



TEA TIME—Miss Beverly Baker pours tea for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Howard H. Baker, jr., in whose honor Mrs. Everett Dirksen gave a tea yesterday at the Hotel Mayflower. Mrs. Dirksen (left), who is young Mrs. Baker's mother, chats in the background with Mrs. Baker, sr. The junior Bakers are visiting here from Huntsville, Tenn., with their son Darek, 2.—Star Staff Photo.

MARY MARGARET McBRIDE



Long Face and Bitter Tongue

Dear D.:
This is one of those letters nobody ever mails, but if only I were braver, it would reach its destination because you deserve it. But I suppose I'll just get my anger out of my system and then tear the evidence up.
May I suggest, to start with, that other people have plenty to complain about, too? But it's only the selfish—or stupid—who turn complaining into a way of life.
You say that Joe is completely occupied with business; that the children use their home merely as a place to eat and sleep in; that the living room is shabby and you can't afford new slip covers; that you're tired and feel under par all the time. These are just a few of the complaints you poured out yesterday.
I don't doubt any of it, but do you ever wonder, even for a moment, if you are the cause and not the victim of an unkind fate?
How did you greet Joe when he came home from the office last night? I'll bet before his hat was off you'd launched into the story of your dull, disappointing day. I have no doubt you asked, your voice taking on that special tone, whether he saw the boss about a raise. And did you warm up that tired meat loaf again because you felt too tired and sick to

do anything more? Then when Joe occupied himself with some papers he'd brought home, I imagine you kept whining about that.
I have to agree with you that your children are bed-mannered, thoughtless and concerned only with their own good times. It's a sad thing to have to say, but I'm sure they don't like their home very much. That must be why they are always hurrying somewhere else. But is that so very strange? Everybody keeps as far away as possible from groaners and naggers. When has there been anything like gaiety and hearty laughter at your house?
Joe and your children are trapped into a wretched situation that you spend every waking hour making more wretched. Constant complaining is your habitual attention-getting device. The one thing your family can really depend upon finding when they get home is your long face and bitter tongue.
You mostly get your own way because when you don't the flood of self-pitying invective increases and it is easier for the family to give in and escape as quickly as possible. Joe, so far as I know, has up to now taken refuge in business. But any minute he might turn to another woman or become a frequenter of the nearest bar. I guess your children at present seek out the more harmonious homes of friends, but you have no guarantee that they may not wander into other, less safe, places.
I wonder if you have any notion of the dangers you are facing? Maybe I'll have to send this letter.
(From AP Newsfeatures)

hower's highway program as costing too much, Mr. Simpson said Democrats had spent a lot of money abroad, and that the highway program was a way of helping freedom-loving people here.
Yesterday was the final meeting of the season for the G. O. P. study group, which is headed by Mrs. Roy E. James.

forts to restore 90 per cent parity as making a vital question political.
In answer to Democratic criticism of President Eisen-

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

Bill for Equal Pay Introduced in House

By MARY L. VAUGHAN
A bill to provide equal pay for equal work was introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Edith Green, Democrat, of Oregon who, at an earlier press conference said lower rates of pay for women in comparable work and with comparable skills undermine pay standards of men.
In pointing out the fact that equal pay laws exist in but 16 States and Alaska, Mrs. Green said the problem is to be solved only through national legislation.
Calling attention to the 1952 Democratic and Republican Party platforms favoring equal pay legislation, the legislator said she intends to seek support for the bill on a bipartisan basis and to ask for hearings before Congress adjourns.
Action Overdue
"I believe that action by Congress on this matter of elementary justice is long overdue," she said, "and that my bill should have the support of all men and women of good will."
Mrs. Green gave examples of inequities in pay for men and women in several professions and citing particularly electrical plant workers where after the highest skilled woman worker's wage scale is lower than the most unskilled man's wage rate.
Women currently employed in this country equal one-third of the civilian labor force, she stressed.
"In the large majority of cases, they either support themselves or they are indispensable supports to a family income. They are workers in their own right and are entitled to the same privileges and rights as male workers. I think it is high time that in all instances women workers are treated with full and equal employment rights," she said.
Developed in Consultation
Mrs. Green revealed development of her bill was carried out in consultation with the National Committee for Equal Pay, composed of many leading women's organizations, labor and religious groups. Miss Louella Miller Berg, chairman of the committee, was on hand at yesterday's press conference in Mrs. Green's office.
Among the groups supporting the principle of equal pay, according to the committee, are the National Association of Women Lawyers, the National Education Association, the American Association of University Women, National Federation of Business and Professional Women, National Council of Catholic Women, the National Board of the YWCA, and many others.

Rep. Simpson Speaks to Club

The Republicans don't boast enough about what they've done, says G. O. P. Representative Richard M. Simpson of Pennsylvania.
The chairman of the Congressional Campaign Committee went on to cite programs of the Eisenhower administration such as extension of social security, the President's highway program and more flexible parity levels in the farm program.
Speaking yesterday before the Morning Study Group of the League of Republican Women of the District, Mr. Simpson outlined briefly issues for the coming political campaign.
"While our answers are always right," he said, "you can't always convince the opponents they are."
Mr. Simpson pointed out that Secretary of Agriculture Benson's farm policy is really working and that stockpiles are being reduced.
He called Democratic ef-

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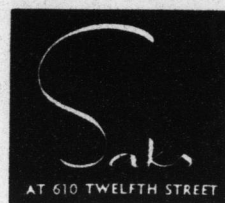
\$2,000 Check To Be Presented

The Children's Hospital will be the recipient of \$2,000, to be presented by the Irving Cooper Foundation on June 14 for the indigent children's bed care.
New officers of the club were installed at a luncheon meeting on Tuesday at Woodmont Country Club.
They are as follows: Mrs. David Rodbell, president; Mrs. Sampson Luftig, Mrs. Albert Schwartz and Mrs. Nathan Mathews, vice presidents; Mrs. Dave Herman and Mrs. Leon Andleman, corresponding secretaries; Mrs. Jennie Clayman, recording secretary; Mrs. Samuel Freis, treasurer; Mrs. Max Schwartz, financial secretary; Mrs. Isadore Schwartz, his-

torian and Mrs. Rebecca Perry, sergeant-at-arms.
The foundation also presented a check for \$1,000 to Dr. Thomas McPherson Brown for arthritic and rheumatic research for children at George Washington Hospital.

At Sea Island
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