

Town Topics

Guests Throng

By Marie McNair

WHAT'S NEW in Washington? Why—Easter hats, of course. Yesterday they were all over Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cafritz's modern house which sprawls amid gardens on Foxhall road.

It was Morris and Gwen Cafritz's annual Easter Sunday afternoon "at home" and being the sultry spring afternoon that it was the several hundred guests crowded the terrace to watch, over a rolling greensward, the skies deepen and the lights of Washington and nearby Virginia go on.

A pair of Easter bunnies in a white tulle cage tied with cerulean blue ribbons were Easter greetings in the foyer.

The ribbons were a match for Mrs. Cafritz's long satin stole which she wore with a white Balenciaga gown, floor length with a full skirt, tight bodice and wide shoulder straps.

Mrs. Harold Burton wore her Easter hat—a flower cap with a flower pyramid sitting atop her sleek gray hair. Mme. Le Gallais, wife of the Luxembourg Minister wore, with her white cotton suit embroidered in navy blue, a simple white brimmed hat. "No time to get flowers" she joked.



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Senora de Vallarino, wife of the Panama Ambassador, was wearing her Easter bonnet—pink roses on a black brim. Pink roses and a tiny red velvet bow tucked in on black straw, drew raves for Mrs. Meade Patrick.

Mrs. Walter Bryte's hat came from New York—a smartly simple pair of white wings. A Bahamas 10-gallon beach straw, worn by Evie Robert, was a conversation piece and there were laughs at Mrs. Leslie Biffle's cane twined with daisies and topped with a tiny daisy purse which Clare Patrick had made for the day. Mme. Vladimir Rybar's wide brimmed natural straw was veiled with navy tulle and adorned with a navy blue rose and an orange one.

Hatless were Senora Julio Heurtematte, Fay Lewishon, and Bertha Joseph. Mrs. Alben Barkley, wife of the Kentucky Senator, in a navy blue and white frock admitted that the blue pillbox covered in white lace was her daughter Jane's. She was advised to keep it, it was so becoming.

JOSEPH DAVIES, the two former Mrs. Davises, and his daughters were all there. When Mrs. Merriweather Post, until recently Mrs. Davies No. 2, and Mr. Davies met there was a polite exchange of "hellos."

When Ivy Baker Priest, United States Treasurer, and her husband Roy Priest came through the drawing room, Erwin Devron at the piano struck up, "Plenty of Money and You" and Ivy was right there to go along.



From the Terrace:

A QUICK VIEW of the terrace: The Spanish Ambassador Jose Areilza, being stopped at every turn . . . The Greek Ambassador and Mme. Melas, the British Ambassador and Lady Makins among early arrivals . . . the German Ambassador, Heinz Krekeler, talking to the columnist Drew Pearson . . . the Italian Ambassador Manlio Brozio, and Signora Brosio wearing a tiny pale pink straw with wings; The Ceylonese Ambassador and Mme. Gunewaedene, Senator and Mrs. Bourke Hickenlooper, introducing from Des Moines Mrs. John Chateaubert and Mrs. Walter Davis . . . Mrs. Frank Farrell, the former Nina Lunn, hatless with her shoulder length hair now almost ebony black, and

with her Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rigg of New York—she's the former Anne Mitchell . . . Chief Justice and Mrs. Earl Warren were there, and Chief of Staff and Mrs. Matthew Ridgway, Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Mrs. Radford, who gave a lift to their old friends, Bob and Betty Sherrod, down from Philadelphia where they now live.

Saw Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry Holland, the Clark Clifford, Lady Lewis, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Leigh Wade, Mrs. T. T. Ansberry, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Houghteling.

From the party Kathleen Watson, Jimmy Parks, Virginia Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Waters and Capt. and Mrs. John P. Jackson and the Meade Patricks went on to Katharine Byron's buffet supper at her home on Williamsburg Lane.

Among others at the buffet were Hugh Hutchison, Mrs. Robert Schenck, Donald Downs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Werlich, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Porter, Mrs. Henry Flood, Mr. and Mrs. Horton Schoelkopf (the last three also at the Cafritz party), Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Major Bernard Kennedy, Clyde Webster, Jerry Chase, Rear Admiral Charles H. K. Miller, Miss Creel Durrance, Hawley Oakes, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Williams.