

## MAY DAY PROGRAM

**HERALDS** — Josephine Gibson, High Point; Josephine Whitehead, Rocky Mount

**MAY COURT** — Mariana Hooks, Wilson, N. C.; Helen Jones, Fayetteville, N. C.; Virginia Lee, Kinston, N. C.; Cordelia Lowry, Bedford, Va.; Julia Preston, Washington, D. C.; Jean Robinson, Lowell, N. C.; Sarah Katherine Thompson, Bluefield, West Va.; Helen Totten, Atlanta, Ga.; Etta Burt Warren, Trenton, N. C.; Cornelia Wolfe, Charlotte, N. C.; and Dorothy Wyatt, Winston-Salem; Marjorie Robinson, Lowell, N. C.

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**MAY QUEEN** — Phyllis Clapp, Winston-Salem, N. C.

**PAGES** — Betty Bahnson, Winston-Salem; Helen Massey, Selma, N. C.

## PAGEANT CHARACTERS

Old King Cole — Jane Rondthaler

Mother Goose — Louise Preas

Jack Spratt — Katherine McCall

His Wife — Dorothy McCaughn

Simple Simon — Dorothy Hutaff

Peter, Peter — Caroline Pfohl

Old Woman In The Shoe — Gertrude Schwalbe

Children — Ada Pfohl, Annette Smith, Jean Knox, Dorothy Shaffner, Frances Watlington

Queen of Hearts — Rose Siewers

Ride-A-Cock-Horse — Anna Wray Fogle

Jack — Mary Woodruff

Jill — Mildred Minton

Fiddler — Lois Torrence

Tweedle Dum — Emily Richardson

Tweedle Dee — Alice Richie

Mistress Mary — Nancy Schallert

Jack Horner — Lelia Williams

Humpty Dumpty — Cramer Perceival

Crooked Man — Mary Turner Willis

Jack-Be-Nimble — Sarah Sherwood

Bo-Peep — Rosalind Duncan

Farmer's Wife — Evelyn McCarty

Three Blind Mice — Bessie Lou Bray, Dolly Blair, Dorothy Baugham

Curly Locks — Glenn Griffin

Miss Muffit — Nancy McNeely

Little Boy Blue — Laura Emily Pitts

Tom, Tom Piper's Son — Virginia Fraley

Bowl Bearer — Margaret Briggs

Mother Hubbard — Elizabeth Trotman

Pipe Bearer — Wilda Mae Yingling

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### ENTER WITH VILLAGERS:

Tommy Tucker, Jack Horner, Mother Goose, Curly Locks, Queen of Hearts, Peter Piper, Little Boy Blue, Simple Simon (Fishes in Stream), Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee, Mistress Mary and Garden Come From Side, Miss Muffit.

Villagers troop down hill singing. Heralds appear and blow from Lover's Leap, villagers respond looking up; heralds proceed to top of Queen's seat and blow again.

1st Herald: "Hear ye! Hear ye! Old King Cole has proclaimed this day a holiday for all the Land of Make Believe, when we shall crown the Queen of the May."

Heralds come down followed by Court (to music). As Queen approaches throne, villagers cheer and throw paper flowers in her path.

Enter King Cole (down hill), sings: "Old King Cole was a merry old soul —" (proceeds to throne).

"My loyal subjects (people cheer), today is May Day, and accordingly I have decreed a day of mirth and happiness. We are to crown our Queen, and as she is to be a queen of joy as well as of beauty, it is our duty to show her what gay subjects we can be, so that she too may be gay and sprightly with us. Therefore let no one be sad —"

Simple Simon: "I say King, here comes Miss Muffit."

Dance music, Spiders' and Miss Muffit's entrance.

### Spider Dance

During the dance Muffit emerges and in the end Spiders form ring around her, all singing:

Little Miss Muffit sat on a tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey  
Along came we Spiders

And sat down beside her  
But she'll not again rue the day.

Spiders exit  
Tommy Tucker (fighting with Jack Horner over pie). All sing:

Little Tommy Tucker  
Sings for his supper  
Not bread and butter  
He seems to want pie.

Mother Goose separates boys holding them at arms length as they continue to beat the air. Jack pulls out plum:

"What a good boy am I!"

Shouting and laughing heard and Jack and Jill run down hill, falling at bottom, whereupon they begin to cry in loud wails. Cole throws up hands in despair and sings:

I'm old King Cole  
And a worried old soul  
A worried old soul that's me  
Bring me my pipe! Bring me my bowl!

And bring me my fiddlers three!  
Mops brow with red bankie and

strikes gong—fiddlers present themselves to King as fiddler plays gay ditty to which they disport themselves, also villagers circulate gaily: Suddenly Cole pointing right with pipe:

"Who is this dainty creature looking so very gloomy (walks over), Ah Ha! 'Tis our contrary Mary and her obstinate garden. Water it a little, child, and we'll not have to ask you how it grows!"

Mary sadly picks up huge watering can with aid of Cole, and waters flowers who slowly unfold to her great amazement.

### Garden Dance

After the dance Mary claps her hands and sits down with flowers among villagers. Suddenly a great commotion and the three blind mice tear in chasing the farmer's wife. Villagers shout and sing:

Three blind mice, see how they run  
They all ran after the farmer's wife  
(Here the tables turn and the wife chases).

Singing:  
Who cut off their tails with a carving knife.

People follow a little way as they run off stage. As mice disappear,

Old Woman in Shoe bustles in followed by children in stair step order:

Sings:  
I am the old woman  
Who lives in a shoe  
With all these children, I  
Scaree know what to do.

To whip them and spank them  
I never could bear  
So I feed them on ice cream  
Their gay laughs to hear.

During song, children execute series of bows in perfect co-ordination, which, however, are spoiled by a stranger who has attached himself to the end. In consternation, Old Woman discovers him and collaring him, presents him to Cole.

"Your Honor, this rascal is young Jack Be Nimble. He's too 'quick' for me and constantly disrupts my well trained family."

Cole: "Off with you, Young scamp."

Jack: (dancing gleefully on his toes): "Oh, Sire, you might get rid of me in part but never in total. Just look!

**Jack Be Nimble Dance**  
At the end of dance much applause and Cole cheerfully shakes Jack's hand. Great jangling is heard off

stage and Ride-A-Cock-Horse gallops in: Horse bows before King:

"King Cole, I bring you tidings. Humpty Dumpty and his house party are on their way to join the celebration, but they are delayed because Humpty keeps falling down, and in setting him up it's quite hard to tell which is the right end. But here they are now."

Soldiers enter with group (Tom, Piper's Son; Humpty Dumpty; Bow Peep; Crooked Man; Mother Hubbard; Jack Spratt and wife), singing, supporting Humpty, who seems inclined to collapse.

### Soldiers Review

At the end of the dance while everyone is laughing loudly, Cole springs up with a great guffaw and shouts:

"What say, my people, now we have shown her our best, shall we crown our Queen?"

Cheering and shouting. Heralds step forward and blow trumpets. Music bursts forth. People including Cole at foot of Queen's throne, bow and Queen is crowned. Villagers applaud and cheer and music fades into.

### Maypole Dance

All people sing May Carol.