

PLAYMAKERS TO OBSERVE YEARLY NIGHT OF FROLIC

All Faculty Cast Will Stage English Christmas Play As Part Of Revels Tonight.

Members of the faculty will play the leading roles in the Twelfth Night Revels of the Carolina Playmakers which will be given as the closing event of the annual dramatic directors conference in the Playmaker theatre here tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

An all-faculty cast will stage the old English Christmas play, *Saint George and the Dragon*, as was done last year, with P. C. Farrar, J. O. Bailey, R. R. Potter, M. T. Van Hecke, A. S. Wheeler, G. F. Horner and English Bagby participating. Professor Farrar will direct the performance.

Following the tradition, the kitchen scene from Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* will be enacted by members of the faculty and students, including Professors U. T. Holmes, Hubert C. Heffner and W. E. Caldwell. Holmes Bryson of Asheville and Louise Thacker of Greensboro will be the student members of the cast.

The Playmakers Revels is an annual event, based on the old English custom of observing twelve days of fun and frolic immediately following Christmas. The twelfth night, on which there was much hilarity, was the consummation of the holidays.

An addition was made to the program of the Twelfth Night Revels when it was announced last night that the Carolina Fencing club would present a fifteen minute comedy, "The Return of Count Disease," the play being written by Digby and Fred Wardlaw, University students, who take parts in their own drama.

There are nine characters in the playlet, all of whom are practicing fencing on the University campus.

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William Beebe, Explorer, To Speak Here January 30

William Beebe, noted explorer and author, will give an illustrated lecture, "Beneath Tropic Seas," in Swain hall, January 30, as the first number on the student entertainment program this quarter.

Mr. Beebe has, it is said, by means of his popular writings on the subject of birds and insects of tropic lands and on the wonders of the ocean depths, made the field as interesting and as familiar as the ordinary life in this part of the world. On his famous trip to the Galapagos Islands three years ago he chose the depths of the ocean as a new field for investigation. Up to that time little had been written about the weird, fantastic creatures that live miles below the surface of the sea, because little was known about them.

With the help of his newly perfected diving apparatus and cast steel camera for making pictures beneath the surface of the sea, Mr. Beebe on the cruise of the *Arcturion* to Haiti and at Nonsuch Island, off Bermuda, gave a record of underwater life that surpasses any other deep sea explorations yet attempted. The Bell Telephone

Local Bank Grows

M. C. S. Noble Observes 25th Anniversary As Director.

The stockholders of the Bank of Chapel Hill held their annual meeting last Friday, January 3. It happened that this was the 25th anniversary of the election of M. C. S. Noble to the board of directors, and the gathering felicitated him upon his long service and his continuing vigor. He has been president of the bank for 20 years.

In his annual report he reviews the bank's growth since it was organized in April, 1899, with a paid up capital of \$2,500. In the following August it had total resources of \$10,606, and listed on the balance sheet were the items: profit, \$14.12; paid-up capital, \$2,437. The first stockholders were C. L. Lindsay, D. McCauley, R. W. Winston, J. S. Carr, and J. C. Biggs.

The total resources are now \$1,850,000. The capital is \$30,000, the surplus \$70,000, and the undivided profits \$50,000. The deposits have mounted to \$1,500,000.

"An illustration of our growth," says Mr. Noble in his report, "is the fact that we paid our first cashier \$30 a month, a salary slightly less than we pay our present janitor for part-time service."

A semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. was declared in January, 1900 and that rate was maintained for several years, with occasional extra dividends thrown in. The dividend rate is now 10 per cent. semi-annually, and recently an extra dividend of 5 per cent. was declared.

At the meeting last Friday the former directors were all re-elected. They are M. C. S. Noble (president), D. D. Carroll, Clyde Eubanks, J. S. Patterson, I. W. Pritchard, R. L. Strowd, B. B. Lloyd, R. A. Eubanks, M. E. Hogan, and George Howe.

