

Herald and News this 'n that About Women

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TURKEY — for centuries the greatest empire in all the world, which gave the great Biblical stories and the classics of antiquity to posterity . . . crossroads between three continents . . . land of mosques and minarets and lovely women, is the homeland of a new American, dark-eyed Mekmina C. Duffell of Harlan Drive.

Her parents are Turkish but Mekmina Duffell was born aboard a train somewhere between Russia and China. She was schooled in the Orient, absorbing beauty and graciousness and love of art.

In her growing up years she saw pictures of cowboys and of Indians, printed in America, saved pennies to buy dry bread to eat, as she ran away to the U. S., was caught and punished; but she never forgot the land of her dreams.

She was married in the Philippine Islands to a U. S. Naval officer, John Duffell and in 1945 she reached these shores. Immediately she set about becoming a citizen of her adopted land and when, back in Baltimore, her credentials were put into her hands, she was probably the proudest young woman between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans.

She has never been homesick but often her thoughts went back to the land where her parents were, held under Communist rule. Just recently that burden of uncertainty was lifted when she learned that once more they were safe in the land that had given them birth, Turkey, long known as the Ottoman Empire.

Mekmina Duffell, in the war years, escaped bayonets of the enemy in the war between the Japanese nation and this country. She has one memento of those harrowing times, an exquisite Japanese vase, that she found in Manila as she fled, buried it and found it when liberation came.

She paints exquisite Oriental scenes in oils, from memory . . . won two blue ribbons on her paintings in hobby shows . . . she cooks mysterious spicy dishes and bakes lemon pies for her small terrier Baby Toots, who will leave the tenderest steak for a slice of his favorite dessert.

She loves the Chinese people, recalls that in her youth when need was great, that her family was fed and clothed and schooled by the Chinese Red Cross. She believes that friendship between the U. S. and China might have been a deep bond, had the opportunity not been overlooked, and is sure that the Chinese people are sad, who know that the bond has been frayed to the breaking . . .

Sometime she may return to Istanbul, but today she is interested in learning the names of garden flowers and becoming friends with the people of Klamath Falls.

Youth Wounds Town Marshal

NAPOLEON, Ohio (AP) — A young man who escaped from Illinois deputies Wednesday was captured here late last night after critically wounding a town marshal.

Henry County Sheriff Fred H. Bartels said he was holding 23-year-old Arthur Peters and quoted him as saying:

"I guess I must be crazy."

Bartels said Peters had forced a taxi driver at gunpoint to bring him to Ohio. After leaving the cab, the sheriff said, Peters fired on Harry Hartling, elderly town marshal of McClure, when the officer tried to pick him up while he was hitchhiking.

Then he took Hartling's car, abandoned it near McClure and

commandeered another, forcing the driver, Arthur Baker of Holgate, to drive him to Toledo, Bartels said.

A gas station attendant became suspicious when the two stopped for gasoline. He notified authorities and, as Peters was about to drive into Napoleon, city and county officials closed in. He surrendered without a fight.

Hartling was found beside U.S. Route 6 with chest and arm wounds.

Bartels said Peters admitted the shooting. No charges have been filed.

Wednesday, Peters had escaped from two DePage County, Ill., dep-

uties who had arrested him on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor in Franklin Park, a Chicago suburb. They said he disarmed them, robbed them of about \$50 and stole their car.

New Red Offensive Warned Against

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — The Interior Ministry's Ta Tao news agency said today Red China is pouring artillery, antiaircraft guns, ammunition and trucks into Indochina for a Vietminh offensive in the Red River delta region.

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The young couple, wed last month, will co-star on Video Theater over CBS-TV.

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