

## Pinehurst Lions Give Successful Minstrel Here

Large Cast Pleases With Songs, Dances For School Band

An almost full auditorium greeted the exuberant Pinehurst Lions Club Minstrel Revue when it was presented here, for what was announced as POS-I-TIVELY the last time, the evening of Tuesday, December 5.

The hardworking performers had played to packed houses two nights at Pinehurst and one night at Aberdeen. School projects benefited each time—here, the band uniform fund. For two solid hours, the 30-person cast of Southern Pines and Pinehurst performers dished out songs, dances, jokes and general "foolishment," not always in fastidious taste but good-natured and laugh-provoking.

Adaptable as a chameleon, the show during its four-time run

dropped some jokes and added others, added songs and dances, changed some of the skits, and with merry insouciance hung its wisecracks on local personalities in each of the different towns.

Jimmy Gilbert as "Mister Interlocutor" was smoother than ever, and the endmen turned in polished performances. There was one substitution—Harold Callaway for Bill Wall. They put over some fine old songs in grand style, with Jimmy Lane carrying off the honors in this field. This bouncy lad got better with each number and finally managed to stop the show with "Is It True What They Say About Dixie?" Other highlights of song were "There's Yes, Yes in Your Eyes," by Jimmy Hobbs with Margaret Hobbs and Helen Herschell; "Darktown Strutters' Ball" by Frank and Hubert McCaskill; "Winter Wonderland" by Wesley and Kathryn Stoltz, and "A Good Man is Hard to Find," by Dora Wedlock.

Dancing stars Robert Speller, Jr., and Anne Hamor added a sparkling note of near-professional grace and glamor.

With a total of 25 zestful members interlarded with jokes, the musicians did a masterly job, skillfully binding all together with silky rhythm. These were a sextet—Jimmy Lawson at the organ, Tommy Vann and his drums, Todd Baxter and his cello, Buster Doyle and his electric guitar, David Bailey with his trumpet and Bob Kyle and his clarinet. Mrs. Lamar Smith at the piano gave smooth accompaniment.

Robert Speller directed the show.

Endmen were Tom Black, Jimmy Hobbs, Bill Herschell, Jimmy Lane, Frank McCaskill, Hubert McCaskill, Wesley Stoltz and Harold Callaway. Others in the cast were Larry Lyerly, Frank Bost, Joe C. Thomas, Gordon Cameron, Robert Speller, Jr., Ed Swaringen, R. A. Hamor, A. H. Garrison, Jr., Keith Wedlock, Bill Henderson, Evelyn Cameron, Jean Lyerly, Dora Wedlock, Kathryn Stoltz, Anne Hamor, Margaret Hobbs, Marjorie Gilbert, Helen Herschell, Maytrice McCaskill, Alice Thomas and Idelle Hamor, with Jimmy Gilbert as interlocutor.

Maxine Speller was responsible for the handsome and colorful costuming; Alice Baxter, for two clever backdrops; Violet Caulfield, makeup; Martha Aden, dance direction. In charge of properties were Hugh Carter, D. H. Whitesell, W. D. Herschell, R. A. Hamor, Ralph Horner and Jake Haffler.

## As One Editor To Another



(Photo by Hemmer) Hugh McNair Kahler, noted author of short stories and novels, now fiction editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, recently paid a visit to Southern Pines.

The above picture was made when he came down to visit The Pilot one day and was persuaded to sit in the editor's chair. We don't know what he and Editor Katharine Boyd are having such an entertaining time about. Maybe he's telling her how to run The Pilot to make it come out more like the Ladies Home Journal—or could be the other way around.

Or perhaps they are just reminiscing about the fine times they used to have in the Sandhills back in the 1920's when he and Mrs. Kahler lived down here, and he was raising peach and pecan trees and trying to start a career as a writer at the same time (the writing won out).

They live now in Princeton, N. J. Their daughter Kingsley, a little girl when they lived here, is now Mrs. Frank Winfield Hubby, 3rd, also of Princeton. She has two sons and two daughters, ever-absorbing subjects of interest to their grandparents—but the Kahlers say their thoughts keep turning back to Southern Pines, and they hope to come and stay a long time soon.

Editor Kahler of the LHMJ wrote the following for The Pilot, explaining just how he felt:

When Gene Stevens was making us officially and personally welcome on our return to Southern Pines after 30-odd years of absence, he named a lot of other exiles who have also been coming back.

He said he thought that this confirmed the old idea that anybody who stays here long enough to get Moore County sand in his shoes has to come back sooner or

## Sixth Grade Teachers Hold Group Meeting

Three teachers presented a discussion program on phases of sixth grade work, at the year's first professional group meeting of Moore County sixth grade

later for more. That was the theme, all old timers will remember, of Katherine Ball Ripley's lovely novel about life in the Sandhills, when we all were planting peach trees and some people, John Galsworthy for one, thought we had found the secret of a new kind of country living.

