

Mrs. Kennedy Will Wear Ball Gown of Own Design

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UPI Women's Editor

New York (UPI) — Mrs. John F. Kennedy designed an all white silk costume of a jewel-embroidered sheath dress and sweeping cape to wear to the inaugural ball in Washington Friday night.

Details of the costume, in a combination of white silk peau d'ange, a soft and clingy dull crepe, and chiffon were outlined here Wednesday by the president-elect's press secretary, Pierre Salinger.

This put the approving stamp of the brunette first lady on white for festive occasions. She also selected a white ottoman silk floor length gown from her designer, Oleg Cassini, to wear to the gala ball tonight at the National Guard Armory.

The custom salon of Bergdorf Goodman, a New York specialty store, created the inaugural costume from sketches which Mrs. Kennedy submitted several weeks ago.

Cost of any of the inaugural clothes was not disclosed.

The inaugural ball dress is a full length sheath of the white silk chiffon. The hip length bodice is richly embroidered in silver and brilliant, and covered by a transparent overblouse of the white chiffon.

The back of the dress bodice is similar to the front. The floor length cape is in the same silk peau d'ange and completely veiled in silk chiffon. Under the ring collar, a cuff-like neckline — the cape is fastened with twin embroidered buttons.

The shape of the cape is an arch from shoulder to hem with soft waves in the back.

It also is lined with the white silk and has two arm slits. With the ensemble, Mrs. Kennedy will wear 20-button white glove kid gloves and carry a matching white silk peau d'ange tailored clutch purse — a small carryall which is a pretty standard fashion with evening costumes. Mrs. Kennedy's shoes will be matching white silk opera pumps with medium high heels.

Angus Bowmer To Speak Friday

Ashland — Angus L. Bowmer, professor of drama at Southern Oregon college, will be guest speaker Friday noon at a Seroptimist club luncheon in the Mark Antony hotel. He will tell of his six months' tour of England and the continent and of the Shakespearean theatres and plays he saw both here and abroad.

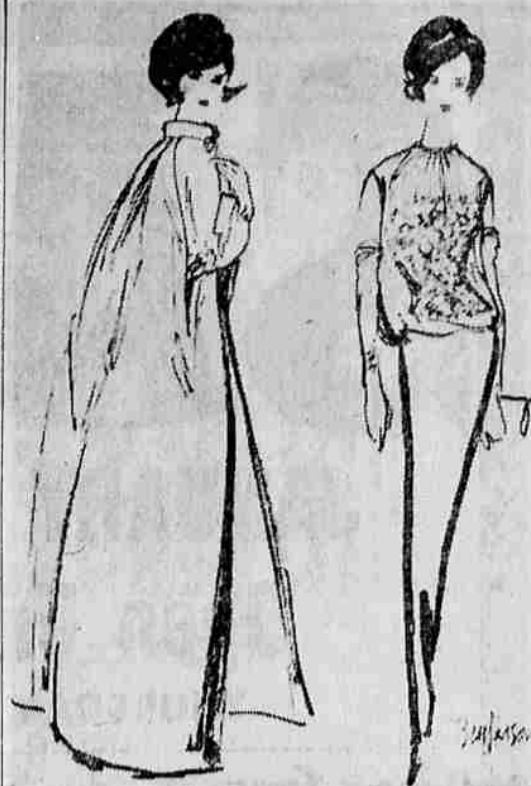
At the January 13 luncheon meeting, a \$50 gift was voted to assist a foreign college student who otherwise might have been unable to continue her education.

The day's program took the form of a panel discussion in which Mrs. Tana Trites, Mrs. Adelaide Clary and Mrs. Ruby Minier reviewed Soroptimist club aims and objectives. Mrs. Frances Worth, club president, conducted the luncheon meeting.

Medford Teacher To Be Speaker

Mrs. Mildred Rogers, Medford teacher, will speak for a meeting of Epsilon chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, Saturday, January 21, at 2 p.m. in the Girls Community Club, Medford.

Mrs. Rogers will speak on "Africa, Yesterday and Today."



