

American Woman Envoy Tells Of Home On Stilts

By JANE EADS
 WASHINGTON—For more than a year, Nan Mackay, christened Isabella, has lived in a house on stilts and dined on a fare of tin. For more than a year, she has lived on a small island in the Gulf of Thailand. Home on leave from Laos, where she had been a representative for the Foreign Operations Administration, Miss Mackay had flown to the little country with some survey groups.

When it came time to leave the mission chief asked me to stay on a few more days," Miss Mackay told me. "I stayed a year." The FOA now has a mission in Laos, as well as in Cambodia and Vietnam. Charles Yost has been appointed American minister and is there with his wife and two children, but until recently Miss Mackay was the only American woman. Her job was to act as guide, interpreter and hostess to

N. R. Wild, Former Champion Paymaster, Dies

N. R. (Dan) Wild, 70, died Wednesday morning in his home in Canton after a long illness.

He retired as paymaster for the Champion Paper and Fibre Company in 1952. A native of College Hill, Ohio, Mr. Wild had resided in Canton since 1906. He was a member of the Canton Presbyterian Church and the Champion Old Timers Club.

Funeral services will be held in the Canton Presbyterian Church, Friday at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Horace L. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate and interment will be in Bon-A-Venture Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Rudy Barnes, Fleetwood Smathers, George H. Trostel, Underwood Smathers, Frank Davis, Ed Bell, Fred Ferguson, and Lee Matthews. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Champion Old Timers Club.

The body will remain at the Wells Funeral Home in Canton until the hour of the service. Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Margaret Vaughn Wild; one son, George B. Wild of San Francisco, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. J. R. Jamison of Canton and Mrs. Carl Anderson of Pasadena, Texas; one sister, Miss Alice Wild of College Hill, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

Lawns Are Key Asset To Property

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Except in the mountain areas this is not the proper time to plant lawn grasses. The young seedlings do not get well started before hot weather is upon them and burns them out. Bermuda and Centipede grasses are exceptions to the rule, and are best planted in April or May. Other grasses such as bluegrass, fescues and ryegrass should be planted in the fall. However, we may as well face the fact that as long as new homes are being completed during late spring and early summer we will also have new lawns planted during those difficult months.

A good lawn well kept is a beautiful thing and is an asset to any property. The hot weather months are the critical period in the maintenance of a lawn. It should be fertilized every five to six weeks throughout the growing season. If you haven't already done so, put on an application of good garden fertilizer such as a 6-8-6 or 8-8-8 at the rate of 20 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Water this in or apply it just before a rain. For the remainder of the season use about five pounds of nitrate of soda per 1,000 square feet at each application. This should be applied when the grass is dry and preferably just before a rain.

Watering is a very important operation. Soak the soil thoroughly at least once a week during dry weather rather than light sprinklings each day although these light sprinklings will do a lot of good.

Frequent cutting is desirable but close cutting will do much harm to some of the better grasses such as bluegrass. Set the mower blades a little higher for these grasses. If you have a good stand of grass and keep it well fertilized and limed when necessary, weeds will not thrive in a lawn. If weeds become established, late spring is a good time to eliminate them with a spray of 2,4-D. This spray will also kill wild onions. Use 2,4-D with care because it will kill your shrubs and flowers as well as the weeds. Even the spray mist carried by the wind may cause a lot of damage to other plants. A sprayer that is used for 2,4-D should not be used for other spray purposes.

In Hazelwood, are five sons and a daughter.

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DEATHS

R. C. PUTNAM

R. C. Putnam, 75, died Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Manson Messer in the Stamey Cove section after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Maple Grove Baptist Church. The Rev. George Ingie and the Rev. Morris Banks officiated. Burial was in the Piney Cove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Ford, J. B. Conard, Harley Putnam, Eugene Messer, Buddy Putnam and Deroy Ford.

Survivors are four sons, R. V. and D. M., both of Waynesville, RFD 3, L. V. of Canton, RFD 3, and D. W. Putnam of Spindale; four daughters, Mrs. E. T. Ford and Mrs. Lawis Conard of Canton, Mrs. Robert Scott of Temple City, Calif.; and Mrs. Messer; three brothers, Hardin, Joe and Wilson Putnam, all of Canton; 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Crawford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ROGERS INFANT

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers of Canton died Monday morning in an Asheville hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Crawford Memorial Park in Waynesville. The Rev. Ben Lee Ray officiated.

Survivors are the parents, and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Lena Allison of Canton.

E. L. Gerringer Dies In Draper

E. L. Gerringer, 68, of Draper, N.C., father of J. R. Gerringer of Hazelwood, died unexpectedly last Sunday in a Leaksville hospital. He had retired from active business ten years ago because of ill health.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the First Baptist Church of which Mr. Gerringer was a member for 35 years.

Mrs. Gerringer died in November, 1953.

Surviving, in addition to the son

American aid people; to keep in touch with American aid projects in Laos and handle all correspondence moved on from Saigon.

In addition, she gave English lessons every night except Sunday to Laotians who were coming to the United States under the FOA study program. "Instead of a French-built villa, I lived in a real Laotian house on stilts," Miss Mackay, an attractive young lady, very feminine but practical, explained. "Servants in Laos are hard to come by, and I could only muster up one houseboy whom I had to teach to cook. I taught him how to make buffalo stews, boil chicken and make an occasional batch of spaghetti. I had a jeep to get around in, but I had to do my own driving and marketing. Occasionally, I made trips to Saigon to buy canned foods and some clothes."

