

'Thinking Woman' Issue For Lady Bird Johnson

(The wives of the men running for the nation's two highest offices all have some qualities in common, despite political differences. Each has an abundance of charm and friendliness, each is a chic dresser, and each handles herself like a "pro" before an audience or at a news conference. This is the first of a series of profiles on wives of the candidates for president and vice-president and were prepared by United Press Staff correspondents in Washington, Boston and New York.)

MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
By United Press International

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson is one woman who believes her presence on the platform means politics at work. As a result, the wife of the Democratic vice-presidential candidate believes a discussion of her political views is in order.

Instead of the "togetherness" picture that has reaped past rewards for candidates' wives, Mrs. Johnson's slogan in this campaign concerns the "thinking woman."

She never says "no comment" to a reporter or voter. Out vote seeking, she tackles the issues as they come, many of them calling for expert juggling.

Dark-haired, dark-eyed Lady Bird has a sincerity and warmth of personality that stamps her as genuine. While her husband was tied in Washington for the special congressional session, Mrs. Johnson took the campaign on the road.

She began with introduction of presidential candidate John F. Kennedy's sister, Eunice Shriver and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, to her home state of Texas.

Far from attending "pink teas," the women found themselves fielding questions on the Catholicism issue and Mrs. John F. Kennedy's hairdo.

Mrs. Johnson, a slender vivacious woman with creamy skin, and a voice that sounds like magnolia blossoms smell, shows a friendliness and ease with people.

Mrs. Johnson was christened Claudia Alta Taylor but got a nickname that

stuck when a nursemaid said: "She's as 'purty' as a lady bird."

The 47-year-old wife of the Senate majority leader is a successful business woman who operates a string of radio and television stations in Texas.

She dresses with good taste, along sophisticated lines. She wears gold and red with a lot of dash, but often will be in black with a white hat.

The Johnsons' two daughters, Lynda Bird, 16 and Lucy Baines, 14, more and more are called out to say "a few words."

When Mrs. Johnson entertains, it's Southern style and the food may include heaping platters of fried chicken, slabs of thick broiled ham, lima beans with chesse sauce and chili powder flavoring, and for dessert, homemade lemon pie.

The Johnson home in Washington's Chevy Chase section is modest and comfortable. In the long evenings when she's waiting for her husband to come home from Capitol Hill, Mrs. Johnson frequently puts dinner on the table at midnight.

She doesn't pamper her husband, but she looks concerned when she thinks he's made too many campaign speeches in any one day.

Lady Bird Johnson has added sparkle and spontaneity to the Democratic party ticket. She's also given wives a new look on the platform with her plain talk about the issues.

Chapter Members Hear Professor
Dr. Arthur Kreisman of Southern Oregon college was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Delta Omega chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. The group met at the home of Mrs. Robert Shangle, 704 West Tenth street.

Dr. Kreisman's talk was the first in the chapter plans for their educational program on psychology in the home.

Mrs. Kenneth Vannice, Miss DeMaris Glutsch and Miss Sandra Whiteside assisted with the meeting.



Washington—Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, wife of the Democratic vice presidential candidate, believes her presence on the platform means politics at work. Shown here at a new conference in August, Mrs. Johnson says discussion of her political views is always in order. (UPI-Telephone)

Pioneer Aviatix Nichols Dies With Dream Unrealized

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor

New York — (UPI) — It was Ruth Nichols' great hope that she would be the first woman in outer space.

The pioneer aviatix died this week at 59, her dream of another mark on the record books of human beings was just around the corner, that a woman would be the ideal astronaut, and that Ruth

Nichols was the ideal woman for the job. I got to know the aviatix while helping her with some dispatches distributed by United Press International after she underwent some of the same tests being applied to the Mercury astronauts, scheduled to be America's first men in space.

Survived Six Crashes
She was a woman unafraid of anything, it seemed, and undaunted although she was pushing her luck every time she flew. In 41 years of flying, and setting numerous records, she had six major crashes and innumerable close calls. She set a long distance record for women in the 1930s, encased in a plaster cast to support a back broken in a crashup three months earlier.

In 1949 she survived the ditching of a commercial plane at sea, as the ironic culmination of a round-the-world flight in behalf of UNICEF. But she kept flying.

Miss Nichols was in her 50's when she claimed another women's record, traveling in an Air Force jet at better than 1,000 miles an hour at more than 51,000 feet. In 1959, she set a record for weightlessness and isolation tests which are part of the training of Uncle Sam's first space men.

"I have encountered just about all the challenges in earth flying," she wrote afterwards. "Now I'm ready for outer space."

