

Queer Customs in Korea Told on Return of Miss Thompson From Country

By Eva Nealon Hamilton.
Girls must keep their stockings well darned in Korea. And here's the reason why, brought back to Medford by Mary Jarvis Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Edith Fish Thompson of Phoenix at the conclusion of two years in the Orient—"It's shoes off in the theater. Shoes off in church, on the ferry, at the door step and in the temple."
"But it's all very beautiful over there," Miss Thompson added to her bit of advice to young females yesterday, giving her slightly wrinkled nose that intriguing sort of wrinkle, only accomplished by those who have not passed the borderline of "sweet sixteen."
"And I want to be a missionary too," she continued in charming voice, referring to the 44 years her uncle, the Rev. S. A. Moffett has devoted to carrying the message of Christ to the "heathen."
Miss Thompson was first required to take off her shoes, when crossing the straits to Korea by ferry, two years ago. The time arrived and shoes were shed, while all sat down on mats to drink, she explained yesterday at the Hamilton Patton home, where she was house guest. Then at the door of a Korean home, she learned houses were not to be entered with shoes on. The same applied to theaters, even where American talks are shown.
"They are American pictures, all right," Miss Thompson explained in answer to inquiry, "But the interpreter talks so loudly in Korean you can't hear what the actors are saying."
Throughout the film, she added, the interpreter stands following the lines through with the Korean explanation, his voice ringing out above the mechanical sounds and drowning the American language to those few present, who would care to hear.
In the Korean houses the floors are covered with waxed or oiled paper, on which the people sleep, whose course necessitates its being kept clean. In church, too, the people seat themselves on mats and many legs go to sleep during the sermon. Miss Thompson assured her interviewer yesterday. Men and boys seat themselves in one side of the church and the women and girls in the other. It is very improper for the sexes to intermingle. In the Korean home, she further emphasized this point, the men and women do not meet at meal time. The men always dine first. "Then the women get what's left."
Many of the old Koreans still sell their daughters to husbands. They are frequently girls of 14 and 15 years, Miss Thompson said, voicing a sincere sympathy for the young Orientals.
"They have no choice in the matter and all of them become positive slaves to their mother-in-laws, with whom they live. When the bride comes into the house, the mother-in-law sits back and gives orders, which must be obeyed," Miss Thompson spoke with disgust. "The Christian Koreans have learned not to sell their children and the missionaries are educating more of them each year to the crime of such action. Still it goes on among the old ones."
At the wedding ceremony in Korea the woman's eyes are covered with clay until the final words are spoken, giving her in marriage. Then comes the wedding feast, rice cakes, fish and much to drink and everybody gets drunk.
The latter custom is also observed

at funerals, Miss Thompson said. Mourners are hired to rend the air with their cries, while the body lies in state and during the funeral. At the grave paper money is showered into the air to drive away the devils, banners are waved and then everybody gets drunk on the national Korean drink.
The old Koreans, Miss Thompson said, still draw very definite lines of demarcation between the high and the low born. The aristocrats will not even carry the smallest package through the streets, but insist upon coolies doing all manual labor. As an interesting illustration of this ancient custom, still observed, the local miss told the following story:
An old Korean was watching a tennis game down by the sea, played by the foreigners. At the height of the game, he exclaimed to an American: "Why don't you get a coolie to knock the balls for you?"
Sports, however, are coming into prominence in the Orient. Miss Thompson volunteered. Baseball, basketball and ice hockey are very popular.
Asked for the most interesting experience of her stay in Korea, Miss Thompson described a trip up a mountain on the back of a coolie, the accepted method of travel. On her way to a mountain summer resort, she took her place in the funny little seat on the servant's back. For one year, one coolie will make the trip. A helper man to help him out costs still more money. And then there's the chair idea of travel, which makes use of two coolies, who carry the passenger in a chair, suspended from a bamboo pole. The one man conveyance is known as a "jiki" and the coolie is very emphatic. Miss Thompson stated, in demanding that his passenger doesn't wiggle.
Describing the fashion mode of Korea, Miss Thompson said the very young wear nothing at all and the older children miniature copies of the suits or their elders. The old Koreans men still wear top knots. The women long hair, much oiled. No hats are seen, except among foreigners.
In the foreign school at Pyeng Yang, where Miss Thompson was a student for two years, there are 120 enrolled, none native. To show that although the men still refuse to eat with the women in the Oriental country, they have progressed some in their relationship, Miss Thompson recalled a temple in Seoul, where hangs a bell, formerly used to announce the time for men to leave the streets that the women might appear. They were never allowed to inhabit the streets at the same time. That custom has been abolished.
"Among the most beautiful contributions to art in the country, Miss Thompson listed the monasteries in the Sacred Mountains. She also visited the palace at Tokio on her return from Korea and described the Japanese art for the most part superior to that of the Koreans.
Miss Thompson left the states two years ago with a group of missionaries, here on furlough and traveled to Pyeng Yang to join her uncle, the first missionary into the region, and his family. There was a pronounced gleam of sincerity in her blue gray eyes yesterday, when she announced that she hoped to return to the Orient as a missionary herself some day.

LARGE MAJORITY SELMA CCC BOYS FOR RE-ENLISTING

P. A. WEITCH
Now that the president has put his O. K. on another six months' enlistment the boys of Camp 1746 CCC at Selma, Ore., decided to take a straw vote on whether they would re-enlist. The final vote for this camp was: Re-enlistment, 172; non-re-enlistment, 29, or about 86 per cent in favor of re-enlistment. Incidentally, as some 15 Applegate CCC'ers were the guests of the camp that night, a vote was taken among them and the result showed 13 for and two against, which is about the same percentage.
However, there was much discussion among the boys before they made their final decision. The question of leave between enlistments that they might look for another job, to give some a chance to get on their feet again, or transfer to another camp, possibly nearer home, or in another part of the country, was discussed, as was the question of a different wage scale and whether or not the camp would be permanently located on the present site with winter quarters in place of the squad tent.
As yet the company officers had received no official answers to these naturally raised questions, so all answers were only provisional. However, when the vote was taken, 86 out of 100 men stated that they had planned to stay. This is a mighty strong round of applause for the CCC idea.

PHIL SINGLETON RITES SATURDAY 2 P. M. ROSEBURG

Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Bunch and Mrs. Fred Fry, who left yesterday for Roseburg immediately after receiving news of the sudden death of Phil Singleton, returned last night and announced today that funeral services will be held in the northern city Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
Mrs. Singleton's mother and father had arrived from Corvallis to remain with her when her Medford friends left for home.
Dr. Bunch, in speaking of the accident this morning, stated that Mr. Singleton died almost immediately after the truck left the highway. Discussing the truck was slipping through the soft shoulder of the road he attempted to jump and was caught under the spare tire, which struck him in the region of the heart. A man, who witnessed the accident, stated that when he got to Mr. Singleton a few minutes later he was dying.
News of his death was received here yesterday as a tragic shock by many friends. The Singletons frequently visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bunch and had been here a very short time ago.

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