

Cast Announced For Thalias' New Production

Announcement of the cast for "Kind Lady," the three-act mystery drama to be presented by the Thalian association around the middle of April, was made Saturday by officials of the association. The two leading roles, that of Henry Herries, the "Kind Lady," and Henry Abbott, the crook who takes advantage of her warm hospitality, will be played by Cora Preston and William B. Campbell, both star performers in previous Thalian productions.

Mr. Foster, the banker, will be acted by Kellum Jones, while the role of Lucy Weston, a friend of the "Kind Lady," will be played by Cordelia Foster. Sue Brent has been assigned the role of Calder as the faithful maid, while Marion Frink cast as Phyllis Glens, a relative of Mary Herries. Ken Rone will play the part of Peter Santard, male companion of Phyllis Glens. Louise Bashford has been cast as Ada, the wife of Henry Abbott, while Charles Keen is in the role of the doctor. Gus Rosenberg, an art dealer, will be played by Everett Erb. The roles of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, accomplices of Henry Abbott, have not yet been cast. Aggie Edwards, the daughter, will be acted by Shirley Brown.

The cast will start rehearsals Tuesday night under the direction of Howard Ganstier, formerly professional director of the Thalian Association. The exact dates for the presentation of "Kind Lady" are expected to be announced in the near future by the Thalian Association.

Squadron Dance Planned Thursday

The F3 squadron of the 124th AAF Base Unit, Blumenthal Air Base, will give a combination party and informal dance at the Cape Fear Army on Thursday night.

All girls "from 16 to 60" are invited to dance, eat, drink, watch a floor show and enter dance contests. An air base bus will be in front of the Woodrow Wilson hut at 8 o'clock to take girls to the army. Squadron members have promised guests excellent swing music, food and entertainment.

Pre-School Clinic Will Be Held

A pre-school clinic will be conducted in the annex of the Sunset Park school at 2 p. m. Monday.

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MR. AND MRS. T. CLIFTON NORRIS, whose marriage of February 21 at East St. Louis is announced today by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Louis Schutt, Sr., of Wilmington. The bride is the former Wilhelmina Gertrude Schutt of Wilmington and is now making her home in East St. Louis, Mo.

Clubwomen Stressing Importance Of Preserving Nation's Forests

By MRS. CHARLES G. DOAK
Preservation and development of forests through education and legislation has been an important phase of work in the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs for more than thirty years. Likewise the General Federation of Women's clubs has carried on a nation wide program of education as to the value of all natural resources particularly the forests of the country.

It is not surprising that forward-looking citizens seeking support of the development plan known as "Experimental Forests for the South" should call upon the clubwomen to spread information about its importance, and to support legislation that would provide forest farms where land owners might learn the most scientific method of raising and marketing timber.

Mrs. Rowland H. Latham, a past president of the state federation, living in Asheville, has long taken a deep interest in conservation of the beautiful forests in her section. She is now asking that clubwomen join her in requesting their Congressmen to vote for an appropriation of \$420,000 to be used to finance the establishment of experimental forest farms in 10 centers in the South.

In a letter to Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith, the federation president, Mrs. Latham calls attention to the fact that the South's virgin forests were largely sacrificed to supply lumber for the first World War, and that the same thing is being done in this war period. "Southern people need to learn the proper methods of forest farming and the money possibilities involved," she says, "and it to provide this knowledge that the experimental farms are needed."

Mrs. Highsmith joins Mrs. Latham in her request that all clubs assist in educational work in behalf of forest farming, and particularly that they support the bill now before the sub-committee on agricultural appropriations in the House that would provide an appropriation for the experimental farms.

The appeal made last Sunday in this column by Mrs. Highsmith to clubs to seek recruits for the hospital companies now being formed by the Women's Army Corps seems to have struck a responsive cord with the clubwomen. Lt. Margaret Pegram, who sought the aid of the federation in recruiting North Carolina's quota of 105 women by March 20, reported to federation headquarters that a mother and daughter in Greensboro volunteered immediately upon reading the appeal. It is expected that every club in the federation will make some effort to recruit helpers in this emergency call, and that they will report to Mrs. Highsmith names of women who enlist because of work done by the clubs. Full information about the need for recruits and qualification requirements may be obtained from Lt. Margaret Pegram, Women's Army Recruiting Station, Raleigh.