She maintained that women were better equipped than men for the newest flight pioneering... that they inherently faced a crisis more capably than men.

Woman's Qualifications
"There is no event which so calls on all the resources of a woman as much as childbirth," Miss Nichols would argue. "The process of reproduction is dangerous whether in the jungle or the maternity ward. Yet we have the inherent ability to face it often without thinking about it."

In woman's favor in a long, space journey, the aviatix said, would be her natural passivity, her submissiveness, her inborn patience.

"I think it is significant that every live animal sent into space so far has been female—the Russian dogs, our monkeys," she said.

Ruth Nichols' life ended in her apartment. New York police listed it as possible suicide.

It is difficult to comprehend that a woman whose whole lifetime had been a display of courage could not face a tomorrow.

But she left much to those who knew her. She was a gay and friendly woman, a woman who believed that it is one's duty to help others, and so she gave of her time to numerous welfare projects.

But flying was her passion. She never intended to stop, and was proud that she was the first licensed woman pilot still taking planes up.

The Ruth Nichols I knew kept her feet solidly on the ground. But her heart was always in the clouds.

New York — (UPI) — You let 30 to 60 gallons of water go down the drain each time you shower, the National Water Institute reports.

The "chicken frank" is a low-fat, high protein member of the hot dog clan.

Women's News • Social Events

Tournament To Open; Wins Given

Medford's first bi-annual Rogue valley sectional duplicate bridge tournament opens tonight at Rogue Valley Country club. A large number of players is expected from northern California and Oregon clubs.

In addition, four master point sessions are scheduled by valley clubs next week.

Top scorers at Wednesday's duplicate game at Riverside Bridge club, for north-south, were Mrs. Paul A. Hatton and Gen. J. P. Vachon, first; Mrs. Fred Purdin and Mrs. Marris Gibbons, second; Mrs. John Dougherty and Mrs. Sam Van Dyke, third; Mrs. H. J. Boyd and Mrs. B. B. Hughes, fourth.

East-west winners were Mrs. M. M. Herman and Mrs. Yvonne Dalen, first; Mrs. Mary Trout and Mrs. Fred T. Burch, second; Mrs. Alto Pruitt and Mrs. C. L. Howard, third; Mrs. Dale Fornerock and Mrs. Adam Richter, fourth.

Veterans' Club
North-south winners at the Camp White Veterans Bridge club Wednesday were Mrs. Frank Baker and Mrs. Dale Fornerock, first, 131; Mrs. C. L. Howard and Mrs. A. W. Lingaas, second, 123; Mrs. R. T. Jones and Mrs. James Winslow, third, 109; and Mr. and Mrs. Berg Marten, fourth, 107½.

Top scores for east-west went to Mrs. Eugene Ricker and Arthur Searseth, first, 137; Mrs. J. J. Finegan and Thomas Randall, second, 120; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith, third, 118½; D. H. Barber and Richard House, fourth, 115.

The Camp White club has cancelled play for tonight. The game October 7 will be for master points.

Medford Club
Medford Duplicate club winners Septemr 23 were, for north-south, Mrs. Frank Baker and George Rode, first, 144; Mrs. Maude Coddling and Mrs. Dolph Phipps, second, 133½; Mrs. John Dougherty and Paul Hatton, third, 132; Mrs. Leland Clark and Berg Marten, fourth, 130½.

Top for east-west were Mrs. George Dean and Mrs. Marris Gibbons, first, 130½; Roy Pruitt and Jack Barr, second, 128; Mrs. R. T. Jones and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, third, 123½; Mrs. Paul Hatton and Mrs. Al Gilhouse, fourth, 120.

Chester Reavis, who moved here recently from Phoenix, Ariz., is a new member of the club.

League Member To Speak For Ashland Group

Ashland—The Ashland Civic club, of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, invites the public to hear Mrs. Ogden Kellogg, Gold Hill, speak Wednesday, October 5, at 2:30 p.m. in the Ashland Civic Clubhouse, Winburn Way. Mrs. Kellogg is a vice president of the Medford League of Women's Voters, and will speak on voting.

Dinners Given In Eagle Point

Eagle Point — Mrs. Will Brown was hostess for a family reunion dinner at her home recently. Her brother and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor, Portland, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rippey, Baker, Ore. and Mr. and Mrs. William S. Pflum, Santa Barbara, Calif., were all guests in her home at 223 North C Street, Eagle Point.

