

## President's Sister 'In Background'

(Editors note: This is the third of five profile interviews of "the other Kennedy women" — the President's sisters and sisters-in-law. Today's subject is Pat Kennedy Lawford.)

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Santa Monica, Calif. — (UPI) — Pat Kennedy Lawford has succeeded in a most difficult accomplishment — she has managed to stay pretty well in the background although her brother is President of the United States and her husband a movie star.

At 35, Mrs. Lawford represents the Kennedy family on the West Coast. California casual is how she describes

where more than a dozen of the Lawford's friends had gathered from Hollywood for a dinner party. The President, although not present, was in on the conspiracy from the beginning.

The Lawfords visit Hyannis Port, the Florida White House and Pennsylvania avenue every year, most of the time taking their brood along.

She still admits it is a great thrill to visit the White House where she and Lawford frequently spend the night on visits to the most renowned Kennedy of them all. Both Pat and Peter keep their ears to the ground politically, too.

In fact, she campaigned for her brother.

### Forsake "Clan"

The Lawfords no longer are members of Hollywood's so-called "clan." Rather, they mix socially with a wide variety of picture people, from Janet Leigh and her husband to song writer Jimmy Van Heusen and producer Arthur Loew Jr.

Around these people, individuals she has known for years, Mrs. Lawford's reserve breaks down and she moves easily in the conversational give and take of "show biz." The Lawfords resent being called "hipsters," but they

## Orchid Society Slates Session

A meeting of the Rogue Valley Orchid society is planned for Friday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the D. J. Bolton home, 1701 Panorama drive, Medford. Interested orchid growers are invited.

are definitely "hip" to the special lingo of Hollywood.

Politics is a favorite topic with the Lawfords, sports a favored pastime. But the highpoint of any given day is when Mrs. Lawford's big brother calls from Washington to say hello and to inquire about his nieces and nephews.

## Speaker Listed

Dr. Stewart Atkinson, Southern Oregon college instructor and clinical psychologist for the Family and Child Guidance clinic, will be the guest speaker of the evening circle of Women's fellowship of the Congregational church, Thursday, April 25. Beginning at 8 p.m. the meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Emmett Bullard, 22 North Berkeley way. Assisting Mrs. Bullard will be Mrs. Harry Heilrich and Mrs. Riley Winchell.

Devotions will be led by Mrs. Porter Lombard. All women of the church are invited to attend this newly-organized evening group.

## Medford Woman Returns Home

Mrs. Fred Rankin, 18 Richmond avenue, has returned to her home here after spending more than a month in Blair, Neb., and in Paradise, Calif. Mrs. Rankin, who was called to Blair by the death of her sister-in-law, visited her brother, Mark Bealy and other relatives in Sioux City and Omaha.

Returning West, Mrs. Rankin spent the Easter holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDonald, an dfamily in Paradise, Calif.

## Trip Reviewed For Members

Ashland — Members of the Senior Citizens' club who were brave enough to face Tuesday's wintry weather had an afternoon trip across the United States with George Babcock. They saw the country from New York to Oregon through the narrator's description.

A presidential gavel, gift of Herbert Specht, was received and a game presented by the Soroptimist club was played for the first time. Mrs. Delta Martin and Mrs. Belle Dieckman were hostesses. The meeting was held in Trinity Parish hall.

## Dance Lessons Slated Tonight

Round dancing lessons will be given this evening from 8 to 10 o'clock in the Country square, one mile west of Talent junction on Colver road, officers of the Buckies and Bows Square Dance club have announced. Instructing will be Mrs. Floyd Workman. Current and old round dances will be danced and reviewed. All interested square dancers are invited.

Beginners square dance lessons will be sponsored by the club every Monday from 8 to 10 p.m. beginning April 29 in the Country square. Anyone interested in learning modern square dancing is invited. The first two lessons will be given without charge and with

no obligation to continue, the officers point out. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Workman, 535-1150. The Workmans will instruct.

## Missionaries Guests Here

Central Point — Mr. and Mrs. R. L. West were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Isaacs, Central Point. Mrs. West, formerly Miss Audrey Isaacs of Medford, is a niece of Mr. Isaacs.

For the past 10 years the Wests have been serving as missionaries in Japan. While here Mr. West spoke at the Central Church of Christ.



New York — Mrs. Peter Lawford, sister of President Kennedy, has succeeded in a most difficult task — managing to remain in the background even though her brother is President of the United States and she is married to a well-known actor. (UPI).

her life with her husband, Peter, and four children in their beach-front Santa Monica home.

Like her famed sister-in-law, Jacqueline, Mrs. Lawford is in the process of completely redecorating her Spanish-style home, which previously belonged to the late movie mogul, Louis B. Mayer.

Tall, slender and athletically inclined, the President's sister is "in" with the Hollywood set, and was a member of the socially active movie crowd long before her brother became president.

**Meet at Convention**  
She had worked for Kate Smith and the National Broadcasting company in Hollywood before she met her husband-to-be. And when they did become romantically involved it was at the 1952 Republican convention, of all places, where both were spectators.

In April of 1954 the couple was married in the Kennedy family home. The bride's brothers were ushers for Actor Lawford.

Because the Lawfords duck publicity they rarely venture to motion picture premieres or parties in night clubs, preferring instead to entertain at home. Occasionally they can be found having dinner with friends at LaScala restaurant in Beverly Hills.

Mrs. Lawford, however, is far from the typical California housewife.

**Works With Children**  
She is a member of the board of directors of the Kennedy Child Study Center in Los Angeles, spending many hours a week working with the children. She also is an active member of SHARE which provides for orphans in countries throughout the world.

When time allows, the Lawfords dash off to the Riviera Country club, a 15-minute drive from their home, for 18 holes of golf. Lawford says that his wife is the better golfer.

They also ride horseback, and Mrs. Lawford is a tennis whiz. Privacy prevails when the couple swim — it's in the family pool rather than the ocean whose combers break only a few feet from their patio wall.

**Mother of Four**  
For the most part Mrs. Lawford's life is devoted to her children, Christopher, 7, Sidney, 5, Victoria, 3, and Robin, 1.

In the past year Lawford produced his first movie, "Johnny Cool," and Mrs. Lawford was a frequent guest on the set.

At home two servants care for the housekeeping and cooking, although Mrs. Lawford is an accomplished cook herself. In the evening when friends drop by — and most of them are show folk — it is not unusual for Pat to retire to the kitchen to prepare a snack.

She dresses in colorful and very chic blouses, shorts and Capri pants around their rambling house. In public she is attired expensively and in the height of fashion.

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