

County Theatre Attractions For Next Week

Christian People Praise New Film

Church leaders and Christians are certainly agreed that the benefits to the world of the spiritual message of the new cinecolor film, "The Prince of Peace" will be lasting and the first local audiences to witness the picture which shows at the Duplin Theatre in Warsaw on Thursday and Friday of this week, will fully approve and share these opinions. The Lawton Story of "The Prince of Peace" is a moving drama

of The Life of Christ preceded by an interesting and informative screen story of the Little Minister, Rev. A. Mark Wallock, who for 24 years directed the great religious pageants at Wichita Mountain, near Lawton, Okla., which form the background of the film.

This picture marks the first time in more than 50 years of motion picture history a producer has "gambled" with casting veteran actors and actresses alongside rank amateurs. Hollywood's young Ohio-born producer, Kroger Babb, with Associate Producers J. S. Jossey and Neil E. Bogan, must be given credit for doing it — and successfully. Using a Hollywood-cast intermixed with four citizens of Lawton, Okla., they have told the story of the Little Minister interestingly, entertainingly and to a finish with a fine moral. And in telling it they take the audience to the famous "Holy City" of the Wichitas where one sees portrayed the Story of Jesus by an all-amateur cast of over 3,000. Millard Coody as Jesus and Darlene Bridges as the Virgin Mary are stand-outs in the more than 100 speaking parts of the Bible sequences. Coody is a Lawton bank-teller in real life and Mrs. Bridges a housewife and mother.

"The Prince of Peace" also serves as the introductory vehicle for a new 6-year old child star Ginger Prince. This youngster gives a most creditable first-picture performance and besides displaying some fine acting talent and handling some difficult lines well, she sings with an ease and freshness that wins her audiences immediately.

Ginger sings three new songs—"Down in Oklahoma", "Right Under My Nose," and "The Turtle"—as well as "Holy, Holy, Holy." In her first starring role she combines rare poise and natural sweetness.

A superb musical score from the pen of gifted Eddie Kay backgrounds the picture, with several numbers by the Hallelujah Choir.

"The Prince of Peace" is a film you won't miss during its current engagement. It will provide an absorbing evening's entertainment... it's one you'll probably remember for a long time to come.

A Most Unforgettable Character

By MRS. H. JOYNER

The most unforgettable character I have ever known was my grandfather, the late Dr. W. F. McCurdy of Richland, Ga. Having been dead twenty years, he represents a perfect illustration of the old fashioned "Country Doctor" that isn't seen any more. He started his practice in the "bag and saddle" days when there were no cars or telephones and medical practice was a t the best, most primitive.

As a child, he would entertain us by the hour telling of his early experiences. On being called in the middle of freezing nights to perform an appendectomy or even amputate a leg, and for light, a small kitchen lantern. He had the name of never having lost a pneumonia patient or a typhoid patient until he lost his only son with typhoid. This took the heart out of him for a long time, and it was many months before his hearty laugh was heard again.

The story we so loved to hear was the one he told about the dope addict. On being called late one night to relieve a woman who claimed she was in great pain, he filled his needle with clear water and punctured her arm. Soon, she told him that she was about easy and that he could go. He then told her that he had only given her clear water. She became so enraged that she chased him all the way home cursing him every step of the way. He cured her of her awful habit, and lost her as a patient.

While he was most frank, gruff and plain spoken, he also had the rare quality of tenderness for the illiterate and unfortunate. On one occasion when he was visiting a typhoid patient, the mother gave him several empty capsules, telling him that she had taken good care of the "little cups". He accepted them with a straight face and told her that from now on to let the child swallow the "cups" that contained the medicine.

Dr. Willie was never known to send out a bill, and yet he lived well. It was laughingly told that on leaving a patient who was about well, he would say, "You'll be up by Saturday, so come by to see me when you come to town and be sure to bring me a "good smelling ham." As I look back over my childhood, it seems that we always had negroes to step on. Always several loafing around, but wanting to "work a spell" to pay a little debt they owed Doctor. But for all the colored help, his office was a disgrace as he never allowed his desk to be dusted and forbade us to even move one item. It was an unforgivable act to move anything from whence he had placed it.

He was thrifty to the point of the ridiculous. At night, in order to save having his pants pressed, he would invariably fold them and place the munder the mattress. He would buy us gum, and give us an empty aspirin box to keep it in so that we could keep it indefinitely. But while he stinted himself, he was most generous in buying his granddaughters nice clothes. The highlight of my life as a child was when he'd take all three of us to the near city of Columbus, Ga., and truly "dress us up", as he'd call it. By this time he had acquired a Model T Ford, but he would drive so slowly that it would take the entire day to drive the 35 miles there and back.

