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Live TV Ruled Out for Nixon Nuptials

WASHINGTON, May 13 (UPI) — Tricia Nixon's wedding will not be televised live, in keeping with the private, sentimental occasion. But the nation's viewers will have a chance to see some of the highlights of the June 12 Rose Garden wedding on TV news shows following the ceremony.

Miss Nixon has been making her decisions — with the help of her fiancé, Edward Finch Cox, a Harvard law student — and announcing them as she goes along. But the style of her wedding dress, designed by Priscilla of Boston, is being kept secret.

Compared with the weddings of former President Lyndon B. Johnson's daughters, Luci Nugent and Lynda Bird Robb, Miss Nixon's planning and partying is low key. But it is expected to pick up momentum soon when relatives and friends around the country begin receiving the 400 invitations the Nixons have mailed out.

The 6¼-by-8¾-inch invitations, engraved on very light brown paper in hand-cut script and embossed with the Presidential seal in gold at the top, were dropped in the mail yesterday.

The envelope was embossed with the words "The White House" in gold at the upper left corner and the stamp is the common six-cent American flag variety with an engraving of the White House.

More than 100 of the invitations went to younger set friends of the engaged couple.

Animal Head Crest

Although Miss Nixon does not profess to be the domestic type, she is taking her future hostess chores to heart. She has indicated that in her place settings in china (Lenox Blue Tree) and her silverware (Lunt's Eloquence), she wants to be able to serve 12 for dinner.

She also has noted in a local bridal registry that she would like to receive Worcester flameproof overware in a Strawberry pattern and has her eye on some 100-year-old gold-rimmed service plates with the crest showing an animal head and the motto "Benevolent Universe"—in case any friends are interested in giving her china for a wedding gift.

Miss Nixon admits she has been studying history books for details on past White House weddings.

Meantime, Lucy Winchester, social secretary, says she is not too worried about the weather for the outdoor wedding.

State Seals on Rug

"If it rains, we plan to use all of the same decorations in the East Room," she said.

Clement Conger, the White House curator, is hoping to spruce up some of the rooms before the big day.

The National Society of Interior Designers has promised that the new rug it is donating for the Diplomatic Reception Room will be ready to be put down the first week in June.

The beige carpet, which is being woven with the seal of each state around the edge, has been ordered from Edward Fields, a New York concern.

New drapes for the Vermeil Room also are expected to be hung before the wedding.

Chef Henry Haller will be making preparations for days before the ceremony for the hot and cold buffet. And Heinz Bender, the pastry chef, will bake the wedding cake in the White House kitchen.

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