

Today and Tomorrow

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

DRAMA tours again
The project of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration for arranging employment to actors by arranging for dozens of traveling theatrical companies which will present good plays free of charge for the entertainment of everybody seems to me like a highly commendable idea. A good many of these traveling companies will tour in automobiles, carrying stage scenery and equipment on trucks, and giving their performances out of doors in good weather.

To millions of Americans it will come as a novelty to see real actors on the stage. The best that the movies can do has not the appeal of seeing the performers in the flesh.

It will be a good thing for the nation if this movement revives interest "on the road" in the spoken drama.

"TOM" sure-fire hit
The first of these outdoor performances to be ready for the road is the play which has been given greater than any other drama ever written in any language—"Uncle Tom's Cabin." It had its first performance under Government auspices on the upper East Side of New York a few days ago.

Uncle Tom's Cabin has been played by so many different companies, tent shows, wagon shows, boat shows and railroad shows, that "Tommers" are a distinct class in the world of the theatre. I looked into the subject some years ago and found then more than 160 different companies presenting this ancient play in different parts of the country at one time. It is almost actor-proof; the story and sentiment sweeps the audience no matter how badly it is played.

The grandson of Harriet Beecher Stowe, from whose anti-slavery book the play was taken, is one of my country neighbors. He tells me that his grandmother, who had a Puritanical prejudice against the theater, never authorized the book's dramatization nor realized a cent from the many presentations of the play.

PLEASURE was sinful
The prejudice against the theater which was emphasized by many of the church denominations in America and England for more than two hundred years was only partly due to the indecencies of the early theater. The Puritans regarded it as immoral to indulge in any amusement purely for pleasure. As Macaulay wrote of England's prohibition against public fights between bears and bulldogs in the 17th century, Cromwell and his followers stopped it not because it gave pain to the bear but because it gave pleasure to the spectators.

After the overthrow of the Puritan regime in England, and the restoration of the Stuarts to the throne, the reaction against this discipline ran wild, and the stage in the days of Charles II and his son, James II, was so rawly in earnest as to confirm the good Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptist and Methodist in their belief that the theater was the antediluvian of Hell.

Something of the same sort of reaction against the movies is now beginning in religious circles, with even the more liberal denominations taking part in it. This time it is not prejudice against pleasure as such, but against the commercial exploitation of false and subversive ideas to the young. It should not be difficult for the movies to "clean up" once their promoters get rid of the idea that people won't pay to see clean shows.

Up in my home county of Berkshire, Massachusetts, we have a little theatre, the Berkshire Playhouse, in which every Summer there is an eight-weeks season of plays, presented by first-rate actors, many of them Broadway stars. People drive from forty miles away to attend the performances. But the best show we have had in several seasons was an amateur performance of an old favorite, "The Old Homestead."

Young men and women from half a dozen neighboring villages spent their spare time all Spring rehearsing this play, which hadn't been given in a regular theater since Denman Thompson, its author and star, died more than forty years ago. They not only put on a first-rate performance, but they demonstrated that people will flock to see a "clean" play.

Sophisticated "modern" critics sneer at such homely dramatic fare as "The Old Homestead" and Uncle Tom's Cabin, but the young folks of today get as much pleasure out of them as their grandparents did.

RELIGION tolerant today
The religious prejudice against the reasonable pursuit of pleasure has pretty nearly faded out almost everywhere. Its basis, of course, was in the human tendency to make pleasure the main end of life, instead of a by-product. Young folks are prone to confuse pleasure with happiness, which are not the same thing at all.

But I think I can discern, among the many young folk of both sexes with whom I come into contact, a distinctly religious spirit growing more strongly all the time; just as I find in most churches a growing spirit of tolerance of harmless pleasures, even on Sunday.

I know some suburban and rural churches that hold an eight-o'clock service every Summer Sunday morning just for golfers and fishermen.

UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED

by "Movie Spotlight"

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Jack Holt—COLUMBIA STAR ONCE WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT CARRYING MAIL ACROSS ALASKA'S BARREN WASTES!

N. C. Is Ready For Rural Electrification

The rural electrification of North Carolina will be an important step forward in the agricultural advancement of the State, according to David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer at State College.

Thousands of farms over the state are well situated to take advantage of the possibilities now awaiting development, he said, and the time is coming when these farms will be equipped with efficient and economical electrical appliances.

Already there is a large potential source of power which may be obtained by extending rural transmission lines from the 49 municipally-owned plants now in operation. Still more power can be obtained by the development of hydroelectric plants along the many streams in the Piedmont area.

Before a transmission line can be erected with assurance of profitable operation, the farmers along the proposed right-of-way must guarantee the consumption of a reasonable amount of current for each mile of transmission line.

Weaver said that in a number of

Sale of Land for Taxes

The following persons having failed to pay their City taxes for 1933, I will on Monday, August 6, at 12 o'clock M., sell at the Court House door in Warrenton, N. C., the following described land to satisfy taxes due. The cost and penalties are to be added.

This July 5th, 1934.
M. M. DRAKE, City Tax Collector Warrenton, N. C.

Mrs. A. D. Alston, one lot Main Street	29.33
Richard Burgess Est., one home and one lot	3.75
Amanda R. Davis, one lot on Bragg Street	8.03
Mrs. B. K. Davis, one town lot	28.09
Fannie A. Davis Est., one lot on Bragg Street	10.41
W. C. Ellington Est., 1 lot, store	26.23
Mabel P. Falkener, one town lot	8.78
Philip Friedenber, 2 residences, 2 stores, Main Street	115.71
James H. Green, 4 lots	47.55
John S. Green, one lot	7.32
Otis M. Green, 1 lot Bragg St., 1 Gin lot	24.54
Jule Harris Est., 3 lots	21.43
J. N. Harper, one lot Ridgeway Street	7.22
Richard Mack, 1 lot	.75
H. T. Macon Est., 1 lot New Town	1.61
N. P. Marks, 1 lot on Main Street	26.79
N. B. & J. T. Mustian, 1 lot Main Street	24.08
John S. Plummer, 1 lot	4.58
M. J. Plummer Est., 1 lot	6.42
J. E. Ransom, 1 lot	22.25
H. L. Reavis, 1 lot, store on Franklin Street	26.15
J. L. Smiley, 1 lot near Halls' Spring	18.94
James S. Taylor, 1 lot	5.52
Gretchen Thornton, 1 lot Franklin Street	6.42
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communities the farmers are getting together and ascertaining how many of their number will use the current if a line is erected. When a sufficient number agree to install electricity, negotiations can be made with the local power systems for extending transmission lines.

Mr. Weaver is making a special study of rural electrification possibilities in North Carolina, and is willing to offer suggestions to any group of farmers who communicate with him. He hopes to soon have an investigator available for every two or three counties to go into the field and help the farmers plan for the obtaining of a transmission line and the installation of electrical appliances.

Farm Questions And Answers

Question: What is the amount of the tax on tobacco to be paid by non-cooperating growers this year?

Answer: The Secretary of Agriculture has fixed the tax under the Kerr-Smith Tobacco Act as 25 per cent of the market value. Those who are cooperating in the tobacco adjustment plan will be issued tax exempt warrants by which they may sell their tobacco tax free while non-cooperating growers must pay the tax except they will be allotted a certain amount of tax free weed. Those who have not signed contracts have been given until July 28 to sign a contract and thus come under the provisions of the AAA program.

Question: Will it pay to use a cheaper mash feed now that prices for eggs have decreased?

Answer: The cheapest mash is often the most expensive. It lowers the vitality of the birds and also lowers egg production. The North Carolina Experiment Station has found that a hen laying 8 dozen eggs a year needs 10 pounds of feed to produce a dozen eggs. If this same hen laid 12 dozen eggs a year, she needs only 7 pounds of feed to produce a dozen eggs.

