

Little Theatre Closes A Successful Season

Final Presentation, "Poverty Flats," Best Performance Given This Year

The members of the Sandhills Little Theatre gave their best performance of the season on Tuesday and Wednesday nights as "Poverty Flats," a hilarious three-act melodrama in the setting of the gay 90's, was presented before a total attendance of over 400.

Perhaps the most enjoyable feature of the production was the whole-hearted cooperation of the audience, who enthusiastically cheered the hero and heroine and booed and hissed the villain as they passed before them on the stage.

Stuart Cameron, as the bold, bad villain, gave the outstanding performance of his career in the Little Theatre and overshadowed the excellent work of the other members of the cast. His appearance and action could hardly have been surpassed by any but a professional.

Craighill Brown played the part of Jim Turner, the hero, and received loud applause for his performance. The role of his sweetheart, the sheriff's daughter, was capably handled by Bonnie Cornwell, and she had no difficulty in immediately winning the hearts of the audience.

The comedy was ably carried through by Fred Cole, as Win Lung, the Chinese cook of the mining camp, Raymond Kennedy, as Judge Kirkland, whose chief companion was John Barleycorn, and Emilie Mae Wilson, as Biddy Houlahan, the queen of the camp. Beverly Walter, in the role of Dan Duffy, was another who provided plenty of laughs.

The part of the Sheriff was taken by Robert Cornwell. The villain's chief assistant was Constantino Montesanti, while Dick Sugg also featured in two small roles.

FARMERS MUST KEEP BOOKS THIS YEAR

E. H. Garrison, Jr.

One of the features of the Agricultural Adjustment program for this year will be the keeping of records on all farm crops grown. These records will not be hard to keep and in the end should be of valuable assistance for all future programs. These books are already printed and will be distributed at a later date through a series of meetings to be held in the different communities. Each one who has a contract on tobacco or cotton will be required to keep this record book and later in the year these will be returned to the farmer as part of his permanent records. By keeping up this work it will not be necessary in the future to "guesstimate" how much of certain crops have been grown on the different farms. Had we had this information this year, there is no doubt but that our contracts would have been cleared long ago and all rentals would have been in the hands of our farmers by this time. This keeping of records will not work a hardship on anyone and is something that should be done all the time anyway. The books are not complicated and I think that most anyone would be glad to have one and also be glad to keep it up. The only thing I regret is that there will not be enough for all who really should have them but only for those who have signed contracts for this year.

SOUTHERN PINES TAKES FIRST GAME OF SERIES

The Southern Pines baseball team smothered Pinehurst in the first of a five-game series Saturday by a 13 to 2 score. The contest was played on the Southern Pines diamond before a crowd of 400.

Mixing twelve hits with five walks and a couple of errors at crucial moments, the locals gave Frank McCaskill several bad innings, four markers in the seventh being the largest group scored.

John Hunter, with a pair of triples, one coming with the bases full, Webster with a homer and double and Monte with two doubles and a single, were the leading hitters.

Myrick and Bagley, two southpaws, held the visitors to eight hits, three of them by Hinson. Myrick fanned five men in the five frames he worked. McCaskill also a lefty, pitched some good ball, hitting eight of the locals, but was hit hard most of the time.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Pinehurst 000 100 001-2 8 5 S. Pines 022 101 43x-12 12 2

The second game of the series will be played on the Southern Pines field this Saturday afternoon.

Francis Field at Washington university was built for the first Olympic games held in America, in conjunction with the world's fair of 1904.

Civilization's Debt to the Church

A Sermon Preached by The Rev. J. Fred Stimson

It was promised by the prophets and announced with the birth of Christ that He should be King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Prince of Peace. That is, His rule would be above every kingship and His dominion would be beyond the realms of misery. He said of His kingdom that it was not to destroy but to give life and life more abundantly. Over and above the lordships of strife, misery and death He came to set up a kingdom of peace, love, and service for time of peace, love and beauty for eternity. When at the close of His earthly career He gave to his small following, that little unorganized Apostolic church of eleven apostles and a few women, the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of every nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit," He started on its way the institution that has been and still is the most useful yet least appreciated organization ever established.

At times in its early history the Church has been considered a public enemy and wars have been waged to destroy it. Instead of destruction, the very attacks have served to further its teaching. The courage with which its members sought to advance the Jesus standard and the spirit of love and faith with which they faced even death, inspired others to rally to the banner of the cross both to suffer for it and to apply its courage, faith and love in all phases of endeavor.

No blood is shed to destroy the Church today, but by platform, by press, by organized amusement, by organized business, and by private conversation it is frequently condemned as of value only to children, the sick, and dying. Too many consider it a relic of good but superstitious people, the enemy of progress in thought, business and government.

