

GREAT BRITAIN HONORED HERE

Auditorium Packed by Charlotte Audience to Hear Fine Program.

British Officers Speak—Marion Green and Miss Maggie Teyte Sing.

Charlotte celebrated Britain day yesterday enthusiastically and appropriately. The principal event of the occasion was a monster meeting at the City Auditorium last night. Other features of the day included an informal luncheon at the Southern Manufacturers' club at noon yesterday, a five o'clock tea at the club, and a banquet at the Masonic temple last night, immediately following the Auditorium meeting, when about 200 guests were present.

British and American relations and the part these two great countries and their allies played in the winning of the world war, were discussed by Colonel G. G. Woodwork, of the British army; Commander Arthur Black-

wood, of the British royal navy; Judge W. F. Harding, Cameron Morrison and Mayor McNinch. The mayor presided.

Marion Green and Miss Maggie Teyte, the distinguished musical stars, delighted the big audience with several operatic selections and Mr. O'Brien sang a couple of light ballads. The Highland Pipers' band, in sharp, but pleasing contrast to the singing of Mr. Green and Miss Teyte, played several lively, familiar tunes on bagpipes, accompanied by a drummer who hit his pieces in all manner of different poses, much to the enjoyment of the audience.

Miss Teyte charmed the audience, and she was encored half a dozen times. Daintiness of manner, and a natural flow of words in a clear, concise way apparently impressed the audience greatly. She demonstrated that she had a beautiful rich, clear voice which easily reached all corners of the building. She sang with apparent ease, not leaving the least intimation of strain. Selections she sang included the "Star Spangled Banner," which brought the audience to its feet, and which also brought round after round of applause; selected arias, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," "When Love is Blind," "Irish Folk Song," "The Rivalry" and "The Bird of the Wilderness."

Mr. Green, baritone, has been heard by a Charlotte audience before—at the music festival—and, as on the former occasion, he thoroughly pleased by his singing. He, too, has a manner of singing in broad, well-rounded tones, and he was encored a number of times. Among the selections he sang "Rule Britannia," "The Pipes of Pan," "By the Brook," "Don't Care," "Meet Me by the Moonlight," "Killickrankie."

The Highland Pipers band and the Oasis temple band shared honors for instrumental music, both being greeted with enthusiastic applause "before and after" each selection. Old Scottish pieces were among the more prominent played by the pipers' band, but "Yankee Doodle Dandee" was brought out, which received applause, but the audience were somewhat surprised when the band did not render "Dixie" to even up. The Oasis temple band opened the program, played a series of selections during the meeting, and ended the affair.

Mayor McNinch, who presided;

Judge W. F. Harding, who introduced Commander Blackwood, and Cameron Morrison, who introduced Colonel Woodwork, all paid high tribute to the valor of the British soldiers and of the advantages to be reaped by both of the great English-speaking nations by living in complete harmony.

Commander Blackwood and Colonel Woodwork discussed British and American relations, and paid high tribute to both nations. They were justly encored often during the course of their addresses, and their addresses were considered most appropriate for the occasion, tending primarily to bring the Americans and British into closer bonds of fellowship.

Occupying seats on the platform at the Auditorium besides the speakers, the musicians and the bands, were Colonel A. C. Macomb, commanding, and other high officers at Camp Greene, in addition to a number of prominent Charlotte people, former British subjects or of British ancestry. Again at the banquet last night, Mr. Green and Miss Teyte pleased their audience, as did also the Highland Pipers' band and the Shrine band. J. H. Mayes was toastmaster, and those participating in the program included Dr. A. A. McGeachy, Colonel Macomb, Mayor McNinch and others. Blessing was asked by Rev. Bryan McLeod, and Albert Bellingham, army song leader at Camp Greene, conducted group singing which met with enthusiastic support on the part of those participating.

The distinguished guests of the day arrived at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning over the Southern railway, and were met by a reception committee. Miss Teyte was taken to the Selwyn hotel; Colonel Woodwork, Commander Blackwood and Mr. Green went to the Manufacturers' club.

Many compliments were paid those in charge of arrangements for the celebration by interested Charlotteans. It was their first occasion of its kind ever held in Charlotte, and the fact that it proved so successful was the subject of much favorable comment. The audience packed the city auditorium and it appeared enthusiastically and pleased with the program that was excellently rendered.

