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PEOPLE ROAR APPROVAL OF LION'S PLAY

Capacity House With Tumultuous Roars and Side-Splitting Laughter

A capacity house witnessed the presentation of the Lions Club play, "Em Over," at the school auditorium last Friday night, and broke through time after time with loud applause and side-splitting laughter. At times it became nothing more than a tumultuous roar. Many handkerchiefs were brought into action as the play progressed, as the audience received it with such enthusiasm they "laughed until they cried." The play was interspersed between acts with vocal numbers by local artists. Mrs. Ralph Moody and Miss Mennice Payne sang "Highways and Happy Ways" between acts one and two. On an encore, Mrs. Moody sang "Among My Spuvenirs." Messrs. H. P. Cooper, J. W. Davidson, Carl Dobbs, and Mark West sang "Blue Heaven" between acts two and three, and "When You Wore a Slip" as an encore. Mrs. Spurge Christopher was at the piano.

All the players performed like veterans of the stage. Among the comedy roles, special mention is made of Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, who played the part of the old "cullud kook," and who was the object of much laughter and applause. Special mention is also made of Dr. Edw. E. Adams, who played the part of the county policeman, "Daddy Nichols," and who was the "hul dern police force" of Fairfield and had it not been for "ingenuity and perspicacity" the def would have gotten away with the emeralds. And Mr. Ralph Keller, the great male personator, simply brought the house tumbling down with side-splitting, roarious laughter when he made his debut as Charlotte the great.

Among the more serious roles, yet full of comedy, Mr. Robert Austin, as Charlie Montrose, played opposite Miss Eloise Fain as Ivy Phillips of the U. S. Secret Service. These were the two leading roles, and were well portrayed, and when the situation cleared up, the niftiest agent in the service had a new assistant. Miss Jeness Cox, as Mrs. Middleton, friend of Fowler, was so up to the mark by her operations and a bad stomach that she couldn't get together more than enough watches brooches and jewelry to start a jewelry store. Mr. E. B. Gibbs, as Samuel Fowler, an old gentleman with plenty of money and a hobby for antiquities, was also good, and came very near getting away with the emeralds. Mrs. Richard Meroney, as Virginia Lawrence, fiancee of Mr. Keller and friend of Mrs. Clark, played her part well, although she just knew there was something wrong but couldn't find out what.

The play was in three acts and was said by many to have been the best one they had ever seen given in Murphy. One man stated that it was the funniest play he had ever seen, and another stated that he had on other occasions paid as high as \$2.50 to see a show and didn't get half as many laughs as he did last Friday night. Numerous requests have been made by people in town who did not get to see it to show it again soon. Requests have also been coming in from nearby towns, and it will be given at Ogden consolidated school next Saturday night, at 8 o'clock eastern time. It will probably be given in Andrews next week, and later at Robbinsville and Hayesville.

Some unusually good publicity work was done by Mrs. W. M. Axley, publicity director. A large picture of Andy Gump was drawn, showing Andy in his usual dignified pose, reading in The Scout all about

COUNTY WELFARE SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS POST

Resignation of Miss Smith Becomes Effective April 1—Will Take Place With State Board

Miss Elizabeth Smith, for the past three years superintendent of Cherokee County Public Welfare Department, tendered her resignation this week to take effect on April 1st, it was learned the other day. Miss Smith stated that she had accepted a staff position with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

It is understood that the Board of County Commissioners and the County Board of Education will hold a joint meeting on the first Monday in March to elect a new worker to fill the place made vacant by Miss Smith's resignation, who will then be certified by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

WEHUTTY

The weather? Well there's no need to say, every one knows it is bad enough.

The roads through our section are almost impassable in some places.

We have a case of smallpox in our settlement, the family is quarantined and we hope they will not get outside the family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilbur were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Verner Sunday afternoon.

Three boys of our community, John and Burl Padgett and Cecil Worley, charged with the killing of "Sid" and Len Jones are to have their trial at Ducktown, Tenn., the 27 of this month.

Mr. Fred Moore who has been confined to his bed for several weeks with rheumatism, is not improved but very little, his wife also has been confined to her room all winter with rheumatism, but is much better at this time.

There are several cases of measles in our neighborhood.

Mrs. J. R. Wilbur visited Mrs. Nora Taylor one day last week.

The Sabbath school which was organized several months ago and which is being conducted at the home of J. R. Wilbur in being well attended despite the snow storm that was coming down on last Sabbath morning. All were present but two, some coming a distance of three miles on foot. "There's a reason."

