



Joan Kennedy found cue cards confusing as she taped the performance with Andy Williams AP Wirephoto

Revelation by Joan

A Kennedy Failing

Hollywood

Joan Kennedy, wife of Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy, accompanied Andy Williams on the singer's television show and confided that all the Kennedys were tone deaf.

"But that doesn't stop them from singing," she said "whenever they get together for a songfest, I play the piano while they sing vigorously and discordantly along."

Mrs. Kennedy taped her first commercial television appearance during the weekend for a show that will be telecast NBC Saturday, March 27.

She sat patiently at her piano for a dozen "takes" while Williams sang the theme from the motion picture "Love Story."

TRAINING

Mrs. Kennedy said to her

knowledge she was the only member of the Kennedy family, including in-laws, who had special training in music.

Williams has been friends with the Kennedy family for years, Mrs. Kennedy said. "Andy asked me as a favor to appear on his show as a guest."

Handed her dialogue the day before taping, she complained she didn't have enough time to memorize. "Oh, you'll have cue cards," she was told.

She was so confused by different colors on the cards—green letters for Williams, red for her—that she ad libbed her lines.

Mrs. Kennedy began studying classical piano as a child and continued to play through her university years at Manhattanville College in New York.

"All the Kennedy girls went there," she said. "I met Ted on campus."

'LUCKY'

"There isn't much call for female pianists today so I just play for fun with the family and sometimes for charity. I'm lucky to have been born with perfect pitch, which is more than I can say for the rest of the Kennedys."

Singer Williams interrupted to day, "That's not true. Ethel has one of the finest singing voices in the western world."

Both Mrs. Kennedy and Williams laughed.

Mrs. Kennedy, who was a fashion model before marrying the senator, read sheet music as she accompanied Williams but said it was only for insurance.

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