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TEN COMMANDMENTS CAROLINA THEATRES

The Mightiest Dramatic Spectacle of All Ages— July 6th and 7th

(By Fay King)

I have been hearing so much about this big Cecil DeMille picture, "The Ten Commandments," I figured I better hurry in and have a squint at it and, believe me, the first half, or in other words, the Biblical part of the picture, is truly a triumph in every way!

Tut's tomb has had us all interested in Egypt lately, and in this part of DeMille's picture you see how the poor children of Israel were in bondage to the Pharaoh, and had to haul those sphinx and gigantic statues around, that the tourists admire so much. And you see how Moses pleaded with the Pharaoh, and then how each first born was taken, including the mighty Pharaoh's son, who was a chip off the old block, and beat Moses with a whip while he talked with his father.

And then when the Red Sea separates and the children cross in safety. Gee! That's a thrill! And then Pharaoh, racing after them in their countless chariots gallop right into the sea after them and when they reach the middle the waves just fold over and—that's that!

"The Ten Commandments," as you know, is really a double header! That is, there are two stories. The first part deals with ancient times. The modern story shows what can happen to people to-day if they break God's law.

Probably no more magnificent and dramatic spectacle will ever be made than the first reels of "The Ten Commandments," showing the splendor and oppression of those times when the children were in bondage in Egypt.

The torture they endured while enslaved to the mighty Pharaoh! Then the terrifically impressive scenes which show Moses receiving the Ten Commandments hurled from the very heavens! The bolt of lightning that cuts the tablet from the mountain side!

Then the grief and disappointment when Moses returns to his people to find that in his absence his own sister has inspired them to give their ornaments that a golden calf may be made to worship.

To see the Pharaoh's six hundred chariots in pursuit of the captives just released, to recapture them—

Thrill after thrill—the kind that make you think!!!

And then after this marvelous color picture, comes the modern story. The two sons, Dan and John. Dan, wayward and unbelieving, who goes out into the world for success at the price of his soul. John, who remains Godfearing and as his mother trained him.

"The Ten Commandments" will go on forever!!! —Reproduced by permission from the New York Daily Mirror.

TOMATOES IN DEMAND AT GOOD PRICES

Farmers in the Vass territory have been planting a considerable acreage of tomatoes, and the way it looks they are going to have a good demand for their crop at profitable prices. A few crates have started to market, with the figures satisfactory, and an order for a car load has come from Richmond, with a call for a good lot from Florida, as Florida is out of tomatoes now.

The quality of the product is good, and it looks now as if a harvest is about to result that will encourage a bigger acreage next year. Little difficulty has been encountered in the way of damage to the fruit. The local market is taking a good proportion of the first harvest, and may be a considerable factor in the crop.

MRS. H. A. BORST HOSTESS TO CIRCLE NO. 1

A most interesting and helpful meeting of the Missionary society circle No. 1, was held with Mrs. H. A. Borst as hostess Tuesday evening June 23. The subject of the program being "The Belle H. Bennett Memorial." Mrs. J. A. Thomas led the devotional, papers being read by Mrs. W. F. Thompson, Mrs. H. A. Borst, Mrs. A. G. Edwards, and poems by Mrs. W. T. Cox and Mrs. G. B. Laubscheur, Mrs. A. G. Edwards reading the scripture lesson of the evening.

Reports were made by the different committees, after which plans for the coming month were made. On next Saturday afternoon from 1:30 o'clock on, there will be a "Variety Sale" which will be held in the Edwards hall over Vass Mercantile store, from which can be gotten bargains of all kinds. A rummage sale will be in connection.

Upon conclusion of the business a most enjoyable social hour was held, on a contest of characters of the Bible. Mrs. J. P. Thomas and Mrs. W. T. Cox were presented with a set of silver lingerie clasps.

The hostess served delicious fruit punch and home-made cakes.

LAKEVIEW SCOUT NEWS

The regular meeting was held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. It was conducted by Patrol Leader, Hiram McInnis. Mr. Walter Cole acted as assistant Scout Master. The Scout oath and laws were given by the scouts. The pledge to the flag was also given by the scouts. Signaling was practiced by all scouts present. Games were played, such as pyramid building, and "flip." There was also a knot-tying contest.