Yackety Yack Notice

There will be an important meeting of the editorial staff of the Yackety Yack at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

STUDENTS TURN FIREMEN SAVING ABERNETHY HOME

Ruffin And Maybank Extinguish Blaze Before Firemen Arrive.

The third fire-alarm of the new year was turned in yesterday morning at 10:30 by Dr. E. A. Abernethy, in whose home occurred a fire of indeterminate origin which resulted in trifling damage.

A passer-by in the hall of the third floor of Dr. Abernethy's home noticed smoke curling out from underneath the doors of one of the rooms. The fire department was called but by the time that Chief Foister and his fire-fighters, fully equipped with axes, hose and other fire-fighting equipment, arrived, the building was a mass of flames.

Maybank had dashed into the burning room and with heroic spirit and a good chemical fire-extinguisher, thoroughly extinguished the entire conflagration—which consisted of one slightly used wicker chair.

The crowd that gathered outside the home of the University physician was large, for the fire was conveniently held during the chapel period. But the mob of citizens, much like the Romans who were not given a gory enough spectacle in the circus, expressed keen disappointment in the pettiness of the blaze and walked away dejectedly, sighing for the good old days when fires like those of the Pickard Hotel, Phi Delta Theta, and, more recently, Delta Sigma Phi and Chi Psi occurred more frequently.

As one spectator remarked, as he clambered into his new Ford which was to take him back to Carrboro, "Yes sir, these days are mighty sorry ones. The whole campus is changing. Why, I remember the day when the South building was the South building and not a mere misnomer for a building right in the center of the campus. Yes sir, the good old days are gone. What do our fires amount to nowadays, anyway? A chair, or a wooden rick. What we need are fewer students meddling with fires. Why, if those two boys, Ruffin and Maybank, hadn't jumped into that there room and stopped the flame, we would have had a real, right looking fire by the time the good old Chief Never-prompt Foister and his troupe of the "Four Sleeping Firemen" would have come. Things are coming to a point where it don't pay to stir at the sound of the fire-siren anymore. Mark my words, young man, the day isn't far off when Chapel Hill will have to go through months on end without a serious fire. And when that time comes, I'm pulling out for Chicago."

MacCarthy Honored

Dr. Gerald P. MacCarthy of the department of Geology has recently been elected a fellow of the Geological Society of America. This election gives the Geology department four fellows in the society. They are Dr. Collier Cobb, Dr. W. F. Prouty, Joel H. Swartz and G. P. MacCarthy.

The Chi Omega sorority will move to 227 Franklin street on January 15 into the house belonging to Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Wilson.

Steele Has Play

Famous Author Will Take Up Residence Here.

Wilbur Daniel Steele, who took a lease on the Greenlaw house recently, has written a play which is now being presented in Atlantic City and will have its New York opening next week. The necessity of attending rehearsals has prevented Mr. Steele from spending much time in his new home here since the family moved in. Mrs. Steele and the boys are established in the house, and Mr. Steele will probably be with them a few days hence. Thurston, the oldest boy, is going to New York to see his father's play.

GRAIL WILL HOLD FIRST DANCE OF QUARTER TONIGHT

The Grail will hold the first dance of this quarter in the Bynum gymnasium tonight with the Carolina Buccaneers playing. The Buccaneers are said to have one of the best arrangers in the south and their musical program will consist of, besides the regular dance orchestration, a singing trio, two good soloists and vocal improvisations by various members of the orchestra. A special attraction is offered at intermission in a program by Jack Wardlaw and his Banjo Boys.

On account of a deficiency in the receipts for the dances of last quarter, the price of admission to the Grail dances has been raised to one dollar. The dance will begin promptly at nine.

MOCCASIN KILLED ON EAST CAMPUS

A sure sign that spring is here was unclosed yesterday afternoon at four o'clock when a three and a half foot Highland Moccasin was killed at the junction of Senior and President's Walks on East Campus.

