

Mrs. Kennedy Heads Best-Dressed List But Isn't Interested



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New York—Mrs. John F. Kennedy, "is at the very bottom of the list of things I desire."

But today, the 31-year-old wife of the president-elect was the nation's No. 1 "clothes horse," no matter how reluctant she may be to fill the style setter's role. Mrs. Kennedy, whose clothes spending became an issue during the campaign, by a "landslide" vote topped the list of best dressed women of 1960.

Twelve women made the list, compiled each year from written ballots sent to some 2,000 fashion editors, designers and society leaders. The list is compiled by the New York Couture group.

Mrs. Kennedy told reporters the day after her husband's election that she had no desire to be a fashion leader. But the couture group committee which "analyzed" the ballots said she led the voting by an "overwhelming majority." It is Mrs. Kennedy's first appearance on the list.

Other Leaders

The 11 other women are: Vicomtesse Jacqueline de Ribes of Paris, a brunette usually dressed by Christian Dior.

Audrey Hepburn, the small, brunette actress who is a steady customer of another French fashion house, Givenchy.

Mrs. Norman K. Winston, born Rosita Halfpenny of Oklahoma, now married to a real estate and building tycoon, and dressed mostly by designers in Paris where the Winstons live part of the year.

Donna Marella Agnelli, wife of Giovanni Agnelli, of Turin, Italy, an automobile manufacturing executive, dressed by Italian designers;

Mrs. Loel Guinness, of Paris and Palm Beach, Mexican-born wife of a Britisher, dressed mostly by Paris designers;

Mrs. Patrick Guinness, the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Loel Guinness;

Princess Alexandra of Kent, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth II of Britain, and one of Europe's most eligible females. It is Alexandra's second appearance on the annual list, where her mother, the Duchess of Kent, has appeared regularly;

Mrs. John Barry Ryan III, New York, a former fashion magazine editor;

Mrs. David K. Bruce, Washington, wife of the veteran diplomat who is slated to be next U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James;

Mrs. Stavros Niarchos, of Paris and New York, wife of the Greek shipping magnate, dressed chiefly by Dior;

And Queen Sirikit of Thailand, who wears Oriental or Western clothes with equal ability. She was the only other wife of a head of state to make the list, although in other years wives of presidents, queens and other royals have been voted in.

Fashion Hall of Fame

Four more women moved up to "hall of fame" status with the ballots in—they get to this permanent, non-competitive rank if they have appeared on the regular best-dressed list three or more years.

Elevated to hall of fame in 1960 were the Duchess of Kent, the actress Merle Oberon (Mrs. Bruno Paglia), Princess Grace of Monaco, and Mme. Arturo Lopez-Willshaw, a Chilean now living in Paris.

Twelve other women already are hall of famers and include Mrs. Henry Ford II, Mrs. Winston Guest, the Duchess of Windsor, Mrs. William Randolph Hearst Jr., Mrs. William Paley, and Queen Elizabeth II.

The couture group committee said voting in 1960 was usually varied, which led it to issue an additional list of women "whose exceptional fashion leadership without ostentation or extravagance place them high . . ."

This group includes Mrs. Samuel I. Newhouse, wife of the newspaper and magazine owner; Rosalind Russell and Marlene Dietrich, the actresses; Margo Fonteyn, the British ballerina, Princess Margaret of Great Britain, and Queen Frederica of Greece.



New York—One of the women selected for the New York Couture group's 1960 list of 12 best-dressed women in the world is Mrs. John Barry Ryan III, (at left). Princess Stanislas Radziwill of Paris, a sister of Mrs. John F. Kennedy, was named by the Couture group to a list of women who showed exceptional fashion leadership "without ostentation or extravagance." (UPI Telephotos)

Social Events

Women's News

Indonesian Student Talks For Yreka Women's Society

Yreka—Miss Marrie Dharmobroto, Indonesian exchange student attending Yreka High school, talked for the woman's society of Christian Service, Yreka Methodist church, January 3 at the church.

Miss Dharmobroto, introduced by Mrs. Tom Dickenson, American Field Service representative for this area, is from the central section of Java. She wore the native dress and typical hair-do of her country.

Describing Indonesian life, the student told of the necessity of shopping every day for fruits, vegetable and meat since there is no refrigeration. She described the large markets where farmers display their produce on long tables.

Miss Dharmobroto said laundry is done by hand, and that gas, wood and coal are the fuels used. Temperatures in Java range from 65 to 95 degrees, she explained, and added that she was having difficulty in adjusting to a climate where bedding is necessary for warmth.

Teenagers of Java are much the same as in this country, the speaker said, only it is not customary to have dates earlier than 16 years. They dance the rock-and-roll and attend movies showing American films.

From these people form opinions of what America is like, the speaker said, and added that she finds the United States somewhat different from the impression formed from the movies.

Schools in that section of Java begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m., the student said, and there is much homework. School is six days a week and girls are not allowed to wear makeup or wear sleeveless dresses.

