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LAST SHOW FRIDAY NITE

BIG CROWD SEES FIRST SHOW TONITE FOR BENEFIT FUND

A big crowd saw the first performance of the 8th annual Kiwanis Club show tonight and another large crowd is expected tomorrow (Friday night) for the second and final performance of "Rollin' Rhythm", the John B. Rogers latest production in 14 scenes ending with a monster Minstrel scene.

The show tomorrow night starts at 8 p.m. with the overture by Dot Bennett and his Collegians. All proceeds of the show goes to the club fund for use in continuing the Dental Clinic in Roanoke Rapids, helping build the children a skating rink and for other work with the boys and girls of Roanoke Rapids.

Tonight's performance started off smoothly with the opening scene in a bus terminal where a crowd was getting ready to take a trip. Lawrence Stell as the bus announcer was very good and was given able support by tourists and show girls.

The Hitch Hikers, Esther Pridgen, Ted Speight and Arledge Boyd, after many futile attempts finally bummed a ride; at least the trio's weaker sex did. Fred Wilmer and Zeb Denny were funny in a salesman skit with Zeb never learning what it was all about.

Doris Edwards won the audience with her torch singing of St. Louis Blues, amazing those who had never heard her and bringing predictions for a bright future in the song world.

One of the best skits of the show was "Home Life", starring Ruth Dean as the wife, Charley Davis as the husband, with Hugh Horne, Emory Vaughan and Byron Gurley providing the love interest along with others.

Agatha Moore and Calvin Brown were never better than in a love scene at Niagara Falls and much good comment was heard tonight on this act.

The Hill Billy act was a scream with singing, dancing and acting by Arledge Boyd, Lucy Hasty, Virgil McDowell, Frank Sherry, Will Nelson, Alonzo Akers, Helen Dunn and a host of hill billy singers, dancers and musicians.

Roland Johnson as the Hobo was as clever as any single act ever staged here and his walking kitchen is the marvel of housewives tonight.

Willie, the Dummy, with Louis Cranford, his friend, Miss Helen King as the girl and Ray Rogers as the cop in a Night Scene on a Bus was very clever and different from anything ever attempted here before.

The first part closed with Jean Gibson singing "Carnival in Cotton Town" and Ruth Lee singing "Dipsy Doodle" with eighteen of the best dancers ever seen here as Harlem Steppers in one of the fastest stepping singing and dancing scenes ever attempted.

The Minstrel scene, laid in Mexico with lavish costumes and scen-

ery, sped along in fast style with Lawrence Stell as the interlocutor and a bank of dashing Senoritas and daring Mexican Hombres coming in with clock-like precision on the choruses.

Endmen were fast and funny with Ned Manning singing "You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming", Bill Wolhar singing "Mama, I Wanna Make Rhythm", Ted Speight telling about his "Brown Skin Mama" and Roland Johnson wowing them with "Hard Hearted Hannah".

Endmen Bill Hodges and T. J. Alford keep the crowd happy with their jokes.

Sterling Pierce was exceptionally good with "A Gold Mine in the Sky", Calvin Brown with "Harbor Lights", Howard Pruden with "I Love To Whistle", and Elizabeth Overton with Rufus Vick literally and figuratively brought down the house with "I Double Dare You".

The Mexican Girls gave a fast Mexican hat dance to add to the laurels of the fifty dancing girls, all of whom won the hearts of the audience with their beauty and grace.

At intermission, T. W. Mullen, President of the Kiwanis Club, thanked the audience for their patronage and for helping the work with the children of the community.

Director John (Slim) Hutchings, here for his fifth show, predicted tonight that the Friday night show would be even better than tonight's as all will know their parts better.

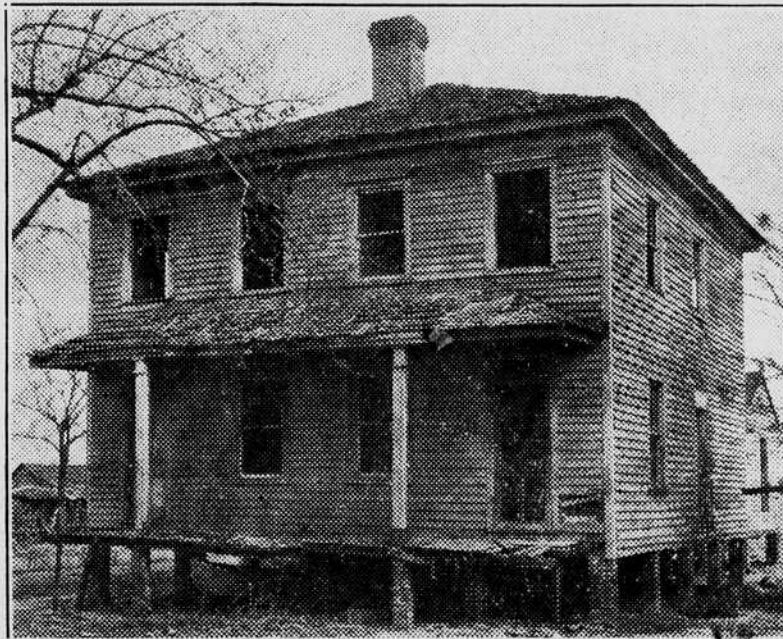
Following the Friday night show, most of the cast expects to attend the Dot Bennett and his Collegians' dance at the downtown hall after two nights of trouping for the benefit of a good cause.

