

Breakfast Is Family Time At Nixon Home; Pat Called 'Perfect Wife'

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(Editors note: This is the second of two articles on the candidates' wives.)

Washington—(Special) Richard E. Nixon, as did the late Richard L. Neuberger, goes fishing for the women's vote by dangling the praise of his wife before them.

Neuberger boosted his wife, Maurine, with speech and pen. They were a "team," her name and picture graced his newsletter to constituents. He gave her credit for winning his Senate seat.

Nixon has done the same for years — remember his praise of Pat's Republican cloth coat in 1952 — and the culmination of his art of wife-manship has been seen in the "Pat Nixon for First Lady Week." Nixon said at its inauguration "whatever people think about me, Pat would be a wonderful first lady."

Nixon knows that for the first time in history, women may outvote men, and no oratorical stone is left un-

turned which would appeal to the women's vote.

Terms of "Images"

It is hardly a compliment to women that the political brass in both parties appeal to them in terms of "images" — is the candidate's makeup flattering, how is his political sex-appeal? It matters not what they say. That Nixon and Kennedy are gifted intellectually seems secondary to the power of their personalities.

A good part of the image is the candidate's wife. And Patricia Ryan Nixon if anyone is, can be called the perfect wife.

Pat Nixon never has a hair out of place, an unpressed pleat, or her foot in her mouth. Critics complain, albeit enviously, that her only flaw is "flawlessness."

Reporters who have traveled with her on train and plane throughout the United States and overseas say that she stands up under the ordeal of travel better than they. She never gets angry or disheveled. Her poise is absolute. Even with rocks and spit flying in South America she did not lose her head. Such composure is hard come by, how did she do it?

Hard Work

The discipline of hard work from the earliest youth helps steel the mind and body, and Pat Nixon has had her portion. She was born March 16, 1912 in Ely, Nevada. "It may have been in a tent," she says. Her father was a miner, but when little Thelma was a year old they moved to a 12-acre truck farm in Artesia, Calif.

On her father's side the heritage was Irish. Her grandparents, Patrick and Catherine Ryan, came from County Mayo, Ireland and settled in Bethel, Conn. Unlike the forebears of Richard Nixon who were Irish Quakers, the Ryans were Catholics. Pat's father, Will, left home at 19 to seek his fortune in the West. At 40 he fell in love and married an attractive German widow. She had two children, and bore Will three, two sons and a curly haired blond with brown eyes. They called her Thelma Catherine, called "Pat." The children attended a Methodist church.

Pat was "exceptionally bright" as a child, recalls brother Tom. "She skipped a grade in grammar school and caught up with Bill and me." They were all in the same class in high school.

Pat lost her mother when she was 13. She cooked, washed, scrubbed and took care of her father. She worked along with her father and brothers doing the outside farm work as well.

Happiest Times

Mrs. Nixon is quoted as saying, "Some of our happiest times were evenings at the beach. We couldn't go in the daytime, of course, because there are always things to be done on a farm. In the evening Dad would pile us all in to the car, with our old inner tubes for swimming. California nights get chilly, you know, so after a while we would build a fire and all huddle around."

Pat was popular; in her senior year she was selected the outstanding girl — a title which meant she was both beautiful and brainy. Her father died when she was 17. A year afterward she went to Fullerton Junior college,



A visit to a flower show was among the many stops made by Queen Ingrid (above) and King Frederik of Denmark, who are visiting in the United States. The royal couple paid a four-day visit of state in Washington after stops in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago, and are now guests of Gov. and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller in New York. (UPI Telephoto)

Texas Wife Subject Of Article

A Lubbock, Texas, school teacher-housewife, who is a niece of three Medford residents, is the subject of a recent article in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

She is Mrs. Annell Holland, who has mastered the occupations of housewife, mother and school teacher although born without hands. Mrs. Holland is a niece of Mrs. James Funston, 835 Cherry street; Loyd Clay, 709 Melrose avenue; and Howard Clay, Jacksonville highway. She visited in Medford in July and once was a student at Medford High school.

A teacher for six years, Mrs. Holland was graduated from West Texas State college. She declares that she has had no obstacle to overcome in mastering ordinary tasks, "as I never had fingers. I have not had to learn to do without them."

Writes on Board

Using her forearms, she writes with an ordinary ball-point pen at her desk at McWorter Elementary school, or deftly writes arithmetic problems and lines of script and printing on the blackboard.

She has a 10-year-old son. Her husband, Taylor H. Holland Jr., operates a television and radio repair shop. As a housewife, she cooks, cleans, and irons on a regular schedule and sews and embroiders in her spare time.

