



MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY, wife of the U. S. attorney general, and a sister-in-law to the President of the United States, sets a fast pace for the other Kennedy women. The mother of seven children is shown above christening a corgi, SS American Contractor, and at the right tries eating with chopsticks in Tokyo during the trip around the world with her husband. Below she takes her mount over hurdle in Washington International Horse Show and at the right she goes water-skiing in Lewis Bay at Hyannis Port, Mass. (UPI Telephoto).



Mrs. Robert Kennedy Sets Fast Pace For Family Clan

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Life on the New Frontier just wouldn't be the same without Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy.

The exuberant, good-looking wife of the attorney general sets a fast pace for other Kennedy women and their select circle of friends. The mother of seven children and with another baby on the way, the 35-year-old Mrs. Kennedy manages to keep one step ahead of her heavy commitments to her family and the outside world.

She takes children in a gay stride, as she does life itself. In fact, the more the merrier. Her attitude was happily expressed when she went on a world tour with her husband last year. She met the wife of a noted Indonesian painter and learned that the artist was the 10th of 21 children. "Your mother-in-law had 21 children!" she exclaimed. "Well, she set quite a pace. Isn't it wonderful?"

A little thing like pregnancy can hardly stop "Ethel," as she is known to all official Washington.

In the area of people, she is considered a real "sport"—outgoing, informal, spontaneous and gregarious. Her impulses are all positive and partisan. She says what she thinks and lets the chips fall where they may. She is defensive about any criticism leveled toward the Kennedy operation. In her view, people are either for or against you.

When it comes to the Kennedy family, she is a "team" player as contrasted to her sister-in-law, Jacqueline Kennedy, who prefers solo flights. Both women tackle sports with a vengeance. But Ethel Kennedy wants all the troops around when she is water skiing or leading the pack in a game of touch football.

Her competitiveness was perhaps typified once when her daughter, Kathleen, 11, asked her mother: "Which is it better to be on the offensive or the defensive team?"

"Well," her mother replied, "both are good, but Mommy likes offense best. That way you can make touchdowns."

She accepts a challenge—in fact there is no stopping her. Last year

she performed a complicated series of over 10 jumps at the horse show. She confessed later that she had not been in a show ring for a dozen years.

She has a lithe, trim figure and wears simple, sleeveless, expensive clothes. She also leans to sharply dramatic pink and chartreuse colors.

She makes no intellectual pretenses. At a time when a higher premium is being put on "culture," Ethel Kennedy remains devoted to show tunes, plays with happy endings and books that don't depress.

She is much more "help" politically than the First Lady and carries her load willingly for the party. She went campaigning in 1960 to help her brother-in-law, John F. Kennedy, win the White House. She charmed a lot of voters with her natural friendliness.

She has a wary, quick wit and flings about such words as "terrific," "marvelous," and "fantastic." She speaks French well and is pushing her children to learn languages.

She gives the appearance of a young woman in a hurry. She is always rushing to a tea, to a luncheon or to a reception where her presence means a lot to the sponsoring group. She gives much of her time, her devotion and often her home to charity.

It has often been said that Ethel is more of a "Kennedy" than the Kennedys themselves. She is "everybody's favorite Kennedy and outdoes them," according to a close friend.

In social climbing Washington, people vie for invitations to her home, "Hickory Hill" at McLean, Va., almost as much as for White House bids.

Ethel was introduced to Robert Kennedy by his sister, Jean, her roommate at Manhattanville College, while they were on a skiing party. They are a close couple, seem to share many interests and enjoy each other.

Their Hickory Hill menage can stand another child. But can it take another animal? Many who have tried to count the pets have given up. But among them is a donkey, a horse, five ponies, many dogs and cats and rabbits, guppies, cockatoos and grasshoppers.

Society

Club Holds Luncheon

The Calapooia Women's Club met at the clubhouse Wednesday for their April session, with Mrs. Cleve Miller and Mrs. John Bacon as hostesses.

A very delightful luncheon was served at 12:30 and two special guests were honored. Mrs. Zelma Gorrell, mother of Mrs. Miller, celebrated her 91st birthday and received many gifts and cards and was presented with a beautifully decorated birthday cake by made by Mrs. Robert Monett. Mrs. Carl Broszio, sister of Mrs. Bacon, was the second honored guest and was surprised with gifts and cards for her wedding anniversary. Other guests of the day were Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. Vera Maguire, Mrs. James Crawford, Mrs. Harriet Roberts, Mrs. Ted Roadman, Mrs. Fred Kruse, Mrs. Dean Henry, Mrs. Arthur Roadman, Mrs. Helen Coor, Mrs. Mary Minick, Mrs. Margaret Hanna, Mrs. Kenneth Manning, Mrs. Minnie Aben and Miss Ethel Manning.

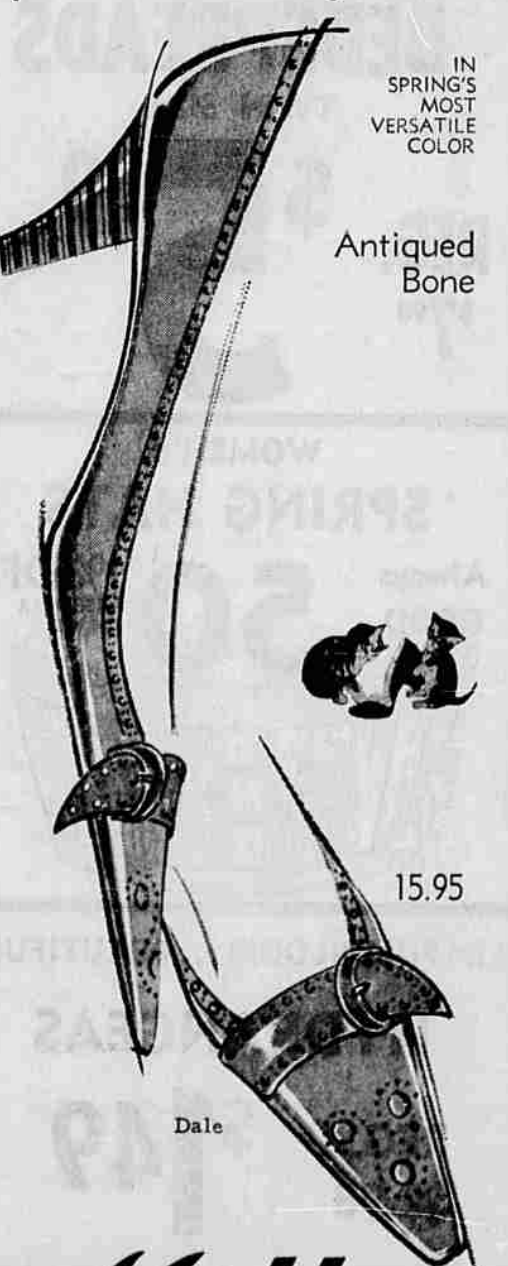
After dinner a business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Walter Davis. Mrs. Broszio gave a detailed explanation concerning the incorporation of community clubs. The welfare chairman reported that several boxes had been delivered and that children's clothing, especially for little boys and babies are needed. Sewing and quilting occupied the afternoon.

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