

**COMMUTER'S WIFE**

**Conflicting Ideas Assail Housewives On Office Parties**

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With the holidays, come office parties that bother Mother quite a bit, though she hates to have that fact known.

There are two major types of office parties as far as she's concerned: those that don't include "the husbands and wives"

and those that do. Now admitted, a party once a year for an office force, we have, we hope, stuck to business all year long. And if it doesn't include the spouses of both the men and women in the group, it barely will be more fun than if they straggled along their mates, for the latter are almost total strangers to the office people and in most cases just don't fit in. So the party that's for office only is really the most enjoyable.

But what is a wife's reaction to it? In most cases she resents it.

IT'S HELD at some nice restaurant or hotel she probably never gets to see, and often it costs her hubby a fancy piece of change, right at Christmas time when money has so much need of cash. It also takes up one precious evening when there are so many

miles away from her home, and she wonders first, who took the young, single file-clerks and stenographers from the party? And second, will hubby reach home safely?

So far some wives it's quite a strain to keep from taking a few acid remarks the morning after one of these whine-sings.

THEN THERE'S the kind of party where Mother is invited. It usually isn't much fun for her either. First, she has to think about something to wear—whether to shoot her Christmas check on a fancy dress that will probably hang unused in the closet for a year, or show up in the outdated dinner dress that looks its age.

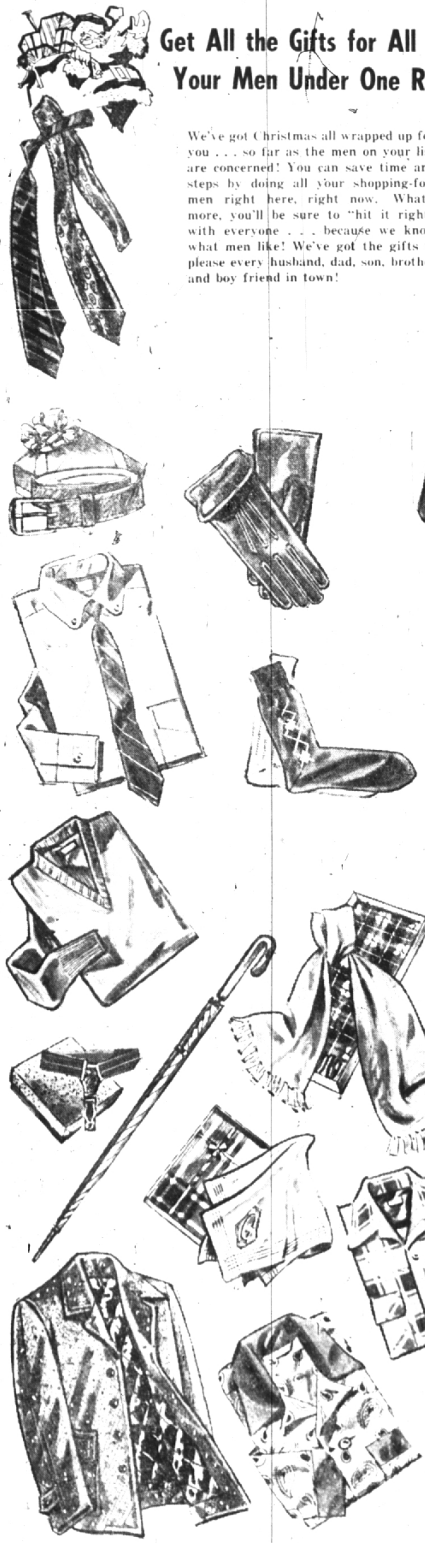
She knows she must make the best appearance possible, for she's sure to be looked over carefully by her husband's associates. She has to watch her conduct, too. If she cuts loose and has a good time, she may start a round of office gossip, especially if her husband is one of the bosses. If she sits armly all evening, watching other people have fun, she may be tagged as a kill-joy. She feels a certain strangeness, too, at one of these affairs, so that usually she's glad when it's over. Truly, it takes an unusual wife to be very pleased at the prospect of the office party—whether she's invited or not.

