

## Bright Musical Comedy At H. S. Auditorium Tonight

### Young Woman's Club Presents "Microbe of Love," Delightfully Entertaining Comedy-Drama On Pitfalls Of Bachelorhood, With 75 Characters

Lovers of fun, music, catchy song and dance numbers, bright repartee, and the other amusing and attractive entertainment features that enter into a high-class twentieth century musical comedy will be given a real treat tonight in the presentation of the "Microbe of Love" by the Young Woman's Club of this city at the High School auditorium at eight o'clock. Reserved seats are one dollar, general admission 75 cents, and children 50 cents.

"The Microbe of Love" is a musical comedy in three acts and four scenes. Seventy-five persons are in the cast, which adequately represents the best talent and beauty of the city. The theme of the play is delightfully interspersed with a generous assortment of the most popular songs of the day, including many of the summer season's Broadway hits.

The play opens with a session of the Spinners' Club, an organization of young and youngish ladies in a small town banded together for the prime purpose of bagging husbands for themselves. The club members are despondent for the marriageable men of the town show a decided preference for the summer visiting girls.

In the midst of the discussion, Madame Cupid, a charming stranger with a newly-discovered and very potent germ, appears on the scene, and suggests a plan whereby the members of the Spinners' Club may unfailingly realize their cherished ambition. Her scheme is unanimously adopted, and one amusing scene follows another as the club members promptly put it into effect. Meanwhile the unmarried men of the town, hearing of the Spinners' Club, have banded together in a fraternity called the Bachelor's Club, an organization to safeguard its members from the perils and temptations which they may encounter as a result of the activities of the Spinners' Club, and to promote the enjoyment of single blessedness among themselves. They struggle manfully against the wiles of the Spinners and have many remarkable and amusing experiences before the fall of the curtain on the last act.

For the last two weeks the 75 young men and girls who are to present the "Microbe of Love" have gone through nightly rehearsals under the direction of Miss Apphia Jackson, of Albany, Georgia, a highly accomplished musical comedy director who is a graduate of the Emerson School of Expression of Boston, and who later taught dramatic expression at the University of Alabama. The "Microbe of Love" has been presented by local talent organizations in the North Carolina cities of Greensboro, Charlotte, Durham, Plymouth, and Wilkesboro, as well as in a number of South Carolina and Virginia cities, and has delighted audiences everywhere.

A company of fifteen graceful girls of the city's younger set will do a series of dances which will prove a revelation of rhythm, grace, and artistic expression. Mrs. Ada Burfoot Lester, who attracted Statewide attention by the excellence of her piano renditions in the Choral Society's presentation of "The Bohemian Girl" last May, has charge of the musical scores of the "Microbe of Love," and will render selections from old ballad favorites during the intermissions.

The leading lady in tonight's presentation of the "Microbe of Love" is Miss Dorothy Gregory as Madame Cupid, whose remarkable microbe works such havoc with the plans of the bachelors. She is effectively supported by Miss Nannie Mae Long, as Miss Priscilla Prunes, president of the Spinners' Club. Mr. and Mrs. Henpeck, who furnish the riotously funny situations throughout the play, are respectively Mills E. Bell and Miss Lescelles Griffin. Harry Stokely as Billy Bachelor, president of the Bachelors' Club, is an avowed enemy of all matrimonial projects and of all who further them. Lord Tis Apity, the blind knickerbocker of the cast, is

## Have Bags Ready Saturday Morning

The Boy Scouts distributed the paper bags for the Welfare Council Tuesday afternoon and householders are asked to have their contributions on their front porches Saturday morning so that the Scouts will not have to ring door bells. It is hoped that contributions will overflow the bags very generously.

## EMBASSY NEAR BEING CLOSED

### Economy Policy Of Congress Reduced Appropriation Of U. S. High Commissioner's Establishment

Constantinople, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The establishment of Admiral Mark L. Bristol, United States High Commissioner here, which is still referred to as the "American Embassy" barely missed being closed as a result of the cost of living and an effort by the State Department to introduce economies.

Admiral Bristol has had an extra allowance of \$125 a month and \$15,000 a year for the maintenance of the "embassy." The former sum had to cover the cost of social entertainments and the latter paid for clerk hire, servants, messengers, telephones, cabling, repairs and other expenses connected with a large office and residence. Sometimes Admiral Bristol has had to use his salary to meet his bills.

Recently the \$15,000 was reduced by the State Department to \$9,000. It seemed that the closing of the "embassy" was the only solution. Many devices were suggested for increasing the "embassy" income so it might keep open. One jocular suggestion was that a charity benefit be held.

