

## DRAMATIC CLUB PRESENTS TWO ONE-ACT PLAYS

"The Second Blessin'", By Mrs. D. H. Sutton is One of Plays Given

Friday evening, February 10, The Dramatic Club celebrated National Dramatics Week by giving two one-act plays in the High School auditorium. The members of the Woman's Club were guests. Before the plays, a short social hour was enjoyed. The hostesses were Mesdames Finch, Seitz, Sutton, Newton, and Misses Mary Garrison and Louise Lattimore. Ushers for the evening were Dorothy Bostic and Louise Lattimore.

The first play, "Trusting Place," was a clever society play by Booth Tarkington. The setting was in one of the "quiet" corners of a modern hotel, and the characters those usually seen at fashionable resorts. Margaret Sloan as Lancelot Briggs, a typical Booth Tarkington youth suffering from an acute attack of puppy love, was very good indeed. Mrs. Curtis, the widow with whom Lancelot was in love was charmingly played by Lucile Thornton. Lancelot's mother, Mrs. Briggs, was played by O'lema Plack and the scenes between her and her elderly lover, Mr. Inglesby, played by Mollie Farmer, were the signal for gales of laughter from the audience. Jessie Briggs, played by Viola Randall and her lover, Rupert Smith, played by Mamie Eakens were extremely attractive stage lovers.

Mrs. R. C. Alexander sang beautifully: "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," and "Memories."

Mrs. Hague Padgett sang "The Nightingale Has a Heart of Gold," and two mountain folk songs, "The Riddle Song," and "A Mountain Lullabye." These songs were collected in the Blue Ridge by Mrs. Sutton and the airs were transcribed by Miss Mary Wilder. They are typical mountain folk songs and Mrs. Padgett sang them very effectively and they paved the way admirably for the second play.

"The Second Blessin'", a folk play of the North Carolina Mountains, had its scene laid in the cabin of Aunt Mandy Trantham on Jonas' Ridge. The scene was well-planned. Festoons of red-pepper, hay-beans, and drying apples swung from a rack behind an old stove, a pine table covered with red-checked oil cloth, home-made chairs, and a couch covered with a hand-woven coverlid made a typical mountain kitchen.

The play is an excellent presentation of the very interesting type of folk who live in the isolated places in the Blue Ridge. The character of Aunt Mandy, a shrewd old woman, who has observed life in the caves of her homeland, and by this observation evolved a philosophy that is clear-cut and wise, is a delightful character. She is very true to life. Jim, the strong mountaineer who led a "rattling" life until sorrow for the death of his adored wife drove him into religion of the harsh, uncompromising type, and turned an easy-going fellow into a cruel, merciless judge of his fellowman is a strong character. Angeline is an appealing character. She is utterly sincere and her devotion to Zeb has the attraction of the grande passion always has. Zeb is an engaging rascal and a charming lover. When the strength and beauty of Angeline's love is revealed he rises to heights of feeling that compare well with Angeline's. The characterization of the play is stronger than the plot.

The acting of Margaret Bostic as Angeline was superb. In the scene where she told her father she had rather be miserable with Zeb than die without him, her pantomime and facial expression were marvelous. She played the part with professional finish and delighted the audience.

Mrs. D. H. Sutton was excellent as Aunt Mandy Trantham. She portrayed the old mountain woman in such a way as to make the audience really see and know Aunt Mandy—her wise philosophy of life. Her dialect and costume were splendid.

Mr. David Lindsay, as Bob Huskins, acted the part of a dashing young mountaineer extremely well. His impersonation of a mountain lover was delightful. In the climax, where the young "moonshiner" promises Angeline's father that he will

## FARRIS BRADFORD DIES AT HENRIETTA

Young Man Succumbs to Complication of Disease. Two Weddings—Locals

Henrietta, Feb. 13.—Mr. Farris Bradford died at the home of his parents on Haynes street, February 10, of a complication of diseases. He had been sick for some time and his passing was not unexpected. He was a young man just in the bloom of life being only 20 years, 7 months and 24 days of age.

