

There'll Be No Drinks If Mrs. Kerr Becomes Nation's First Lady

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series about prospective official business of Democratic candidates for President.

Washington—(U.P.)—If Mrs. Robert S. Kerr becomes mistress of the White House, Winston Churchill will have to bring his own brandy should he come for a state visit.

The senator from Oklahoma, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, and his attractive, honey-blond wife are strict teetotalers.

Liquor Never Served

Liquor is never even served in their home.

The Kerrs' views on drinking are personal, based on religious convictions. They don't object when other people drink.

"We don't care for it, but we don't criticize people who do," Mrs. Kerr says.

Grace Breene Kerr is 51 and the mother of four children, but she has looks any school girl would envy. She is slim, lithe, and carries herself so gracefully that she stands out in any crowd. She has blue eyes and a fair complexion.

At 5 feet, 10 inches she is the midwife of the Kerr household. The senator, a mere 6-foot-3, is overshadowed by his three sons. Bob Jr. and Bill are 6-foot-4, and Breene is 6-foot-6. Kay, a pretty brunette, measures 5 feet, 11½ inches.

Kay, 20, is a junior at Wellesley, and her mother worries lest she study so much she doesn't have time for fun. "This younger generation is so serious," Mrs. Kerr said.

Bob Jr., 25, a lieutenant in the Army, has just left for Korea. He is married and has a 16-month-old son. Breene, 23, is a lieutenant stationed at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. He is married, too. Billy, 14, is the only one now

Board of Control To Propose New Building

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Board of Control will propose to the 1953 legislature a plan for a new main building at the state hospital here, at an ultimate cost of \$8,000,000.

The plan, which must have the approval of the legislature since that body must appropriate the funds, would be to build the structure over three bienniums, with a third of construction in each biennium.

First reconstruction would involve the center section, which includes the dining room and kitchens.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newby said the legislators may decide the present building is too valuable to tear down at this time. It is obsolete but still usable.

living at home. He attends the Quaker High school in Washington. The senator is a Baptist and Mrs. Kerr is a Christian Scientist.

Is Mezzo Soprano

Mrs. Kerr has a lovely mezzo-soprano voice and once had ambitions to be a concert singer. But that was before she met Bob Kerr, then a young lawyer, on a tennis court in Ada, Okla.

Home, husband, and children have always come first with Grace Kerr, even though her husband is an oil millionaire, has served one term as governor of Oklahoma, and now is in his second term in the Senate.

She is intelligent, an easy conversationalist and well-read, but admittedly is "not socially-inclined."

In Washington, the Kerrs live in a comparatively small four bedroom but beautifully furnished house in one of Washington's most attractive suburbs.

3-Year Term Meted Parole Violator

Jesse Frank Graham, Medford, has been ordered to serve a three-year term in Oregon state penitentiary after violation of probation regulations established last week, according to Bob Dickey, assistant district attorney.

Dickey said the man was arrested April 14 on a drunk charge. He had been placed in probation on April 10, when he was charged with threatening to commit a felony, the assistant district attorney said.

Two men pleaded guilty to charges Wednesday in circuit court. Howard Lee Webber, 37, Talent, was arraigned and admitted the theft and forgery of California Oregon Power company payroll checks. James Leonard Henning, 25, route 2, box 168, Central Point, admitted charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. Both cases are being continued pending arrival of records.

Wilbert Tobias Doman, 45, Plymouth, Pa., has been sentenced to 30 days in jail, with 25 suspended, on a charge of petty larceny, involving the theft of a jar of coffee from Luman's market, Fourth and Front streets.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Veterans Administration said it expects the payment of GI insurance dividends to 5,000,000 policy holders to be in full swing by the first week in May.

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—A baby sea elephant en route by air from Los Angeles to a zoo in Copenhagen, Denmark, died from fright Thursday aboard an express plane.

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WON'T CAMPAIGN UNLESS NOMINATED—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, speaking to reporters at a press conference at Paris, explains that pressures brought about by the "Ike for President" campaign "practically compel me to wait no longer in asking for release" from his job as European supreme commander. He said he would not resign from the U. S. Army unless nominated and then he would feel "free to speak and act as a citizen without any limitations."

State Civil Service Planning Wage Boost

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Civil Service commission plans to recommend the first general salary increase for state workers since Nov. 1, 1950, according to Director James M. Clinton.

A public hearing will be held on the proposed revision April 28.

Based on Survey

Salary changes are based on a survey of salaries for like work in private industry in the Northwest and other public jurisdiction. In addition to rates being paid in private industry, the commission considered the 8.2 per cent increase in living costs since November, 1950, and the state's financial condition.

The commission emphasized that the tentative proposal is not an across the board increase for state workers but an adjustment in salary ranges for individual classifications to bring them into line with the findings of the salary survey and to enable the state to recruit skilled workers, technicians, administrative and professional personnel.

Under General Level

The increase in general wage levels for employees in private industry since November, 1950, has been 8.5 per cent. The recommended increase for state workers is 4.7 per cent. The increases range from \$7 a

month for beginning positions to \$60 a month for a few advanced technical positions. The average increase is about \$12 a month. Cost of the revision would be about \$150,000 a month for classified employees.

Washington—(U.P.)—President Truman has signed legislation authorizing him to designate a National Day of Prayer once a year.

Arkansas ranks 30th in population among the states.

Americans' Savings Record Since 1945

Washington—(U.P.)—Americans saved \$13,000,000,000 last year, the most since 1945, the Securities and Exchange commission has reported.

A big increase in bank deposits, insurance, securities, cash holdings and other savings brought the total "liquid" assets of the U.S. public to \$340,000,000,000 at the end of 1951, the SEC said.

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Senate Approves For War II Internees

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate voted \$9,000,000 Thursday to pay claims of persons of Japanese ancestry interned during World War II. The vote, subject to final confirmation later in the passage of the third supplemental appropriation bill, restored \$9,000,000 to the \$14,800,000 for Japanese-American claims which the Senate appropriations committee had cut out of the house-approved measure.

Home Nursing Class Accepting Enrollees

Several more persons may be enrolled in the evening home nursing class which will begin at 7 p.m. today in the city hall, according to those in charge. Those wanting to enroll should call the Red Cross chapter office, phone 2-4405, or Mrs. George Carter, 2-6586. Instructors are Miss Eunice Gray and Mrs. Ruth Amer.

There also will be an afternoon class from 2 to 4 p.m. which will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays, taught by Mrs. Edna Wolfe.

These will be the last classes taught in Medford until fall and equipment will be released at the close of the classes for use in outlying districts during the summer months. Groups in the county outside of Medford desiring home nursing courses should contact Mrs. Lester Gilman, phone 3-2881.

Seattle—(U.P.)—Washington state oyster production during 1951 amounted to 44,433,244 pounds with a wholesale value of \$3,335,396, the state fisheries department said Thursday.



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