The people cook just once a day in a kitchen which is a separate unit of the home, and prepare all three meals. Indonesians like their food "red peppery" hot, she said.

Following her talk there was a question and answer period which brought out many more interesting bits of information. This was Miss Dharmobroto's first appearance before an audience, but she soon will be speaking before service clubs.

The society held a business meeting at 10:30 a.m. and Mrs. Don Clements presided. It was announced that the annual chicken and tamale pie dinner would be held Thursday, February 9 at the church at 5 p.m.

A joint meeting with the Montague W.S.C. is set for Friday, January 13 at the Montague Methodist church to hear Dr. Dods B. Bunch, a missionary, talk and show films.

Mrs. Harold Evett and Mrs. Don Clements read articles about the World Federation of Methodist Women, its duties, aims and organization.

Blankenships Home From Texas Trip

Hornbrook—A number of Hornbrook residents have returned home after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in other cities and states.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blankenship and children, Linda, Bunny Sue and Mike returned home January 3 after spending three weeks traveling to Texas, their home state. They spent Christmas with relatives in Sherman, and later were in Dallas; they returned home by way of Los Angeles and Reno.

Also home are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kutzky and children, who spent the past two weeks in Portland with Mrs. Kutzky's parents.

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Friday:
6:30 p.m.—Ruth Esthere and Susannah units, Wesleyan Service Guild, First Methodist church.

8 p.m.—Ladies auxiliary of Medford Carpenters Union, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st., Medford.

Saturday:
7:30 p.m.—Saskiyou Knife and Fork club, Mark Antony hotel, Ashland.

Bridge Club Announces Winners

Twenty tables of players competed in the January 3 session of Medford Duplicate Bridge club. Mrs. John Dougherty and Mrs. Sam Van Dyke were hostesses for a buffet supper after the game.

Top scores in section A, north-south, were won by Maurice Coode, Grants Pass, and Leland Clark, first, 140; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gordon, second, 118 1/2; Mrs. Richard Milestone and Mrs. Glen Harrison, third, 114; Dr. and Mrs. Elliott Harlow, fourth, 110 1/2.

Winners in section A, east-west, were Mr. and Mrs. George Bratton, Jr., Lakeview, first, 137; Jack Barr and John Shortridge, second, 131 1/2; Mrs. George Dean and John Solheim, third, 120; Mrs. Delbert Clifford and E. E. Eggers, fourth, 111 1/2.

Section B, north-south, top scorers were Mrs. Robert Elliott and George Polski, first, 128; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hutton, second, 122; John Russell and Al Gilhousen, third, 117; Mr. and Mrs. Berg Marten, fourth, 115 1/2.

Section B, east-west, winners were Frank Dolenshek and Ray Wise, first, 134; Mrs. J. S. Winslow and Mrs. Ben Todd, second, 130 1/2; Mrs. Roy Keim and Mrs. Sam Van Dyke, third, 118; Mrs. R. T. Jones and Mrs. Marvin Nelson, fourth, 117 1/2.

Players from out of town included Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hollister, Seattle.

Home Economist Advises On Buying of Bed Linen

With the arrival of January comes the traditional "white sales" of sheets, pillowcases, and other bedding. For those in need of additional linen supplies this is an economical time to buy says Mrs. Lee Sheehan, county extension agent for home economists.

Certain information may be of help in making a selection. Price usually goes up with the thread count. Low thread count muslins are the least expensive; high thread count percales are the most expensive. Laboratory tests show that muslins are as durable as percales, but are not as smooth in appearance and feel. Tests also support the general conclusion that 140 thread count muslins are the most durable cotton sheets sold and are likely to outwear all other types.

When paying more for percales, you are buying the smooth feel and appearance that this closely woven material offers, rather than a longer wearing time.

Sheets sold as "seconds" are also good buys for many times the flaws can barely be detected. One point to keep in mind, however, is to check for slub yarns or raised threads in the center portion of the sheet where the wear is concentrated.

Fitted Sheets

Today we have many fitted sheets on the market, too. These have gained wide popularity since they save time and effort in the daily task of bed making. Fitted sheets are easy to launder and need no ironing; the wrinkles stretch out and a very comfortable sleep-

Man Tries To Understand Thousands of Women

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New York—Any time the man of the house complains that he'll never understand women, tell him about the plight of Tom Graham.

Graham is trying to understand, supervise and often act as father-confessor to not one woman, but 70,000 females.

The jovial Mr. G. is a married man in his 40s, isn't sure how well he understands them yet, but he has survived eight years of being surrounded by women in his role as vice-president of the Kelly Girl Service, Inc., specialists in providing white collar help on a temporary basis.

"Sometimes," said Graham in an interview, "I take the advice of one of my regional managers. He said watch for problems during the full of the moon."

Biggest All-Girl Firm

His firm, with headquarters in Detroit, is one of several organizations in the fairly new field of providing temporary workers for business and industry. Kelly is the largest all-girl organization, he said, with "70,000 women on its payroll."