He leaves to mourn his death his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Isom Bradford, of Henrietta, and Shelt Bradford, of Yancey County, and three sisters, Mrs. Delia Edwards, Mrs. Nora Hensley, and Miss Texia Bradford, all of Henrietta. He stated before he died that all was well with his soul and his last words were exhortations to the unsaved to get right with God.

The funeral was held in the home late Friday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Beachboard, of Caroleen, and burial was in Henrietta and Caroleen cemetery.

The undertakers in charge were Hightower and Matheny.

Mr. Howard Lowery and Miss Jennie Davidson drove to Gaffney, February 5 and were married.

Mr. Louis Gibson and Miss Pansy Hicks, accompanied by Misses Cleo Gibson and Virgie Hicks, drove to Gaffney and were married last Saturday. Mr. Gibson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gibson and Mrs. Gibson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks.

Rev. S. P. Jones, of Cherokee, R-2, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mahaffey Sunday.

Mr. M. O. Wilkerson visited Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wilkerson at Alexander last Thursday.

Miss Kate Norman visited in Gaffney Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Georgia Toney, of Caroleen, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Fortenberry.

Mr. and Mrs. John Callahan spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Reavis, on Mooresboro, R-1.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Lowery recently, a son.  
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Olen Henson some time ago, a son.

Most people who talk about a woman's place being in the home really mean it is in the kitchen.

reform and "make Angy a good man," Mr. Lindsay's acting was unusually good.

Mr. S. M. Crowder impersonated the character of Jim Franklin with professional skill. His costume, dialect, and acting were most unusual in an amateur. In the climatic scene, Mr. Crowder's acting was powerful. He caught the spirit of the play and presented the old mountaineer with pathos, strength, and appeal.

Mrs. D. H. Sutton is the author of the play. The dialect is excellent and the characters true to life.

## To Head Farm Loan



As a step toward new relief measures for farmers, President Coolidge completed a reorganization of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau. Mr. Eugene Meyer, Jr., of the War Finance Corporation will be named Farm Loan Commissioner and will be entrusted with developing the Administration farm plan.

## Love Leaps All Barriers



Pretty Miss Beatrice Fuller, 19, of Boston, Mass., a descendant of the Pilgrims, is to wed Clarence Kelrien, colored World War Veteran. The young couple are to be married by the Rev. George S. Brooks, of Rockville, Conn. How do you pure blooded Southerners in Rutherford County react to this mixture of blood? Oh, you glorious Southland, we're glad we are here.

## SHILOH NEWS

Rutherfordon, R-1, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Mary Snyder who has been sick for some time doesn't seem to improve much.

Messrs. Worth Abrams and Golden Thompson have measles, also several other cases in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dobbins carried their five year old son to the Rutherford Hospital last week for treatment.

Miss Foy Jackson who has been sick at her home in Inman, S. C. for a month, returned back to Mr. and Mrs. G. N. McBrayer's Sunday, where she is staying and taking a course at Central High.

Miss Myrtle Grose spent last week at Mr. J. A. Smith's.

Mr. W. H. Blanton and family of Spindale visited at Mr. Willie Morrow's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Jones had as their dinner guests Sunday, Mrs. Forrest Hamrick and children and Miss Annie Hamrick. Later in the afternoon Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Hamrick called a while.

Mr. Lester McMahan and family of Rutherfordon and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawkins of Alexander visited at Mr. J. A. Smith's Sunday.

Mr. Burl Norris is able to be out again after being sick with measles.

## MT PLEASANT NEWS

Forest City, R-1, Feb. 14.—Rev. M. L. Buchanan filled his regular appointment at Mt. Pleasant church, both Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Holland, Jr., spent Sunday with Mrs. C. M. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matheny spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Hamrick and Mrs. Martha Randall, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Hamrick on last Thursday.

Miss Reba Price is visiting friends and relatives in Cliffside this week.

Miss Pauline Matheny spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Kathleen Holland.

Misses Bruce Fortune and Sarah Holland attended the play given at Cliffside High School building Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holland visited the small son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Holland Sunday afternoon, who is getting along nicely at the Rutherford Hospital.

Mr. C. A. Kennedy of Forest City spent the week end with Mr. Clark Matheny.

There was quite a number from our community attended the play given at Henrietta-Caroleen High School Friday night.