According to the article, "she attributes her attitude toward living a full life to her parents," Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Clay, who never pampered her, or sympathized, or allowed her to feel that there was anything she could not do as well as her brothers and sisters.

Dance Tonight

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, department of Oregon, will hold a dance from 8 to 10:30 o'clock tonight at the Camp White domiciliary theater.

Women wishing transportation to the event are to be at the Trailways bus station at 7:30 p.m.



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stopping on the way to sweep out the First National Bank of Artesia and returning after school to work as a teller.

She was invited to live with relatives in Bethel, Conn. which would help her save money toward her education. She lived with them two years, working as an x-ray technician. She returned to college at the University of Southern California and was graduated with honors in June, 1937.

During this time she and her brothers took a small apartment. She kept house and took jobs to help her through school, one of which was a day's work as an extra. She entertained some hopes for a movie career.

High School Teacher

Although she took merchandising in college, she got a job as a teacher of commercial subjects at Whittier High school. Everyone knows the story of the meeting with Richard Nixon, who deliberately joined the little theater group so that he could meet the new teacher. He vowed he would marry her on the first date, but fun-loving Pat was in no hurry and kept him on the string for two years.

Marion Budlong, a secretary at the school, became friends with Pat. "Pat was never one to disclose her inner feelings, nor did she talk about her sentiments and ambitions. She had an aloof friendliness," she said. But one night Pat confided that Dick Nixon had again proposed and that she was going to say yes. They were married June 21, 1940.

Young Nixon, upon his graduation from Duke University Law School, worked as a lawyer with a government wartime agency in Washington. He joined the service as a Navy officer, and Pat followed him wherever she could, getting a job to supplement the family income.

At war's end, the young lieutenant commander received the now famous call to return to Whittier and run for Congress against Rep. Jerry Voorhis. The rest of his political career, and Mrs. Nixon's part in it, is well-known history.

Dislikes Politics

Mrs. Nixon is supposed to have said to a reporter in a moment of anguish, "I hate politics. It has made me give up everything I have ever loved." She may or may not have said it, for her reserve is phenomenal, but her sentiments toward politics are well known. She feels that she and her family have suffered terribly. She does what she can to protect her girls and preserve their family life. They do not take the Washington Post, which runs Herb Block's devastating and cruel cartoons of Nixon, because of its effects on the children.

Trisha, 14, and Julie, 12, attend the Sidwell Friends school, a local private school and the Nixon's live in a \$75,000 house in a fashionable section of Washington. The girls are unspoiled, unprecoocious young ladies, a tribute to their mother's good sense and attention. She loves to keep house and look after her family. Mrs. Nixon always presses her husband's as well as her own clothes, although their affluence now permits them to have a couple to run their house. She does not like this, but their schedule demands it. They are almost never home evenings, therefore breakfast is family time.

Whether Pat Ryan Nixon relishes her role as a political wife or not, she fits herself into her husband's career plans without sigh or whimper. She has urged him to give up politics, in 1956 especially; and he almost did, but after deciding, she set herself toward his goal.

In this she is not unique; however there are many politician's wives who hamper their husbands with negative if not downright recalcitrant political participation. (Consider Mrs. Adlai Stevenson who divorced her husband rather than participate in politics.)

More than most, Pat Ryan Nixon has sacrificed her own desires to further the career of the man she loves.

Reames Luncheon Noon Wednesday

Reames Social club will hold a luncheon Wednesday, October 19, at 12 noon in the dining room of Medford Masonic temple. All members of the Order of the Eastern Star are invited. Mrs. Donald Ashpole is president.

Mrs. Frank Stratton, chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. E. G. Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Gigliotti, Mrs. William G. Meyers, Mrs. Dayton De Pue and Mrs. Gladys Ramlin.

Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sun for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Line for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and Monday:

6:30 p.m.—Disabled American Veterans and auxiliary, Girl's Community club.

7:30 p.m.—Philharmonic chorus rehearsal for "Stabat Mater", Washington School gymnasium, Dakota ave. and Peach st.

7:30 p.m.—Ruth Esther unit, Wesleyan Service guild, First Methodist church, at church.

7:30 p.m.—Nevita Social club, Mrs. Loren Brumfield, Shady Cove.

7:45 p.m.—Olive Rebekah lodge, Odd Fellows hall.

Tuesday:

9:30 a.m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist church, circle 1, Mrs. Robert Hostetter, 308 Haven st.; circle 2, Mrs. George Roseberry, 3310 Hollywood ave.; circle 3, Mrs. Edward Branchfield, 120 Stark st.; circle 4, Mrs. Gordon Morris, 107 Elm st.; circle 5, Mrs. L. L. Lollis, 535 Pennsylvania ave.; circle 6, Mrs. Edna Pursell, First Methodist church; and circle 7, Mrs. Everett Cuffel, 909 North Central ave.

