

# Homemaking Is Necessary Art Even For Keen Career Woman

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Young girls should have a good grounding in homemaking in all its phases before deciding on a career, Joan Rock said yesterday at the Ritz-Carlton.

"Many a marriage goes on the rocks because the young wife hasn't received the proper training," Miss Rock, who is director for consumer services for Ac'cent in Chicago, said in an interview. No matter what career a girl intends to follow, it is always beneficial to know how to run a home, she continued.

Miss Rock has co-authored a book, *Good Neighbor Recipes*, which is scheduled to appear soon in

Canada. She is a home economics graduate of Columbia University.

No matter how good a home economics school a girl attends, it is her parents who should be mainly responsible for teaching her the elements of homemaking, Miss Rock said. In other words, the young girl should be allowed to do the things around home that she often wants to do . . . such as sewing, carpentry, or preparing the family meal.

"The family should have a gentleman's agreement that when daughter cooks the meal, it's no laughing matter," the home economist said. "She should get the proper encouragement as well as constructive criticism of what she does."

Miss Rock used herself as an example of someone who has never suffered from migraines or indigestion over a "split" career. "My mother taught me a great deal about homemaking, and I became so interested that I just naturally carried on with it."

If a wife and mother follows an outside career, it is of great value to her to know how to organize and run her home life properly, Miss Rock held. "Family living shouldn't go out the window just because mother works. The mother should make full use of mechanical aids to housework, but at the same time she shouldn't allow herself to become mechanical about her home.

"A home is for family living, and every homemaker should remember that, whether she has another career or not."