After a good deal of correspondence with the State Department, showing that the pre-war \$15,000 had lost much of its value due to the high cost of living here, an increase of \$5,000 was allowed and the "embassy" is still open.

## HARDING ASKS SILENT PRAYER ARMISTICE DAY

Washington, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—President Harding asked the nation today for a silent two minute prayer at noon on Armistice Day when the unknown soldier will be buried at Arlington.

## PROPOSES MANUFACTURERS TAX

Washington, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—A manufacturers tax of three per cent was today proposed by Senator Smoot as a substitute for the number of war taxes. Senator Simmons of North Carolina charged that the finance committee revisions are solely in behalf of corporations and citizens with incomes of over \$66,000.

played by H. A. Brownley; Wesley Woodley takes the part of U. B. Careful, an ultra-conservative bachelor determined to avoid all pitfalls laid by the fair sex; and Evans Blades, in the role of Very Bold, a cavalier of venturesome disposition who gets into all sorts of difficulties, is killing-funny.

Miss Pauline Skinner as Lovie Long, a staunch member of the Spinners' Club, handles several bright musical numbers in a particularly pleasing manner.

Taken all in all, the "Microbe of Love" is an imposing production for an amateur cast to undertake, and the members of the Young Woman's Club who have gone to the job of presenting a big musical comedy with the same pop, enthusiasm and persistent energy that they have used in tackling other difficult propositions, deserve great credit for their enterprise and initiative.

## Rev. R. C. Craven Is Found Dead

Oxford, N. C., Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The body of Rev. R. C. Craven, pastor of the First Methodist church here, was found by a searching party today about a mile from Oxford with a bullet through his temple and a pistol lying at his side. The authorities believe that he committed suicide.

Mr. Craven left home yesterday, telling his family that he was going to the Masonic Orphanage on the outskirts of the city. He rode his bicycle to De La Croix Spring, near the orphanage, and the bicycle has been found there.

The body was 300 yards from the bicycle with the coat, carefully wrapped as a pillow, under the dead man's head. There was no sign of a struggle.

Mr. Craven was apparently in good spirits yesterday.

## More Strikers Now Than Since War

Washington, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Secretary of Labor Davis reported today that 69 strikes are in progress, the largest number since the war ended.

## PLEASED WITH PATRONAGE

E. M. Raper who opened the Hinton Building Cafe to the public Thursday is pleased with the patronage on the first day and is on the job to give better service constantly as time goes on.

## VOTE AGAINST MOTION

Indianapolis, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The convention of the United Mine Workers of America today resumed its voting on the motion requiring officers to repay part of the sixty per cent salary advances paid since July, 1920. The early vote was heavily against the motion.

## Wanderer Dies With Song On Lips

Chicago, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Singing a popular song, Carl Wanderer, convicted murderer of his wife, unborn child and a "ragged stranger" hired to stage a fake hold up, was hanged in Cook County jail this morning at 7:19 o'clock. He walked to the gallows with a firm step, repeated a short prayer after the minister, and was singing when the trap dropped.

## FUNERAL MRS. A. L. SAWYER

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Lee Sawyer, who died at her home, 225 Fearing street, Thursday at 12:30 o'clock, will be conducted at the home Sunday morning at ten o'clock and the remains will be taken to Plymouth on the morning train for interment.

Mrs. Sawyer was 61 years of age, and had been in poor health for several years. For the last six weeks she had been confined to her bed. She is survived by two sons, J. B. Sawyer, of Norfolk, and Charlie Sawyer, of this city; by three brothers, F. M. and J. H. Davenport, of Rocky Mount, and Edgar Davenport, of Pineville; and by one sister, Mrs. Emma V. Bateman, of Columbia.

## WANT ANTI-BEER VOTE

Washington, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Champions of the anti beer bill today threw an obstacle before Senate leaders' negotiations for a treaty vote on October 14th by insisting that provision be made for a vote on their measure.

## RECOMMENDATIONS READY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT MEET

Washington, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Tentative recommendations for providing work for the jobless were completed today for submission to the unemployment conference based on the principle of solving the unemployment problem for communities with Federal and State governments aiding.

## ANNOUNCES SPECIAL RATES

During the 1921 District Fair, to be held at this city Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, the North River Line will allow special rates, both on meals and fares. The one-way fare from all points in Currituck County served by the company will be 75 cents, instead of one dollar; and meals will be fifty cents, instead of at the regular price of 75 cents.

In order that its patrons may have full opportunity to attend the Fair, the steamers of the line will be held over each afternoon until five o'clock, instead of leaving at their usual scheduled hour of two o'clock.

