



THE CHRISTINA, in which Mr. Onassis, Mrs. Kennedy and Senator Edward M. Kennedy cruised Aegean Sea in August

A Study in Glamour—and Courage

*The Quest of Beauty
Dominant in Life
of Mrs. Kennedy*

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When Jacqueline Bouvier, who became Mrs. John F. Kennedy, was a 14-year-old girl summering in East Hampton, L. I., in 1943, she wrote a poem called "Sailing," which was later printed in The East Hampton Star. One of her verses read:

*I only care for the lonely sea,
And I always will, I know,
For the love of the sea is born
in me,*

It will never let me go.

Her love of the sea is one thing Mrs. Kennedy will not have to give up when she is married to Aristotle Onassis, the 62-year-old Greek shipping figure. For one of Mr. Onassis' favorite pastimes is sailing his luxurious yacht, Christina, all over the world.

He is also a man who can support her in the manner to which she has always been accustomed. When Mrs. Kennedy was in the White House it was generally agreed she spent \$50,000 a year on clothes.

And in recent years he has turned into something of a super consumer of fashion, tending to favor the designs of Valentino, an Italian whose beaded evening gowns start around \$5,000.

Since her teens, the pursuit of beauty has dominated Mrs. Kennedy's life. At the age of 18, when she was presented to society at Newport, R. I., Cholly Knickerbocker, the society columnist, named her "No. 1 Deb of the Year."

But it was not until 1960 that the American public became aware of her glamour and chic.

That happened shortly before the Presidential election, when several magazines printed color photographs taken of her at Hyannis Port, in which she was wearing an orange sweater with shocking pink slacks. Her hair was worn in the famous bouffant style that later swept the country, along with her custom of wearing three-strand pearls and



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her.

She left behind in the White House a monument to herself—the historic antiques she collected for the refurbishing of the President's home in a manner serving as a reminder of the families who had lived there in earlier times.

Mrs. Kennedy loves to play with her children, Caroline, 11, and John, 7. She frequently accompanies Caroline to her ballet class, carrying the girl's bag of tights and slippers.

"Isn't it exciting?" she said once as she watched Caroline change into her leotards. "I wish I were in the class," she added.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Kennedy has socialized mainly with persons prominent in politics, fashion and the arts. Her frequent globe-trotting trips have taken her to Mexico, Hawaii, Italy and Cambodia, among other places.

There had been much speculation that she might marry her frequent escort, Lord Harlech, 50, Britain's former Ambassador to the United States.

Mrs. Kennedy had often told friends that she wanted to remarry, but that she thought she could never find a man the equal of John F. Kennedy.

where her parents were spending the weekend. Her father, John V. Bouvier 3d, was a wealthy stockbroker. Her mother, the former Janet Lee, also came from a moneyed and socially prominent family.

The Bouviers were divorced in 1940, and Mrs. Bouvier subsequently was married to Hugh D. Auchincloss, a millionaire Washington broker.

Mrs. Kennedy went to all the "proper" schools—Miss Chapin's in New York and Miss Porter's in Farmington, Conn. She spent two years at Vassar and a year at the Sorbonne, during which she recalls herself as "a chubby little thing eating pastries and studying with inky fingers half the night."

She enrolled in George Washington University and was graduated in 1951. About the same time she took her first and only job—as a \$42.50-a-week inquiring photographer for The Washington Times-Herald.

It ended with an assignment to London for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in June, 1953. That same month she became engaged to Senator John F. Kennedy.

They were married three months later—on Sept. 12, 1953—at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Newport, R. I., by The Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston. The wedding was attended by several Senators and at least one Governor.

When an assassin's bullet struck down President Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, her courage in the face of tragedy stirred admiration throughout the world.

Mrs. Kennedy was riding beside her husband in the Dallas motorcade when he was mortally wounded and fell bleeding into her lap. With the bloodstains still on her pink suit, Mrs. Kennedy came back to Washington to plan in minute detail the funeral for the slain President.

After the assassination Mrs. Kennedy moved first to Georgetown, then to a cooperative apartment in New York at 1940 Fifth Avenue overlooking Central Park. The benches across from her apartment building are often filled with people eager for a glance of

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The money she spends on clothes has always been a sore point. When asked if it was true, as reported in Women's Wear Daily, that she and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, spend \$30,000 a year on Paris fashions alone, she shot back:

"I couldn't spend that much unless I wore sable underwear."

Mrs. Kennedy, now 39 years old, has a thick mane of chestnut-colored hair, a whispery voice and the slender 5-foot-7 figure of a fashion mode. A reporter's discovery that she wears size 10A shoes was published throughout the world. She is also an incessant chain smoker.

Jacqueline Lee Bouvier was born on a Sunday morning, July 28, 1929, in the Long Island resort of Southampton,