

Celebrating With and For Dad.

The third Sunday in June is set aside to Fathers everywhere. Too few are such occasions, and the whole family should enter into the day's activities whole-heartedly, always remembering what father considers fun.

We always associate Father's Day meals as being a little more substantial than the airy fairy feminine affairs.

A Pioneer dinner is always good, and may be of western flavor, with covered wagons, and chuck wagon style meal; or Lincoln log cabin style, with red checked tablecloth and old style food.

Another variation is an Indian dinner. Cloth to be natural tan, with red and brown crepe paper stripes. An old-time open fire for centerpiece, with a medium sized tepee at each end of table. Small bark or tan paper canoes filled with small candies and nuts for favors. Tan linen handkerchiefs make lovely gifts, and may be concealed in the canoes.

A Mexican theme can be easily developed, and a profusion of serapes make the room colorful. Mexican figurines, cacti, and fruit clusters are fine. Mexican songs or parodies on such as "Who Shot the Hole in My Sombrero," add to the fun. The food should have a Mexican flavor, too.

Family picnics are good, and for larger organizations, a Father-Son picnic is a successful way to honor the day.

Because fathers usually like to go fishing, this theme is used a lot. A sailboat for a table center on white cloth, or navy blue cloth. Cut out anchors from contrasting paper, and fish shaped place cards are fine. Small boats are filled with small candies and nuts. Of course, the food would be a sea-food dinner.

A white cloth with green paper stripes, and miniature palm trees down the center makes a cool setting for a Southern dinner.

Have a grab bag from which the men draw silly looking hats to wear during the party.

A clever idea is to have a Newspaper party. It requires a live master of ceremonies. Each member is urged to contribute items of news that he may know, and these are interspersed with spicy offerings from the master of ceremonies about those members present. Thus stimulated, the news gets better and better, and is usually quite a hilarious party.

At a fishing party each dad must contribute one fish story, at least. If not a story of the biggest one he caught, then it must be a good one he has read. Here, also, a good master of ceremonies is a help.

A hobby show is an excellent idea if put on by the wives. Most dads have a hobby, although they may be a bit bashful about it. If the wives collect and arrange these for the pleasure of the rest of the dads, the owners will glow with enthusiasm. Have each dad do his own explaining; how he started, and why, and how things are progressing. It usually becomes an annual event, especially if the wives take over the catering.

A novel way to place the men is engineered by the wives. Even the husband's most private hobby is known to his wife. Pictures are cut from magazines to illustrate these hobbies, pasted on the under side of pyrex pie plates, so it shows through. Each man must find his place according to the picture. A picture of a playing hand of cards could illustrate the card-room addict; golf accessories labels a golfer, so also for the fisherman, garageman, etc..The more humorous or sly these are, the better. It will be an ice-breaker, and conversation will be merry.