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**Lathrup Girl Scouts Hold Court of Awards Ceremony**

All troops of the Lathrup Girl Scouts participated in their recent Court of Awards ceremonies when they were presented with an American flag, by Mrs. Harry Alger of Hulores, representing the Three Pines chapter of the D.A.R.

Receiving awards in Troop 159 were Mary Ann Cameron, Susan Clark, Elaine DiMatteo, Linda Diering, Melinda Gibbs, Judith Isener, Patii Jeffere.

From Troop 167 were Patricia Cottell, Susan Deen, Judy Furstenburg, Patricia Furstenburg, Liora Hobbs, Linda Pederson, Ruth Ann Greenberg and Kathleen Walker.

This troop has been rehearsing "The Night before Christmas" and have made puppets and props which they will use when the play is presented to some of the children's homes.

Receiving awards in Troop 165 under the leadership of Mrs. Vincent Zattel and Mrs. Thomas Gibbs were Nancy Jo Gildersleeve, Judy Voeit, Barbara Crank, Patricia Isaacson, Digi Pierce, Kay Plumtree, Elaine Timassey, Marie Godard, JoAnne Mysza, Mary Lou Hill, Susan Wright and Sherran Walter.

From Troop 200 were Susan Jo Berner, Sharon Fleischer, Janet Graviner, Sharon Milleg, Carol Beck, Pamela Boyd, Rosann Campbell, Kate Dickerson, Judy Keith, Isabell Owen, Lynn Post, Margaret Ruth, Sharon Smith, Janet Graviner and Sally Stevenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. French of Bellefontaine, Ohio are house guests of their daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. William Donnelly of Lathrup. During their visit they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party for 18 guests at the Donnelly home.

Lathrup Super Dance club met in Fellowship Hall on Saturday for a buffet dinner followed by an evening of square dancing. In charge of evening festivities were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cogger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleischer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henke, and Mr. and Mrs. George Burnham.

ANCIENT MARINERS will meet in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Dec. 18 for dinner at 7 p.m. The Detroit Schoolmen's Chorus will present the program. This 26-year-old organization is directed by Edgett Jones. The group will be assisted by violinist, Dorothy Pixley; cellist, Robert Delaney, and accompanist, Robert Delaney, a recent concert artist at Toronto and Greenfield Village chapel.

Mrs. Brant Standley of Sunset boulevard was hostess on Friday at the Detroit Golf club. She entertained 25 members of Mary Martha Circle of All Saint's church of Detroit. This was a Christmas luncheon followed by an afternoon of cards.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jaquillard of Lathrup boulevard entertained in honor of their daughter, Joy's fifth birthday on Saturday afternoon. At Joy's party were sister Judy, Connie Ann and Linda Berkeley, Gretchen and Kim Moyer, Elise, Carl, and Ann Doering, Joan Knighton, Mary Golley, Andy Hobbs, Carol Saunders and Butch, and Joan Miller.

Mrs. Herdis English of Lathrup boulevard was hostess for the Christmas party for her bridge club, with a luncheon on Friday. Filling tables were Mrs. Albert McLaren, Mrs. Henry Ober, Mrs. Robert McMillan, Mrs. Willis Gupfitt, Mrs. Frank Fleischer, Mrs. Elmore Leonard and Mrs. Daniel Reek.

**ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

A surprise cocktail party celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary was given for Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cannon on San Diego at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zattel on Sunday, Dec. 5. The guests of honor were presented with a silver serving tray by the guests.

The party was attended by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Riggland, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Steger, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Messinger, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hyington, Mr. and Mrs. W. Walters, Mrs. C. Fournier, Mrs. L. R. Bennett, Jean Kingland and Catherine Becker. Table centerpieces was of white carnations and a wedding cake topped with a silver "25."

**Dick Hartz Given Fraternity Bid**

Richard E. Martz, a graduate of Bloomfield Hills High school, is among 500 sophomores at Dartmouth college who have joined fraternities on the campus this fall. He is a newly elected member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Martz, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Martz of RFD 3, Pontiac, has chosen psychology as his major field of study. He participated last year on the editorial board of "The Dartmouth," oldest college newspaper in America, and "Dart," campus humor magazine. He also played with the Hanover Hoedowners, western and country music band. His brother, Lawrence, Jr., graduated from Dartmouth last year.

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