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LOCAL INTEREST IN PLAYMAKERS

Scene Of "Fixin's" Laid Near Dunn; An- cestor Of Playwright A Johnstonian.

PLENTY OF FUN PROMISED

(By G. Y. RAGSDALE)

Chapel Hill, Feb. 9.—In the closing part of the story on the Carolina Playmakers in Friday's issue of The Herald we said something to the effect that we believed the plays being brought to Smithfield and to be presented there in the auditorium of the High School next Thursday night at 8:30 are linked to the town and its surroundings "by some trick of fate." Well, whether or not Fate had anything to do with it, below is what we meant.

First, there are to be presented three plays; namely, Gaius and Gaius Jr., by Miss Lucy Cobb, The Black Rooster, by Miss Pearl Setzer, and Fixin's, by Miss Erma Greene and Paul Greene. The authoress of the first play is a sister of the well known Geology professor in the University, Collier Cobb. They come originally from Wayne County, near Goldsboro. The thing about them interesting to Smithfield people is that their great-great grandfather, Needham Brayan is buried near Smithfield. Those of you who have tramped in the fields near the old sandpit back of the school houses will remember that there are several graves there in a clump of trees. That is the place where one of Miss Cobb's forebears is buried. It is also interesting to note that one of her ancestors of the same line gave the ground on which the present Court House is built.

Next in line is Miss Pearl Setzer. Miss Setzer hails from Hickory, the former home of Mr. J. W. Setzer, now living in Smithfield. Miss Setzer does not know exactly whether or not Mr. J. W. Setzer is related to her, but she says if he came from her home town that he must be. All of the family now living there descended from one man of that name and all living there now are related. Then the third family, or the Greenes. Miss Erma wrote the play in collaboration with her brother Paul, now a teacher of philosophy in the University, both of whom are from Lillington, in Harnett County. Another point of interest in this play Fixin's is that the scene is laid near Dunn, and frequent mention of the town is made in the play.

Two of the plays we have never seen, but we have read one and heard both read at an author's reading of plays which always takes place before the tryout for parts are held. Both of these, however, have been presented here and with a good measure of success. The third, Fixin's was presented here last night and again tonight, and its success was far above that of the other two presented at the same time.

Miss Cobb's play, Gaius and Gaius Jr., is a story of antebellum days, laid on the plantation of one of the South's largest land and slave owners, and both of them are graduates of the University. The old man is a blustering, self-conscious, head-strong person, afflicted with heart trouble. He and his son are, incidentally, of very near the same stature. The elder Gaius has done many wrong things in his life time and still does them. His wife and son are not in sympathy with these things and he is the object of frequent attacks by them, but he never relents nor repents until he has what he thinks is his last attack of the heart. The son is in love with a woman, the father objecting on the grounds that she is not of a good family. He awakes one morning, puts on a suit of clothes, and finds that they do not fit him, the suit being far too small. He thinks again that he is on his death-bed due to a swelling caused by his heart. Another scene of repentance takes place, and he signs a

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The High Heel Must Go, Say Shoe People

Chicago, Feb. 10.—This year's shoes will have no skyscraper heels, sharply pointed toes or stunted vamps, according to the styles committee of the National Retailers association, which opens its annual convention and style review here tomorrow. New features, buckles and materials are introduced in the exhibit of 15,000 pairs of shoes on display. None but those conforming to the styles committee's slogan "freedom from foot hurts" have been permitted. "Such terms as 'French heels' and 'French toe' are fast disappearing," asserted G. M. Spangler, secretary-treasurer of the convention. "To-day most of the models originate in America and the growth of the industry in the United States has eliminated, to a great extent, the importation of ideas from France."

POU STRONG FOR TAX-EXEMPT BONDS

Tells Congress South Cannot Improve Its Roads And Schools If Change Is Made.

MAKES A STRONG PLEA

Washington, Feb. 7.—Representative Edward W. Pou, head of the Carolina delegation in the house, warned the members of that body today that the proposition to adopt a constitutional amendment to prohibit the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. It would make it impossible to improve roads or schools and greatly add to the burden of the people. He used North Carolina as an illustration.

"There should be no misunderstanding about this amendment you are asking to vote for," said he. "It saves nobody a single dollar, but it adds to the burden of the people. It is a proposal to add new taxes to the already enormous burden which the people are forced to bear."

