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Attending Banquets Major Indoor Sport

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Back
stairs at the White House,
attending banquets is one of the
major indoor sports of Washing-

ton and those who attend these
crowded eating affairs seldom re-
alize the planning that goes on in
the background, particularly when
a president of the United States is
the ranking guest.

President Eisenhower last week
attended a big dinner given in his
honor by two organizations sup-
porting his foreign aid program,
the Committee for International
Economic Growth and the Com-
mittee to Strengthen the Frontiers

of Freedom.

There were about 1,100 guests
involved and to keep the proceed-
ings moving as smoothly as pos-
sible, the dinner committee as-
signed a rather large staff includ-
ing some beautiful young women
to circulate among the arriving
ladies and gentlemen, and steer
them to their seats.

A formidable memorandum was
circulated among the welcoming
staff giving advice and instruc-

tions on how to cope with the
situation. One order said:
"If anyone does not have a tick-
et, give one immediately—with no
questions. Every person inside is
supposed to have paid or is a free
guest. To avoid embarrassment to
free guests, give out tickets free-
ly."

Then the instructions got just a
bit more forceful as the commit-
tee members worried about how
to have the audience in place by

the time the President arrived.

Said the battle orders for the
evening:
"Attention: Hosts and hostesses.
Keep pushing people into their
seats. Urge them to be seated,
not to stand at their tables. It is
not discourteous to sit while
others are coming."

And apparently by banquet
standards, it is not discourteous to
"keep pushing people into their
seats." To heck with Emily Post.

The President is on the way and
we don't want a lot of jokers
standing around in the aisles when
the band starts playing ruffles
and flourishes.

The banquet orders also con-
sidered another situation—drink-
ing. The mimeographed memo
said: "Drinks may be ordered at
tables (each person paying for his
own). Urge people to drink there
—not at the bar. They may miss
the opening if they go to the bar."

It was, downright friendly of
Eisenhower to include the report-
ers and photographers in his re-
cent message to Congress. He
spoke of the need for more space
for executive offices "and the
news media assigned to the White
House."

Actually, if the President's
plans were to be followed, the
press would be moved out of the
White House. A plan favored by
the administration calls for build-

ing a new executive office build-
ing where the old State Depart-
ment now stands and new press
quarters would be in that building.

Elwood Lady To Be Installed President

By BORTENSE MYERS
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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The

next president of the Women's
Press Club of Indiana credits her
21-year news career to being out
of work at the right time.

Miss Dorothy M. Durham
woman's editor of the Elwood
Call-Leader, will be installed Fri-
day as head of the 47-year-old
club during an annual guest meet-
ing here.

Willie Snow Ethridge, Louisville,
Ky., best-selling author of several
books, her latest, "Russian Duet,"
will speak.

Miss Durham recalled she was
a bookkeeper but quit to take
care of her ailing mother. Shortly
after her mother died, Dorothy
was looking for a job and a
neighbor asked her to work tem-
porarily to reorganize the circulation
routes of the Call-Leader.

When the temporary work ended,
Dorothy stayed on, moving
from the circulation department
to advertising and then into the
editorial end in 1943.

"It might be a good idea for
reporters to work in other depart-
ments for awhile," Dorothy be-
lieves. "You get a clearer picture
of your job in relation to the en-
tire paper."

"I like parties and people, so
I like the women's department.
Some people still think of it as
the society page. But we aren't
back in the horse and buggy days
any more. Nearly everyone in El-
wood belongs to some organization
or club any more and is a part of
what used to be called society."

Cooking is Dorothy's hobby.
Since her parents are dead and
her four brothers and sisters live
in other cities, she lives alone.

"But I try new recipes out on
my neighbors," she said. "They
don't seem to mind."

Mrs. Ethridge, wife of the Louis-
ville Courier-Journal publisher,
will tell the Indiana newswomen
about her personal troubles with
the Russians.

Other new officers to be in-
stalled in addition to Miss Durham
include Mrs. Louis Whitesell, In-
dianapolis, first vice president;
Mrs. Dorothy Lykins, Covington,
second vice president; Mrs. Sadie
McMillin, Beech Grove, third vice
president; and Miss Ella Sengen-
berger, recording secretary; Mrs.
Brown Ransdell, corresponding
secretary, and Mrs. John E.
Kleinhenz, historian, all of Indi-
anapolis.

In addition, three charter mem-
bers of the club, organized in
1913, will be honored. All three
still are active in some form of
journalistic work.

They are Mindwell Crampton
Wilson, Delphi, who still has a
column in her hometown news-
paper; Mrs. Helen Ernestinoff
Tyler, Evanston, Ill., a WCTU
writer, and Mrs. Susan Ostrom,
Indianapolis, Indianapolis News
club columnist.

The butterfly was originally
called the flutterby.

Both the Santa Fe and Oregon
Trails started at Independence,
Mo.

California leads all other states
in both car and truck registra-
tions, with 6,150,000 automobiles
and 1,136,000 trucks.



ZOOM? — University of Detroit sophomore Louise Petrozzi prepares to release the finalists in the International Intercollegiate Turtle Derby in Detroit. A moment later they were off and Disaster, a 10-year-old U. of D. entrant, left, crept off with the honors. Trailing was Nanook of the North, right, from the University of Alaska.

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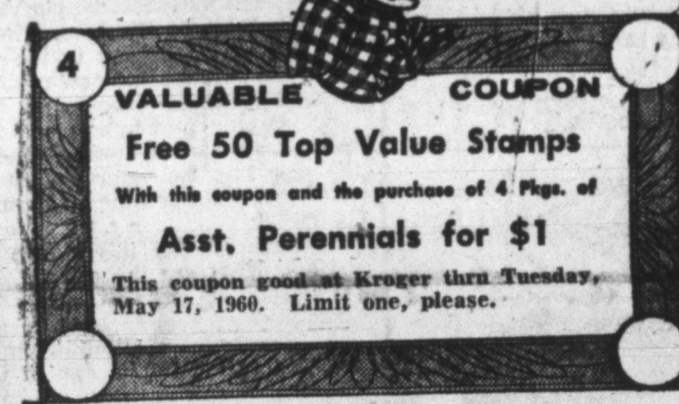
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