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OLD FORT GIRL PLAYS LEADING ROLE IN OPERETTA

In a Statesville paper of Feb. 27 is an interesting and complimentary article of an operetta in which Miss Eunice Wilkinson of Old Fort played the leading part, which will be of much interest to her many friends.

"The Japanese Girl," an interesting and attractive operetta, the music by Charles Vincent, was presented by the girls of the music department of Mitchel College in Shearer Hall on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The operetta was given under the direction of Miss Margaret L. James of the College music department, with Miss Virginia Thomas accompanist. The first act of the operetta tells of the visit of a number of Japanese girls to a girl friend of theirs, O Hana San, who is about to celebrate her eighteenth birthday regarded in Japan as 'the coming of age'. The scene throughout the operetta is a Japanese garden, the home of O Hana San (beautiful flower). The character was played by Miss Eunice Wilkinson, whose voice and dramatic ability was highly complimented by those attending this operetta, as well as the faculty of Mitchel College."

EXTRACT PLANT RE-OPENS

The Old Fort Extract plant of the Union Tanning Company began chipping wood on Friday, after having been inactive for about eight months. The plant will employ about 125 men and have a weekly payroll of around \$5,000.00. George Moore, better known to his friends as "Red" Moore, is superintendent of the plant.

Many changes and improvements have been made in the plant since the closing, preparatory to the resuming of operations. Over a hundred and fifty men were on hand Saturday to apply for work. Quite a number of them were old employees who were again employed to take charge of their old positions.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPT. GIVES STYLE SHOW

A style show was presented at the auditorium of the high school on Thursday morning by the members of the Home Economics Class, under the direction of Miss Bula Kanipe.

Attractive styles in sport dresses and school dresses, designed and made by members of this department, were displayed by living models. In the latter part of the program little Misses Lois Early, Mary Louise Moore, Ann Smithy, Harold Kanipe, and Gene and Dick Erwin featured correct styles for street, school and evening wear.

INDIAN ARROW MONUMENT BEING ERECTED THIS WEEK

The contract for the erection of the monument to be placed in the own square has been let by Dr. D. M. McIntosh, chairman of the committee on construction and design, to C. Melton of Black Mountain, and construction started on March 3rd. The unveiling will take place about the first of May. Plans will be made and program arranged for this event during the next two months.

OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL AND TWO MEN

Deputies Taylor Greene and C. L. Tate attended a late party last week and they were rewarded with the capture of a thousand gallon steam still and two men. The raid was made at one o'clock Tuesday morning, on the head of Catawba River. Ten gallons of whiskey were found. The men, Turner Denny and Barney Huntley, of Ridgecrest, were bound over to court on a \$500 bond each.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN MARION SUNDAY

Dr. D. M. McIntosh is mailing out notices to the local committees of the McDowell Relief Association for a call meeting to be held in Marion on Sunday March 9th, at 2:30 p. m. The mimeographed copies of the questionnaire to be used in the welfare work which was presented by Dr. McIntosh and approved at the last meeting, will be distributed at this time.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

R. E. Simpson, general manager of the lines east, was the guest of J. C. Sandlin on Wednesday.

Mrs. Jenkins, who has been visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins, returned home Friday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Charles Jenkins, Miss Mary Burgin, and little Miss Betty Jean Jenkins, who will spend the week-end in Easley, S. C., before returning to Old Fort.

Edwin E. Epley, who is at present employed at Saluda, spent several days last week with his family in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Miller spent several days in Old Fort last week visiting relatives enroute to Idaho where they will make their home.

A. C. Fisher, general Superintendent of the Extract Company, spent several days in Old Fort on business pertaining to the Old Fort Extract Company.

Mrs. Geo. Moore, Mrs. M. E. Hansel, and Mrs. W. Wagner visited friends in Asheville Wednesday.

Caroline Sandlin, who has been ill, is much improved, and expects to resume her studies in the Old Fort school this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt J. Curtis and sons, Beverly and Harris, and Mrs. W. Wagner left last week for Tampa, Fla., by motor. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, who have occupied the Roughton House since coming to Old Fort from Ohio, expect to make their home in Tampa.