10 a.m.—Rogue Valley Navy Mothers, Mrs. Henry Dooms, 156 Van Ness st., Ashland.

10:30 a.m.—Shady Cove Home Extension unit, Mrs. Berta C. Alicki, Rogue River drive, Shady Cove.

10:30 a.m.—Sams Valley Home Extension unit, Mrs. Herman Priem, Meadows rd.

1 p.m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist church, circle 9, Mrs. Lee Van Ausdall, at church; circle 10, Mrs. James Fleming, 311 Laurel st.

1 p.m.—Ladies of Elks, Elks temple.

1:30 p.m.—Rogue Valley Herb society, Mrs. Elsa Walker, 920 West 11th st., apartment C2.

1:30 p.m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist church, circle 8, Mrs. F. H. Dressler, 1107 East Main st.

1:30 p.m.—Rogue Valley Herb society, Mrs. Elsa Walker, 920 West 11th st.

2 p.m.—Talent Federated Woman's club, city hall.

Mrs. Merriman Returns

Gold Hill — Mrs. Blanche Merriman has returned to her home in Gold Hill after spending several weeks in Fresno, Calif. She was a guest of her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Penning, and her sister, Mrs. Florence Penning. Mrs. Florence Penning is a former resident of this area.

Feather Corsages Topic at Meeting of Garden Club

Feather corsage making was demonstrated by Mrs. Charles Cushman, Eagle Point, at a meeting of the Little Garden Club of Medford Wednesday, Mrs. Herb Vallee was hostess.

Mrs. Floyd Barnes was presented a corsage as a new member. Mrs. Clair Young and Mrs. Otho Chestnut were guests.

The club will hold an all-day workshop at the home of Mrs. William McIntyre, 1511 Crown avenue, starting at 10 a.m. November 2.

Read pesticide labels—and heed the instructions.

Women's News • Social Events

Librarian Visits In Illinois Valley

Illinois Valley — Mrs. Margaret Morris, Bend, visited recently with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Telvik, Bridgeview, and other relatives in the area. She is the high school librarian at Bend.

Lions Club Auxiliary Honored

The Oregon Lions club auxiliary was awarded a plaque as "the outstanding service club of the state" at the state convention of the Oregon Council of the Blind Saturday in Portland.

Mrs. Vern Conwell, Portland, past auxiliary president, represented the service club at the convention, according to Mrs. Frank Christian, Talent, state president.

The award was presented by the council in recognition of work done with the blind during the past year. Mrs. Christian, as vice-president, led the projects, including establishment of an institute for parents of visually handicapped children of all ages, an institute for parents of preschool-age visually handicapped, and furthering of the Walter Dry development fund. The fund sent house parents, teachers and educators to Tennessee and California for training in education of the blind.

Mrs. Christian left today for visits to local Lions auxiliaries in Coos Bay, Bandon, Port Orford, North Bend, Gold Beach and Empire. She will speak on the coming year's projects for the blind.

Californians Guests at Harding Home

McLeod — Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Aquas, San Fernando, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Weston, Long Beach, Calif., are houseguests of Mrs. Caroline Harding, Trail.

Spots Out

On woolen clothes, try sponging spots with cold water if they're from coffee, sweet food or fruit. Use a light detergent if the spots came from lipstick or pancake makeup. Mud can usually be removed by "ruffling" and brushing with a stiff brush. For grease spots, put fabric face down on blotter or towel and sponge the back with cleaning fluid.

Women Realtors To Hear Lawyer Tuesday Night

Russell DeForest, Medford attorney, will talk on ballot measure 13, the war veteran's bonding and loan amendment, at a meeting of the women's council of the Medford board of realtors Tuesday, October 18. The group's monthly dinner and business session will begin at 7 p.m. at the Tower broiler.

All members of the Medford board of realtors are invited to hear Mr. DeForest's talk at 8:30 p.m.

Townsend Club Meeting, Dance Are Announced

Robert B. Duncan, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, will speak on "aging" at a meeting of the Townsend club and auxiliary Wednesday at 12 noon at Walker's Dreamland, 415 1/2 East Main street.

The club and auxiliary will sponsor an old-time dance and music at the Jacksonville Community hall Friday, October 21, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. The public is invited.

At the club's last session 16 nominations were entered for 12 positions as council members. They will be elected October 26. James Peacher and Enos Naffziger furnished musical entertainment.

North Dakotans Guests of Cowleys

Phoenix — Mr. and Mrs. William S. Callahan, Grafton, N.D., are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cowley, and small daughters, Deborah Jo and Lesley Jo.

The Callahans spent several days with another son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bolster, in Seattle before coming south.

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