That they study the Dumbarton Oaks proposals and arrange meetings for that purpose is another recent appeal made to the clubs by Mrs. Highsmith. Here are some of the clubs that have reported a meeting held or the process of arrangement: Selma Woman's club, Walter Hines Page Book club of Aberdeen, Clayton Woman's club, Troy Mothers' club, Winston-Salem Junior Woman's club, Greenville Junior Woman's club, Norlina Literature and Music club, Oxford Woman's club, Walkertown Woman's club.

Hickory junior and senior clubs held a joint meeting at which Mrs. Norman James, vice-chairman of the Junior Clubs International Relations department, spoke on the Proposals. She also brought out the nine points of the recent Crimean conference. Some of the clubs wrote that they found the study of the Proposals so interesting that they will have other meetings for that purpose. Mrs. Gordon Maddrey of Ahoskie, reported that she has a number of engagements to speak on the subject to clubs before the forthcoming conference at San Francisco on April 25 when the world organization is to be set up.

The executive board of the federation is scheduled to meet in federation headquarters, Raleigh, on March 13, at 10 a. m. Members will arrive on the afternoon of the 12th and will attend in a body the lecture by Eleanor Roosevelt at Memorial auditorium at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Highsmith has called a meeting of the committee on Junior-Senior club Relations, for 4 o'clock, afternoon of the 12th. The meeting will be held at the Raleigh Woman's club. Members of the committee are Mrs. R. H. Latham, chairman, Mrs. J. T. Little of Greenville, Mrs. R. Karl Bishop of Spray, Mrs. Norman James of Hickory, Mrs. Glenn Anderson of Raleigh and the State Junior president, Miss Dorothy Forbes of Wilmington.

White-Batdorff Vows Spoken

Miss Patricia White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. White, of Audubon, became the bride of Corporal Donald J. Batdorff, U. S. M. C., of Camp Lejeune and East Toledo, Ohio, on March 8 at 7:30 o'clock, in Trinity Methodist church.

Dr. F. W. Paschall, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

A program of nuptial music was rendered by Miss Frances Hayes. The bride and bridegroom entered the church together. The bride wore a gray suit trimmed in black military braid and black patent accessories, and a white orchid. The couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short wedding trip. On their return they will make their home with the bride's parents.

Mrs. Batdorff has been employed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for several years.

Corporal Batdorff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Batdorff of East Toledo.

Senior Fraternity Auxiliary Meets

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Senior Fraternity, Brigade Boys' club, met Thursday evening, March 1, with Mrs. N. J. Kelly, South Jackson street, and Mrs. Thurston Davis, joint hostesses.

After the meeting was called to order by the president, Emily Williams, Eliza Jane Stanley gave the devotions.

Discussion of old and new business was held.

The Auxiliary voted to give \$10 to the Community Chest, \$25 to the Red Cross, and \$5 has been given to the Infantile Paralysis fund.

A new supper committee for the next three months was appointed. The group, comprised of Mrs. Tom Rivenbark, chairman, Mrs. Frances Anderson, Mrs. F. W. Copeland and Mrs. David Craig, will serve Senior Fraternity suppers.

The Auxiliary decided to have a weiner roast on March 13, at the home of Mrs. Rivenbark.

A photograph of the group was made at the meeting. Fifteen members and one visitor were present.

First Baptist Circles To Hold Meetings Monday

The W. M. S. circles of the First Baptist church will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock as follows:

- 1. Mrs. Geo. W. Jeffrey, chairman, at the church.
- 2. Mrs. A. G. Smith, chairman, with Mrs. Donald King, 307 Church street.
- 3. Mrs. Jno. A. Stevens, chairman, with Mrs. George Johnson, 1803 Chestnut street.
- 4. Mrs. J. R. Baucom, chairman,

with Mrs. R. W. Sasser, 2024 Market street.

5. Mrs. J. C. Seymour, chairman, with Mrs. J. C. Roe, 5 Hydrangea Place.

6. Mrs. Vernon Cheek, chairman, with Mrs. J. L. Thorne, 1602 South Fourth street.

Business Women's circles will meet Tuesday, 8 p. m.

7. Miss Helen Dobson, chairman, will meet at the church.

8. Mrs. J. R. Jones, chairman, will meet with Miss Sude Leonard, 311 South Fourth street.

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