

Miss Melton of Willamette Will Go to Tokyo, Japan

Eminent Musician Directs Piano and Theory in Salem for Three Years in Very Creditable Manner; Accepts New Position

BY AUDRED BUNCH

THE News that Miss Frances Virginia Melton, director of the piano and theoretical departments of the Willamette University school of music, will not return to Salem for the next school year will come as a surprise to a host of friends, and will leave a large measure of regret in its wake. Instead, Miss Melton will go to Tokyo, Japan, to accept a splendid position that offered itself in January.

The new post will place Miss Melton at the head of the piano department of Union College, a large and newly founded educational center of which Dr. Reichauer is at the head. The new position will be of such a nature that Miss Melton will have time for much lecture and concert during the years ahead. Miss Melton has already spent two years teaching in Tokyo, though at the addition she made this beneficial addition to her career it came unexpectedly. She was in the country as a summer tourist when the news of her musical capabilities reached the head of the school where a competent and enthusiastic musical leader was the biggest need.

Upon completing her third year at Willamette, where the piano department in general, and the theoretical department, in particular, have taken a notable advance under her lead, Miss Melton will be able to leave the campus with the knowledge that she gave the school of music a new impetus. During the years she has been on the Willamette faculty, she has devoted herself untiringly to the upbuilding of the theoretical branches of musical study. It is this one lack of self-training, a competent course in solfeggio, that has subjected American colleges to the severe criticism of European musicians.

Miss Melton, whose many Salem friends will find it hard to see go, has studied with some of the most eminent musical personalities of modern times. In preparation for her career, she spent four years in Europe, crossing the water for the first time alone.

In Paris, Miss Melton spent memorable hours under the tutelage of Wager Swayne and Harold Bauer. Berlin brought her under the luminous influence of Severin Eisenberger. While in Vienna she studied with Theodor Leschetizky, the greatest master of them all.

In America, Miss Melton spent a valuable period of study with William T. Sherwood of Chicago, who was the pioneer in securing recognition of American musical talent. Sherwood, himself, was a pupil of Liszt! It is no wonder that Salem keenly regrets the loss of an artist whose pianism, and whose methods as well, bear the unquestioned stamp of such personalities.

Miss Melton's early school days were spent in Jacksonville, Illinois. Her grandfather, James Strawbridge, of the influential Maryland family, so prominent in Methodism, and brother of the Strawbridge who founded the famous "Strawbridge Meeting-House," assisted in the establishment of the endowment of the Illinois Woman's College. This college is the pianist's beloved Alma Mater, and ranks alongside Wellesley and Vassar and Mount Holyoke, those other noble beacon-lights in the history of national education for women.

Salem people, in general, do not know that it was Miss Melton's distinction last summer to receive the first honorary master's degree in music that the Illinois Woman's College ever granted. Miss Melton is a graduate of the college in both liberal arts and in music.

Miss Melton is the advisor of the Beethoven club which was organized during her first year on the campus. During the two years it has been in existence it has been, without doubt, one of the most influential of student organizations. This year the Salem Artistic Society came to Salem under the partial sponsorship of the Beethoven society.

Miss Melton is a loyal member of the Salem branch of the Oregon State Music Teachers' association. She has been chosen by the local MacDowell club to give the Beethoven centenary lecture, on March 28, in Waller Hall under its auspices. It was the MacDowell club which, in a memorable recital in the fall of 1924, first introduced Miss Melton, the pianist, to Salem.

During her few months' association with the Willamette University campus which yet remain, Miss Melton will present a number of promising students from the school of music in recital. Notable among these will be the graduation recital which Miss Eugenia Savage, an artist pupil, will give on June 6.

With the close of Willamette University on June 12, Miss Melton will conclude her three years' residence in Oregon with a motor tour around the Mount Hood Loop, over the MacKenzie Pass, and to Crater Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Denton have asked Miss Melton to be their guest for this trip. The pianist will go then to



Miss Frances Virginia Melton

Whidby Island, beyond Seattle, where she has her own summer home on the Sound—a picturesque bungalow filled with antique furniture from the house of her mother in Jacksonville, and treasures from a two years' sojourn in the Orient. Miss Melton has given her summer home, which affords an unbroken view of Mount Baker, the name of Ily-nola in commemoration of her former home state.