The snake was discovered by a small boy whose cries attracted the attention of an old man, whose name could not be ascertained by the Tar Heel reporter.

The man hit the snake with a large rock breaking its back. A Tar Heel reporter carried the reptile to the editorial office where it attracted considerable attention. At six o'clock last night the snake was still writhing and twisting about with no signs of death.

An examination of the mouth of the reptile disclosed the fangs and poison sacs, and the markings of its back proved it to be a branch of the specie of the deadly Moccasin.

Holland Is Made Lab Assistant

W. T. Holland who has completed the work for the degree of bachelor of science in geology has returned to Chapel Hill for graduate work in geology.

He will also be laboratory assistant in some of the geology courses.

Miller Visits Here

Clarence E. Miller, A. B. and A. M. of the University, was a visitor in Chapel Hill during the holidays. While here Mr. Miller gave Dr. Cobb's geology class some moving pictures of two trips which he made across the continent last summer.

Mr. Miller is now teaching mineralogy at the Chase school of applied science in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dramatic Directors To Assemble Here Today For Annual Conference

Dr. Finley Returns

Dr. G. Ward Finley has returned to Chapel Hill after having been abroad six months. Dr. Finley will take up his duties in the Romance Language Department as Assistant Professor of French. Mrs. Finley accompanied him to Europe.

STUDENTS TO BE ON THE AIR NEXT FRIDAY EVENING

Wex Malone and Lil Jackson To Give Musical Program At University Radio Hour Over Raleigh Station.

The University radio hour, over station WPTF in Raleigh, will be presented at 7:30 o'clock next Friday evening, featuring Lil Jackson and Wex Malone. They will give a program of popular song hits.

Miss Jackson, a transfer from Ward-Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn., is a junior in the University. Her part on the program will be composed of several vocal numbers.

Wex Malone is prominent on the campus for his activities in musical work, especially for his work for the Wigwag and Masque club. He is the musical director of this organization, a student musical and dramatic group. With Block Bryson, Malone was co-author of the musical show presented by the Wigwag and Masque last year.

Malone and Bryson also wrote the new football marching song, adopted at the Virginia game last quarter. At present this pair is engaged in writing a new musical comedy for the 1930 production of the dramatic club.

Malone will accompany Miss Jackson in her numbers and will also play several piano solos.

Hamilton Has an Article on Abigail Adams in Scribner's

J. G. deRoulhac Hamilton, of the history faculty in the University, has an article in the January *Scribner's* entitled "Abigail Adams: A Joy Forever." It is a sketch of the wife of the second President of the United States. Mr. Hamilton characterizes her as "the most interesting in her life, and the most stimulating in her personality," of all the women who have been the First Lady of the Land.

The sketch is based mainly on information obtained from her letters. The merit of the piece, however, lies not in the information, which is no doubt in reach of many other students of history, but in the interpretation of the character of this intelligent and lively woman, in the choice of incident to lay before the reader, and in the vividness with which the writer fits his subject into the Revolutionary and post-Revolutionary scene. Mr. Hamilton's years of research in the records of that period of American history, and his consequent thorough familiarity with the great figures of the period and their relations with one another, have enabled him to present a picture which

would be impossible to a dabbler. Abigail was "possessed from early youth of much spirit and a vivacity that even the austerity of a Puritan personage never subdued," and some of the credit for her qualities is given to a father who was equipped with "something practically unknown among the Puritan clergy—a sense of humor." John Adams followed what was then looked upon as the "low trade" of a lawyer, and Parson Smith's congregation did not like it, and he acquainted the congregation with his opinion by preaching them a sermon on the text, "For John came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and yet ye say he hath a devil."

John and Abigail were married in 1764. "She never wavered in her support of him in every crisis"—and those times were highly charged with crises. She was an active supporter of the colonies' revolt, and "there was never a time when she was not ready to make the sacrifice for the cause." "She watched with her children the ruin of Charlestown and the smoke of Bunker Hill." After the war

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