The banquet was one of the most elaborate ever held in the city.

SEASON LOW MARK ON PINEHURST LINKS IS 75

First Round of Midwinter Tournament Featured by Accurate, Consistent Playing of Parson.

Special to The Observer. Pinehurst, Dec. 30.—Donald Parson, of Youngstown, established a new low mark for the season on the championship course at Pinehurst in the course of the first match round of the midwinter tournament played here today.

Playing against J. D. Armstrong, of Buffalo, Parson went out in 35 and came home in 37, for a 75, and incidentally won his match by 6 up and 5 to play.

Arthur L. Walker, Jr., the medalist, defeated Capt. A. T. Roberts, of Detroit, by 5 and 4, in what was expected to be the feature match of the day.

W. E. Truesdell, the senior's champion, was 3 down at the sixth in his match against J. D. Chapman, of Greenwich, but managed to square things at the tenth hole and to win the match by 1 up on the home green. William T. Barr, of Garden City, has joined the noble army of conscientious objectors to the stymie, playing against C. B. Hudson, of Norfolk. Barr was stymied twice in succession on the sixth green. After that unusual occurrence the match went on its way to the twentieth hole, where Barr finally won.

Summary—First 16: F. S. Danforth, Northfolk, beat C. F. Lancaster, Braeburn, 3 and 2; J. H. Clapp, of Chevy Chase, beat L. Becker, Philadelphia, 3 and 1; J. M. Thompson, Spring Haven, beat Julian T. Bishop, Chevy Chase, 3 and 2; Arthur L. Walker, Jr., Richmond county, beat Capt. A. T. Roberts, Detroit, 5 and 4; Lieut. C. Vancilf, Richmond county, beat H. G. Webber, Woodland, 1 up; W. E. Truesdell, Garden City, beat J. D. Chapman, Greenwich, 1 up; Donald Parson, Youngstown, beat J. D. Armstrong, Buffalo, 6 and 5; F. T. Keating, Spring Lake, beat W. C. Vancilf, Richmond county, 2 and 1.

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HOLD WATCH SERVICES AT TABERNACLE TONIGHT

Mayor McNinch and Bishop Kilgo to Speak—Congregational Supper Will Be Served.

Mayor Frank R. McNinch and Bishop John C. Kilgo will deliver addresses tonight at the "watch night" services at the East Avenue tabernacle. The exercises will begin at 7 o'clock with an entertainment for the young or children, during which a ventriloquist will entertain, and recitations and musical numbers of particular interest to the children will be given.

From 7 o'clock a social meeting for the members of the congregation and visitors will be observed, and at 8 o'clock a congregational supper will be served. At 9:30 o'clock the speaking will begin. The subject of the mayor's address will be "The New Democracy," and Bishop Kilgo, who will follow the mayor, will deliver an address on "The Progressive Church." These men are well qualified to discuss the various conditions that are involved in their subjects.

WANT MEN FOR WELL PAYING JOBS WITH GOVERNMENT

The chamber of commerce has received a bulletin from the United States civil service commission announcing that examinations will be held February 4 of applicants for the following positions: Chief, Smith-Sears' division, \$5,000 a year; district vocational officer, \$2,500 to \$4,000 annually; supervisor for advice and training, \$2,500 to \$4,000; vocational advisor, \$2,500 to \$3,000; placement officer, \$2,500 to \$3,000. These positions have to do with the vocational training and rehabilitation of disabled soldiers. Qualified men wishing to apply for permission to stand the examination should write John A. McIlhenny, United States civil service commission, Washington.

At Showhouses

Keith's. Audiences that saw the new five-act program of Keith's vaudeville and pictures yesterday afternoon and last night put their stamp of approval on the program, which is likely to be very popular with Charlotte audiences as long as it is here.

A man who is called one of the marvels of the century is on the program for the first half of the week as a dancer. He is Colonel Diamond, and is said on the program to be 83 years of age, and he dances. He does really dance, as anyone who saw the show last evening or at yesterday's matinee can testify. He first danced a gavotte and then a modern two-step, and then some other measures. His granddaughter, a very sprightly and winsome young woman, is his dancing partner. Colonel Diamond makes a little curtain speech in which he philosophizes about correct living as the secret of longevity. It is well worth hearing. His dancing is wonderful for a man of his age. He looks the typical southern colonel with his white hair, goatee and courtly air.

