



er, mixes batter for her guests' cakes.

**TONIGHT ON TELEVISION:**

Making a week-end trip to Ocean City. A new kind of magazine story for viewers — the "WMAR Television Magazine" — at 8:15 o'clock over WMAR-TV.

tising space, and soliciting property owners along the north beach for patronage. There are other women prominent in the Ocean City business scene.

**Manages Filling Station**

Mrs. Nadine Harrison runs the town's first smorgasbord, and half a dozen other restaurants are also female-operated.

Mrs. William Dale, an attractive widow in her middle thirties and the mother of four small children, has managed a filling station since her husband's death four and one half years ago.

Secretary of the Bureau of Information, as Ocean City calls its chamber of commerce, is Miss Elizabeth Laws, a home economics and science teacher in winter, who takes as active an interest in civic progress as any Worcester county man. Still another woman, Mrs. Anne Showell, handles publicity releases for the bureau.

While their husbands are out with party fishing boats, Mrs. Cecil Bunting and Mrs. Louise Bunting are on the docks making bookings for the next day. The latter also runs a restaurant.

Until a few years ago it was not at all unusual to see Mrs. Edward O. Brex at the helm of her husband's fishing boat.

Mrs. Elizabeth Henry Hall, former managing editor and publisher of the Eastern Shore Times, with her husband operates a unique enterprise in Ocean City, probably the

only thing of its kind on the Eastern seaboard—a restaurant-cocktail lounge which renders curb service to boats as well as to cars. With its front on the ocean road and the back on a custom-made lagoon on the bay, Mr. and Mrs. Hall's "drift-in and drive-in" establishment is well located to cater to both highway and bay traffic. Boats coming up the bay can turn in at the lagoon and drift down to the railing where waiters will take orders for food and drink. The lagoon can double as a swimming pool, and on the embankment on one side of it an outdoor dance floor is under construction.

Incidentally, it was Mrs. Hall who ten years ago initiated the annual boat parade which has become the official opener of the marlin season.

Last, but far from least, among Ocean City business women, is Mrs. Elizabeth Showell Strohecker, whose family, by the way, built the first cottage on the beach.

It was during World War I that 19-year-old Elizabeth Showell convinced her postmaster father that Ocean City should have mail delivery. That was just the beginning of her participation in local affairs.

**Theater, Bathhouse, Bowling**

Today she operates a theater; along with her brother she manages a bathhouse and bowling alleys, and she still finds time to rent all of her own property. The last is an order in itself since Mrs. Strohecker reputedly is the largest woman property holder in town.

From the beginning Ocean City women have been competent organizers.

In 1881, vexed at not having a Sunday school and at the inconvenience of horse-and-buggy rides to the nearest church on the mainland, they covered up the wash tubs in the laundry room of a hotel and held meetings there. When "bakes," suppers and the sale of candy had netted the women \$500 toward the building of a church, local Presbyterians offered to match that sum if the church was of their denomination. That is how Ocean City obtained its first church: The history of the town's Methodist church is a similar story of feminine effort.

One of the three women who launched the church movement was Mrs. Dennis. It was also she who helped found the school.

At the time there were just five white families on the beach. The women put their

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Mrs. Elizabeth Henry Hall observes the serving of drinks to yachtsmen at the "drift-in and drive-in" restaurant-cocktail lounge that she and her husband operate—a unique enterprise. She is a former Eastern Shore weekly newspaper editor.

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