We are very sorry to note that Prof. F. A. Brown of the Mt. Pleasant school is on the sick list and unable to teach at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Davidson and Mrs. Forest Davidson spent Sunday with Mrs. T. J. Toms and family.

Our pastor, Rev. M. L. Buchanan gave a very interesting talk in B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Farmers of Stanly County find that grading and releveling cotton seed will give an extra bale yield on each eight acres.

The outlook for cotton is better this season than last, if the acreage is not increased over ten per cent.

## PROVIDENCE NEWS

Forest City, R-2, Feb. 14.—We have had about thirty-five cases of measles in this community. They all seem to be improving as well as could be expected.

Mr. W. V. Harrill has a sick baby. We hope for it a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith are visiting relatives in Charlotte this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Hopper last week a fine baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDaniel visited their daughter Monday, Mrs. Irvin Allen, who lives near Hollis Springs.

Miss Mabel Smith spent the week with her sister, Mrs. Lillian Hopper.

Mrs. Annie Buff and children spent the week end with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Harrill visited his brother Thursday night, Mr. W. V. Harrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tool, of Georgia, spent last week with Mrs. Tool's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brandle.

Mrs. James Harrill seems to be improving after being sick about five weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Womick visited her parents, Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. James Harrill.

## SULPHUR SPRINGS

Forest City, R-1, Feb. 13.—Rev. A. G. Melton filled his regular appointment at Sulphur Springs church Saturday and Sunday. The Saturday services was changed to the fourth Saturday afternoon instead of the second Saturday morning.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bland Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lavender, of Gaffney, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horne and Miss Grace Harris, of Forest City.

The Sulphur Springs B. Y. P. U. met Sunday night and rendered a good program. We invite one and all to attend.

We regret to note that Mr. S. A. Bland and Miss Pantha Smart are on the sick list.

Mr. Carl and Miss Stella Matheny visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bland, Sunday afternoon.

## MR. O. T. PRICE TAKING SPECIAL COURSE IN DRY CLEANING

Mr. Oscar T. Price, of the dry cleaning establishment of J. M. Price & Son, is taking a special course in dry cleaning at the Ben Vonde Co. in Charlotte. While Mr. Price is an expert himself, after a number of years' experience, he is taking this special training in order to keep up with the very latest and best methods, as practiced by the great Ben Vonde Co. In a note to The Courier he says: "Believe me, it is great to see how they handle expensive gowns like they do here. Have just handled one ladies' coat valued at \$800, which looked just as good as new after being dry cleaned. The methods are the very best and latest and I expect to put them into practice in my own plant upon my return to Forest City." Mr. Price expects to be back home in another week.

Talk may be cheap, but not when you talk back to a policeman.

Probably the biggest traffic problem of all is how to buy gasoline.

## JESSE SCRUGGS, AGED 80, DEAD

Highly Respected Citizen of Ferry Community Passed Thursday

Ferry, Feb. 13.—Mr. Jesse L. Scruggs one of our oldest citizens died at his home here Thursday. Mr. Scruggs who was reported very sick some time ago had improved and was thought to be getting on well until Wednesday when he suffered a stroke of paralysis and was unconscious until the end.

Funeral services were held at Goode's Creek of which church he was a member on Friday afternoon with Rev. T. M. Hester pastor in charge.

Mr. Scruggs was born March 24th, 1848 and would have been eighty years of age had he lived until March. He was married first to Miss Mary E. Webb. To this union was born four children, two are living, Mrs. J. P. Dobbins, and J. O. Scruggs. His second marriage was to Miss Rhoda C. Goode who preceded him to the grave only a few months ago. To this union was born nine children, four of whom are living; Messrs. Lewis, Richard, Grover and Miss Dona Scruggs. Mr. Scruggs was a hard working man until he became unable to work, was quiet, unassuming and lived a Christian life, stating sometime before his death that he was ready for the call. He will be missed in the home, church, and community. A large crowd attended the funeral to pay their last tribute of respect to their neighbor and friend. We extend to the bereft our tenderest sympathy.

## POOR SPORT KILLS FOX

Mr. W. J. Clontz, of R-1, Bostic, was a caller at this office Monday, and after subscribing to The Courier, made complaint that some one, evidently a poor sport, had recently killed a big red fox in his community. "This wanton killing," said Mr. Clontz, "provided no sport whatever for the killer, but deprives the fox hunters of our section of the pleasure of many thrilling chases by the hounds."

