



THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT... Miss Roberta Clarke, home economist, shows the hundreds of ladies attending Von's Cooking School at the Masonic Temple in Gardena how to bake a top-notch cake. The four-day school last week was sponsored by Von's Markets and featured many cooking tips for milady. (Herald Photo)

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Better to Be Called a Fool?

Being famous isn't all it's cracked up to be. Witness what happened to poor Jayne Mansfield, who said she wanted a "quiet, dignified little wedding" in the nearby Wayfarer's Chapel. What she got instead was a three-ring circus and a near-riot by a crowd of photographers and teenagers variously estimated from 1000 to 8000, but probably near the lower figure.

Despite her earlier sentiments about quiet and dignity, the be-bosomed actress and her be-muscled husband didn't appear heartbroken at the way things turned out. In fact, they seemed to enjoy the furore they created.

A photographer friend of mine who attended the fracas came away slightly bruised and with eight pictures of other newsmen trying to take pictures of the affair or badly blurred shots of the principals. (It's kinda hard to hold the camera steady when you are teetering on the edge of a church pew.)

He's surprised that the Wayfarer's Chapel still is standing.

"You'd think that since this was all a big publicity stunt anyhow, they'd have had some studio publicity men there to organize the thing," he declared. "It was a mess."

He was kinda cynical about the whole thing, but probably no more than most of the rest of us.

The ears of the happy bride and bridegroom probably would have been red-hot if they could have heard the things that people said about their wedding in coffee-break sessions.

But then, maybe they didn't care. There are plenty of celebrities today who operate on the theory, "I don't care what you say about me as long as you say something."

If getting people to say something about them was their object, then Miss Mansfield and Hargity can count their nuptials as a whopping success.

The number of people who do anything to get their names in the paper seems to be increasing, prodded by eager Hollywood publicity men. As the public grows more and more skeptical of the manufactured "news" about the stars that flows from the pens of press agents, the stunts get more and more outlandish.

One press agent laughingly told me how he used to make up stories about his clients when things got dull.

"Just anything to keep them in the limelight," he remarked.

He reformed however, and is now working as publicist for one of the local universities.

Keeping in the public eye is one of the most important

Church Men Plan Meeting

The men of Park View Lutheran Church 14517 Crenshaw Blvd. and their friends, will attend the first Brotherhood meeting of 1958 next Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the educational building of the church.

There will be an election of officers for this year.

A dinner of spaghetti and chicken with mushrooms will be served. Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling Chester Neilhard.

Ray Sanders, program chairman, reported there will be a Douglas Aircraft film shown on Nike development. A discussion period will follow the showing of film.

An entertainer with a weekly audience of some 20,000,000 people may get the ax if his opposition is getting 30,000,000 viewers, as Jackie Gleason and Sid Caesar learned to their sorrow. The result is that entertainers seek the public eye by any means handy.

It's always nice to be able to say that your public loves you and admires your talent. Failing that, many people keep the public eye by such weird goings-on as the "quiet, dignified little ceremony" in Palos Verdes last week.

To paraphrase a statement: "It is better to have been called a fool than never to have been called anything at all."

What do you think?

Police Supervision Ordered for Teners

Five teenage boys apprehended last week end as suspects in a series of pilfering cases have been placed under the supervision of Torrance juvenile officers for the next six months, it was announced yesterday.

Obituaries

Tuesday Rites Scheduled for Crash Victim

Tuesday services will be held for Mrs. Geola Stewart, 35, 504 E. 220th St., who died Thursday when her car collided with another vehicle at 220th and Delores Sts.

Mrs. Stewart died at Harbor General Hospital after her car collided with one driven by Leavie Collins, 27, 23641 Madison St., who received minor injuries. A passenger in Mrs. Stewart's car, Mrs. Dorothy Keyes, 34, 1044 Fries Ave., Wilmington, also suffered minor injuries.

Services for Mrs. Stewart will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Halverson-Leavell Chapel. Burial will be in Shady Lane Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mary Ada King

Mrs. Mary Ada King, 92, who leaves 92 living descendants, died Thursday at the Ocean View Rest Home in Redondo Beach. Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Halverson-Leavell Chapel at 1 p.m., followed by burial in Green Hills.

Born in Indiana, she had lived in the Harbor area for 37 years, most recently in San Pedro. Services will be conducted by Dr. F. G. H. Stevens of the Pasadena Methodist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Relda Briggs, 1643 W. 215th St., Letha Ankrom, Illinois; Georgia Maynard, Pasadena; Mary Orn, Culver City; four sons, Louis, Omaha; John, San Bernardino; and Frank and Iowa, both of San Pedro; 26 grandchildren, and 58 great-grandchildren.

Samuel Rex Hunter

Samuel Rex Hunter, 40, a supervising electrical engineer at Harvey Aluminum for the past two years, died Wednesday.

Final rites were held yesterday at the Moreland Mortuary Chapel, Compton, with local arrangements being handled by the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary.

A native of Oakley, Ida., he lived at 1015 Whitemarsh, Compton. He was a veteran of World War II and holder of several medals.

Survivors include his widow, Alda; sons, Rex and Kirk, daughter, Darleen; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunter, Idaho; two brothers, and four sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Gilbert, and a son, Phillip, Torrance.

Murphy H. Reynolds

Funeral services for Murphy H. Reynolds, 48, 525 E. 224th St., were held in Malvern, Ark. He died Wednesday in Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Harbor City.

Survivors include his widow, Rena; six sons, Elbert, Hubert, Stanley, Larry, John, and R. M., and three daughters, Joy Ann, Margaret, and Mary M. Halverson-Leavell Mortuary handled arrangements.

Rose R. Atencio

Mass was celebrated yesterday for Rose R. Atencio, 44, 22963 Cabrillo Ave., in the Church of the Nativity, with the Rev. Joseph K. McArdle officiating. Rosary was recited in Stone and Myers Chapel, Friday night.

A native of Santa Monica, Mrs. Atencio died Tuesday in Gardena Community Hospital. She was a member of St. Joseph's Club and the Altar Society at Nativity Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gilbert, and a son, Phillip, Torrance.

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