Our Scout Master, Mr. F. M. Dwight is attending summer school at Raleigh. We miss "Dude" very much. We scouts wish to thank him for the splendid work that he has done with us since we organized and we feel sure that he will continue it in the future.

A number of scouts from here attended a picnic with the Loyal Friend's class, of the Lakeview Sunday School, at Currie's pond, Wednesday.

Scouts Winfred Causey, and Frank Coore entertained the Loyal Friend's class at a class meeting, which was held at the church June 10th.

Something to remember: Scout law No. 4. A Scout is friendly. He is a friend to all and a brother to every other scout.

Scout law No. 5. A Scout is courteous. He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people, and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and faithful service rendered to us during the sickness and death of our dear sister, Mary Ann Darroch. D. DARROCH, and Family.

NEW DEPARTMENT FARM LIFE SCHOOL

Professor Hutcheson Working Hard For Our Boys and Girls

Moore County and all surrounding territory is awakening to the fact that the Sandhill Farm Life School is one of its most useful institutions. This school has always stood for service. When it was founded in 1915, High Schools were few and scattered, and a distinct service was rendered, when the boys and girls of the County were given an opportunity to complete their high school training at a minimum cost. Many students availed themselves of this opportunity, and at present the school has many graduates, successfully putting into practice the ideals of the school, in all sections of the State.

Although there are High Schools all around us, at present the Farm Life School is still offering a distinct service. Along with special training in Agriculture and Home Economics, the school is offering other work, which can be found in no other school in the County. Last year, a teacher training department was established. This department offers the high school graduate a wonderful opportunity to enter the teaching field at a good salary, and with special training, when the graduate is not able to attend college. This course is absolutely free to the pupil, the only expense being the cost of board.

During the present summer, another department which should be of service to a large number of boys and girls, has been arranged for. This is a business department. The department is to be under the direction of Mr. Seth Stuart of the Bowling Green Business University, Bowling Green, Kentucky who is splendidly qualified for the work of establishing a new commercial department. Friends of the school are confident that this new branch of Farm Life School will render a great service to Moore County. This course will be offered for fifty dollars and board.

One of the chief beauties of Farm Life, is that it is serving the county without thought of making money. The idea of its supporters, is to offer those branches of instruction which are needed, at the lowest possible figure. Pupils who are interested in any phase of the work at Farm Life, and are desirous of entering school this fall, should write for a catalog and familiarize themselves with what the school has to offer.

Due to a number of big hearted Farm Life supporters, no pupil needs stand back for lack of funds. The several Loan funds will help defray expenses, and the terms are most liberal.

THE TOWN OF VASS AND ITS COMMUNITY

A Story of Its Early Life and Development—Yesterday and Today

(Bessie Smith)

We have seen that the natural resources of this section consisted of pine timber and its products, tar, pitch and turpentine. The question that naturally arises is, how were these products marketed in the days before railway transportation became a reality?

The tar and turpentine were hauled over land to Fayetteville, over the old plank road, the only good road in this part of the country. Among the last to carry on a turpentine business on a large scale near here was J. A. Keith, and by that time, the railroad facilities were good and his products were loaded here.

Transporting the timber itself presented the greatest problem, as it had to be floated down the river to Wilmington. It was found profitable to cut only the largest trees, those measuring not less than thirty-two feet in length and on up to sixty feet. Everything smaller was left to be taken care of by saw mills later on.

The timber along the river was cut and squared, and hauled to various landings, the nearest one being known as the Long Point. There, eight of these huge sticks were securely fastened together, side by side with the front ends even. The whole was called a "clump." The owner usually hacked his name on each stick in order that he might claim it, should the timbers become separated in their journey and be picked up by some one else.

Usually, several clumps were made ready for the trip at once, and then, when the water was high enough, which was usually the case in the winter time, or when a freshet came, the clumps were started on their oceanward journey. The "crew" consisted of one man to the clump and the steering apparatus was a large oar. It was no child's play to steer a clump through the narrow channel of Little River and to guide it safely along the winding path of the stream.