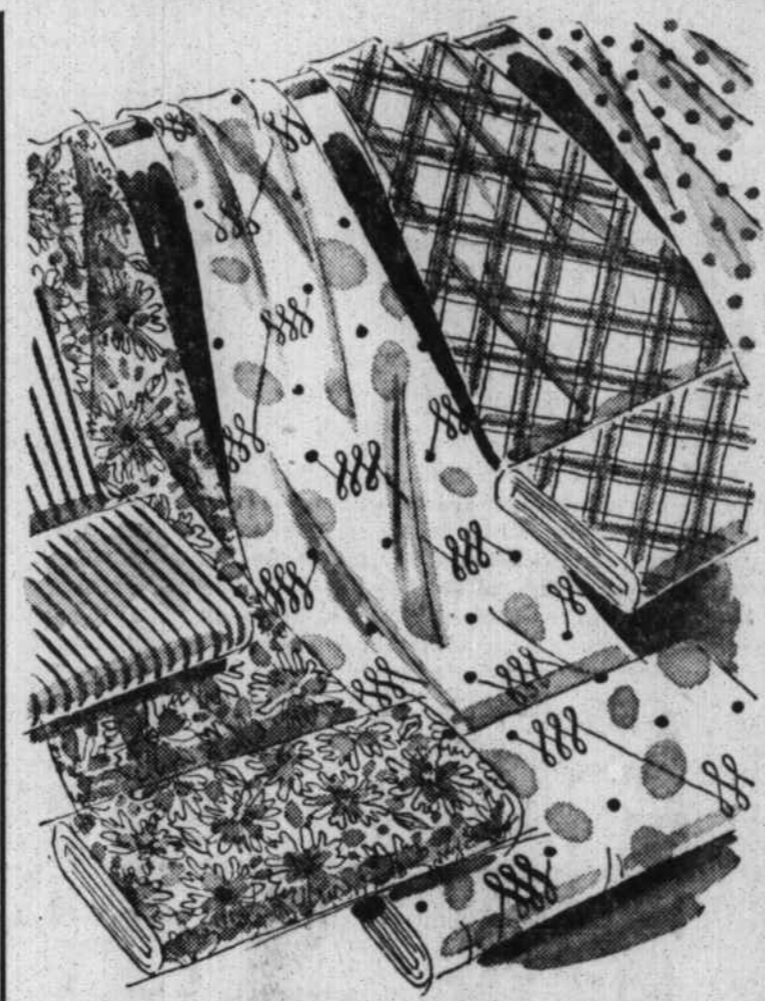
Miss Mackay, who is of Scottish descent, was educated in Europe but calls New York her home. She liked the Laotians, who she says are friendly, witty, artistic. There is much social life in the capital with the Thais and French, who make up a great part of the population, doing considerable entertaining. Everywhere she found a great desire to learn more about the United States and many people wanting to come here to study.

Miss Mackay got her first assignment to work for American aid projects five years ago in Paris. She was sent to Turkey for two years, then to Saigon. She hopes to return to the Far East but while home on accumulated leave she's setting down her Laotian experiences in a book.

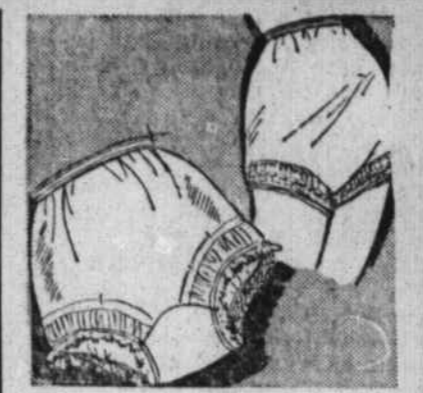
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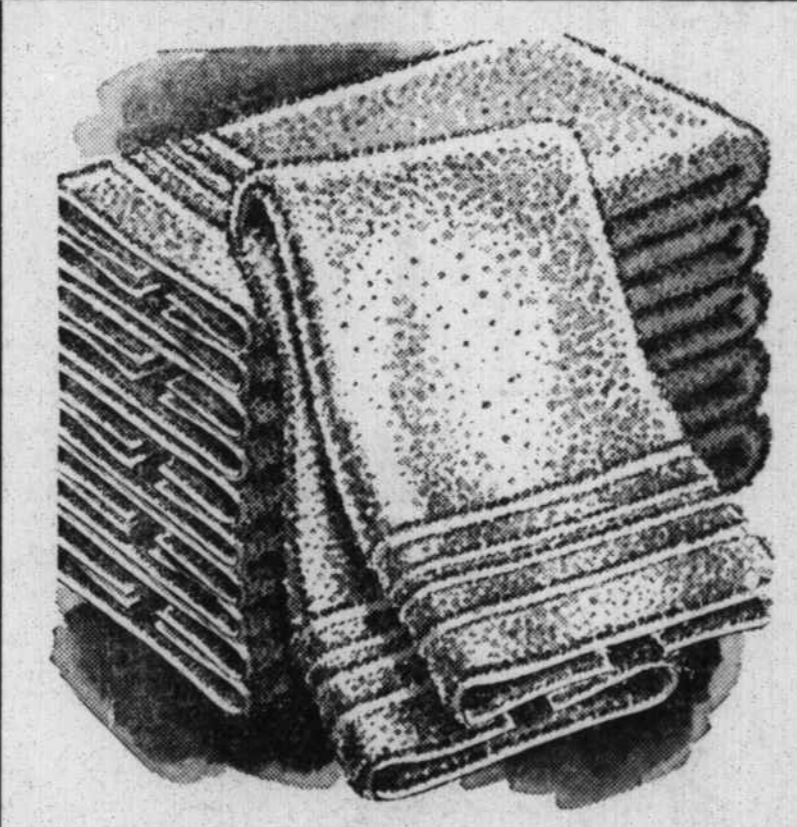
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