Miss Laurel Lee, a singing comedienne, proves one of the most popular members on the present program. Yesterday and last evening her act was so pleasing that encores were insisted on. She has a personality that makes itself felt beyond the lights and above the heads of the most individual and exceptional comedienne that has been to the Keith house here in a long while.

The wire walking and acrobatic act of the Leon Sisters and company is sensational for its daring and variety of action. One daring feat after another is "pulled" in rapid succession and several of the stunts are new in their entirety.

The "Midnight Occurrences" act of Kaufman and his little sister, which serves as an excuse for some delightful singing by two very good vocalists. They render a number of the latest and most popular ditties in telling style.

"The Personality Girls" Helen Morley and the McCarthy Sisters, who head the program, are responsible for some very entertaining songs and dances and an accompaniment of comedy that is very cleverly carried out by the team. A new comedy showing Harold Lloyd, Harry Pollard and Bebe Daniels in one of their most ridiculous situations is the feature of the picture program, along with a reel showing new topical events.

Piedmont. Glittering costumes, beautiful scenic settings, a large chorus, and a cast of leading characters that are in a class by themselves, namely Iona O'Donnell and her company, presented by George Donahue, opened for a week's run at the Piedmont theater yesterday, showing to capacity audiences. They offered one of the funniest, if not the funniest, comedies with tinsel song numbers that has ever been offered at this popular theater.

There are 20 people with the aggregation—90 per cent girls, but the other 10 per cent of the company is there with bells on, when it comes to putting over the laughs, songs, dances and comical situations and climaxes. The opening bill is "Henpecked Henry," made for laughing purposes only, and the audience were kept in an outburst from start to finish of the performance. Miss O'Connell, billed as a violin artist, secured a riot of applause in her many popular selections. Grace Baird, Stella Donahue, Loretta Nahr, Norman Hanly, George Burton, George Donahue and W. P. Morion are clever characters in the comedy. The show is away above anything that has been offered here to Charlotte theater goers in many moons.

"The Wolves of Kultur" come in for its share of thrills and sensational scenes, and the Pathe comedy, and Gaston News make up the other reels. The same performance will be offered again today.

An entire change of program is scheduled for tomorrow.

Broadway. An escaped convict watching two crooks rob their thieving employer is but one of the many unusual scenes in Rex Beach's "Laughing Bill Hyde," Goldwyn's picture of the gripping story of the same name, which comes to the Broadway theater New Year's Day. The amusing incident affords visual relief from a score or more thrilling scenes in the greatest of all Rex Beach productions.

Bill Hyde (played by Will Rogers, famous wit and larrikin) makes his way to the gold fields of Alaska. His escape from prison. While searching for work one day Bill is attracted by the cries of a woman. He rushes to the scene and beats off the assailant of Penotah, a beautiful girl of part Indian blood. She informs him that she is half owner of the Aurora Borealis mine, but that Joseph Slayforth, who is in charge, seeks to cheat her out of her claim. Bill resolves to help her.

He applies to Slayforth for work and is referred to Black Jack Burg, the superintendent. Bill goes to the mine and sees that the Aurora Borealis is the foremost, at work. While wait-

ing around, Bill sees Slayforth dumping a heaping scoop of sand and gold into a rubber boot. Bill finally succeeds in landing a job at the mine. He is eager to learn what disposition Burg and Slayforth make of the stolen gold.

One night he trails the pair by a slope and discovers their hiding place. He watches them dig up a large box and pour the contents of their latest haul into it. He hears them planning a getaway within the next few days and Bill decides to act at once. When they leave, Bill digs up the box of wealth and plants it in a spot of his own near his cabin.

When he learns that Slayforth is seeking to buy another claim Bill goes to it, after removing some of the pay dirt from the planted treasure box, and then returns to Slayforth to show him what the new claim yields. Slayforth is so impressed that he leaves the Aurora Borealis, and Bill sees that it goes into the hands of its rightful owner, Penotah, and she, in turn, falls into Bill's as his bride.

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