The astonishing problem to the true and thinking Christian is how intelligent and, in other things, responsible men and women can be heedless of their debt to Christianity, blind to the necessity of promoting its teaching in the life of modern society.

It is impossible to measure the accumulated influences and values of the Church, but to those familiar with history one may claim without fear of contradiction that to take Christianity entirely from the world today would mean the immediate collapse of civilization. In the short space of this sermon, let me point you to a few realms in which civilization owes its progress to the Church.

1. Contrary to the opinion of many that the Church is the enemy of education, and science, we find that in the early centuries the schools of the Roman empire were swept away by Barbaric invasion. Schools of the Christian priests and monks gradually enlarged from individuals studying together to organized institutions for theological training. The University of Paris, the first great university of the world, came into being in response to the sincere spirit calling for Christian light and feeling that light could not come without logical, organized study of all known truth. All of the early European universities were established by the Church. Go to Oxford and inquire of Cambridge from whence she came. Her history will answer the Church. Make the round of all the great European centers of learning. The answer will be the same. Come to Harvard, the first and one of the foremost universities of America. The name is taken from John Harvard, a Puritan minister, whose donation nearly doubled that of the Commonwealth when the institution was founded. And, on her gates you will find carved that the purpose of the institution was to provide an intelligent Christian ministry. Yale soon followed for a like purpose. So you will find, wherever there is a great university, a Christian spirit and influence brought it into being. True, the Church sometimes raises a cry of horror amid university instruction, but He who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life," leads men into the way of truth, which truth they defend with their life—it is life.

2. We are told that we live in a business world today. The first question in the mind of individual, corporation and government is one of business concern. Wars are even hoped for in order that business may flourish. Little does the laborer, stockholder, managing board, suspect that his business has been made possible only by the influence of the Christian Church. Take from business the influence of Christianity and every legitimate business of today will be wrecked tomorrow. The moral responsibility, the sense of right and justice that impels man to meet his obligations finds its origin in the

teaching of Christ. The Christian law of co-operation and bearing one another's burdens has been found in the present depression the major medicine for sick economy. Business before Christ was plunder and spoil of war, robbery on sea and high places, fraud and cheat in the market. Today we prosper only under a good name and the policy of the golden rule. "The cattle on a thousand hills are mine." If you do not think your ability to possess wealth is due to Christian influence, take your wealth into heathen lands in time of depression and the very armies that should protect you will take it from you.

3. In all Protestant lands church and state are separated. So separated are they that governments lost their sense of obligation to the Church. Without the Church's teaching and struggle for peace, without its spirit of brotherhood, without its reverence for law and order, no country can but be the victim of strife and revolution. Without a single religion to bind its constituency together in one great, mastering common cause, there can be no solidarity of patriotism.

4. Members of the fine arts and their patrons seem to be prone in our day to lose sight of their debt to the Church. But the great symphonies are those written to the Christ. The great poems are those sung to the Fatherhood of God. Master paintings are the madonnas. Architecture has found its highest mark in the Christian cathedrals. Beauty at its best can only be that concerned with the Father of beauty.

5. Youth is enjoying its freedom. It takes for granted that society owes it an education, that the family owes it support and sustenance that the world owes it opportunity and privilege. Without the Christian institutions of mercy, a sense of crime if we permit life to perish that can be saved, one half the youth of today would have died. Many, especially detectives and females, would have been cast in the river or left on the mountain to perish. It is the love generated in the little babe of Bethlehem, the Christ spirit of more abundant life, that have set our great medical institutions and laboratories into operation.

6. The poor machine-driven laborer, the drudgery-slaving housewife, what has the Church done for them? Before the day of Christ the only organized labor was military. The machine that drove man then was the command of greedy monarchs. Workmen's hours, compensation and protection were as unknown as the life on Mars. The housewife was bought, sold and worked, as the African slave whose state the Christian spirit changed into freedom. Homes, in the modern sense, existed only for a few favored and those connected with the armies. The Church has not yet completed its responsibility to the laborer nor the housewife, but home is a palace now compared to what it was before the Church took up its task. If wealth, science, youth, fine arts and labor took up their debt to the Church we would have a transformed world within a decade.