Temporary help differs from part-time help, Graham explained, because a woman can be on a temporary assignment from one week to several months, and then take as much time at home as she wants before she reports ready for another job. Part-time is a permanent arrangement.

The U.S. Labor Department estimates that women make up 60 per cent of the nation's part-time labor force.

Graham said it was hard to estimate the number of women temporaries, but the supply certainly grows each year as housewives especially find they can pick their jobs and work at their convenience.

Must Be Adaptable

Most employers find temporary help fully productive, he said, "because they don't stay around long enough to

Rehearsals To Begin

Ashland—The Southern Oregon Little Symphony orchestra will begin rehearsals for its next concert Monday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 207, Churchill hall on the college campus. The concert is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 5, and will be under the direction of Dr. Herbert Cecil.

Selections which the orchestra will play for this concert include Bach's "Fugue in G Minor," Haydn's "Surprise Symphony," Dvorak's "Slavonic Dance No. 8," "Prelude to Act I" from La Traviata by Verdi, and "Bacchanale" from Samson and Delilah by Saint-Saens.

There are vacancies in the string section of the orchestra and anyone who is interested in playing with the group is invited to attend the first rehearsal.

Families Return To Applegate

Applegate Valley—A number of local families have returned to their homes after spending the holidays in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Best have returned from Whittier, Calif., where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Abercrombie, parents of Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Best. They also visited other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Redhead drove to Sunol, Calif., where they were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Redhead. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Grier and family visited their parents at Patterson, and Mr. and Mrs. Armin Richter spent the vacation period at South Pasadena and La Jolla, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ramsay and son Fritz and daughter, Mary Beth, who was home from Pacific university, Forest Grove, spent the holidays at Carlsbad, Calif., as guests of Mrs. Ramsay's mother, Mrs. F. J. Ramsay. They also visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Ramsay at Coronado, Calif., and with relatives in Pasadena.

Mrs. Sophia Straube traveled north for the holidays, visiting relatives at Corvallis and Eugene.

Girl Scouts Give Domiciliary Program

Members of Girl Scout Troop 192 who are also members of Junior Red Cross recently entertained the veterans at the White City domiciliary. Stories, hymns and dancing made up the program.

Participating were Sharon Chipman, Penny Forbes, Julie Barclay, Carol Kenschott, Jill Hibbs, Susan Plumley, Theresa Emmerick, Penny Roach, and Mary Forbes.

Adults assisting with the program were Mrs. Reese Alexander, chairman of Junior Red Cross; Mrs. Thomas McFadden, Mrs. R. E. Barclay, troop leaders; Mrs. Fred Rehling, Red Cross program chairman, and Mrs. Jennie Creager, chairman of Red Cross Gray Ladies.

Knitting Club Cancels Meeting

Applegate Valley—A meeting of the Little Applegate Knitting club, planned for January 10 at the home of Mrs. Otis Buck has been canceled.

Mrs. John F. Kennedy, wife of the president-elect of the United States, heads the list of 12 best-dressed women in the world announced today by the New York Couture group. Mrs. Kennedy is shown here in a picture taken in 1959 when the Kennedys were in Medford to attend the annual Roosevelt dinner. Mrs. Kennedy wore a blue wool suit with a boxy jacket and open neckline, a silhouette similar to that being used for her 1961 wardrobe. Mrs. Kennedy's sister, Princess Stanislas Radziwill of Paris was named by the group to a list of women who show exceptional fashion leadership. (Knickstedt photo)

Home and School Group To Meet

First meeting of the Home and School association of Rogue River Academy for 1961 will be held at Lincoln gymnasium Saturday, January 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Featured will be a film, a skit, a panel discussion and band music.

The new officers planned the program and invite all patrons of the school to attend.

Bethel Officer To Hold Practice

Practice for new officers of Bethel 55, International Order of Job's Daughters, will be held at the Masonic temple Sunday, January 8, at 1 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Bethel will be held at the temple Tuesday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Couple Home

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Degerness, 320 Dakota street, have returned to Medford after spending a five-day vacation in Spokane with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Degerness. While in Spokane they attended the Ice Capades.

Langworthy Family Visitors in Gold Hill

Gold Hill—The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Pearson and family had as recent guests Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Langworthy and four children from El Monte, Calif.

The Langworthys are missionaries on furlough from the United Evangelical Missions at Monterey, Mexico.

During their stay with the Pearsons, the visitors had charge of the Thursday evening bible and prayer meeting at the Gold Hill Assembly of God church. They showed movies of their mission work in Mexico.

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To Dance

Hilltoppers Square Dance club will hold a dance at the old Wagner Creek school Saturday night, January 7. Dancing starts at 8:30 p.m. and all square dancers are invited.

Potluck refreshments are to be served during intermission.

Francis Cronin and guest callers will call the squares.

Family Home

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earnest and two children, Connie and Mark, have returned to their home on Stage Road south after spending several days in Santa Monica, Calif., with Mrs. Earnest's mother, Mrs. Beulah Brown. Mrs. Brown formerly lived in Medford.

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