"The rule providing for the consideration of this proposed constitutional amendment strikes at the very life of those states of the nation which find it necessary to issue bonds. I feel constrained to say this about this proposed constitutional amendment. The people of the district I represent have honored me with their confidence over a long period of

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World Figure May Visit Smithfield

Many Smithfield people are becoming interested in a proposal to bring to Smithfield in March Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, of Labrador, who is known over the entire world as the missionary doctor of Labrador, and one of the most interesting characters in the world today. He is to be in Goldsboro under the auspices of the Kiwanis club March 11. A letter has just been received by Mrs. S. L. Morgan from the Alkhest Lyceum bureau at Atlanta, as follows:

"Your letter of December 10th inquiring for lecture engagement by Dr. Grenfell has been referred to us. We have but one open date in Dr. Grenfell's tour this year—that is March 12th. His terms are \$300 per lecture. We might arrange to reduce this price to some extent—possibly as low as \$250.00 if you think you can handle the engagement successfully there at Smithfield. We enclose, herewith, circular and shall be glad to hear from you as soon as you have investigated the possibilities."

This is printed that the matter in detail may be brought promptly to the attention of our community. Action will have to be taken promptly, if we secure Dr. Grenfell. The cost would be a trifle if the churches and the clubs of the town would interest themselves. It seems a privilege too great for our town to miss it.

Impressive Statue of Lincoln



This splendid bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln stands in front of the Court House in Newark, N. J., and is regarded as one of the best in the country, although many cities have wonderful Lincoln memorials.

Woodrow Wilson Memorial Service Held Here Sunday

NO HEARING IN GATLING CASE

Brought Back To Raleigh From Florida Sunday Night; Does Not Talk

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—Lawrence Gatling, brought back to Raleigh late Sunday night from Jacksonville, Fla., and now safe behind cell bars in Wake county jail, will not be given a preliminary hearing but will be called for trial at the regular March term of Wake Superior Court on a charge of murder for the killing of his wife Helen Gatling and Owen Stephens on the night December 30 in Gatling's home on Fairview street, ear Hayes-Barton.

The action of the grand jury in returning a true bill against Gatling at the January regular term of court precludes any form of a hearing as the latter court procedure is merely to pass the case to the grand jury. Gatling was indicted without delay in order that he could be more readily brought back to this city if caught elsewhere.

Gatling was brought back here Sunday night by Captain N. Warren, of the Raleigh police, and Deputy

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IN HOSPITAL AS RESULT OF MIXING BOOZE AND GASOLINE

J. W. Wilson of Angier was taken to the Smithfield Memorial hospital late Saturday afternoon after an automobile accident in which he suffered a four inch gash on his head. The automobile accident occurred in front of the Grantham place, two miles from town on the Raleigh road, when the new Ford in which Wilson was driving had a head on collision with a Ford driven by Joe Capps. Capps was on his way to Smithfield while Wilson was going to Raleigh. According to report, Wilson had taken too much liquor, and arrest was made by the sheriff. Three hundred dollars were found on his person, which amount was taken charge of by the sheriff as bond for his appearance in Recorder's Court today.

Hon. Chas. R. Ross, Of Lillington Beautiful Eulogy To A Large Audience.

MEETING AT COURT HOUSE

In keeping with the proclamation issued by the governor of North Carolina, and that of the mayor of this city, Smithfield did honor to the departed Woodrow Wilson, in a special service Sunday afternoon held at the court house at 3:30 o'clock. A brief devotional program, of which a solo by Miss Frances White, of Meredith College, director of the choir at the local Baptist church, was a feature, preceded the memorial address, delivered by Hon. Charles R. Ross, of Lillington.

Mr. Ross always a most pleasing speaker, with the world's outstanding character as a subject, his eulogy was unusually fine. He stated in the beginning that it is fitting when a great man passes for men and women to gather to do honor to his achievements. God chooses men upon whose lives he writes his messages to mankind. Such chosen are His living epistles. "But," he said, "we are yet too close to the life of Woodrow Wilson to properly place him in the world's gallery of great men." It is like viewing a mountain scene at too close range. Although familiar with the things close at hand, the gorges, the mountain caves, the mountain verdure, the effect is not the same as when viewed from a distance. The picture is not so complete. Just so a few years hence Wilson's place in history will be rounded out.

Nevertheless, in close range of Wilson's achievements, we can pronounce him great in a number of fields of endeavor. "We approach the lives of men, to measure them," said Mr. Ross, "by different standards." But by what ever standard we use, Wilson is great. As an author Woodrow Wilson is great. His books are in every public library. In his books of economics and history, he caught the truth of a great democracy and portrayed it—a fact that has made

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4 Women Break Eve's Tradition; Keep Bok Secret

New York, Feb. 9.—Five persons kept the secret of the identity of the Bok prize winner, and four of them were women. The man was Dr. Charles Herbert Levermore himself. Dr. Levermore said today that on December 26, Miss Esther Everett Lape, secretary of the American peace award, informed him of his success in the \$100,000 contest. One of Miss Lape's office associates also knew he had won, he said. Then he told his wife and his stenographer. The latter had typed the plan, anyway, he explained, and would have recognized it in the newspapers. He pledged her to secrecy.

