

Parties Original

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Editor's Note: This is a new special feature The Eccentric is trying out for the next couple of months on an every-other-week basis. If you like it, let us know. Also, whether you'd like it every week. Drop us a note or phone in your opinion to the Editor (MI 4-1100).

Now here's the first column, written by one of our correspondents, Virginia Cole, who before her marriage, was a children's party consultant:

A Christmas party adaptable to any age group is handy to have on your fingertips this busy season. Here is one. Before guests arrive, sprinkle about three boxes of small gummed silver stars throughout the party room. For each guest prepare a 4-inch length of three-inch red material upon which you have written with glue and glitter, "Merry Christmas—Mary," using each one's name.

As guests arrive, tie this on their, draping it from one shoulder to opposite side, at waist. Tell them that throughout the party, they are to pick up all stars they can find and stick them to the red material they are wearing. At the close of the party, the one having the most stars wins a prize.

START OFF YOUR PARTY with something hilarious. Roll into the room a gigantic snowball which you have made by using white crepe paper covering a chicken wire frame.

Inside this snowball you have placed numerous small snowballs made of cotton. Have guests roll the large ball around until it breaks and then grab all the little snowballs and start throwing them in a free-for-all snowball fight.

YOUR TABLE CENTERPIECE can serve as both decoration and game. Make an island of paper in which you have placed small pine trees, soda, figures, etc. At one end you might make an ice pond by placing a mirror with pipecleaner skaters on it.

As you make the island, you counted the kernels of popped corn that it took by counting the number in one cup of corn and then multiplying that by the number of cups used.

Give guests pencil and paper and have them write the number of kernels they think are in the island and sign their name. The one guessing most nearly correct wins a prize.

STRING A LENGTH of jumbo-sized tinsel across the room. Provide a large, colorful balloon for the ball. Divide the group into two teams and let them volley the balloon back and forth across the net (or tinsel in this case).

The team that allows the balloon to touch the floor scores a point for the opposite side. Play for five minutes at a time. Play three games and see who wins two out of three.

GET 10 SNOWMEN of Santa Claus candles about four or five inches high. Write different numbers on small slips of paper and attach one to each candle with a pin. Place candles at one end of room, ten-pin style.

Have guests at opposite end of room take turns bowling an orange at candles. At the end of so many turns, the guest having the greatest total score from the numbers pinned to the candles he has bowled over, wins.

Have familiar Christmas tunes playing softly as you serve deep-dish apple pie a-la-mode and coffee or cocoa.

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Leading off the list is City Manager D. C. Egbert, who is clerk for the Evergreen Interceptor Advisory Committee and is a member of the operating committee for the Southeastern Oakland County garbage and rubbish authority. In addition, he is an active member of the International City Managers' Assn. and the Michigan Managers' Assn.

City Engineer L. R. Gare is chairman of the board of trustees and of the operating committee of the Southeastern Oakland County water authority and is on the public works committee of the Michigan Municipal League.

He also serves as instructor in the public works course offered by the International City Managers' Assn.

City Assessor Elmer Haack is an active member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. He currently is chairman of the county supervisors health committee, a member of the equalization committee and chairman of the cost committee of the equalization committee.

In December, he participated in a panel discussion as a part of the annual assessors school at Ann Arbor, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Assessing Officers.

Superintendent of Forests and Parks Charles W. Gale currently is chairman of the Oakland County fire-fighters association.

City Planner Herbert Herzberg is chairman of the South Oakland planning council and an active member of the American Society of Planning Officials and landscape architects.

Fire Chief Park Smith is chairman of the South Oakland County mutual fire and party, chairman of the nominating committee of the Southeastern Michigan fire-fighters' association, and an active member of the International Fire-fighters' Assn.

City Treasurer Russell Berger is currently serving on a Municipal League committee on the investment of public funds.

City Clerk Irene Hanley was elected this year to the executive committee of the Municipal Clerks' Association of Michigan and also has been appointed to serve on the election committee of the Michigan Municipal League to assist in oral interviews as a part of examination processes for a prospective police chief.

Robert Fauteck, Springdale park superintendent, recently was elected secretary-treasurer of the Michigan and border cities golf course superintendents' association.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley is chairman of the training committee of the Southeastern police chiefs' association and frequently is called upon by the Michigan Municipal League to assist in oral interviews as a part of examination processes for a prospective police chief.

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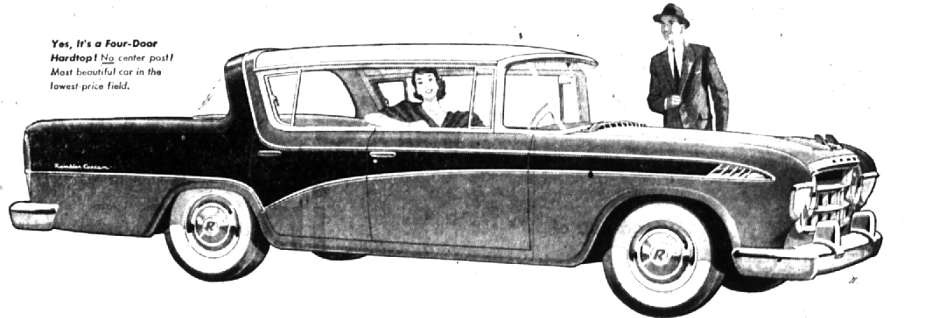
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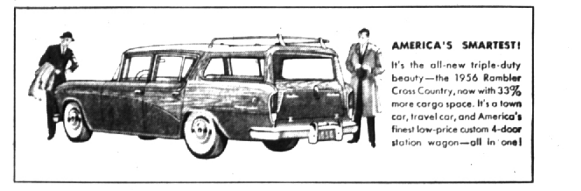
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