## PRESIDENT WILL SEE MANEUVERS

### Will Go With Mrs. Harding And Members Of Cabinet To Fredericksburg, Wehr Party Will Be Officers' Guests

Washington, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—President and Mrs. Harding expect to leave tomorrow by automobile for Fredericksburg, Virginia, to witness the field maneuvers there and to remain for the night as guests of the officers in charge of the maneuvers.

The President will review the Marines Sunday after the sham battle Saturday. Secretaries Denby and Wallace will accompany the President.

Wilderness, Va., the Marine Corps of the East Coast Expeditionary Force, including regiments of Bellean Wood fame, are maneuvering this afternoon for a direct attack upon a series of redoubts.

## Interest In Liquor Overshadows Fatty

San Francisco, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Preparations for the prosecution of Fatty Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe have been overshadowed for the time being here by the federal investigation into the supply of liquor at the comedian's party.

E. Forest Mitchell, Federal prohibition director, expresses the belief that a large smuggling ring importing choice liquors from Canada and Mexico has been uncovered.

## Kansas Coal Mines Are Reported Idle

Pittsburg, Kansas, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—All the Kansas district of coal mines is idle coincident with the appearance at Columbus of Alexander Howatt and August Forch, union president and vice president, respectively, to begin serving a sentence of six months for calling a strike in February, according to reports to the headquarters of the operators association here.

## JOSEPH LAWRENCE DEAD

Joseph Lear Lawrence, 80 years old, died at his home in Berkeley, Va., Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock after an illness of four weeks. He was a son of the late Joseph and Mrs. Elizabeth Kesler Lawrence, of Elizabeth City, but had lived in Berkeley thirty-four years, being one of the best known citizens of Berkeley.

He was an active member of Memorial Methodist church, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Lawrence, one son, Joseph M. Lawrence, four grandchildren, C. G. Lawrence, M. N. Lawrence, Mrs. E. E. Satterfield and H. P. Lawrence, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at the above residence Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. S. J. Batin, pastor of Memorial Methodist church, assisted by Rev. R. D. Stephenson, pastor of the Berkeley Avenue Baptist church.

The body will be shipped over the Norfolk Southern Saturday morning at 9:25 o'clock to Elizabeth City, where burial will take place on arrival.

## U. D. C. PARTY SUCCESS

The U. D. C. contribution card party given in the Elks Hall Wednesday was very successful and fifty dollars was cleared for the charity fund. The daughters wish to thank all who helped, especially the merchants who contributed prizes and Mr. Pendleton, who has charge of the Elks Hall and was especially kind and thoughtful.

The occasion was most enjoyable socially. After the games the drawing for prizes was great fun. The prizes were wrapped so cleverly as to conceal their identity and great merriment ensued when the prizes were unwrapped and beneath the many wrappings the great variety of articles was disclosed. The hall was beautifully decorated in autumn flowers and delicious refreshments were served.

## NEGRO MURDERERS DIE

Richmond, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Raleigh Haskins and Judge Griffith, negroes, were electrocuted here today for the murder of Stephen G. White, Harpers Home merchant and postmaster, on July 14th.

## ROBBERS RAID CLUB

Chicago, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Robbers raided a club here today, taking over three hundred dollars.

## Sewer Question Up Again For Disposal By Council

### Date Of Expiration Of Last Extension At Hand And President Crook Of Utility Companies Here For Conference Saturday Or Monday

## Reichstag Ratifies Treaty With U. S.

Berlin, Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The Reichstag today passed a bill ratifying the treaty with the United States, none but Communists dissenting.

## VOLCANO IS READY PRESS CONGRESS

### Indications Are That Kilauea Will Stage Brilliant And Awe-Inspiring Spectacle As Newspaper Men Gather

Hilo, Island of Hawaii, T. H., Sept. 30 (By The Associated Press)—One of the world's greatest spectacles of nature—demonstrations of volcanic activity by Kilauea volcano on this island—will very possibly be unfolded before the eyes of delegates to the forth-coming World's Press Congress sessions in Honolulu in October, according to L. W. DeVis-Norton, secretary of the Hawaiian Volcano Research Association and an authority on the Hawaiian volcanoes.

The lava column within the vast fire-pit of Kilauea has been rising steadily, according to reports from the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory on the rim of the great crater directly overlooking the volcano. The molten lava lakes within the great fire pit are increasing their area so rapidly that the shoals and lava rock islands which were conspicuous objects upon the lake's surface are disappearing one by one as the molten floods overwhelm them.

