, Mrs. Thurston Gaskill and Capt. Gaskill. This is Mrs. Casey's first visit to Ocracoke and Mr. Casey's first in 11 years. Therefore they were delighted to catch seven cobia and a number of blues and flounder while fishing with Capt. and Mrs. Gaskill on the Southwind. Mrs. Casey landed a 26 lb. cobia.

HYDE 4-H'ERS TAKE PART IN DISTRICT CONTESTS

Miss Jean Woodley, Hyde County home agent, has announced the winners in the county 4-H club elimination contest held last week in Swan Quarter.

Emily Lou Cahoon and Rosiland Harris, both of the Swan Quarter club, were named the dairy foods demonstration team to compete with teams from other counties in the district. First place winners in the dress revue was Susan Gaylord, with Ann Gibbs placing second, and Janet Spencer, third. Susan will model at the State Dress Revue in Raleigh during state 4-H Club Week. All of the girls took part in the revue at the 4-H district elimination contest held in Washington on Wednesday. In addition, Susan Gaylord, Janet Spencer, and Nancy Gibbs participated in the talent show which was a feature of the day.

Hyde County boys were also represented at the district meeting in Washington. Andy Harris and Joe Henry Bishop gave a demonstration on "The Value of Surface Litter."

Mrs. Woodley is now working with her 4-H'ers in preparation for camp at Manteo beginning July 8th.

A. L. A. MEETING

The Hyde County American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 211 met on Monday night at the Community Building. Newly elected officers were installed as follows: president, Mrs. Rebecca Spotanski; vice-president, Mrs. Pauline Mason; secretary, Mrs. Chas. Swindell; treasurer, Mrs. Amy Lee Patrick. Chairmen of the various committees were appointed. Mrs. Guy Gibbs and Mrs. Amy Lee Patrick were joint hostesses.