Is it not significant that those nations that rejected the Christian Church have gone down in decay and ruin? The nation's that have embraced the Church have advanced morally, culturally and materially. Palestine and Rome stand as examples of those who refused the Church and perished. India, Africa and China, all heathen lands, are proof that those who have not opened their arms to the Church of Christ have closed their doors to advancement. All the major nations of today are living vindications of the necessity and benediction of the Church. With all that has been accomplished, the Church's task has just begun. Millions have found their individual peace and a more abundant life with the Christ, but the great commission is not completed until all misery, fear and evil are overcome. The Church is still conquering and conquering. A visitor to our western wheat fields last summer saw abandoned tractors while reapers were going through the fields drawn by some sixteen or twenty horses. Some of these horses were pulling back, some were kicking, some were walking along with traces slack, some were even lying down and being dragged, while others were pulling hard. The reaper was going on through the field. In the Church of Christ, some are walking along with the traces slack, some are pulling back, some kicking, but enough are pulling to make the Church still the salt and preserver of the world, the light and the life of the earth.

Corn can be frozen on the cob and preserved well enough through the

Pinehurst Paragraphs

The following announcement has been received by Pinehurst friends of the bride:

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Pamplin Hunt, announce the marriage of their daughter Eleanor, to Mr. Joseph Henry Johnson, on Saturday, April 7th, 1934 at Ashland, Ken.

Mrs. Johnson is a sister of Mrs. F. C. Pinkerton of Pinehurst and has many friends here who are interested in this announcement. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their home in Gadsden, Ala., where the groom is with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. He was graduated from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute where he was an member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. The bride studied at Randolph-Macon Women's College where she joined the Delta Theta Sorority. She received her degree from the University of Virginia and has taken special library training at Columbia University. She has for a number of years held the position of librarian in the Ashland High school.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Community Church will hold the regular monthly meeting next Tuesday night, May 1st in the ladies' parlor at the church. All members are requested to attend and visitors are always welcomed.

Miss Frances Cox, teacher of the fourth grade has returned to her work after an absence of five weeks on account of illness with appendicitis. Mrs. Annie Alford of Rock Hill, S. C., who substituted for her the past four weeks left Thursday, returning to her home in Rock Hill.

Mrs. Mable Brocklebank, Miss Jean Hough and Miss Laura Dadeigh of Lebanon, N. H., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Coburn, en route to their home after spending the winter in Florida. They were thrilled with Pinehurst and described it as the most beautiful place they had seen on the trip.

Miss Nettie Coulson has returned to her home in Baltimore after a visit of several weeks in the home of her nephew, Dr. F. C. Pinkerton. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Norris, and Mrs. Norris' mother, Mrs. Douoran, left last week for their home at Bridgewater, Conn.

Miss Elsie Sperber, superintendent at The Moore County Hospital is attending a nurses convention in Washington, D. C., this week. Miss Sperber will also visit relatives in Baltimore while away.

Dougald M. Stewart of Laurinburg was a guest several days last week in the home of his son, Alex Stewart and while here attended the meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery at Aberdeen.

E. B. Keith left Sunday afternoon for Salisbury to begin work this week with the Home Loan Association.

Miss Katherine Blue had as her guest for the week end, Miss Frances Paisley of Greensboro.

John Biggers of Raeford visited friends in Pinehurst the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cunningham of Pulaski, Tenn., arrived Friday for an extended visit with Mrs. Cunningham's mother, Mrs. Ethel Journey.

Mrs. A. P. Thompson and Mrs. Alma Taylor attended the funeral service of Mrs. Graham Tyson which was held at Carabonton Sunday afternoon.

Friends of Arch Currie are pleased to know that he was able to leave the Moore County Hospital and return to his home this week after being a patient there for more than a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nicoll have gone to their home in the north after spending the winter in Pinehurst. The Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Montgomery of Lake City, Florida were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McKelway at the Manse.

Miss May Chapman made a week-end trip to Philadelphia. Mrs. I. C. Sledge, Mrs. A. J. McKelway and Mrs. Alex Stewart spent Monday in Charlotte.

Mrs. Mary Roberts, who suffered a slight stroke several weeks ago is now much improved.

Miss Jimmie Gables and John Aldridge of Durham were married Saturday, April 14th. On last Saturday evening the bride was honored at a miscellaneous shower given at the home of Miss Elizabeth McDonald and attended by the members of the business girls circle. Many useful gifts were received by the honoree.

Mrs. Mary Matthews and her daughter, Miss Kate Matthews and Miss Loula Loving entertained in their apartment at dinner Friday evening, Mrs. Ethel Journey, Miss Will Frances Journey, Miss Beulah Thomas of Cameron and W. P. Morton. Miss Thomas was a week-end guest of Miss Loving and Miss Matthews.

The girls' circle of the Community

Church held the regular meeting on Tuesday night with Miss Idelle McKelzie as hostess, Mrs. A. J. McKelway and Mrs. F. C. Pinkerton were special guests.

The feature of the social hour was a shower for one of the members, Mrs. Harold Thompson, who before her marriage this month was Miss Carrie May Carter. The hostess served a salad course with punch.

