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Calling all small-town talent: You too can be a big star on the radio

People,

ETC.

Attention all you talented small-town dwellers in Western North Carolina. If you live in a town of under 2,000 people and have an unusual talent, **Garrison Keillor** and the folks at "A Prairie Home Companion" are looking for you. To find out more, tune in for the Jan. 11 broadcast of "A Prairie Home Companion," heard on public radio stations nationwide.

The third annual T-TUTT (Talent from Towns Under 2,000) will be held March 15 in Muncie, Ind., on a live broadcast of "A Prairie Home Companion." Contestants will be selected from mailed-in and phoned-in entries to perform in front of a live audience on the Ball State University campus.

Keillor says, "This show is my idea, because I like small-town people."

The first year, yodeler **Janet Sorenson**, who lives on a sugar beet farm in northwest Minnesota, emerged as the winner. The next year, another Minnesotan, 10-year-old **Emily Shackleton**, took

top prize with her rendition of "Colors of the Wind" from Pocahontas. The winner will be decided by written ballot from members of the Muncie audience.

Deadline for entries is Jan. 31 and entries must be received in St. Paul, Minn., by then. Contestants must live in a town with fewer than 2,000 people.

Interested? Send in an audiocassette (homemade is fine), with a three-minute sample of your best performance. The tape must be cued to the song you'd like listeners to hear. Include photos and a short description of who you are and what you do. Send it to A Prairie Home Companion, 45 E. Seventh St., St. Paul, Minn. 55101-2274. Mark T-TUTT on the envelope.

Or, use the handy answering machine audition: call (612) 290-1174 and give a three-minute performance.

The etiquette of taking tea

Hendersonville resident

Jacqueline Lancaster Beddingfield

became a certified

Tea

Etiquette

Consultant at a

training class

conducted by

Dorothea Johnson

of the Protocol School

of Washington.

The training, held at the

Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner

in McLean, Va.,

attracted participants from as far

as California, Canada and Maine.



Jacqueline Beddingfield



Dorothea Johnson



Garrison Keillor, right, is shown with Janet Sorenson, left, the yodeler who won the 1995 "Talent from Towns Under 2,000" contest, and 10-year-old singer Emily Shackleton, center, the 1996 winner. In the foreground is the Silver Watertower Trophy, the ultimate symbol of small-town success.

The program was developed to train and certify independent consultants to present tea and etiquette programs. The demand for learning the essentials of tea etiquette is driving the need for the classes.

Interest in proper tea etiquette is soaring as demonstrated by the popularity of the series of training and certification programs held at the Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner.

Leadership School graduate

Graduates of the **Class of Fellows of the Institute for Political Leadership** include **Julie S. Crenshaw** of Tryon. She is a real estate agent. She is the Public Service Company of North Carolina Fellow.

Adams to perform

The January programs at the

N.C. Museum of History have been announced and **Sheila Kay Adams** of Madison County is in the lineup. Adams will present Music of North Carolina from 3 to 4 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Museum.

For seven generations, Adams' family has passed down the traditional English, Scottish and Irish ballads of their ancestral home. She'll perform these moving and sometimes funny songs in the program.

Seeking fellow grads

Myrtis H. Lee of Richmond, Va., was graduated from Stephens-Lee High School here in the late '20s or early '30s and would like to be in touch with other Stephens-Lee alumni of that era. She asks that they write her at 1713 Bellview Ave., #C619, Richmond, Va., 23227.