Late in the summer, Miss Melton will leave the Puget Sound country for Jacksonville. She will visit the campus of her Alma Mater at this time. Leaving the middle west, she will go to West Virginia where she will be the guest of relatives.

She will sail from New York for the British Isles where she will visit friends both in England and on the Isle of Wight. She will tour Europe to an extent before sailing for her Oriental destination. A delight which Miss Melton particularly anticipates is the boat trip up the Rhine to Beethoven's birthplace. She will take her boat for Tokyo from some Mediterranean port soon after Christmas, reaching Japan in 1928, in time for the opening of the Tokyo school in April.

"In the Orient," Miss Melton says, "they always seem to have time,—time for everything." It is our conclusion then, and wish, that there the artist may have time to be an artist,—which is never quite possible for those who hold full-time positions in American colleges.

On the evening that we went to Miss Melton, and persuaded her to share her plans with her friends she expressed sincere regret at the thought of leaving. She spoke with particular admiration of Miss Luelle Ross, assistant in her department, whose work and friendship have been the sources of a steadfast joy. "So many beautiful friends,—so many wonderful contacts there are that I have made in Salem," she cried earnestly. "I shall remember them all my life."

At the same time, we knew that her excitement over the splendid offer she has accepted was unmistakable. "But, you see," she confessed, seeing our confusion, "I have lived in the Orient before, and going back will be like going home."

SOCIETY

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Post Group Honors

Howard McKinley Corning
A small group of poets gave a dining Saturday evening at Magie Latern, in Poryland, in honor of Howard McKinley Corning whose book, "These People," has just been published.

A list of the guests invited follows: Ada Erving, Queenie Lister, Elinor Allen, Fay Howe, Helen Parke, Borghild Lee, Ada Hedges, Semel Barker, Ethel Fuller, Elizabeth Olsen, Isabel Clifford, Verne Bright, Wade Matthews, Henry Sivartwood, Richard Mulford, Lawrence Woodfin, Charles Olsen, Charles E. Fuller, Dr. William Hedges, George N. Barker, Wilson Lee, Isabelle Clifford, J. M. Clifford.

Out of town guests included Charles Alexander of Albany, Gertrude Ross of Salem, Richard Wetjen of Salem, H. L. Davis of The Dalles, Walter Kidd of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wattles of Corvallis.

Fifteen Tables of Bridge Are in Play at a Successful Benefit Affair

One of the most successful of the early spring benefit affairs was the bridge and silver tea sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Allan J. Cleveland.

Jonquils and daffodils were used in the rooms. The high score of the afternoon went to Mrs. Frank Davey. Mrs. George Nelson won the second prize.

The hostesses for the affair were: Mrs. Allan Cleveland, Mrs. Stanley J. Ostrander, Mrs. B. A. Victor, Mrs. Irwin Lewis, and Mrs. H. R. White.

Guests for bridge included: Mrs. William Yarnell, Mrs. By-

ron Herrick, Mrs. Reed Rowland, Mrs. Oscar Zeller, Mrs. Harry Finson, Mrs. Karl Hinges, Mrs. Edwin Armstrong, Mrs. Oral Lemmon, Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. J. T. Tallman, Mrs. N. Jones, Mrs. H. Hartman, Mrs. Lloyd Demarest, Mrs. E. Eckerlin, Jr., Mrs. Frank Davey, Mrs. A. Engel, Mrs. J. G. Naden, Mrs. George Nelson, Mrs. Carl Armstrong, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Mrs. Earl Paulsen, Mrs. Geo. P. Griffith, Mrs. Frances Cornell, Mrs. W. H. Byrd, Mrs. Robert Downing, Mrs. Cecil Naden, Mrs. Paul Burris, Mrs. James M. Smith, Mrs. A. J. Wheaton, Mrs. M. Van, Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mrs. F. J. Jirak, Mrs. Lyle Dunsmoor, Mrs. George V. Naderman, Mrs. E. H. Ellis, Mrs. Ray Hartman, Mrs. T. J. Brabec, Mrs. George H. Vehrs, Mrs. C. L. Newman, Mrs. James Jennings, Mrs. Erwin F. Smith, Mrs. Albert Gragg, Mrs. R. C. Stevenin, and Mrs. Richard Meyers.