Mrs. F. C. Pinkerton entertained at three tables of bridge at her home Thursday afternoon. At the conclusion of the bridge game delicious refreshments were served. Guests included Mrs. Gordon Cameron, Mrs. Tom Cole, Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Mrs. S. R. Jellison, Mrs. Alex Innes, Mrs. Herman Campbell, Mrs. Clarence Lyman, Mrs. I. C. Sledge, Mrs. Alex Stewart, Mrs. A. P. Thompson, Mrs. Wesley R. Viall, Mrs. E. B. Keith was a guest for tea.

PINEHURST BOY WINS HONOR IN MUSIC CONTEST

Pinehurst High School is proud of the fact that Holland Shaw, a member of the senior class, won first place for a baritone solo in the district music contest at Durham last week. He represented this district at the state contest at Greensboro this week.

PINEHURST JUNIORS ENTERTAIN SENIORS

The Junior-Senior banquet of the Pinehurst High School was held at the Carolina Hotel on Tuesday evening, April 17, and was the highlight of the school year for those attending. The Rev. T. A. Cheatham acted as toastmaster and gave the occasion a genial, informal atmosphere. A special song and dance number was given by a group of girls from the freshman and sophomore classes. The whole occasion was a success and Miss Simpkins of the faculty and the members of the junior class deserve much credit.

RIISING JUNIOR CLASS AT DAVIDSON ELECTS

W. F. Bowman, Aberdeen, was elected president of the rising junior class at Davidson College, in the elections recently completed here. At the same time C. L. Windham, Gastonia, was chosen vice-president and Lamont Brown, Barium Springs, was selected as secretary and treasurer.

Bowman defeated Coleman Branton, Greenville, Miss.; A. G. Brenner, Jr., Charlotte; Treadway Purcell, Spartanburg, S. C.; Henry Cathey, Charlotte; Joe Dees, Greensboro, and Paul Harlan, Jackson, Tenn., for the office.

MRS. GREEN DELIGHTS BIRD ENTHUSIASTS

Certainly there are many more people with a lively interest in bird life than make time to share in the activities of the Bird Club. Some of these helped to fill the N. E. House parlor and lobby to overflowing when Mrs. Charlotte Hilton Green spoke to the club last Monday morning. The speaker so blessed with a personality which won the immediate attention of her audience and this was held until the close of her delightful address. For an all too short hour, Mrs. Green talked of the various aspects of bird life, seemingly with wide knowledge and experience of them all, and cleverly mingling the instructive with the entertaining. It was with enthusiasm that a vote of thanks was carried for the kindness shown by Mrs. Green in coming to address us. The club will meet as usual next Tuesday at the same place at 9 a. m. and visitors are assured of a welcome.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county to the following: John C. Store and Annie Mae King, both of Hemp; J. H. Henson of Raleigh and Lillian Stokes of Hemp.

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A. A. Allen Couch of Durham were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Snipes.

J. S. Morgan of Carrboro was a visitor in our town Sunday.

W. G. Stanford of Sanford was at our church on Sunday and gave an interesting talk on his travels in foreign lands, especially of his stay in far away Norway where they have it about six months day and then six months night.

Miss Elizabeth Morgan who has spent the past two week in our village left Sunday for her home in Chatham county.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tilly of Calvander were visitors in town Sunday and guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Snipes.

W. F. Smith and R. B. Smith and family of Raleigh were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas of Southern Pines were callers in our village Sunday.

Miss Harriet Gay and L. T. Martin who have spent the winter in Sarasota, Fla., returned to their home here the past week.

TOBACCO CHECKS BEGINNING TO ARRIVE

The first batch of checks for rental payments on tobacco land are being distributed this week, and I hope that in a short while we shall have a great many more to distribute. These have been held up for some time, due to the fact that we had too many acres of tobacco turned in, on contracts, for the years 1931 and 1932. This matter has all been cleared up and I feel sure that in a short while that all the checks for the county will be in. Each day there are parties coming in wanting to know when this will be paid. It is impossible for me to tell. Just as soon as a bunch of checks arrive we send out cards to parties to whom these are made payable. Please do not send in for your check but come in person. Government regulations require that we must deliver the check to the party it is made payable to and that this party must sign for same. Benefits on tobacco sold on the Border markets have been held up in the same way and for the same reason. Since the contracts for the county have been cleared the parity payments should start coming in also. I realize that there are a good many who need this money now for the purpose of fertilizer but it is impossible for us to hasten the matter any so please be patient a little while longer and watch for your card telling you when to call for your check. We are here have been awfully busy, and sometimes a little impatient perhaps, so please bear with us a little longer and watch for your notice, instead of coming in. This will save us all time and worry.

E. H. Garrison, County Agent.

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