

HIGH WATER TAKES OUT FALSE WORK FOOTS CREEK SPAN

GOLD HILL, Apr. 2—The Japanese operetta, "Miss Cherry Blossom," which was given by the boys and girls' chorus of the Gold Hill high school at the high school auditorium on the evening of March 30, proved to be a huge success. The stage setting for the operetta, which was done by Miss Dorothy and Beatrice Conner, was to the last artistic color finished perfectly. An exceptionally large crowd of people from the surrounding country, as well as those from Gold Hill, attended. The cast of characters, in the order of their appearance, was:

Cherry Blossom, brought up as the daughter of Kokoro, in reality, Evelyn Barnes of New York, Daphne Matthews; Kokoro, proprietor of a tea garden in Tokyo, Japan, W. O. G. S. Shaver; John Henry Smith, a New Yorker, on a visit to Japan as the guest of Mr. Worthington, Bernel Davidson; Henry Foster Jones, Jack's pal, in love with Jessica, Warren Kelson; Horace Worthington, a New York stock broker on a visit to Japan, entertaining a party of friends on his private yacht, Beth Coy; James Young, Worthington's private secretary, Lyle Childers; Jessica Vanderpool, Worthington's niece, Ruth Dufar; Toyo, a Japanese politician of high rank, Woodrow Shaver; an American girl with Jessica, Ethel Smith.

The following were girls pictured as Japanese Geisha girls: Ruth Cameron, Marcia Radtke, Lucille Hittle, Barbara McQuat, Lora Childers, Dovie Elles, Leona Lantz, Jewel Quackenbush, Jean Chisholm, Jeanne Gulussen, Ruth Applegate.

The following were a chorus of American men: Melvin Sargent, Clarence Wheatley, Lindsay Dorman, Floyd Compton, Charles Smith.

Several excellent songs were sung and some excellent musical talent was shown. The operetta was under the supervision of Mrs. Fred Guy. Thanks are due her for her excellent instruction in this presentation. Such has never been equaled in performance before in the Gold Hill schools as never before has anything of its kind been undertaken. The operetta was presented in most excellent form and through the instruction of the music teacher, Mrs. Guy, some excellent talent has been found which may result in a greater interest in music in the Gold Hill school. It will probably be presented again on account of the great success it made.

Mrs. C. W. Rose was a Gold Hill business visitor the latter part of last week.

The historical show, "The Puritans," which was presented last Friday afternoon in the high school auditorium, was much appreciated by the school students because of its subject pertaining to school history classes. Another of its kind will be presented next Friday afternoon at the school auditorium and since the last one was helpful in school studies, a large majority of the students will probably attend. The next show is entitled, "Alexander Hamilton," and deals with his great works, one of which is the founding of our national banking system.

Mrs. Minnie Stuekel of Medford has been visiting for the past few days at the home of Mrs. G. Davis here in Gold Hill.

Mr. Leyman, a resident of the Sams Valley district was a visitor in our city on Thursday.

Mrs. Andy Erickson is remodeling her garage in order to accommodate the new Willys-Knight standard six which she purchased last week.

The W. R. C. met on last Wednesday afternoon at their hall. Several members were present at this meeting.

The past week has witnessed the wrath of the weather man in our community. The last few days have

been nearly all rain. On Sunday, a slight snowstorm hit the valley. This came as a great surprise to most people, who have passed several days of spring, but the weather still indicates winter. Probably it is just an equinoctial storm and will last only a few days longer.

A large crowd attended the dance here at the pavilion on Saturday night. The music was, as usual, furnished by Kincaid's Imperial orchestra. The dances are given on Saturday nights, every two weeks.

Mrs. Dale Lofton was a visitor to our city last week. On account of the recent rains, the falsework on the bridge at Foots creek was washed out. The bridge is being widened because formerly it was too narrow for two large cars to pass. This takes about six months' work upon the bridge, which will have to be done over.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Merriman, Mrs. George Hammersly, Mrs. Vaughn Quackenbush and Mrs. Alva Walker attended the American Legion dance at Medford on Saturday night.

Lawrence Witsett has started plowing the large field along the irrigation ditch near Galt's creek. He is going to plow and seed it for Frank Bay of Medford. This land has been idle for several years, but now turns toward a remunerative prospect.

The lively lime plant will resume operations Tuesday morning after having been idle for one week. This makes several employment places that are now reopening operations in the valley, and indications point toward plenty of employment in the near future. Bert Adams, Richard Adams, Jimmy Burns, Frank Norton, Alva Walker, Bill Ferguson and Bud Force attended the Togue Sanatorium of the Ancient, Mystic Order of Samaritans at Grants Pass on Saturday evening when the installation work was in progress. Roy Bates and Ted Dole were in Gold Hill last week.

ASHLAND

ASHLAND, April 2—An Easter sunrise prayer meeting for the southern end of the county will be held at Phoenix next Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. If the weather is good the meeting will be on Hader's hill east of town, but otherwise in the new Presbyterian church, which was dedicated last Sunday. A good many Ashland young people plan to attend the meeting.