Mr. Sam B. Coffin, of Dhalonega, Ga., who has been interested for some time in establishing a veenering plant at Murphy, was here this week on business.

the play, with the following remarks: "Oh, Min!" The play was directed by Mrs. Mallonee, and sponsored by the Murphy Lions Club. It is understood that the proceeds, despite the inclement weather, were over \$80.00.

Following is the cast of characters: Charlie Montrose, Obliging a friend, Mr. Robert Austin.

Ralph Keller, who doesn't like the situation, Mr. Ralph Moody.

Samuel Fowler, with an antiquated hobby, Mr. E. B. Gibbs.

"Daddy" Nichols, the "hul dern Police force," Dr. Edw. E. Adams.

Belham, a "snoopin butler, Mr. C. W. Bailey.

Travers, of the Binkerton Detective Agency, Mr. H. G. Elkins.

Bill Clark, a friend of Montrose, Mr. E. C. Mallonee.

Eva'n Clark, his wife, Miss Rosamond Cooper.

Ivy Phillips, of the U. S. Secret Service, Miss Eloise Fain.

Mrs. Middleton, Friend of Fowler, Miss Jeness Cox.

Virginia Lawrence, Friend of Evelyn Clark, Mrs. Richard Meroney.

Petunia Hyacinth Peachblossom, cullud kook, Mrs. E. C. Mallonee.

DECKER CONDUCTS SINGING SCHOOL IN TENNESSEE

Dear Editor:—

If you will allow me space in your valuable paper I will give you a sketch of Brother J. P. Decker who from your state and community has been with us in a ten day singing school. Brother Decker is a good teacher and is loved by all of our people down here and certainly is a sincere man. Also his manner of conducting a singing school was appreciated by the people of Union McMinn Baptist church and all who attended the singing, also the people of this church invited him to come down and conduct a revival meeting at the earliest period in July, if he possibly could get off. We also recommend him to any community in need of a singing school. Rev. S. H. Clark, pastor.

Religion in Politics

(Reprinted by request from article by Felix Alley, published recently.)

Article Six of the constitution of the United States, among other things, provides that: "No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

The First amendment to the constitution, among other things, makes provision that: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

With the following from an exchange:

As regards religion, Herbert Hoover was born and is a Quaker. His wife was born and is a Presbyterian. But it is a disgrace that anybody should seek to make religion play any part in politics."—Ex.

WOLF CREEK

The largest snow of the season fell here Friday night and Saturday morning.

There are many people suffering with cold here again.

Riley Morgan had to have his throat lanced Sunday to relieve an infection which has been giving him a lot of trouble for the past few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gaddis have moved from Isabella to the "Ballew" Mountain.

Mr. J. M. Garren celebrated his 78th birthday Monday along with two of his children and several grand children and great grand children with a few invited guests from outside the immediate family. A sumptuous dinner was served and a game of Horse Shoes was played in the afternoon. All present seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

An aeroplane passed over our section Wednesday of last week going in the direction of Murphy.

A lot of excitement prevailed in our section Sunday over the distortion of an experience that Elbert Morgan had Saturday morning on his way to work at London Mine. On his way Elbert heard an aeroplane very close, he stopped his car, and although it was storming and snowing hard he could see the light from the plane and once had a view of it, but it being before it was light could make nothing of it. He went on and reported the matter where he works and some of his more imaginative comrades told some others some weird stories about the matter and that the plane was out here, so several car loads of people dared to attack our muddy roads to see the plane which has not been heard from since, so far as the writer knows. It must have been a lost plane which finally found its way and went on. It certainly required some effort to convince some of the inquisitive that there was no plane here.

On account of sickness in his family, Mr. John Cole has been unable to operate his saw-mill for several weeks.

TOWN COUNCIL MAKE STATEMENT ON BOND ISSUE

Petition Being Circulated Asking That Issuance of Bonds Be Left Up to Voters

The Town Council issued a statement last Saturday to the voters of the town with reference to the three bond issues they are advertising for sale, which total \$25,000.00.

Petitions are being circulated to force the council to present the issuance of the bonds to a vote of the people, and much opposition to a further increase in the present bonded indebtedness of the town is being developed.

The council in their statement, signed by all but one member of the council, Mr. J. W. McMillan, who is out of town for several weeks, asks the voters to consider the matter seriously, and intimates that if the issue comes to a vote of the people and is defeated, the council has the right and authority to issue them under the head of necessary expense and it is the opinion of legal authorities that this course is feasible.