"She must have done the same thing I did," Dr. Levermore said with a laugh, "that is, tell a number of whoppers."

AMERICA CAN'T LET GERMAN BABIES DIE

They Should Not Be Made To Suffer Be- cause of the Unfortu- nate Flag Incident.

WILSON WAS INTERESTED

New York, Feb. 10.—The churches of America, despite the German embassy's failure to half staff its flag the day of former President Wilson's death will continue plans for the relief of starving children in Germany, Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, a general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, said today.

"We are not willing to allow a slight, even to so honored a leader as Mr. Wilson," Rev. Cavert said, "to serve as an excuse for letting little children starve. They, at least, can in no way be held responsible for the action of the German ambassador."

"Mr. Wilson, himself, we may be sure, would have been the last man in the world to condone an attitude of resentment or callous indifference toward them. Only a few days before his death he expressed deep solicitude for the suffering in Germany."

"We truly honor his memory by sharing his spirit of generous good will, not by making a slight to him a protest for turning a deaf ear to two and a half million children who are crying for bread."

Mr. S. R. Brady Dies at Home Here Monday

People not only in Smithfield but in the county will receive with sorrow the news of the death of Mr. S. R. Brady, which occurred at his home here yesterday morning about four o'clock. Mr. Brady was Deputy Clerk in Sheriff Massey's office, and had a large circle of acquaintances all of whom held him in high esteem. He moved to this city from Princeton about five years ago when Sheriff Massey was inducted into office.

The end came after a lingering illness with heart trouble. For twenty or more years he had known that he had a leaking heart, but never had any serious attack until last September when he was stricken with inflammatory rheumatism. Since that time he was unable to attend to his duties, though not confined to his bed continuously.

The deceased would have been forty-three years old had he lived until March. He was born and reared in Boon Hill township, where he lived until he came to this city. He made a profession of religion in a revival conducted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle several years ago, and joined the Methodist church being a faithful and consistent member until his death.

The funeral services will be conducted by his pastor in the Metho-

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MEMORIALS HELD IN VARIOUS CITIES

National Capital Pays Tribute; Josephus Daniels Speaks In Philadelphia.

N. C. PAYS HOMAGE

Washington Feb. 10.—Tribute was paid today to the memory of Woodrow Wilson in the Central Presbyterian church here, where he had worshipped in his vigorous days.

President and Mrs. Colidge and many high government officials were present to hear the Rev. Dr. James H. Taylor deliver his sermon, "A Great Man Has Fallen," and to listen to those hymns the dead President loved. They sat near Mr. Wilson's flag-draped pew, which is to be in mourning for thirty days.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS SPEAKS IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 10.—Josephus Daniels was one of the speakers at a Woodrow Wilson memorial service held in the Academy of Music here at 11 o'clock this morning. He was not on the program, but when Philadelphia friends found that he was in the audience they insisted on his speaking.

He said he regarded it as a sacred privilege to join the service in memory of his chief. He told of his last meeting with Mr. Wilson and of expressing to the former Chief Magistrate a felling of disappointment that his ideals had not come nearer to realization and of Mr. Wilson's spirit of hopefulness as displayed in his response which was in substance that there was no room for doubt that the world peace he and his associates had fought for would in time surely come.

Wilmington Honors Wilson

There was a Woodrow Wilson memorial service last night at the First Presbyterian church. Every seat was taken before the organ prelude was ended. The opening anthem was "How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me." Then the quartet sang "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

Other music included hymns loved by the dead statesman. The closing song before the benediction was "Day Is Dying In the West." After the benediction the audience stood in meditation and prayer.

The subject of the sermon by the Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour, D. D., the pastor, was "Woodrow Wilson, the Christian."—Wilmington Star.

JUDGE STACY PAYS TRIBUTE IN RALEIGH

"The power with which he lifted the life and heart of a nation and a world and inspired a new faith, a new hope and a new courage will live in history as the outstanding achievement of Woodrow Wilson," declared Justice W. P. Stacy to an audience of three thousand people at the memorial services to the great War President yesterday afternoon in the city auditorium.

Touched by the tributes paid by Judge Stacy, R. N. Simms, and General Albert L. Cox, the great audience sat in silence without the sacrifice of applause, and poured out its feeling and reverence in splendid singing of the great hymns loved best by the great President. Mayor E. E. Culbreth presided at the meeting.—News and Observer.

In the presence of the greatest through which ever gathered in the National theatre, a mighty audience of nearly 2,500 persons, jamming every foot of space in the largest auditorium in the city, Governor Cameron Morrison yesterday afternoon led the people of Greensboro in a memorial service to Woodrow Wilson, the man who today "is in the hearts of more men and women than any man who was ever on the earth." "They say he has failed," the gov-

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