Short prayer meetings of a half hour each will be held at 7 o'clock in the Ashland churches, in turn, five evenings this week by the young people of the various church societies. The Monday meeting will be at the Congregational church, Tuesday at the Baptist, Wednesday at the Christian, Thursday at the Presbyterian and Friday at the Methodist church. These meetings are in preparation for the Easter Sunday observance.

A new portion of the old Bagley cannery building at Talent is being taken from there and removed to Ashland for an addition to the Bagley plan here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Morrow of Portland were in Ashland on Friday.

Mr. Murphy, Standard Oil company manager in Klamath Falls, and his assistant, were in Ashland Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barrett recently visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Elmer Kincaid, of Talent, on the James Barrett ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Homes of the Bellevue district spent a part of Friday in Medford.

After a three weeks' visit at the home of H. Commons on Anderson Creek, Mrs. Alice May has returned to her home in Ashland.

A. S. Sargent of Gold Hill was arrested by Deputy Warden Roy Parr of Ashland and fined \$25 and costs for fishing without a license.

E. L. King, Portland Southern Pacific division superintendent, passed through Ashland in his private car last Friday on his way south.

D. M. Peter and G. Higgins, from Peter, Ore., were in Ashland the latter part of last week on business.

L. V. Nesbit of San Francisco, representing the Intertype Service corporation of that city, was in Ashland Friday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Creason were visiting in Ashland Friday from Dumour.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bryant of Montague were in Ashland for a few hours Saturday on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Allison Moulton, president of the Medford Humane society, and the members of one of the society's committees, were in Ashland Saturday with a view of organizing a similar society here.

Whit Barton's orchestra from Loveland, Idaho, furnished the dance music at Jackson Hot Springs last Friday evening.

Miss Mildred Beeson, Talent school teacher living in Ashland, will attend the meeting of the Talent Community club on Wednesday afternoon, April 4, and tell of her grandfather's pioneer experiences in Jackson county.

Miss Beeson expressed the desire to Oregon with his father when a boy of 16, located in the Wagner Creek section and raised a family, many of whose members still live in this county.

Mrs. Gordon MacCracken, Mrs. H. O. Anderson and Mrs. H. A. Rieburn, all of Ashland, are in Portland for a few days, attending the annual state convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. MacCracken is state regent of the association, and will preside at the convention. Mrs. Anderson is state corresponding secretary.

D. A. H. convention in Portland last week. Mrs. L. Schwein and Mrs. L. A. Mox of Ashland visited in Medford last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill visited with friends in Talent last week.

Mrs. Wesley Vogel of Talent visited her daughter, Mrs. George A. Brisson, at the latter's home in Ashland for a day last week.

Mrs. William Glenn from Talent was a visitor in Ashland last Friday.

H. N. Cockerline, general agent at Albany of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, spent several days in Ashland and Medford last week on business.

George Van Natta of St. Helens, Ore., grandson of G. O. Van Natta of Ashland, recently broke both his legs in a collision with a

truck while riding home from Salem on his motorcycle. George is attending law school at Salem, from which he will graduate in June. The latest report is to the effect that he is improving as rapidly as can be expected.

Leo Potter, Central Point gardener, was a visitor in Ashland Sunday evening.

The Ashland Study club, pioneer organization of this character in the city, will attend a covered dish luncheon at 1 o'clock Monday at the home of Mrs. T. J. Malmgren at Phoenix.

The members will discuss plans for the program for the coming year.

Miss Ella McLeod, mathematics teacher at the Junior High school, has been called to Wisconsin by the serious illness of her father, and left Monday.

M. J. Walcott returned several days ago from Macdonald, Calif., where he has been employed in construction work. He will go back to work when the weather becomes favorable.

Miss Nadine Brearcliffe, who is attending school at the Southern Oregon normal, enjoyed a week-end visit from her mother, Mrs. A. Brearcliffe of Klamath Falls, where she is proprietor of the Betty Jane shop. Miss Nadine recently returned with her father from a trip to Red Bluff, Calif.

John Gardner of Ashland, was arrested early Saturday morning by Chief of Police Claus, charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Gardner was fined \$10 and costs by Municipal Judge Baughman.

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SECRET WEDDING OF PIANIST AND PUPIL REVEALED

NEW YORK, Apr. 2—The musical talent he discerned in Betty Short, 17-year-old student of piano, was revealed today as the attraction which ripened into love and marriage for Josef Hofmann, famous pianist.

The secret marriage of the musician and his former pupil four years ago was disclosed by Dagmar Godowsky, a daughter of Leopold Godowsky, and subsequently was confirmed by Mr. Hofmann and his wife.

The wedding took place shortly after Mr. Hofmann and his first wife were divorced.

Interest in Betty's great talent soon became a fatherly interest in Betty herself and then ripened into love. Miss Godowsky said: "Their baby son, Anton, is the most beautiful child I have ever seen. He seems to have inherited the talents of both his parents."

The divorce and marriage were kept secret, she explained, because Mr. Hofmann feared an announcement might interfere with the career of his daughter by the first marriage; now a sculptress and about the same age as the president Mrs. Hofmann.

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