Question: When will the 4-H club short course be held at State College?

Answer: The dates of the 4-H short course have been set for July 25 to 30. Club members arriving at the college will have their first meal served at supper, July 25. L. R. Harrell, state club leader, College Sta-

tion, Raleigh, can give full information about the short course. He says about 600 club members will attend.

Wheat Program To Continue Next Year

The wheat adjustment program for the coming year will be continued on the same basis as last year, announces John W. Goodman of State College, head of the AAA wheat program in North Carolina. The reduction under the average acreage for the 1928-32 base period will not be more than the 15 per cent reduced last year, he said. The parity payments will be made as before at the rate of 29 cents a bushel on the individual grower's domestic allotment.

Due to the unpredictable changes that may arise in the world wheat situation, the exact amount of the reduction next year will not be fixed until later. It is possible, Goodman said, that the reduction will not be as much as 15 per cent of the base acreage.

The 1,102 North Carolina wheat growers who signed contracts last year received \$38,000 on their first payment and \$12,600 on the second payment, bringing the total to over \$50,000 for reducing their 22,387 acres by 15 per cent.

Meanwhile, David Weaver, agricultural engineer at the college, said

that the work of measuring cotton, tobacco, and corn lands under contract is progressing rapidly.

Measurers are being set to work on the 750,000 fields which are to be measured in North Carolina to determine whether the growers are complying with their adjustment contracts.

To make sure the measurers are surveyors will be sent to check up on some of the fields thus measured. The fields will be selected at random, with a view of catching any possible errors in the first measurements.

Every farmer will be asked to help in the measurement of his own field so that he can see that the work is being done satisfactorily.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of thanking every one for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our greatest sorrow, the death of our husband and father.

—Mrs. Robert D. Cheek and Children.

J. J. Honeycutt of Cabarrus county harvested 200 bushels of Italian rye grass seed from ten acres planted.

The cotton crop of Chatham county is reported damaged by 20 per cent due to unfavorable growing weather. Tobacco also has been damaged by wet weather.

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RESOURCES	
Cash, Checks for Clearing and Transit Items	\$ 13,198.07
Due from Approved Depository Banks	165,083.04
Cash Items (Held Over 24 Hours)	25.35
United States Bonds, Notes, Etc.	39,984.85
North Carolina State Bonds, Notes, Etc.	130,124.25
Listed Stocks	8,099.30
Other Stocks and Bonds	7,504.00
Loans and Discounts—Other	222,650.56
Banking House and Site	17,402.79
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	1.00
Other Real Estate	15,512.95
Federal Deposit Insurance	1,037.35
Total Resources	\$620,823.51
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	
Demand Deposits—Due Public Officials	\$ 50,913.19
Demand Deposits—Due Others	265,836.74
Demand Certificates of Deposit (Due Under 30 Days)	8,460.50
Cashiers Checks, Certified Checks and Dividend Checks	1,402.45
Savings Deposits—Due Public Officials	5,765.63
Savings Deposits—Due Others	218,012.52
Total Liabilities	\$550,391.03
Capital Stock—Common	\$ 20,000.00
Surplus—Unappropriated	40,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,876.63
Federal Check Tax Sale	196.04
Reserve for Depreciation Fixed Properties	4,659.71
Reserve for Losses	2,000.00
Reserve for Interest	1,500.10
Total Capital	\$ 70,232.48
Total Liabilities and Capital	\$620,823.51

State of North Carolina,
County of Warren, ss.
Jno. G. Mitchell, Cashier, V. F. Ward, Director, and R. T. Watson, Director of the Citizens Bank, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th day of July, 1934.
(Seal) P. B. BOYD, Notary Public.
My commission expires Mch. 6, 1936

JOHN G. MITCHELL,
Cashier.
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