Mr. Louie Cuthbert, chief chemist of the Union Tanning Company, is spending a few days in Johnson City on business.

Mrs. D. M. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Mashburn and Mrs. Amos Crippen spent Wednesday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Greene and family, formerly of Bakersville, have moved into the Mashburn house, corner of Main and Spring street. Mr. Greene is an employee of the Old Fort Extract Company.

Miss Elizabeth Lipe spent the week-end in Asheville visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Gilbert Steppe visited relatives in Asheville for several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Swike, from Chattanooga, Tenn., have arrived in Old Fort to make their home and are stopping at the Piedmont Hotel. Mr. Swike is a bookkeeper for the Union Tanning Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bradley and F. M. Bradley were visitors in Asheville on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. M. Blackwelder was called to Nealsville Wednesday on account of the serious illness of her aunt, Mrs. Hall.

The Old Fort Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. Amos Crippen.

Mrs. Charles Jenkins has been supplying for Miss Nan Brasington, instructor of the Old Fort School, who is absent on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams of Marion, were in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Lail of Asheville visited Mrs. G. W. Sabom last Sunday.

Miss Nora Bright of Marion spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Ewart Grant of Spruce Pine spent the week-end in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Early of Erwin, Tenn., were visitors in Old Fort last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reed of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

Col. D. W. Adams spent Monday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore of Burnsville were visitors in Old Fort Monday night.

Rev. C. C. Grogan made a business trip to Marion Monday.

Misses Laura and Frances Hicks spent Saturday in Asheville.

Mrs. Carl Kelly is spending several days in Hickory.

Miss Virginia Early of Marion was the guest of Mrs. W. C. Early last week.

Miss LeRoy Bates of Morganton spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Henry Gibbs made a business trip to Asheville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blankenship of Canton spent last Sunday in Old Fort with Mr. Blankenship's parents.

Miss Davie Mae Arney spent Saturday in Asheville.

Miss Helen Watkins of Raleigh is visiting relatives in Old Fort this week.

Mrs. Edgar Hensley entertained the B. Y. P. U. last Friday evening at her home. A number of games were enjoyed. Delightful refreshments were served.

E. D. Rix of Rutherfordton spent the week-end with his family in Old Fort.

Miss Johnnie Thompson and Roy Sanders of Concord were guests of Miss Jean Hansel Sunday.

Capt. Charles Fisher, Merrill Kanipe and Maurice Fleming spent Sunday in Black Mountain visiting friends.

Mrs. Dennis Haynes, who has been ill, is much improved.

John Artz, farm demonstrator of Polk county, visited his parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Artz, Sunday.

EASTERN STAR MEETS

The Old Fort Chapter No. 170 of the Order of the Eastern Star held a meeting on Monday night at the Eastern Star rooms. At this meeting new officers were elected and will be installed the second Monday in March. Mrs. Don Gosorn will be the Worthy Matron for the coming year. A large crowd of members attended with out of town members from Asheville and Marion.

Diseases of Goldfish

Fungus diseases often attack the goldfish, sometimes so severely that there is nothing to do but make a fresh start. One remedy for the disease is a salt bath, using a heaping teaspoonful of salt to two quarts of water. The patient should be left for about a week in this solution, which is renewed daily. If no noticeable improvement is shown in four days, increase strength of solution to about double, leaving the fish in this for two days. Then reduce the solution to its original proportions, after which the fish may be returned to the aquarium.

Road Map

The Bible at Mary Anne's house did not have pictures or maps. One day the family was visiting some friends. When Mary Anne picked up her Bible and found a map of Palestine in it she took it to her father, exclaiming: "Look, daddy, there's a road map in this Bible."

Peanut Problem

Notwithstanding the enjoyment over her first bag of peanuts, Nancy Vera, just past three, was experiencing difficulty in breaking the shells of the monster goober with her tiny fingers. "Muvver," she asked, holding up a big peanut, "will you unbutton this thing for me?"