The itinerary for the Press Congress delegates calls for their arrival here on the evening of October 12 and it had been arranged that the next two days will be spent by the delegates at the volcano among the wonders of America's latest national park. All indications point to a culmination of Kilauea's activities about that time, the Observatory reports and if these conditions materialize the delegates will witness a scene of marvelous and awe-inspiring brilliance. Mr. DeVis-Norton said. A gigantic mass of rock is being forced steadily up from the depths and is already rearing its crest high above the white hot torrents that lap its base. The continuous movement and the vibration of this great mass is causing heavy avalanches to rush down its sides. The result is that it has sealed off until the rock mass has taken form of an extremely sharp pinnacle towering high above the lakes.

Another phenomenon in evidence is causing considerable comment. The great subsidence that occurred after the explosive eruption of last March at Kilauea caused heavy avalanches to fall from the walls of the great firepit. These, crashing down to the depths, formed talus slopes which became covered with debris from above. During the past few days a series of remarkable spouting lava springs have broken out at intervals along the top of these debris slopes, showing that an irresistible torrent of lava is forcing its way up within them. Mr. DeVis-Norton said. The various points of emergence are high above the lava lakes and every few moments, glittering and spectacular cascades of molten fire and flame roar down over the slopes to the lakes below. It is "as though the whirlpool rapids at Niagara Falls had been turned into flame" and the spectacle is especially striking at night, Mr. DeVis-Norton said.

## SATURDAY SPECIALS

We have been asked to run an overstuffed suit as one of our Saturday Specials. We are, therefore, offering this week an exceptional value in the latest design—a blue and gold overstuffed suit—former price \$326.00. Saturday's price \$145.00. See window display. M. G. Morrisette & Co., "The Main Street Fur-suiters Store."

October 1st, the date upon which the Elizabeth City Sewer Company has announced that it will suspend operations, is at hand; and all over the city people are asking the question, What is the City Council going to do about it?

Mayor W. Ben Goodwin, interviewed Friday morning, stated that Howard E. Crook, president of the public utility companies of this city, was expected to arrive from Baltimore either Saturday or Monday for a conference with the Council relative to the sewer company. Whatever the outcome of this conference, Mayor Goodwin is positive in his assertion that the sewer plant will be kept in operation.

An injunction restraining the sewer company from a suspension of its service is indicated by City Attorney P. W. McMullan as the first emergency move to be made by the City Council, should no agreement be reached with Mr. Crook in the pending conference. This will, according to Mr. McMullan, at least temporarily keep the plant in operation. Mr. McMullan was not prepared Friday morning to say what the next legal move would be.

The sewer plant is said to be the only one of the associated city utilities operated here by Howard E. Crook and his associates that does not pay its way. It has been operated at a direct financial loss for a number of years, according to Mr. Crook, who stated during a previous visit to this city that, in fairness to the stockholders in the company, it must be either sold to the city, or closed down. The company gave notice in February that the plant would discontinue operations on April 1st, but later an extension was given to July 1st, in order to allow time for negotiations then in progress to be completed.

In May, a new City Council was elected. Nothing definite had been accomplished by the retiring Council on the sewerage problem, and the incoming Council asked for a further extension in order that its members might have time to familiarize themselves with the situation, and find a way to keep the plant in operation on a satisfactory basis. The date of threatened suspension was advanced to October 1st.

The City Council now in office has made the utility companies a tentative proposal to enact an ordinance requiring compulsory sewerage, provided the mains of the company be extended so as to permit of its city-wide enforcement. Representation has been made by officials of the utility companies that, on the basis of this offer, they went to various financial concerns and undertook to borrow sufficient money for the extensions required; but that they could not get it. A small increase in the sewerage rate was also suggested at this time, but this did not materially help the situation.

Briefly stated, the city administration is unwilling to purchase the sewer plant, a non-paying utility, unless it can also acquire the light and water plants, which are declared not only to pay the expense of their operation, but a reasonable dividend as well. It will be remembered that negotiations carried on by the former City Council with a view to the purchase of all the local utilities failed due to the inability of the Council and the companies to get together on the purchase price, just prior to the expiration of the Council's term of office.

The people of this city will follow with great interest the course of negotiations Saturday or Monday between Howard E. Crook and the present City Council. Whatever the outcome of the conference, there is reassurance in the reiterated statement of the Mayor that the sewer plant will not be closed down in any eventuality.

## MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS

Wm. W. Sawyer has moved his plumbing and heating establishment to the building back of the Southern Hotel, corner Matthews and Road streets. As a side line he will wash, polish, grease and fix cars.