New York—Sketches of the gown Mrs. John F. Kennedy will wear January 20 for the Inaugural Ball following her husband's induction into office as President of the United States have been released. Made for Mrs. Kennedy at Bergdorf-Goodman in New York from sketches she submitted, the floor-length sheath dress and cape are both of white silk peau d'ange (French for skin of an angel) veiled with white silk chiffon. The cape is fastened under a ring collar with twin embroidered buttons and has two arm slits. With the ensemble Mrs. Kennedy will wear 20-button white glove kid gloves and carry a matching clutch purse. Her shoes will be matching white silk opera pumps with medium high heels. (UPI Telephoto)

K's Home Beehive of Activity

By HELEN THOMAS
United Press International

Washington—Mrs. John F. Kennedy, back from a Florida rest, today found her Georgetown home a beehive of activity with fitters, movers, and secretaries coming and going.

The president-elect's wife plunged into the home work that had to be done after her five-week stay in Palm Beach. She said she would be spending most of the day going through the family's personal belongings to see what should go to the White House.

Movers also were on hand to pack the linens, china and glassware she has gathered with a collector's eye over her years of married life.

Final Gown Fittings
Slender 31-year-old Jacqueline Kennedy, known for her fashion sense, today will try on for final fittings the white silk ottoman gown which she will wear tonight to the full-dress concert and spectacular inaugural gala.

The gown, designed by Oleg Cassini, has a simple round neckline and bodice and a modified full skirt.

Mrs. Kennedy still is not prepared to adopt her first lady role full-scale. She feels she needs more rest and is passing up a number of pre-inaugural receptions to take in only the main events.

She has stayed out of crowds, and away from people in general since she gave birth by Caesarian section to her son, John F. Jr., on November 25.

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Social Events Women's News

Lodge Installs Officers

Mrs. Leo Mitchell was installed prophetess of Weatonta council, Degree of Pochontas, in ceremonies held last week at Redman hall.

Mrs. Lewis Thompson, deputy great Pochontas, conducted the ritual. Deputy great chiefs assisting her were Mrs. Roland Wicker, great Michineva; Mrs. Frank Martin, Mrs. Carrie Milnes, Mrs. Walter Wilson, Mrs. Gladys Rammim, Arthur Oas, P. M. Aldredge and Marie Puts, visitor of Seminole council, San Francisco, Calif. Miss Puts, the fraternal mother of Weatonta council, flew up for the ceremonies.

Also installed were Mrs. Charles Susich, Pochontas; Mrs. Jack Thomas, Wenonah; Orval Hayes, Powhatan; Mrs. Henry Dooms, keeper of records; Mrs. Noel Erskine, keeper of wampum; Mrs. Floyd Lewis, collector of wampum; P. M. Aldredge, guard of teepee; Richard Singler, guard of forest; Charles Dooms, Henry Dooms, Lewis Thompson and Roland Wicker, warriors; Mrs. Charles Dooms and Mrs. Richard Singler, scouts; Mrs. Marion Pittman and Mrs. James Wicker, runners; Mrs. Charles Stelle and Mrs. Walter Wilson, conciliators; Mrs. Ben Ashton and Mrs. P. M. Aldredge, aides; Arthur Oas, trustee; Mrs. Orval Hayes, musician and Mrs. Ben Ashton, reporter.

After the meeting refreshments were served from tables decorated with candles. Mrs. Gladys Rammim was in charge of the kitchen committee and was assisted by Mrs. Ruby Hicks and Arthur Oas.

The lodge will hold the monthly public card party Friday, January 20, at the hall. Prizes will be awarded. A business meeting at 7:30 p.m. will precede the party. Refreshments will be served.

Women of Moose To Hold Dinner

Medford Women of the Moose will hold a potluck dinner Friday, January 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the lodge hall. Entertainment will follow, and members are asked to bring their children dressed as their favorite television character.

Initiation was held by the lodge last week for Mrs. Kyle Payne. The program was presented by Mrs. Norman Neathamer. A group from Muzzioli's School of Accordion provided music.