About two days were required to go the distance to where Little River joined the Cape Fear. There, where the broader waters were, the little row boat was converted into a great ocean liner. From one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five sticks were joined together to form a raft, the crew was increased to five men, and the trip was begun in earnest. When Fayetteville was reached, they "tied up" and went ashore for supplies to last for six or eight days, the time required to go the remainder of the way to Wilmington.

On first thought, it would seem that floating down the river in this way would be most pleasant, but we must remember that there were dangers all along the way. The men must be alert and careful to keep their raft from hanging up along the side of the stream; then, there were falls here and there, and who could know at what moment the timbers would be torn apart by the rocks—and always there was the danger of running into floating timbers from some raft that had failed to successfully ride the falls.

When the landing at Wilmington was reached, the timber was sold, and then the homeward trip was begun. The men usually came from Wilmington to Fayetteville on a steam boat, and from there they had their choice of coming on the train or of walking. Sometimes they did one, sometimes the other.

The timber along the creek was floated down that stream in a similar way. By the time that saw mills came into prominence around here, the railroad had been completed, and marketing the lumber was much more easily accomplished.

(To be continued)

KIWANIS APPLAUDS DR. W. C. MUDGETT

Southern Pines Physician Goes To Europe Shortly

The meeting of the Kiwanis club Wednesday at the Aberdeen school house was rather an enlightening gathering, as some of the committees made reports on the various works the club is engaged in, and the results were surprising to some who were not aware of what is going on.

Frank Buchan told of the progress the boys who have been started in the Building and Loan associations are making, and he informed the club that a large number of the young folks of the various towns are active

building and loan workers, paying in their money weekly, some up to several dollars a week, and they are laying up ahead of them a nice sum of money for the foundation of future usefulness. A more detailed report will follow as Frank gets his figures tabulated.

Dr. Dickey read the names of several young folks who are in school by the help of the club and will give further report at a later meeting. The club will hold its next meeting at Southern Pines Friday of next week, and guests will be present from a large number of the agricultural colleges of the United States. They will be shown the peach orchards, and the rest of the Sandhills.

Ray Johnson, of Pinehurst, was the biographer of the day. He was a Virginian by birth, but has roamed over much of the country, and finally after going through Eastman's college in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he arrived at the Sandhills, where he started to become a farmer, and then drifted into the Berkshire department of the Pinehurst farms. Mr. Johnson is a young man, but an important agent in the Pinehurst work, and he says he is going to stay in the Sandhills the rest of his life.

Nobody else being in sight to do any other talking Talbot Johnson permitted Bion H. Butler to say a few words introducing Dr. W. C. Mudgett, who is soon to sail for Europe, where he will visit the medical universities with the object of getting a familiarity with the European slant on medical and hospital work. The Valhalla philosopher asserted that when Doc Mudgett goes abroad to look into European medical progress he goes not for his own welfare but to pick up a few other ideas about keeping the Sandhill folks well and right. In support of this theory the speaker told of some shop work the doctor had done on him, and from that argument the speaker advanced the doctrine that every man should from time to time go to his doctor and be overhauled before he gets into shape where the repairs will take more time and expense. (Continued on page 8)

PINEBLUFF COMING AT RAPID SPEED

New Hotel Well Under Way and Farms Spreading all Around

The new spirit that has awakened at Pine Bluff in the last year or so has completely transformed that village. The big factor is the new hotel, which is now so far along that the first floor is pretty well raised, and the appearance of the fine big building fully defined. As it rises above the foundation walls the magnitude of the venture is seen, and the boldness of the job in making such a fine hotel there is realized. While the project was in the talk and blue print stage it did not stand out as clearly as it does now when the developing structure tops the knob on which it stands, and is becoming visible from all surrounding points. From the highway the house will look like a castle there across the little ravine that sets it off from the road, and gives a perfect picture of the building as the traveler approaches from either north or south.