I think there is a lot of truth in the idea, that everybody who gives himself a chance to fall in love with this strange wilderness-paradise will stay in love with it always. I know that I shall. But not just because of the peace.

There is a very special kind of friendliness waiting here for the homecoming wanderer that hasn't changed in all the years since I first encountered it.

teachers, held last Wednesday in the office of their supervisor, Mrs. Beulah McPherson, at Carthage. Mrs. Frances Adams of the Carthage school presided over the program.

Mrs. Gordon Cameron led with a discussion of choral reading, first teaching a poem to the teachers as if they were classroom pupils, then explaining the separation of children into high, low and medium voice groups for effective verse reading.

Miss Louise Leslie of Vass-

Lakeview school discussed arithmetic problems, and the methods of stating them.

Mr. Langston, principal of Carthage Elementary school, showed the uses of the film-strip projector in classroom work, explaining the cost of the machine and how to get film strips for the school.

Planning committee for the meeting consisted of Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Kate Charles of Aberdeen and Miss Donaldson of West End. For the January meeting, Mrs. Gordon Cameron was appointed

chairman of the planning committee, assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Smith of Cameron and Mrs. Helen Herschell of Southern Pines.

## CURB MARKETS

Curb markets sponsored in Aberdeen and Southern Pines by the Home Demonstration clubs of Moore county will be conducted Friday, December 22, next week, rather than on Saturday as usual, it was announced this week at the office of Miss Flora McDonald, Moore County Home Demonstration agent.

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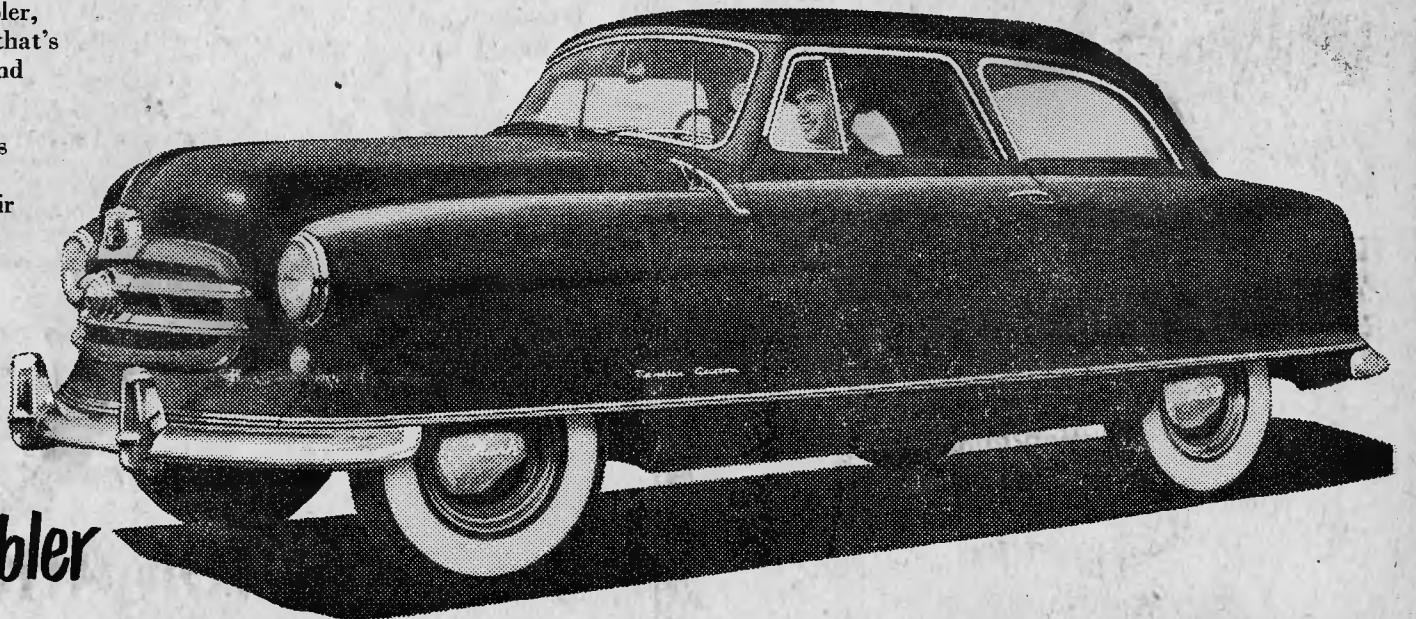
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