Miss Ella Bennett Becomes Bride on Washington's Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bennett of 3072 Portland Road received word of the marriage of their daughter Ella of Oakland, California, on February 22, to Mr. Wm. Bingham Jacobsen. Mr. Jacobsen is connected with the Sunol & Manning Dental Laboratories. They will make their home in Oakland.

Miss Bretz Entertains House Guests

Miss Marian Bretz has as her week-end guests at her home on Highland Avenue Miss Margaret Poorman and Miss Elizabeth McCourt, of Woodburn, and Miss Maribel Quin and Miss Edith Starrett of Salem.

Mrs. Charles Davis Entertains Columbine Club

Mrs. Charles Davis was hostess for the members of the Columbine club at a delightful luncheon meeting in her home on Thursday. The table was beautifully decorated with a basket of daffodils, crocuses, and hyacinths. Lighted yellow tapers were arranged in a ring around the basket.

Covers were marked with tiny ladies in Easter bonnets for Mrs. William MacCarroll, Mrs. J. Rowland, Mrs. A. L. Tumbleton, Mrs. J. McAlpine, Mrs. Homer Best, Mrs. Lou Gohrke, Mrs. Ralph Howard, Mrs. Joe Beck, and the hostess, Mrs. Davis.

The club members honored Mrs. Davis with a birthday handkerchief shower. Mrs. Best assisted Mrs. Davis.

At the next meeting of the group Mrs. Ralph Howard will be the hostess.

Royal Neighbors Sewing Club

The members of the Royal Neighbors sewing club will meet on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Susie Parmenter, 809 North Commercial street. The regular pot-luck luncheon will be served at noon.

Miss Beatrice Shelton Entertains Pupils With George Washington Festival

A particularly attractive event in student musical circles was the elaborate George Washington festival of Tuesday evening at which Miss Beatrice Shelton was hostess.

The honor guests were Betsy Ross (Gail McClean), George Washington (Robert Alexander), and Martha Washington (Stella Van Avery).

The program opened with a grand march which introduced John Parke Custis (Master Jay Teed); Betsy Ross; Miss Frances Henley (Lucille McClean), and the soldiers (John Starr and Clare Hartley) to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia."

Following the speech of welcome by Betsy Ross, the members were cleverly introduced, and the performers properly presented to George and Martha.

The speech and introductions follow: "Dear friends, you must know that tonight we are living over again the time of dear George Washington and his beautiful wife, Martha. For the hands of the clock are at 12, and at that hour on his birthday this noble father of our land is permitted to come back to us to spend a few short hours as he likes best. His mem-

ory and great works are revered by all loyal Americans, not least by boys and girls who have read of him in history.

Perhaps you do not recognize me. I am Betsy Ross, who made the first American flag. I was chosen for this flag by George Washington because I had done such neat work embroidering the ruffles for his shirt fronts for many years.

American people always take time on the birthday of the great George Washington to pay tribute to his memory. Not only American people, but representatives from all parts of the world are here today to do homage to the immortal George, just returned from his celebrated trip of festivities around the entire world. And we are happy that he brings with him his beautiful wife, Martha, who always shares so graciously with all his festive occasions.

Dear friends, I am indeed happy to introduce to you this same dear George and Martha Washington.

Minuet—Enter Mr. and Mrs. John Adams (Eleanor and Maxine); Chancellor and Mrs. Livingston (Gene and Grace); Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson (Claudia and Esther); Mrs. Alexander Hamilton (Mrs. Branch); Frances Lucy Dandridge (Lenah); Martha Dandridge (Clariss).

Wedding—Enter minister, Rev. Snodgrass (Joe); bridegroom and bride, John Daff-down-dilly and Martha Crocus (Irvin and Eleanor); best man, Johnny-Jump-Up (Billie); bridesmaid, Jennie June (Mary); court musician, Paul Silke; stewardess, Mrs. Samuel Frances (Mrs. Silke); Lady Fair-face (Sarah Mensemer); Mrs. Benjamin Franklin (Mrs. Perry); Mrs. James Madison (Mrs. Teed); Mrs. John Jay (Miss Shelton).