## SPECIAL SERMON FOR SPINDALE BOY SCOUTS

Spindale, Feb. 13.—Rev. T. C. Jordan, pastor of the local Methodist church, delivered a special sermon to the Spindale Troop one, Boy Scouts, here Sunday evening at 7:30. This service was a union service and congregations of the other churches of the town suspended services for the evening and attended. The service was part of the activities of the Spindale Troop of Boy Scouts in observing Anniversary week.

It's hard to see how even a ground-hog could predict the kind of weather we're having.

## Biggest Ear Extant



Max McClure, 14 year old school-boy of Lawrence, Kansas, with the 76-inch ear of corn that won for him first prize in the annual "Biggest Ear of Corn" contest in Lawrence. The corn is of the Reed's Yellow Dent species. Young McClure raised enough corn in 1927 to feed all the hogs on his farm and pay his way through school.

## BEAUTIFUL LAKE LURE TO STAGE GREAT FOX HUNT

Famed Hunters From Several States Invited to Participate During Week of March 12th

Lake Lure, Feb. 13.—One of the biggest fox hunts ever staged in North Carolina will be held at Lake Lure the week of March 12th in honor of Cyclone Mac, the great evangelist, and Will Rowe, of Bennettsville, S. C. Cyclone will bring his famous pack of twenty Walker dogs and he and Rowe are confidently expecting to carry back to South Carolina all the honors of the hunt. But Dr. Sevier, of Asheville, with his renowned Big Stride dogs and Howard Camnitz with Drum and Fan are equally certain of keeping them in Western North Carolina. These two will be assisted in keeping the honors at Lake Lure by Oscar Shytle with Windham and May Belle; Cecil Cobb with Man O' War; C. C. Moore with his pack of Walkers, Will Magness with his July dogs. Thad Flynn with his famous Blue Tick and Oliver Hill, of Rutherfordon, with his Glen Shaver dogs.

The hunt is being arranged by Howard Camnitz and Cecil Cobb. All hunters desiring to take part are requested to notify either of these gentlemen. Fox hunting guests at Tryon and other resorts are especially invited to participate in the chase.

Lake Lure bids fair to prove a real Mecca for the fox hunters. Foxes are plentiful and running fine. As one stands on the mountain side listening to the music of the hounds, as it echoes and reverberates through the hills, the Lake below binds its witchery while majestic Chimney Rock above seems to smile down his approval upon the mad race below. Lovers of the chase around Lake Lure, recognizing the advantages of the resort as a fox hunters paradise, are gathering to themselves fox hounds that will prevent many trophies leaving Lake Lure. She will number in her colony some of the best known hunters in the game. Howard Camnitz, for several years president of the Kentucky Fox Hunters Association is now living at Lake Lure, while Cyclone Mac, recognizing it as one of America's finest hunting spots, is buying a home there where he may come with his great pack of dogs to rest and hunt between his campaigns. Cecil Cobb is another Lake Lure enthusiast and since "Like draw a like" and "A fox hunter is a fox hunter for a 'that and a that," these hunters will cause other hunters to swarm there like bees, till the mountains will be dotted with Red Coats and Caps.

Here's to the Fox Hunters Club of Lake Lure

America's most Aristocratic Sport to be sure.

Yet at the chase we all meet on common ground

Social standing being measured by the speed of one's hound.

They may come from far and near in search of the title,

But the chances are—it will stay with Old Man Shytle."

## RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA

Mr. J. F. Neimar, Scotch magician, who has promoted sales at The Leader Store in this city and given several entertainments over the county, will leave February 20 for his native home in Sydney, Australia. He is a magician of splendid ability and has a pleasing personality, which has made for him many friends in this county. He told this reporter that he had spent three years in the United States and had traveled extensively, but that he liked Forest City better than any city visited and would make this place his home if he were not returning to his native land. His partner, Mr. Kaufman, sales promoter, is making Forest City his headquarters.

Now that leap year is here the cynical bachelors should be careful of the company they keep.

Strawberry growers will experience about the same prices this year as last.