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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 Washington.

ton and those who attend these crowded eating affairs seldom realize 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 supporting his foreign aid program, the Committee for International Economic Growth and the Committee to Strengthen the Frontiers

of Freedom. There were about 1,100 guests involved and to keep the proceedings moving as smoothly as possible, the dinner committee assigned a rather large staff including 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 ticket, 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 freely."

Then the instructions got just a bit more forceful as the committee 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 courteous to sit while others are coming."

And apparently by banquet standards, it is not courteous 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 considered another situation-drinking. 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 reporters and photographers in his recent 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 building

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

## Elwood Lady To Be Installed President

By HORTENSE 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 Friday as head of the 47-year-old club during an annual guest meeting 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 temporarily 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 departments for awhile," Dorothy believes. "You get a clearer picture of your job in relation to the entire 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 Elwood 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 Louisville Courier-Journal publisher, will tell the Indiana newswomen about her personal troubles with the Russians.

Other new officers to be installed in addition to Miss Durham include Mrs. Louis Whitesell, Indianapolis, first vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Lykins, Covington, second vice president; Mrs. Sadie McMillin, Beech Grove, third vice president; and Miss Ella Sengenberger, recording secretary; Mrs. Brown Ransdell, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. John E. Kleinhenn, historian, all of Indianapolis.

In addition, three charter members 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 newspaper; 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 registrations, 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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