Auxiliary Opens Annual Session; Seeks Volunteers

Additional volunteers are needed in nearly all service groups of Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital auxiliary, according to the president, Mrs. V. Ward Hammond. Anyone interested in learning more about the auxiliary is invited to attend the annual January meeting set for Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the board and staff room of the hospital. Guests are under no obligation to join the organization, she adds.

Auxiliary women working in the hospital are organized into different groups, according to the type of service being performed. Some of these are flower and mail, gift shop attendants, snack bar, hospital cart, and gift cart volunteers. Women may volunteer for regular days and hours in any groups in which they wish to work. To insure a sufficient number of workers each day, Mrs. Hammond says that each group should have a list of "reserves" who can be called on as needed.

Some units, such as surgical dressings and sewing, can always find enough work to utilize more volunteers than usually appear for scheduled sessions. Additional trained volunteers will be needed when the new wing of the hospital, already under construction, is ready for occupancy.

The meeting Friday will feature election of officers for the current year, and presentation of awards to women who have completed 100 or 1000 hours of service. Following the business agenda, refreshments will be served.

Calendar
Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

7:30 p.m. — Lively Rogues, Rogue Valley Country club.
7:30 p.m. — McLaughlin Parent-Teacher association, boys gymnasium at school.
7:30 p.m. — Royal Neighbors of America, Knights of Pythias hall.

8 p.m. — Adarel chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Jacksonville Masonic temple.
8 p.m. — Roxy Ann court, Order of the Amaranth, Medford Masonic temple.
8 p.m. — Zion Lutheran church circle: Miriam, with Mrs. Eugene Ingram, 1457 Whitman ave.

Friday:
1 p.m. — Brownsboro Garden club, home of Mrs. Gerald Hansen.
1 p.m. — Get Together club, Girls Community club.
1:30 p.m. — Rogue Valley hospital auxiliary, staff room at hospital.

Few Changes Planned For White House Family Rooms

New York (UPI) — The next First Lady plans no drastic changes in the furnishings of the family living quarters of the White House.

Instead, said her decorator, Mrs. Henry Parish II, "there will be a quiet moving in of the first family's personal things. No clean sweep... no major overhaul."

Mrs. Parish, who has worked with Mrs. John F. Kennedy on decorating projects for the past four years, said that the new First Lady is a woman of "simple tastes who wants to create a home... She wants actually to transplant the home she now has to the White House, because it represents their way of life."

The decorator was talking of the Georgetown house where the Kennedys now live — a home furnished in French antiques of various periods, except for her husband's bedroom which is predominantly 18th century English.

Mrs. Parish said she had helped Mrs. Kennedy do the Georgetown house, given her a hand at the residence in Hyannis Port, Mass., where the furnishings are early American, and also would be helping with the decoration of the country estate the couple has rented at Middleburg, Va. The latter, she described as "old and full of charm... we'll do it in comfortable country style."

Mrs. Parish said the family quarters — including private sitting, dining and bedrooms — are on the second floor of the White House.

She said that Mrs. Kennedy plans to add many of the accessories she has collected through the years — "some lovely cigarette boxes, some old French drawings." All the furnishings are antiques.

The second floor nursery for Caroline Kennedy, 3, will be done in pink and white. The one for baby John F. Jr., she said, would "be typical of a little boy's room in any other home."

Date Announced For Installation
Medford chapter, Order of De Molay, will hold installation of officers in the Medford Masonic temple, January 25. Taking office will be Roger Kelson, master counselor; Larry D. Little, senior counselor, and Michael Featherstone, junior counselor.

Initiation was held at the last meeting for Fletcher Fish Jr., Richard Swan, Carl Voegtly, Stephen Kesler, Rick Wagner, Robert Bell, Crail Williams, James Cain Jr., James Casterline and Stanley Smith.

Scout Workers Plan Recognition Luncheon
An all-adult recognition luncheon for those interested or working in Girl Scouting will be held Wednesday, January 25, in the banquet room at Kim's restaurant, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

For more information those interested may call Mrs. T. A. Vance, SPRING 3-1869, or Mrs. B. E. Culy, SPRING 3-1647.

To Install
Mrs. Scott Hall, Ashland, will install officers of Talisman Temple, Pythian Sisters, Friday, January 20 at 8 p.m. at the Pythian hall in Medford. Mrs. Hall states that there will be entertainment and refreshments. The public is invited.

