Washington—Showman Frank Sinatra leads Mrs. John F. Kennedy, wife of the President-elect, up the stairs to her box at the National Guard Armory to attend the pre-inauguration Gala staged by Mr. Sinatra to help pay off the Kennedy campaign debt. Mrs. Kennedy is wearing a gown of white silk ottoman made with modest, high neckline, a modified full skirt with pleats at the waist front and a fabric rosette worn above the waistline as the only ornamentation. It is an Oleg Cassini design. (UPI Telephoto)

Mrs. Kennedy's New Role Brings 'Mixed Feelings'

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Washington -(UPI)- Mrs. John F. Kennedy today becomes the nation's first lady with mixed feeling about her new role.

Her youth-she is 31, her shyness and natural reserve, her interest in the arts rather than politics, have combined to make her wary of the White House.

But in the past few months she has been taking a new look at the job and preparing herself to meet the tasks that lie ahead.

Admires Mrs. Roosevelt

She succeeds Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower, 64, who concentrated on making the White House charming and her public appearances strictly social. Mrs. Eisenhower, a sentimentalist, is always sorry to leave any home where she has been happy-and that includes the White House.

Tall and elegant, Mrs. Kennedy has been boning up on the White House and first ladies, including one she perhaps admires most, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

But Mrs. Kennedy plans to set her own pace. First, she desires to make the presidency, which her husband has called the "loneliest" job, not so lonely for him and her family. She often has said that her life revolves around her husband's.

At Husband's Side

Jacqueline Kennedy, still recuperating from the Caesarean birth of her son John Jr. November 25, selected warm clothing for the inaugural ceremony at the snow-swept Capitol.

She planned to remain by the new President's side through the big day, attending a post-inauguration luncheon for the VIP's, watching the colorful inaugural parade and visiting the evening social festivities. She will wear a stunning white gown, which she designed herself, for an elegant dinner party and the six inaugural balls.

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.

Friday:

6:30 p.m.-Women of Moose, lodge hall.

7:30 p.m. - Weatonko council, Degree of Pocahontas, Redman hall. 8 p.m. card party.

8 p.m. - Ladies Auxiliary, Medford Carpenters union, Carpenters hall, 123½ West Main st.

Saturday:

1:30 p.m. - Delta Gamma Rogue Valley Alumnae association, Red Cross building.

Winners Game Scheduled By Bridge Clubs

The combined units of Medford and Grants Pass Duplicate Bridge clubs will hold their bi-monthly winners game at Grants Pass Saturday night, January 21. The Medford club also plans a charity party for February 19.

Fifteen tables of players took part in the regular Medford session January 17. Mitchell movement was played.

North-south winners were Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Mrs. Paul McDuffee, first, 223; Mrs. Delbert Clifford and Roy Pruitt, second, 198½; Mrs. Ben Todd and Mrs. Robert Elliott, third, 191½; Ray Wise and Leland Clark, fourth, 187; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gordon, fifth, 185.

East-west top scores went to Mrs. Hugh Collins and George Rode, first, 185½; Frank Dolenshek and John Shortridge, second, 181; Mrs. Leland Clark and Mrs. A. W. Lingaas, third, 179½; Mrs. Glen Harrison and Mrs. John Dougherty, fourth, 175½; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Geary, fifth, 167.

Installation Announced

The Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford Rose societies will hold joint installation of officers Sunday, January 22, at the Red Cross building in Medford.

Mrs. Daniel Heffner, Portland, Pacific Northwest director of the American Rose society, will be installing officer. The ceremony is set for 2:30 p.m. and a social hour will follow.

Following the installation, a business meeting will be held by the Medford society. Louis Gentner is the retiring president and Mrs. Ranald Axtell, Trail, will head the local group for the coming year.

Vaughn Quakenbush will act as moderator of a panel.

Visitor Returns To Bakersfield

Hornbrook-Mrs. Hattie Holland has returned to her home at Bakersfield, Calif., after spending the past two months here at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Hamner.

Social Events ✦ ✦ ✦ Women's News

Perhaps we were wrong to decide that the excitement going on in Washington over the inauguration of a new president gets wilder every year. When Thomas Jefferson wrote of the inauguration of George Washington in 1793, he alluded to the "phrenzy which prevailed in New York on the opening of the new government." And he related an incident which makes very interesting reading.

A portion of Mr. Jefferson's Journal, relayed to Potpourri by Mrs. E. H. Hedrick after a recent reading, describes the incident as follows:

"June the 10th, 1793. Mr. Brown gives me the following specimen of the phrenzy which prevailed at New York on the opening of the new government. The first public ball which took place after the President's arrival there, Colonel Humphreys, Colonel W. S. Smith and Mrs. Knox were to arrange the ceremonials. These arrangements were as follows.