Mr. Pflum, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Rippey were later hosts to a dinner party at Mon Desir Inn for Mrs. Will (Mattie) Brown, Mrs. Nora Straus, Mrs. Amy Brown, all of Eagle Point, and nieces and neph-

Show at Gallery Praised For Appeal; Ends Saturday

In the opinion of many members of the Rogue Valley Art association, the current show at Rogue gallery has the most universal appeal of any yet held there. The show closes tomorrow, October 1, and those who have not yet seen the exhibit are urged to do so.

"Regardless of the degree of interest an individual has in art, the exhibit now on view at Rogue gallery is one which certainly should not be missed," an association spokesman said yesterday. "It is one of the most exciting and stimulating shows to be held since the opening of the gallery. The pieces on display are not only of high artistic quality, but also designed for many practical purposes."

Betty Feves, one of Oregon's outstanding ceramists, has created a fine collection of bowls and plates (in her pop-

Artistic Endeavor Meanings Topic for Society Meeting

Benoyd S. Bayless, assistant professor of art at Southern Oregon college, was a guest of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists Wednesday night at the Girls Community club in Medford. Questions and answers about the meaning of artistic

endeavor provided an interesting program. Mr. Bayless posed the questions, while the answers were forthcoming from the group.

Mr. Bayless asked such questions as "Why does a painter paint?" "Why go to the trouble?" The answer was "For self expression of ideas and personal enjoyment." An artist paints because this is a medium which allows him to communicate with others, it was said. Some artists paint purely for profit, others paint to satisfy an urge to record a happening or historical event. Some paint because they wish to create a thing of beauty.

Mr. Bayless then put the question "What is beauty?" The answer was "Beauty consists in whatever pleases the beholder. The word beauty is used to express what is pleasing to the senses or to the understanding. Thus we say the beauty of a thought, or the beauty of sound."

Another question Mr. Bayless brought up for the group to define dealt with acceptance. To whom does the artist justify himself? Is the artist obliged to justify his painting to any one person or group of persons?

The group answered "The only justification which an artist must make is to himself." To the question "What causes a negative reaction to a painting or object of art?" the professor answered: "A negative reaction to a painting or piece of art usually is brought about by a lack of experience in viewing or thinking of the way the painting or object is presented."

MUSIC without words was cited by Mr. Bayless as an extreme in abstract. He said that in this era, painters have achieved an opportunity to express himself in abstract terms at the musical composer does. This statement brought about a discussion of the native African musician as an artist. Mr. Bayless stated that abstract art, either visual or musical, eliminates the need for the use of words to express a meaning. He said "All art grows from experience, and the use of words is merely a literal art."

Should abstract and non-objective art be judged as a unit with objective art or realism was also discussed. Mr. Bayless asked "Who can absolutely judge anything?" He also stated he does not believe that realistic paintings and sculpture should be a separate unit from abstract and non-objective art, and added that the element of virtues in a painting, of any kind, can be picked out by a qualified judge of such a show. Some of the virtues named were honest effort of expression evident in any type of painting, and design used as criteria.

Ben Trowbridge Jr., exhibition chairman of the Rogue Valley Art association, presented the SOSA an invitation to participate in a juried show December 6 through December 23. The show will be open to all artists in southern Oregon and northern California. Works may be listed for sale. Paintings for the show will not be accepted any later than November 21. Entry blanks will be furnished by the Rogue Valley Art association. More information will be issued by the Rogue Valley Art Association.

Mr. Trowbridge also announced that the association will have a rental sales gallery in another room of the present gallery located at 220 West Main street. He said that the rental gallery will be open for artist participation, sales and artists. He explained that the Rogue Gallery was set up as an educational venture.

Miss Marion Ady, chairman of the art department of Southern Oregon college, invited the society to exhibit 14 paintings in the new gallery at SOC. The paintings are to be selected by a jury of two people, one to come from the college and one from the SOSA. Miss Ady complimented the society on the success of the summer show held in the Lithia Park in Ashland.

The annual artists dinner will be held November 4. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Elizabeth Sheffield, Mrs. M. W. Story, and Miss Susie Eversizer.

Woman Honored In Butte Falls

Butte Falls—A shower was held for Mrs. Michael Estes at the home of Mrs. Dean Boggan September 27. Hostesses were Mrs. Boggan, Mrs. Richard Pepple and Mrs. Tom Stanton.

Shower games were played. Guests attending included Miss Juanita Sheppard, Mrs. Ray Sheppard, Mrs. Fred Morey, Mrs. Keith Scott, Mrs. Krelloff, Mrs. Jim Arnold, Mrs. Wm. Harris, Mrs. Wm. Hunter, Mrs. Randall Perkins, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Andrew Hamstra, Mrs. Allan Pingle, Mrs. Bruce Pingle, Mrs. Duane Burton and Mrs. Estes, guest of honor.