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Caroline and John Jr. will be in the care of their nurses at the Kennedy seaside villa in Palm Beach during the inauguration and for a brief period until their nurseries are prepared at the Executive Mansion.

We can't remember that there was this much fuss and feathers about clothing for other presidential inaugurations in recent years, but perhaps we have merely forgotten. At any rate, the UPI telephoto machine has brought in sketches of the gowns Mrs. John F. Kennedy will wear tonight and tomorrow night for formal functions being given in connection with her husband's inauguration.

A reproduction of the gown to be worn tomorrow night for the Inaugural Ball appears on this page. It would seem that Mrs. Kennedy has a strong liking for white, because all three formal gowns described are in that color. Or it may be that she has been advised to wear white because it will accent her presence in the midst of large groups — just as the white-clad figure of a bride is always conspicuous among the wedding guests. Queen Elizabeth of England and most royal women wear white, light or bright colors in the evening for this reason.

Tonight Mrs. Kennedy will attend the Inaugural Gala and will wear a gown of white ottoman, a corded silk, described as having an "elegant sedate look." Mrs. Kennedy designed her Inaugural Ball gown, but Oleg Cassini has designed the remainder of Mrs. Kennedy's wardrobe.

The gala gown has a "bodice gently fitted to the figure and the modest, high neckline gently encircles the throat. The gown has a modified full skirt with pleats at the waist front. The only ornamentation is a white cocarde (a fabric rosette) worn to the side above the waistline. A feature of the gown is a gracefully curved back panel sweeping to the floor."

The only other of Mrs. Kennedy's new formal gowns already described by UPI is also white — a straight, extremely plain and simple white gown with a small bow at the waist as its only ornamentation.

According to the Washington Post, Cassini has said that "The President (to be) wants Mrs. Kennedy to present a completely dignified picture. After she is First Lady, she will never appear in public in pants, and certainly never will be photographed wearing them."

Perhaps the wish of a Portland newspaperman will be answered. He broke into print saying that, since Mrs. Kennedy is having such an impact on American fashion, he hoped that it would be on the side of quiet, good taste. Now, if she could influence the younger generation to the point that they would quit going out in public with their hair in hideous pin curls, this reporter will be very happy indeed.

Elizabeth Arden designed the gowns to be worn to the Inaugural Ball by three sisters of the President-elect, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

Mrs. Peter Lawford, the former Patricia Kennedy, will also wear white silk. Her gown has a columnar look and a short train. The gown's bodice is richly embroidered in rhinestones and silver beads. Mrs. Stephen Smith, the former Jean Kennedy, chose a pink-mauve satin, redingote style with flaring skirt which opens over an underskirt of satin richly embroidered with crystal beads, silver threads and brilliants.

Mrs. Robert Kennedy selected a gown of strapless design made of pink satin with overall embroidery of silver flowers. The frock's simple lines are accented by bow detail at the bodice. Mrs. Sargent Shriver, the former Eunice Kennedy, chose the most elaborate gown of all, according to the sketch. It is of orange-flame chiffon, with strapless bodice, intricately draped skirt closely fitted to the knees and flared below, with a floating back panel.

But back to Designer Cassini. He says that Mrs. Kennedy is particularly keen to emphasize the fact that she is "American-dressed." "She will be the inspiration source that will make the American Look something special, different from the former mish-mash of French ideas re-worked here. Mrs. Kennedy has her own very American style and I will help her to have clothes to suit it. The Kennedy Look is there and I predict that every major French and Italian designer will be influenced by that look."

Oleg Cassini, although an American designer, is of Russian descent. His brother, Igor, is the society columnist, Cholly Knickerbrocker. His mother, Countess Marguerite Cassini, is the daughter of a prominent figure at the court of the last Czar of Russia.

Mrs. Murray Gardiner, the only Medford woman we know who owns an Oleg Cassini gown, said the other day that she was happy that she had purchased one before the designer became so famous. "Now the prices of his gowns will be so extravagantly high that I will never be able to afford another," she said.—O.S.

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