The statement of the Board follows:

Statement by Mayor and Board of Aldermen with Reference to proposed twenty-five thousand dollar bond issue of town of Murphy.

To the Citizens and Voters of the Town of Murphy:

In view of the manifold complaints that have been made to the Board of Aldermen during the past year, of the insufficiency of certain streets of the town and of the lack of sewerage and fire protection most of which appeared upon investigation to be well founded, the Board at a recent meeting determined to try to heed these complaints and passed resolutions to issue Twenty-Five thousand dollars worth of the bonds of the town and with the proceeds of the sale thereof, to remedy, as far as this amount would do so, these well founded grievances. These Resolutions were passed under what is known as the Municipal Finance Act, and provided that it should be submitted to a popular vote, should such vote be requested, though it was perhaps true that the proposed improvements are of the kind known as necessary expenses, and the Board might have issued and sold this amount of bonds without a popular vote.

Inasmuch as the Board is persuaded that there has been some misunderstanding as to the purpose of these bonds, and is above all else desirous that the people should fully understand the situation, it is hoped that each one will for himself carefully consider facts.

Much complaint has been made by our citizens of the condition of the road to our cemetery, where many of their loved ones are buried. It is heart rending, as well as a bit gruesome, to think that it is often necessary, in order to get the remains of a human being to that restful place, to "rattle his bones, over the stones," and it is thought that this condition should be remedied.

The Citizens living on Cherry Street, which intersects with Peachtree, and leads in the direction of Dr. W. S. McCombs residence, have at times been forced to leave their cars at the bottom of the hill and it is a well known fact that this street is in bad repair. The same is true of Campbell Street; Hilton Street and Dillard Street are both in bad repair, and so the Board thought that Ten Thousand Dollars would not be an extravagant amount to expend by way of trying to better these and other streets of the town. While this amount will not, of course, pave them, it is hoped and the Board feels that it will suffice to put gravel and crushed rock on

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FARM TOUR STOPS OVER IN MURPHY

Party Comprising Fifty-three Pennsylvania Dutch Farmers Spend More Than Hour in Murphy

A party comprising fifty-three farmers, including wives of some of the members and several children, of Schuylkill County, Pa., passed through Murphy last Saturday enroute on the return journey of a tour down the east coast to Miami, Fla., and return through the mountain section of the Appalachians.

They called themselves the Pennsylvania Dutch, and could talk Dutch among themselves. A number of the towns people including County Agent Gray, gathered at the Regal Hotel, where they stopped for dinner to meet them.

The tour was conducted by Walter L. Bollinger, County Farm Agent, Schuylkill County, Pa. The foreword of a small pamphlet giving the tour schedule, by Mr. Bollinger follows:

For a number of years I have been a firm believer in travel for farmers. I have always believed that farmers, like other people, can learn much by travel that would remain unlearned without it. We began our organized travel for farmers by arranging local auto tours in 1918. Soon we toured farms in near-by states. In 1926 we surpassed all previous efforts when 84 people took a 1,000 mile trip to the fruit and vegetable section of New York and part of Canada.

Our former tours were designed to teach better farm methods and management. The tour this year makes no such pretense. It is nothing more than a tour for general information and recreation. All travel is educational and in that sense this tour will be no exception. Our visits to Washington and other cities and to Florida will be purposeful. Already I am indebted to agricultural leaders, a tourist agency, and to Chambers' of Commerce for assistance given towards this end.

Because of the character of this tour, it is personally arranged and conducted and it is in no sense under the auspices of the Extension Association or Farm Bureau. No public funds are being used to cover personal or other expenses in connection with this trip.

The tour comes as a climax to ten years of Extension work in the County. It stands as a testimony to the good that issues from State and Federal Agricultural Work among farmers.

ALARKA

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Ledford spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Haney.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Nichols and little son spent the week end with relatives at Bryson City.

Mr. Mose Brooks made a trip to Asheville one day last week to get some pieces for the mill.

Mrs. Callie Baine and son, Frank, were in Brookstown last week and took dinner with Mr. J. P. Baine and family.

Mrs. Barney spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Dewey Nichols.

Mrs. Ida Oliver and daughter spent Friday night with her brother, Mr. J. P. Baine.

We had a nice snow here Saturday and Sunday.

The measles are raging here again. They seem to be hurting folks pretty bad. Mr. John Phillips boy died with them. We are very sorry for them and they have our sympathy.

Mr. John Sluder spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. J. P. Baine.

Mr. Virgil Haney made a business trip to Franklin one day last week.

Our Sunday school at the Cochran church is progressing nicely.