"A sofa was to be placed at the head of the room, raised on several steps, whereon the President and Mrs. Washington were to be seated. The gentlemen were to dance in swords. Each one, when going to dance, was to lead his partner to the foot of the sopha make a low obeisance to the President and his lady, then go and dance, and when done, bring his partner again to the foot of the sopha for new obeisances, and then retire to their chairs. It was to be understood, too, that gentlemen should be dressed in bags.

"Mrs. Knox contrived to come with the President, and to follow him and Mrs. Washington to their destination, and she had the design of forcing an invitation from the President to a seat on the sopha. She mounted up the steps after them unbidden, but unfortunately the wicker sopha was so short, that when the President and Mrs. Washington were seated, there was not room for a third person; she was obliged, therefore, to descend in the face of the company, and to sit where she could. In other respects the ceremony was conducted rigorously according to the arrangements, and the President made to pass an evening which his good sense rendered a very miserable one to him."

Mrs. Hedrick added that "There is also a letter to Jefferson from a friend who recounts the same incident and with the additional explanation that Martha spread out her hoops so far that there was no room for Mrs. Knox and that the room which was completely filled by that time offered only one place for Mrs. Knox to sit in the far end and some people did not conceal their amusement at the poor lady's distress."

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Journalists will doubtless have a wealth of stories and anecdotes to report following the close of the Kennedy inaugural festivities. It would be interesting to know what John F. Kennedy would say if he gave his honest opinion of the entire program-the Gala, the Balls, the parade, etc.

It is written that when George Washington learned he had been elected first President of the United States, he heard the news with a heavy heart. On the day of his first inauguration, it was reported that "self doubts rushed over him like flood; by the time he reached the balcony of the Federal building at the head of Broad street, where he was to take the oath of office, he was actually ill and sank into the nearest chair. But when the time came, he arose and in a ringing voice repeated the oath of office with his hand resting on a large Bible."

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It was reported this morning that because of the many people wishing to attend the Inaugural Ball, it—or should one say they—will be held in six different locations.

Meyer Davis, the nation's most famous society band leader, will play for the Ball. Meyer's band (he actually supervises a number of dance bands) played for Mrs. Kennedy's debut, when she was Jacqueline Bouvier, for her mother's wedding, and for the wedding of Jacqueline to Mr. Kennedy.

When asked for her preference for music to be played at the ball, Mrs. Kennedy wrote the leader that "she loved everything" but did ask him to play his own arrangement of the "The Waltz From Traviata" for her, and suggested that he might play "Greensleeves" for her husband. Potpourri also has a fondness for this old English tune, having come to know it well through attendance at the Ashland Shakespearean festival.

The Kennedys will also hear two special numbers composed by Mr. Davis and his wife, Hilda Emery Davis, for the inauguration. One is "The Inaugural Waltz" and the other a tune written for Mrs. Kennedy called "Jacqueline." It will be sung by the Davis' daughter, Ginia, in both English and French.

This will be the seventh inauguration for which Meyer Davis has played. In such demand is Mr. Davis for social events, that he is booked through 1975. Mrs. Pierre S. duPont has engaged his services in advance for that date when her granddaughter, Wendy, will make her debut.

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The Saturday Review published a few lines in the January 14 issue which many are finding most amusing. It was called to the attention of the editors that the 1961 edition of "Information Please" does not contain the name of John F. Kennedy in the "Celebrated Persons" section. It contains the names of Dwight David Eisenhower, of Henry Cabot Lodge, of Richard Milhous Nixon and of Robert F. Kennedy—but not John F. Kennedy. O.S.

New President Has Board Tea; Prayer Day Set

Mrs. George Flanagan, newly elected president of the Medford Council of United Church Women, was a recent hostess in her home for a tea and business session of council board members.

Plans for the annual World Day of Prayer observance, scheduled February 17, in the First Christian church, were made. The Prayer Day will be held only in the morning, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

The World Day of Prayer numbers 145 different countries of the world in the prayer chain this year. It is stated that this year marks the 75th observance of World Day of Prayer which began with prayers for missions and was inspired by women of Canada and the United States who were much concerned about the progress of mission work in foreign and home fields. Gradually, through mission workers, interest in the day grew and other countries became members of the prayer chain which is concerned today with peaceful relations between nations.

Theme for the observance this year will be "Forward Through the Ages."

Mrs. Wa[illegible] Hi[illegible] chairman for the day's program.

All council members are asked to bring a friend to the service.

During the afternoon at the Flanagan home, devotions were given by Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. Lyle Schoppert accompanied the group during [illegible]

Medford Woman Returns Home; Sees Grandson

Mrs. Charles P. Whitlock, 1425 Crater Lake avenue, returned Sunday from Portland after spending several days visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Whitlock, and new grandson, Jeffrey Philip.

The child, the first for the Richard Whitlocks, was born January 7. His father is a junior at the University of Oregon Dental school.

Paternal great grandparents of the child are Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Quinn, Casa Rogue Motel, Gold Hill.

