

The Portrait Painter --

And Her First Roanoke Rapids Love



By CARROLL WILSON

It is not often we put a by-line on a story unless it is of extreme significance; neither is it often we tell of personal matters, particularly as a Proud Papa; nor is it often that Roanoke Rapids has a guest, one whose talent is so well recognized by those who appreciate extraordinary talent.

Alice Skjonsby of Marmarth, North Dakota, and Hollywood, Cal., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Lyle M. Wilson of Roanoke Rapids.

That is the "town-talk" item, but behind it lies a story . . . just as there may be behind many an item about which you tell us nothing . . . so how are we to know?

To the left, above, you see a picture of Miss Skjonsby (and you pronounce it "shonsby" by forgetting the kj, an old Swedish custom of disguising an H) . . . and to the right, which some of you have guessed, is the 8 year old daughter of the editor, Miss Patricia Wilson.

(This is just going to make it harder for the writer to explain to hundreds of school children that he is of no kith nor kin to Lyle Wilson; therefore cannot get them a free pass to the picture shows.)

Alice (which we will use from now on because the typewriter balks on that kj combination) met her young subject above shortly after arriving in Roanoke Rapids and fell in love with her . . . a

phenomenon which has puzzled this writer . . . and in one of her artistic moods, asked the 8-year old to sit still for a few minutes while she sketched a profile. The result did not satisfy Alice so she asked for another sitting on last Saturday.

That sad look you see on Patricia's face is the real McCoy. For she had just said, "Daddy, I don't want to pose for another picture. You know Saturday is my rest day." One word of encouragement and she would have burst into tears.

No kidding, folks. There you see an artist catching a subject in a perfectly natural and intriguing mood. It took only an hour to finish that picture. It was done with charcoal on brown paper.

Alice's field is portrait painting. Her best work is done in oils and she is today working on an oil portrait of her cousin, Mrs. Lyle Wilson. It takes much longer and what it will be we do not know, for she permits none to see the work until completed . . .

From conversation with her, we gather that she has studied under Clay Kelly, famous portrait painter of Chicago, and Will Foster, equally famous in Los Angeles; that she loves to roam this country and paint those who give her some inspirational mood. Her favorite subject was Jan Duggan, famous stage star of a few years ago, a copy of whose painting she carries with



her. Her favorite models are young children, those who as she says "still believe in fairies", for from them she gets the inspiration of the natural and beautiful thoughts of life. She says "beautiful people" are hard subjects because of too much regularity of features, hard to reproduce so as to satisfy the subject . . . and she has a lot of other frank statements she makes at almost any moment.

From her scrap book we find she has painted such as Zasu Pitts, whom she liked immensely for her naturalness; Leatrice Joy Gilbert, daughter of John; Rupert Hughes, the author, and many others not so well known in this neck of the

woods, but just as prominent in their end of the hemisphere. Feg Murray, of movie-drawing, fame, admires her art, while Arthur Millier, famous art critic of Los Angeles, says of our guest, "She has developed an original and pleasing type of portrait which has

found favor with many sitters here".

In case you have forgotten, we ask you to look once more at the picture on the right above. Sure . . . just another proud poppa . . . who once in a lifetime gets a chance to do some right smart bragging.

NOTICE

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

By virtue of the authority contained in a certain judgment or order of re-sale in that certain special proceeding entitled "Jackson L. Wade, Administrator of the estate of J. J. Wade, deceased, et al, ex parte" duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Halifax County, North Carolina, the undersigned Commissioners will on Saturday, the 27th day of May, 1939, at 11 o'clock A.M. at or on the premises of 1041 on the West side of Roanoke Avenue, Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, North Carolina, offer for re-sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

All those four (4) certain lots or parcels of land, together with all improvements thereon, lying and being situate in the City of Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, North Carolina fronting each 25 feet on the West side of Roanoke Avenue and running back each the same width between parallel lines and at right angles to said Avenue 140 feet to an alley, and being Lots Nos. TEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE (1041), TEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE (1043), TEN HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE (1045), and TEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN (1047) as shown and designated on that certain map or plat of the City of Roanoke Rapids of record in Map Book 3 at page 200, Halifax Public Registry.

Also all of the equipment consisting of personal and-or mixed

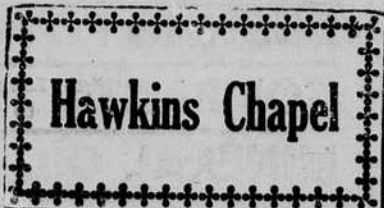
property owned by said estate of J. J. Wade, deceased, and used in connection with the operation of said filling station located on the real property above described.

Said property will be sold subject to a lease to Standard Oil Company and subject to the payment of all taxes and assessments accrued for and after the year 1939. Other terms and conditions will be announced at the sale.

The bidding at said re-sale will begin at \$17,062.50, pursuant to a raised bid in this cause.

This notice dated and posted this the 10th day of May, 1939.

JULIAN R. ALLSROOK AND T. S. KITRELL, Commissioners 2t-A&B-5-18



Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hawkins and son, Leonard, were visitors of Mrs. Z. C. Hawkins and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hawkins and son of R. R. were guests of Mrs. B. S. Hawkins and family Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hawkins and family of Roanoke Rapids spent Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hawkins.

Willis Hawkins spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. F. C. Por-

ter, of Littleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris and daughter, Lois Odell, of near Halifax, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hawkins and family Sunday night.

Hubert, Willis Hawkins, Lorena Hux were guests of Annie Jenkins Sunday night.

Mrs. Perkins Crawley Jr. and son of Ebenezer spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hawkins.

Rev. D. D. Broome was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hawkins Thursday.

On Monday afternoon a number of ladies met in the home of Mrs. T. B. Hawkins for the purpose of working on the project, a silk quilt. The money will go for buying new song books for Hawkins Chapel Church. We hope everyone will cooperate.

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