Refreshments were served. The cake was made and decorated by Mrs. Elga Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Estes came to Butte Falls from Idaho and Mr. Estes teaches at the Butte Falls high school. He is also assistant coach.

ews of the late Will Brown. They are Mr. and Mrs. John Moffat, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Van Scoy, all Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Guerin, San Francisco. Also present were Mrs. Pflum, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Rippey.

Rebekahs Honor Two Members

Gold Hill — Members of Amethyst Rebekah lodge honored Mrs. Hannah Routh in observance of her 83 birthday anniversary which occurred during summer vacation, and Mrs. J. Les Graffis, who left Gold Hill September 26 for Palo Verde, Calif. to reside.

The combination birthday and farewell tribute was a surprise to each honoree. An oil painting by Mrs. Earl Moore, entitled "Redwoods Scene" was presented to Mrs. Graffis "in recognition for her faithfulness during the years that she has been a member of the lodge." She is a past noble grand of the local organization, which she has served the past several years as financial secretary.

Mrs. Lester Parker presented the gift on behalf of the lodge. Mrs. Moore, also a past noble grand is a member of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists.

Mrs. Routh received a card and hankerchief shower. The party followed a regular meeting of the lodge with Mrs. Daniel Stewart, noble grand, presiding.

Mrs. Thomas Z. Smith was elected financial secretary to replace Mrs. Graffis, who submitted her resignation. Members of the lodge voted to adopt one of the elderly residents at the Odd Fellows home in Portland. This person will be remembered with birthday, Christmas, and other gifts from the local lodge.

Mrs. Fred Lester provided a decorated cake for Mrs. Graffis and Mrs. Parker baked and decorated one for Mrs. Routh. The cakes flanked an arrangement of roses in a crystal bowl and green tapers in crystal holders.

Mrs. Stewart was in charge of table decorations and she was assisted with serving refreshments by Mrs. Paul Thompson and Mrs. Parker. The October refreshment committee consists of Mrs. George Dorman, Mrs. Albert Gascon and Mrs. Clyde Kell.

Dance Announced By Hilltoppers; Classes Planned

Hilltoppers Square Dance club will hold a square dance at the Wagner Creek school on Wagner Creek road, two miles west of Talent, Saturday, October 1, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Potluck refreshments will be served. Francis Cronin and guest callers will call the squares. Hilltopper President Arthur Aas announces that the club dances will be held the first and third Saturday of each month.

A beginners class in square dancing will start Tuesday, October 11 at 8 p.m. at the Wagner Creek school. Further information on classes may be had by calling Mrs. Cronin at Spring 3-3171 days, or Spring 3-3475 nights.

Wings Fair Ribbons

Shady Cove—Trail — Members of the Elk-Trail Forestry Squirts took five blue ribbons and two red ribbons in the junior division of the 4-H Fair held as a part of the Oregon State fair. Margaret and Leonard Hanson were chosen to represent the club at the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ledbetter of Salinas, Calif., and Jerry Girard, Fairfield, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Owens, Shady Cove. Young Girard is the grandson of the Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gomez and family, San Francisco recently spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin Medina and family, Shady Cove.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Storm, Shady Cove, have been Mrs. Johnny Long and children, John, Cindy and Jan, Cloverdale, Calif.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gird Levering of the Royal Coachman have been Mr. and Mrs. Louis Haglund, Glendale, Calif.

Loper Show Announced

The third annual dinner and Don Loper fashion show is set for Saturday, October 8, at Rogue Valley Country club. The event, a benefit for the kindergarten for hard-of-hearing children operated by the Medford Junior Service League, is sponsored by Burelson's store for the league.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Clothing and accessories for the show are sent to Medford by Don Loper, Los Angeles, one of the west coast's best known fashion designers.

Reservations may be made by telephoning the Country club, Spring 2-3965.

Mrs. George Smith Hostess for Club

Gold Hill — Mrs. George Smith was hostess for the September meeting of the Gold Hill Garden club at her home on Sardine Creek road. This was the first session following summer vacation.

Mrs. Gervas Southall conducted the business meeting. Planning a "Busy Man's Garden" was the title of the subject presented by guest speaker, Mrs. R. T. Nichol, Medford. Mrs. Nichol spoke of the different shrubs that will provide flowers and color to the garden area during most of the year. She explained how to prune and care for the various shrubs.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Gascon, Friday, October 21 at 1 p.m.

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