Rosenbergs Return To Hornbrook Home

Hornbrook - Mr. and Mrs. John Rosenberg returned to their home here last week after a trip south. In Tracy, Calif., they visited Mr. Rosenberg's brother, and in Stockton, they visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shoemaker.

Miss Mary Beth Housel Assembly Worthy Advisor

Miss Mary Beth Housel was installed worthy advisor of Warren assembly, Order of Rainbow Girls, in ceremonies held at the Jacksonville Masonic temple January 12. Miss Housel is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Charles Housel, 619 South Oakdale avenue, Medford.

Other officers installed were Miss Lona Buffington, worthy associate advisor; Miss Cora Ravenor, charity; Miss Marilyn Smith, hope; Miss Mary Satterfield, faith; Miss Janice Armstrong, recorder; Miss Joyce Crow, treasurer; Miss Melba Graham, chaplain; Miss Nancy Housel, drill leader; Miss Carol Hall, love; Miss Gloria Johnson, religion; Miss Edie Reinking, nature; Miss Margaret Atkinson, immortality; Miss Darcy Johnson, fidelity; Miss Madge Barker, patriotism; Miss Caroline Rickard, service; Miss Diana Nordstrom, confidential observer; Miss Linda Jahnke, outer observer; Miss Toni Compagnoni, musician; Miss Joyce Statts, choir director, and Mrs. Gertrude Winningham, mother advisor.

Mary Beth Housel

Choir members are Misses Anice Black, Christina Killingsworth, Cynthia Barnett, Pamela Luehrs, Rebecca Starnes, Roxana Crowley, Janet Christianson, Sandra Wilson, Sidney Condon and Susan Ritchey.

Advisory board members, made up of members of Warren Masonic lodge and Adarel chapter, Order of Eastern Star, are Gail Buffington, chairman; Don Shores, secretary; Fred M. Gardner and Donald Lue, auditors; Mrs. Ralph Johnson, publicity chairman, and Mrs. Roy Picard, Mrs. Hulda Thurman, Joe Crawford, Albert Johnson, Everette Ravenor and Virgil Wilkes.

Installing officers were advisor, Mrs. Fred Gardner; marshal, Mrs. Ralph Johnson; chaplain, Mrs. Ronald Shores; musician, Mrs. George Mero; and recorder, Mrs. Thurman.

Miss Housel's parents were escorted and introduced and she presented a corsage to her mother and a buttonniere to her father. Miss Housel told her theme for her term of office "This Is My Country" and her colors are to be yellow and indigo.

Members of Warren lodge presented her a bouquet of flowers in her colors, and also a bouquet of carnations to the mother advisor and a corsage of yellow rosebuds to the retiring worthy advisor, Miss Janice Armstrong. Miss Armstrong thanked her officers for making her term of office "a happy and successful one" and placed in the hands of the new worthy advisor, the assembly mascot and the birthday bank.

Escorted and introduced was Mr. Buffington, chairman of the Rainbow Advisory board and worshipful master of Warren Lodge. Various guests congratulated the assembly and expressed their best wishes for continued success. The assembly is a new group, having been instituted in July, 1960.

Refreshments were served.

Square Dance Slated by Club

Hilltoppers Square Dance club will hold a square dance at the old Wagner creek school Saturday, January 21. 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.

One-Act Plays To Be Presented

Eagle Point—Two one-act comedies will be presented by Eagle Point Elementary Parent-Teacher association February 4. They are "Quiet Please" and "Sisters McIntosh."

Co-directors are Mrs. Vinson Vaughan and Glenn Foster.

Cast in "Sisters McIntosh" are Mrs. David Kahl as Tizzie and Mrs. John Barton as Julie, the two sisters. Norman Chapman will be their young nephew.

"Quiet Please" is the story of two bachelor brothers who are carrying on an old feud, even though they live together in a one-room cabin. Donald Pulley is cast as Jeff and Oscar Frei as Judd, the two old men. Mrs. John Huffman will play Catherine. Mrs. Margie Warrick is Mattie, Mrs. Lester McFall is Jessica, Mrs. Virgil Miller, Josie, and Murray Bartling, a minister.

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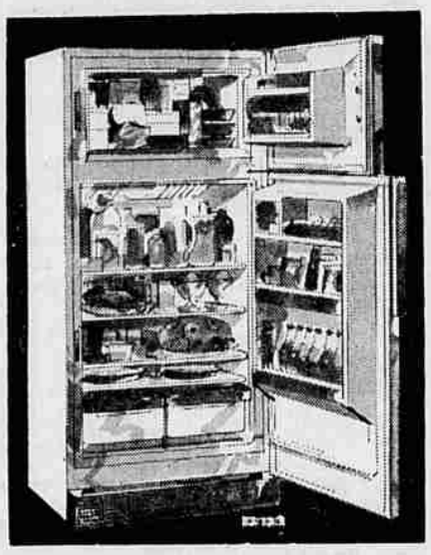

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