



As Helen Corbitt supplied another tray of edibles, Sandra Cecil prepared to take a plate in for brunch guests.



—Dallas News: David Woo

Susan Dillard, left, and Nancy McCoy sampled the menu with visions of next week's Cooking School in their eyes.

Appetites keen for cooking

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Jean Harlow had her boudoir; President Gerald Ford has his Oval Office; Helen Corbitt has her kitchen.

And Monday it was the center of traffic, as the grand dame of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League's Junior Group's Cooking School served up a mid-morning feast.

To keep appetites whetted for the school scheduled for March 8-10 in the Zodiac Room of the Neiman-Marcus, Helen hosted a brunch for the table hostesses at her home.

Mixing humor (a sign on a wall read "I say to hell with Betty Crocker. Let's leave out the ... eggs and double the brandy this time.") and charm (African violets, needlepoint cushions, icons), the scene for the brunch was set.

But it was a different look in the kitchen.

As Helen removed waxed paper from trays of goodies, she completely ignored the ringing phone and doors bells.

The kitchen itself was cozy with pots and pans taking up all the wall space and the refrigerator wedged between the kitchen and the outside door.

While everyone ate, Helen was busily completing her KP duties.

"I have to fly to Houston this afternoon to give a talk and then return to give a seated dinner tomorrow night for the visiting Irish society."

And the tables were already set for the Irish, while the Jr. Groupees were munching in the living room.

FACTS ABOUT HELEN Corbitt Cooking School. Tickets for the three day series are \$6 per day with doors opening at 8:30 and classes finishing at 11:15.

As an added treat for the cooking students, lucite recipe boxes with recipe cards will be given.

Chairman for the event is Mrs. Robert Cecil, and her co-chairman is Mrs. William Peeler.

Other chairmen include Mrs. George McDon-

ald and Mrs. J. Haden Cowdrey, tickets; Mrs. Ben Murphy, boutique, and Mrs. J. Thomas Hedrick, hostesses.

OTHER SYMPHONY ACTIVITIES: The Dallas Symphony Orchestra Guild's 1976 Scholarship Benefit will be a recital by James Mathis with cocktails and buffet following at Aldredge House, 5300 Swiss Ave. this Saturday. It'll be a black tie affair!

MO CONNOLLY BRINKER: With less than two weeks 'til the Virginia Slims Mo Connolly Brinker Tennis tournament, ticket sales are up 400 per cent over last year.

While Evonne Goolagong, Rosemary Casals, Martina Navratilova and Francoise Durr competing for the \$75,000, the local ticket selling ladies are vying for a trip to Guadalajara.

Early reports have it that Brookhaven Country Club and Hockaday School are leading in ticket sales.

New committee chairmen include: Mmes S. B. Phillips, Glenn Graham, Leon Walkup, Buddy Water and Mitch Gilbert.

SAMUSER DANCE CLUB held its Bicentennial Dinner Dance Friday in the Terrace Room of the Baker Hotel. Ran Wilde and his orchestra played. Officers of the club are the Edwin T. Beckhams, president; Malcolm Carrolls, 1st vice-president; Ivan Dilbecks, 2nd vice-president; J. Scott DeLee, secretary; J. Roll Fairs and Lyman David Rogers, parliamentarians; and Mrs. Wallace Nichols Jr., treasurer.

DALLAS DINNER DANCE Club held its "Cruise Capers" at Brook Hollow Golf Club Friday. Red Rice from Oklahoma City's Petroleum Club played.

Chairman was Mrs. H. Louis Morrison Jr. and cochairman Mrs. John A. Pace.

Other committee members included Mmes Jack P. Brown, Roger H. Davis, Leonard E. Powell, Walker K. Williamson, J. R. Latimer Jr., and Hugh S. Peterson.