

WHO'S WHO and doing what

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HOLIDAY PARTY SECRETS

If granted a holiday wish, many a hostess would ask for a handful of magic to make her gala holiday party (or just a get-together) the greatest of the season.

Like everything else, there are secrets of successful party-making that can be shared just in the "St. Nick" of time for festivities of many types planned for the upcoming holiday season.

The little things make the big difference. For example, for a well-organized sit-down dinner with old friends, make it a winner by adding a new face. Just look around--there may be someone you have met at church, or a social occasion whom you have felt you'd like to know better. Invite him (or her) to your dinner. Better still, or in addition, consider that there are lonely airmen at Nellis AFB one or more of whom, you will discover, would prove delightful addition to your holiday guest list.

Placement of guests at a sit-down dinner is so important. Separate wives from husbands and also unmarried ladies from their bachelor escorts (exception--newlyweds still in the blissful 1st year of marriage). If there is only one table, separation rule goes for you and hubby. See that an extrovert is placed between known shy persons. Of course this ideal arrangement can only be obtained by the use of place cards. If it can be avoided, don't put people together who know each other very well, or who are in day-to-day contact with each other. That's not what parties are for.



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The hostess always acquaints invited guests to proper attire along with the invitation. She adds to the festivity of the occasion and compliments her guests by "dressing up" to it and guests feel more festive when they dress for a party. Guests have an obligation also. It is most disrespectful to a hostess to wear "any old thing" to her party.

A successful dinner party can always be achieved with an appetite-provoking cocktail, good food with proper wines, beautiful flowers, and interesting guests. A successful cocktail party, particularly one to precede a performance or dinner on the Strip (particularly popular during the holidays when so many out-of-town guests are here) depends upon split and thoughtful timing. Select an arrival time convenient for most guests and limit the cocktail hour to just that--one hour.

In the event there is a party or dinner "guest of honor" whether a relative, a newcomer to the city, out-of-town guest, or distinguished personage, unless the honored guest is under constant (but un-noticeable) observation by the host or hostess, there is danger of the honored guest being "left out" or monopolized by a single guest. In the latter instance, the hostess brings along another guest and quietly intrudes by gently saying "There's someone else I want you to know."

After all, in any case, the real secret of successful party giving lies in the imaginativeness and ingenuity of the host and/or hostess. The underlying trick is simply seeing to it that all guests have something to do or someone to talk to at all times and are never left alone. Needless to say, nobody goes to a party for a period of introspection.

A SWINGING BIRTHDAY

Speaking of successful birthday parties, Carlos Sellers was the recipient of one Friday night on his birthday when a group of friends completely astounded and delighted him by popping in at the invitation of his darling Elsie who was especially lovely in one of the new geometrically designed paper hostess gowns styled with butterfly wing sleeves the colors of which were a perfect match for the color decor of the

Noted Educator Buried

ATLANTA - (NPI)--Atlanta University President Rufus Early Clement has been buried (Nov. 13) in Louisville after dying in New York following a heart attack.

Dr. Clement served as dean of Municipal College, University of Louisville, from 1931 to 1937, when he became president of the Atlanta institution.

He died while in New York to attend an annual meeting of Atlanta University's board of trustees. Funeral services were held at Sisters Chapel, Spellman College campus, Atlanta.

Dr. Clement became the first Negro elected to a public office in Atlanta in 1953, when he was elected to the Atlanta Board of Education. He was re-elected to his fourth consecutive term on the board in 1966.

IN FEBRUARY 1966, the editor of Time magazine named him as one of the 14 most influential university presidents in the country. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa by Brown University in 1957.

The late president was a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the Southern Regional Council, the national Board of the United Nations Association of the United States, and of the Atlanta chapter of the UNA of the USA.

Dr. Clement was an author and contributor to Phylon, the Journal of Negro Education, and the Journal of Education Psychology. He was listed in "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in Colored America," "Who's Who in Education," and the "Biographical Dictionary of American Scholars."

Among the survivors are the widow, the former Pearl Ann Johnson, and his daughter, Mrs. Robert Foster of Los Angeles.

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Sellers' living room.

An additive to the festive gaiety of the surprise party was the unexpected presence of Mrs. Sellers' brother, Henry Simmons, who had attended AM&N College's Annual Home Coming Game in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and "dropped from the skies" by jet travel to sing Happy Birthday to his brother-in-law... Also, Mrs. Katherine Pettis, just back from St. Louis, Mo., was detected slipping a bill with zeros on it into an envelope for a birthday gift to her favorite nephew.

The George Cooks were there and Charlotte (Mrs. George), President of the local chapter of the National Council of College Women, was noted enthusiastically urging other Council members at the party to attend the Los Angeles Chapter's Annual Fashion Show-Luncheon at the Angel City's Ambassador Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 25.

Those expected to join the social exodus for the Saturday event in Los Angeles are Rev. and Mrs. Donald Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Sellers, Mrs. Kermit Booker, Mrs. Joe Haynes, and yours truly and spouse Henry. Kit Carson School principal Mrs. Helen Anderson who is presently attending the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' National Conference on Race and Education at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., will also be a member of the Las Vegas contingent to the National Council of College Women's affair in Los Angeles.

Footnote on that Washington, D.C., Conference--Attorney Charles Kellar had accepted an invitation to attend, but had to cancel out due to "priority" appearance at a State Supreme Court hearing.

Bride And Groom



MR. AND MRS. F. J. JOHNSON--The former Nezeria Alexander and groom F. J. Johnson are pictured moments after marital vows were spoken before the Rev. T. C. Cole at the minister's home here in Las Vegas, Saturday night. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Fred Brown of Seattle, Washington and the late Henry Alexander. The groom's parents are Mrs. Henry Lynn of Kiarleyville, Texas and Forest Johnson of New York City.

For the informal ceremony, the bride wore a two-piece, blue knit suit, white faceveil, white carnations, and matching white accessories. Standing as matron of honor, the bride's stepmother, Mrs. Melody Alexander, wore a kelly green dress with silver accessories. Walter Pearson served as Best Man for the groom.

A reception for fifty guests was held at 1624 'J' street, home of the bride, following the ceremony. Receiving guests with Mrs. Johnson was Mrs. Everlean Terry in a black cocktail dress which complimented the sequined black sheath that was the radiant bride's attire.

A festive buffet supper was served to reception guests which included the new Mrs. Johnson's cousins Mr. and Mrs. Willie Graham of Barstow, California, and the bride's sisters and brothers; Artis, Arvin, Mercedes, Lorraine, Valerie, and Terry who all served as hostesses and hosts for the occasion.

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