It is planned to have another parade Friday afternoon starting at the High School at 4 o'clock. All members of the Kiwanis Club are requested to be there a few minutes before starting time with their cars in case of bad weather.

BIRTHS

The following births are reported at Roanoke Rapids Hospital: to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rook a boy, April 1st; to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Morris, a girl, April 2nd; to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Tickle, boy, April 2nd; to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Parris, boy, April 5th; to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Langston, girl, April 6th.

CITY'S FIRST HOTEL



Around 1856, if you happened to visit Roanoke Rapids, asked for a place to stay, you would have been directed to "The Brass Ankle", the name of the city's first hotel. Above is a picture of it as it is today situated on Hamilton Street. Recently J. T. Chase in an article on unanswered questions of early history, asked why it was called "The Brass Ankle". To date, we have not heard the answer.

MARCH'R FUNERAL SUNDAY

Was Former Employee Of United States Treasury Dep't

Mrs. Lucille Marcher died April 1st at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the residence near Roanoke Rapids by the Rev. E. B. Fisher. Burial was in Emporia Cemetery at Emporia, Va. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Myra Davis, Emporia, Va. and one brother, R. W. Seaborn, Washington, D. C. Pallbearers were W. A. Thorne, Julian Allsbrook, Bill Alligood, Sam Young, P. L. Harding, George Taylor, W. L. Manning and W. J. Norwood.

Mrs. Marcher was an employee in the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. until about six or seven years ago when her health became bad and she came to Roanoke Rapids to make her home. She appeared to be in good health and went to Petersburg, Va. Wednesday before her sudden death Friday.

Out of Town Patients

The following out-of-town patients are reported at Roanoke Rapids Hospital: Miss Alice Birdsong, of Weldon, appendicitis operation, Mrs. Joe Neal, Littleton, James Robert Pruden, Jackson.



MRS. WM. HENRY THORNE who before her marriage April 2nd was Miss Lillian Bell Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Jenkins of this city. Details of wedding on Page 3, Section B.

Seaboard, Apr. 7th (Special)—Mrs. Eva Maddrey, Northampton-Halifax supervisor of NYA, has announced that all youth organizations in these two counties are eligible to enter exhibits of their handiwork in the four-county exhibit which will be held in Rocky Mount April 22 and 23. The best exhibits will then be entered in the state display to be held in Raleigh the last week in April. Mrs. Maddrey is urging all members of youth agencies, including home economics and agriculture classes in the schools, to cooperate in making the Halifax-Northampton exhibits creditable. Further information may be secured by communication with Mrs. Maddrey.

TRIO HURT WHEN CAR OVERTURNS

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Wynn and their 11-months-old son, Sherrod, are recuperating from injuries sustained when their car turned over near Conway shortly before noon Wednesday in Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

All three members of the family were injured, but it is thought none of their injuries will prove serious. The baby suffered a broken arm, while Mrs. Wynn received a broken finger in the accident.

Mr. Wynn suffered head lacerations and was unconscious when admitted to the hospital here yesterday, tho it is said his condition is reported as decidedly better today, and he has regained consciousness.

The trio was brought to Roanoke Rapids Hospital in an ambulance.

LIONS CUT SHORT FOR KIWANIANIS

Dispense With Program In Favor Rollin' Rhythm

The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club held their regular meeting in the basement of the First Baptist Church here tonight. The regular procedure of the club was condensed, with committee reports disposed of in short order.

After Lion President M. Scott Benton announced that the program had been purposely omitted tonight because of the Kiwanis 8th Annual Minstrel, "Rollin' Rhythm" a motion made by Lion E. B. Acree to adjourn and all go to the minstrel was carried unanimously.

Shoots 98 Out Of 100 Pigeons; Says "Off Day"

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Webb, of Richmond, were guest shooters at the new Roanoke Rapids Skeet Club, located on the Bolling Road, here last Sunday. Mrs. Webb broke 72 out of 75 of the clay pigeons, while her husband broke 98 out of 100 and called it an "off day". Mr. Webb represents the Remington Arms Company, and has "shot it out" with local skeet fans on several other occasions.

The Gordonsville, Virginia, Club is scheduled for an appearance in the city on Sunday, April 17th. The Virginians will bring a team of five to compete against the locals.

This Sunday exhibition skeet shooting will be featured at the new club, with several local shooters exhibiting their skill. The public is invited to witness the exhibitions without charge, and a grandstand has been built for their convenience.