The building of the new house employs a large number of men, and the work makes a lot of activity about Pine Bluff. Along with it other buildings are in progress, around the village as well as within the town boundaries, and much new work in the last year or so has changed the appearance of the community entirely. Acres of ground have been cleared and made into farms, and orchards have sprung up on all sides. In another two or three years Pine Bluff will be the center of a big peach production, as well as of a thrifty farming area, and the appearance of the multiplying farms about the village changes the whole look of the town. Pine Bluff is coming out of the woods and into the heart of a delightful farm and orchard country that will have many attractions for the winter visitor who wants an agreeable and quiet neighborhood, with the conveniences that winter visitors look for when they come South.

The new hotel will be ready for patrons when the winter season opens, and the new house will not only draw people to fill it, but it will have an influence in attracting others to the Sandhills, for Pine Bluff is shaping up in a way that it will be a factor in interesting visitors and in calling attention to the pleasures of Moore county. Standing on the roadside, and in plain view of the through traffic the hotel cannot escape being seen, and to be seen is to make a favorable impression.

If Mussolini should pass his mantle along to D'Annunzio, as one rumor has it, Italy would simply be going from bad to worse.—The New Yorker.

DR. LEIBY SAYS SPRAY TOMATOES

Spray With Bordeaux Mixture Every Ten Days He Says

Those who are growing tomatoes should by all means spray them every ten days with the home-made poisoned Bordeaux mixture if they want to grow sound fruit and prolong the life of the vines advises Dr. R. W. Leiby of the Peach Insect Laboratory at Aberdeen. This spray, he says, will prevent the development of blight which attacks the vines and causes them to die prematurely, and the poison in the mixture will control the corn ear-worm that bores in the tomatoes and the horn worm that sometimes defoliates the vines.

The tomato blight develops in hot dry weather from spores on the leaves. The Bordeaux mixture kills the spores and thus prevents the blight from developing, says Leiby. Once the blight is started in the vines it is very hard to control. Spraying with the Bordeaux is therefore to be regarded as a sort of insurance, he says.

"We have found too that the Bordeaux mixture stimulates the growth of the vines even though the disease is not present, and I am sure that all the tomato growers will find it decidedly worth while to spray their vines with this mixture regularly," said Leiby. "We know this positively from our ten years of experiments in the spraying of Irish potatoes, where we increased the yield around 65 bushels per acre by spraying four times during the season, and the tomato plant is usually affected by the same disease as the Irish potato."

The poisoned Bordeaux mixture advised by the entomologists consists of three pounds of bluestone, 4 pounds of rock (unslacked) lime to 50 gallons of water. The bluestone is dissolved in a small quantity of water by having just under the surface in a wooden container. After it is dissolved water is added to make 25 gallons. The lime is then slacked in a small quantity of water, strained, and water added to make another 25 gallons of lime solution. The two are then poured together simultaneously in a 50 gallon barrel and the pouring forms the Bordeaux mixture.

In putting the poison in the Bordeaux mixture, one pound is mixed in a small quantity of water, and this poisoned water then added to the 50 gallons of Bordeaux mixture. The mixture should be sprayed on the vines, care being taken to spray upward, using an angle nozzle, so that underside of plants will be covered as well as the upperside, for Dr. Leiby says that the blight germs lodge on the underside as well as the upperside of the plants. The vines should be sprayed regularly every ten days.

It is advisable to use this spray on watermelons, cantaloupes, bunch grapes, and dewberries, to control the various diseases and insects which affect these crops. According to Dr. Leiby, this spray has successfully controlled the antracnose of dewberries this year and it is a spray that every former should be familiar with.

A PAIR WORTH WHILE

"Show me a father with faith in his son;" And I'll show you a pair worth while;

Although they be common as any one; And little for show and style. The man for the boy; like a pal for a pard;

And the boy for the man the same With each for the other that fine regard

Which only themselves can name. Away with the parent whose all-work mind;

Has never an hour for play—I'm praising the dad of a better kind; Who lives in a nobler way.

The father who sees in that son of his The man of a time not far; Yet thinks of the boy as the boy he is; Which makes them the chums they are.

When fifty; or near it, and ten years old; In fellowship's house have dwelled; They've gathered more treasures than all the gold

That ever a kingdom held. A heart running over with pride and joy

A face that was born to smile— Yes show me the dad who believes in his boy;

"And I'll show you a pair worth while." Hamlet, N. C.

"BILL" EBNEY.