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# ANNUAL BENEFIT SHOW

SCENES FROM "GAY NINETIES"



The four photographs above, snapped by the Herald Staff Photographer, represent some of the snap and comedy that is in store for the citizens of the city when the Kiwanis Club presents its tenth annual benefit show next Thursday and Friday. (A complete review of the show appears in this issue of the Herald)

Reading left to right, top: "Those Darlings"—Ed Graves, T. J. Alford; John Dunn, Watt Ellerson, Howard Pruden, Hugh Horne, and Ned Manning. "Police Gazette Girls"—Aileen Hux, Kathryn Traynham, Merle Cole, Jean Gibson, Alice Myrick, Victoria Vester, Marie Cates, Margie Keene, and Margaret Burton. Bottom: "Can-Can Girls"—Mildred Burton, Julia Moseley, Margaret Speight, Mary McNeal, Elsie Edwards, Alice Myrick, Elizabeth Brown, and Mildred Balmer. "Bathing Beauties"—(Standing) Elizabeth Neal, Margaret Butler, Phyllis Brown, Lois White, (Seated) Nora Wright, Mary Cannon, Navalle Tickle, and Clara Edwards. (NewsKuts by Crumpler and Brigman)

## KIWANIS SHOW 2 NIGHTS

"Gay Nineties" To Be Presented Thursday & Friday

150 TAKE PART

"The Gay Nineties", the 10th annual stage show and minstrel to be presented by the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club, a replica of the stupendous, super-colossal stage shows as produced 50 years ago, will be staged at the Roanoke Rapids High School auditorium next Thursday and Friday nights, March 7 and 8. Everything has gone according to schedule and the gayest, grandest attraction of them all is ready for the opening curtain Thursday night at 8:00.

By actual count 146 persons are in the cast of the show. Dozens of others act as prop men, light men, and assistants of a various nature. Some of last year's talent is retained, but the list will show that the majority of those taking the major roles have been recruited from the ranks of the unbaptised in minstrel lore. The talent is new enough for news; inexperienced enough to take off the professional glaze.

In the cast there are 80 girls, 66 men. All have been rehearsing for the past two weeks to master this gayest of Kiwanis shows. It is the gayest, yet the saddest, for the featured mellerdramar, of the days when villains were the real McCoy and the gal wept at the drop of a hat, will touch the heart of the toughest hombre in the audience.

Proceeds of the show will go to the maintenance of the all-city Dental Clinic for children, in which hundreds of children are examined each year and many given free dental treatment. General admission price is 75 cents for adults, 35 cents for children. A reserved section is sold at one dollar per seat. This section affords no better location in the auditorium than the general admission seats but gives ticket holders who cannot get to the auditorium early a chance to have a good seat. About 15 percent of the seats are reserved. The other 85 percent go at the general admission prices.

In reviewing the show it is well to introduce the director first: John (Slim) Hutchings of the Rogers Producing Company is back again to direct the show. He has had such success with the shows for the past several years that the Kiwanians demand him back again and again. And he has yet to let them down. He brings new ideas, new dances, new skits—he always has the goods it takes.

Elva Martin will be at the piano—for the 8th time with the Kiwanis Minstrel. Since she began playing for the show in 1933, she has been

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## J. L. SUITER IS NEW PRESIDENT CITIZENS BANK

Joseph L. Suiter, native of Northampton County and prominent in state banking circles, was elected president of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company at a special meeting of the Board of Directors this afternoon, and will assume his new duties Monday, March 4th. J. Winfield Crew, Jr., city attorney, the retiring president, will retain his interest in the bank. All other officers remain the same.

Mr. Suiter will devote his full time to the local bank presidency, making the first time in a number of years that a Roanoke Rapids bank has had a full-time employee serve as president.

Mr. Suiter is well known in Roanoke Rapids and this section of the state. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Suiter, of Gaysburg, and has two brothers in

Halifax County, Dr. W. G. Suiter, of Weldon, and Louis Suiter, Scotland Neck insurance man.

He began his banking career with the First National Bank of Weldon under Colonel Burgwyn, and later worked with the Bank of Northampton in Jackson. From 1907 until 1914 he was assistant cashier in charge of the Greensville Bank at Emporia, Va., and from 1914 until 1918 he was executive vice-president of the First National Bank at Emporia. From 1918 until 1929 he was with the National Bank of Rocky Mount as assistant cashier, cashier and vice-president, and was vice-president of the First National Bank and of the North Carolina Bank and Trust Company in charge of the Rocky Mount office until 1930 when he

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## TRAFFIC REPORT 1 KILLED, 8 HURT

Patrolmen stationed in Halifax County report one death, eight injuries, and approximately \$2400 in damages from traffic accidents during the month of February. The death occurred February 26 when an aged colored man was struck by a truck near Littleton.

Both deaths and injuries increased over the month of January. In that month there were no deaths, one injury. Property damages decreased this month from \$2655 to \$2400.

H. W. Rothrock, patrolman who is stationed at Roanoke Rapids, said that there were possible other accidents in the county that were not reported. He also said that the heavy damages shown in this and last month's report was caused by heavy trucks, which, when involved in a wreck, cause the property costs to mount up rapidly.

Mr. Rothrock said that several drivers had been arrested during the month, the charges running all the way from improper fixtures to driving drunk and recklessly.

## Fund Headed By F. Sherry

Frank Sherry, general manager of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, has recently been appointed by the State Finnish Relief Director W. T. Bost of Raleigh to the Chairmanship of the Halifax County drive. This Finnish Relief Fund Drive is headed by Ex-President Herbert Hoover and is in no way connected with funds to be used in military operations by the Finnish government.

The drive that is being conducted in the state will last for the next four or five weeks. Mr. Sherry said today that he had no particular plans in mind for the Halifax county campaign. The suggestion is made, through a letter from Director Bost, that the campaign be worked, through the schools, the civic organizations, and the churches.

President Hoover wishes to raise \$5,000,000 in the United States and has set \$75,000 as North Carolina's quota.