A REQUEST

Old Fort people are requested to send news items for the Old Fort News page, in the Marion Progress, to Miss Gertrude Dula, editor of this page, and not direct to the Progress office. This is to avoid the same news item being printed twice on the page. Mailing boxes for Old Fort News items will be found at the Old Fort Drug Store and the Bradley Drug Store, Postoffice Box 191, Old Fort, N. C.

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Old Fort, N. C.

WHAT IT COSTS TO GOVERN US

By PROF. M. H. HUNTER
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Use of Inheritance Taxes by States

IN 1926 the states received \$90,632,000 from a tax on inheritance, or about one-fourteenth of the total receipts from taxes.

Since Pennsylvania adopted an inheritance tax in 1896, the states have placed some reliance for revenue upon the transfer of property at death. At present there are but three states, Florida, Alabama and Nevada, which do not make some use of inheritance taxes.

There is no uniformity in the use of the inheritance tax among the different states. In general, however, the rates increase as the benefaction increases and as relationship becomes more remote. Usually three relatives are noted: Direct, such as husband, wife, children; collateral, such as uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins; and strangers in blood, or no relation to the deceased.

The federal government has been responsible for the tendency to greater uniformity in state inheritance tax rates. Under the present federal estate tax, a credit of 80 per cent of the tax due is allowed for inheritance taxes paid to a state. Many states have increased their rates so as to take full advantage of this credit provision.

In the state of New York direct heirs receive an exemption from tax of \$5,000, while the rates range from 1 per cent to 4 per cent, the latter applying to bequests in excess of \$100,000. To all others the exemption is \$500, with progressive rates 1 per cent to 8 per cent. In addition there is an estate tax applicable to that part of the estate in excess of \$1,000,000 with rates ranging from 1/4 of 1 per cent to 10 per cent.

In Wisconsin the maximum rate applicable to direct heirs is 8 per cent, while the maximum upon strangers reaches 40 per cent, a rate as high as is found in any state. An exemption of \$500 is allowed strangers, while \$2,000 is allowed direct heirs, except a widow, who is allowed \$15,000.

Illinois allows an exemption of \$20,000 to each direct heir, but levies rates ranging from 2 per cent to 14 per cent upon bequests. The exemption to strangers is \$100, while the rates range from 10 per cent to 30 per cent.

One difficulty, with the increase in rates, has been evasion by making gifts before death. Many states, therefore, make the inheritance tax rates applicable to all gifts made in contemplation of death.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WATER BONDS OF THE TOWN OF OLD FORT, NORTH CAROLINA.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Old Fort, North Carolina, in the office of the Mayor in said Town, until eleven o'clock a. m., on the 8th day of March, 1930, for the purchase of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000) DOLLARS water bonds to be issued under the Municipal Finance Act of North Carolina, to bear date 1st day of October, 1929, and to mature serially FIVE HUNDRED (\$500) DOLLARS on the 1st day of April in each of the years 1932 to 1951, both inclusive; and the bonds are to be in denominations of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500) DOLLARS each, bearing a rate of interest not to exceed 6 per cent per annum to be fixed on the date of sale, payable semi-annually on the 1st day of April and the 1st day of October of each year, both principal and interest payable at the Chase National Bank in the City of New York and State of New York. Bidders are invited to name the rate of interest which the bonds are to bear; the rate must be in multiples of one-fourth of one per cent; must not exceed six per cent, and must be the same for all of said bonds; that bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to take them at the lowest rate of interest, at a price not less than par and accrued interest. If any bidders name the same amount of interest, the premium shall determine the award. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

The bonds will be accompanied by the written approving opinion of Messrs. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, Massachusetts.

Each bidder must present with his or its bid certified check on an incorporated Bank or Trust Company, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Town of Old Fort, N. C., or deposit a sum of money for and in an amount equal to two per cent of the face amount of the bonds bid for, to secure the Municipality from any loss resulting from failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his or its bid. Said bonds will be awarded at not less than par unless all bids are rejected.

February 19, 1930.

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I. L. CAPLAN, Clerk.

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