Two of your favorite attendants will entertain us with the patriotic number, "Qui-Vi-La-America." Mr. and Mrs. John Adams (Eleanor and Maxine).

A gay Hungarian musician, a visitor to our land, will favor us with "Hungarian Fantasia," Marguerite Volavy. (Hoshie Watanabe).

Thomas Jefferson, a young patriot and staunch supporter of the spirit of Washington, will bring "Yesterday" as a tribute. (Claudia).

These young patriots, Francis Scott Key and Rev. Snodgrass, will bring back tunes to inspire in George and Martha memories of their homeland—"Salute the Colors." (Paul and Joe).

A sweet tale of spring is woven into the "Wooing of the Butterfly" and the "Minuet," played by Patsy Curtis. (Velma Woeike.)

A royal lady desires to air her charm through the melody of the "Souvenir"—(Claudine Gueffroy.) Dolly Madison.

A strolling player from Spain will interpret one of her characteristic "Tarantelle"—Anne Royal. (Allyce Hartley).

An old-fashioned song of home as a welcome to George and Martha will be given by Captain Pickney, one of Washington's bodyguards. (John Starr).

We salute Washington through one of his favorites, Chancellor Livingston, who will play "Les Voix du Matin." (Gene Peterson).

One of Lady Washington's favorite attendants will play "Evening," and sing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Mrs. John Adams (Maxine).

Madame Pompadour too must have her small part in making this a happy home for our grand visitors. She will read, (Loireana Rideout).

Two plantation lads will entertain us with southern melodies. Rev. Snodgrass, and Captain Pickney. (Joe, and John).

Six of our gifted attendants will interpret the minuet, often danced

during the holiday season: Mr. and Mrs. John Adams (Eleanor and Maxine); Mr. and Mrs. Chancellor Livingston. (Gene and Grace); Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson. (Claudia and Esther).

The French court has sent us greetings by one of their most petite, clever and graceful ladies in "Water Sprites." Anne Marie Washington. (Lorna Shook).

A messenger from a country far across the sea, Senorita Del Rio of Sunny Spain, will charm us with "Romanza Passinate." Marjory Webb.

We have just received word from the Lord High Chancellor that there is at our gates seeking entrance a love-lorn couple around whom intriguing little Cupid has woven his mysterious spell. John Parke Custis, we command you to usher in your happy victims. (March—wedding party enters).

Washington: Who are these happy little lovers who have come to seek our approval? Answer: Washington: Is it your desire to be united in marriage? Ceremony.

Mr. John Adams will play for us "Deuxieme Mazurka" and "To a Toy Soldier," bringing back the pleasant memories for George and Lady Washington. (Miss Eleanor Wright).

Now our little bridal party of five musicians will interpret the wonderful melodies of love. John Daff-down-dilly will play the "Spring Song." (Irvin Branch); Martha Crocus will play "Old-time Dance." (Eleanor Perry); Jenny June's number will be the "Musical Family." (Mary Shook); Johnny Jump-up will play the "Pussy Cat Waltz." (Billie Moyer); John Parke Custis will give us two numbers, "The Mill Wheel" and "The Soldier Boy." (Jay Teed).

A fair little musician brings melodies as colorful as flowers that bloom in the spring. "Laughing Eyes" and "Moonlight Serenade." (Dorothy Rulifson).

Aud Powell, the concert violinist of our court, will render her famous concert solo, "Kujawiak," by Wieniawski, accompanied by Martha Dandridge. (Gladys Medler).

The most righteous minister, Rev. Snodgrass, will honor us with his selection, "The Rising Sun." (Joe Darby).

Two wandering minstrels bring bring us a picture of life in a carnival. John Daff-down-dilly and Francis Scott Key. (Irvin and Paul).

Our court musician, Francis Scott Key, will bring an offering from Sunny Italy, in "Il Trovatore." (Paul).

The final number will be given by Senorita Del Rio, who will favor us with a Spanish Dance, accompanied by Mrs. Madison. (Marjory and Mrs. Teed).

Washington's speech concludes our program for the evening. We will all join in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Afterward, please remain seated while you are being served by the stewardess, Mrs. Samuel Frances, assisted by Martha and Frances Lucy Dandridge.

Washington's birthday favors were used in the serving. At the close of the program a flashlight picture was made of the group.

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