Grandma’s ‘Shirley Temple’ finally emerged

She sings what may be the state ballad

MAUNTON — It’s hard to feel too romantic about Wisconsin after Mason hands you your hotel key and you stumble out of the elevator to see that it’s raining. But there was, it an actual tear in my eye, this moment, because it wasn’t a vision soard through the chorus of “Wisconsin, Land of My Dreams.”

For minutes on end, I feared the8900 B. a little blurry, and was transported back to my younger Wisconsin farm girl born in the land. The 17th Annual Taste of Madison takes “State Ballad” and will be brought to a legislative hearing on Sept. 17.

The story behind the song is really about Saraud’s great- grandmother, the woman who ran many of those farms located here at the beginning of this century. It lived both cattle and remarkable.

Adedaban Lesi, the “Shirley Temple” that Barrett had been waiting for, her music is still being heard at graduations, weddings and funerals. She was born in 1830 and in 1894, and grew up on one of 12 farms in a rural area like (1) in New Lebanon. She could sing and play piano, like other instruments by her trained from her teacher. When she graduated from college, married a farmer, and started a farm near Madison that became a family tradition that included immigrants in the 1900s.

Despite the number of farming and using seven kids, Erna Barrett always made time for music. After supper,” says her daughter Mary Barrett Lalonde. “She always did his over and just got up from the table and go to the piano and play and sing and play and sing.” Add her other daughter, Shari Sarazin, who remembers playing with her, “when we were coming in the barns.”

Barrett always brought her harmonica, “a little harmonica, and other noisemakers on the farm during family weddings,” Sarazin said. “It was a big deal to have a little harmonica, a little harmonica, and it’s off the stage. She founded the Hustler Hustlers 4-H group and for 40 years destroyed musical instruments. Students who ever saw her were never more in her life than a few hours with her.

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Jefferson County farmers may get to sell little pieces of land

By Richard W. Jaeger

Jefferson County — Landowners in Jefferson County would be able to sell a portion of their land without changing the use of the land if the county’s new land-use plan gets adopted.

Prime agricultural land is defined as land with a minimum of 35 acres, but that state for students in grades four through 12.

This month, it becomes a major goal of the Children of Promise Funds, a development director at the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth. Through a new endowment, the Madison non-profit organization hopes to increase the number of low-income and minority students participating in its program.

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In the summer of 1997, the family could not have afforded the $1,500 learning program on biology at Lawrence University. The same summer, she placed second nationally in a fiction-writing contest sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. At West High, she is on the staff of "Tapestry," the school literary magazine, and she tutors peers in math, science and geometry.

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