As we grew into young womanhood, he became very curious about our "courting." Many embarrassing moments we suffered as on seeing us get into a car with two lads, he would yell as loudly as he could, which was terrific, and ask one of the boys to get into the back seat as it wasn't lady-like to sit between two males. We weren't allowed to sit with our legs crossed, and for smoking, that was completely taboo, as only "hussies" smoked.

Toward the end of his life he developed a great love for reading western stories and seeing western pictures. This helped us in entertaining him. We used to remark that if we could keep him "out west" he wouldn't have time to reform us. We had to take turns going to the westerns with him. Each dreaded her turn, as now he was almost deaf, and would yell all during the picture, "Hey, did you see that?" Being in the sensitive, adolescent age, we were most embarrassed when people would look around to see where the loud voice was coming from. Well did I remember on one occasion, he took off his shoe to relieve his corn and almost started a stampede when he failed to find his shoe when getting ready to leave.

The old timers still tell of his most peculiar habit of making his calls early in the morning sometimes arriving before they were even up. When one fastidious woman told him that she would prefer him waiting until she could "fix up a bit", he replied, "The best way to see a patient as they really were, was to see them before there had been any "fixing-up". After this story got around no one ever questioned the Doctor's time of calling Doctor knew best.

While he invariably stood for what was right, honest and good, he seldom went to church, the pastor

invited to attend by a new minister, he shocked him by telling him that it didn't take much preaching for him, that was once or twice a year was all he needed or could take. He ever championed the "under dog" and loved dearly the man who made his living by the sweat of his brow. Above all things he disliked the so-called "Big Shot".

When he passed away at 72, many came to view his remains as it lay in state in the little white church. His unselfish life of service can best be summed up in the words of the old colored woman who, as she gazed into the casket, exclaimed, "Oh God have mercy, what will us pore colored folks do now? No-one but Doc will ever serve us pore colored folks as kindly and sweetly as The Doctor."

Cabin Club held its meeting in the home of Mrs. Bland Noble. Mrs. Frank Mercer, Jr. presided. Roll was called and 20 members answered and two visitors were present. Project leaders gave their demonstration, Mrs. Roy Sanderson on Family Life, Mrs. Walter Rhodes on Foods and Nutrition, Mrs. Sam Jones on Home Poultry and Mrs. Ray Thomas demonstrated "Pictures in the Home".

Mrs. Owen Kennedy led the recreation. The hostess served sandwiches, cookies, mints and drinks.

Hail Insurance Rate Increased in Duplin

Increased hail insurance rates for Duplin and Lenoir counties have been approved, while five other counties in this area have

been granted rate reductions or are on the same basis as last year. State Insurance Commissioner Waldo Cheek of Raleigh made public the changes Friday, saying that tobacco growers in the State will be saved \$157,000 annually. The rates are set according to the loss experienced in the area in which the county is located.

Among the 57 counties in which no changes were made are, with

their rates: Jones, \$3.50, and Pitt, \$4.00. The rate in Duplin was boosted from \$3.50 to \$4.50, while Lenoir was increased from \$3.50 to \$4.00. There were only five counties in the state to have increases.

Decreases were approved in Craven, from \$4 to \$3.50, in Greene from \$3.50 to \$3, and Onslow, from \$3.50 to \$3. Reductions were made in 37 counties.

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MOTOR PARK DRIVE IN THEATRE
PINK HILL, N. C.

"ONE OF CAROLINA'S FINEST"
SUNDAY, Mar. 12th (IN TECHNICOLOR)
Look For The Silver Lining
Starring June Haver, Ray Bolger, Gordon McRae.

MON. & TUES.
Command Decision
Starring Clark Gable, Van Johnson, Brian Donlevy, And Walter Pidgeon.

WED. & THURS.
Cowboys & Indians
With Gene Autry.
Also "Boss Comes To Dinner" Short and Cartoon

FRI. & SAT.
BIG DOUBLE SHOW
Duke Of Chicago
With Tom Brown
And Audrey Long.
ALSO
Cheyenne Wildcat
With "Wild Bill" Elliott
And Little Beaver.

MODEL THEATRE

BEULAVILLE, N. C.

Sunday, Monday, Mar. 12, 13
GALLANT LEGION
With WILD BILL ELLIOTT

Tues. and Wed.
JOHNNY ALLEGRO
And George Raft.

Thurs. — Double Feature
TRAIL OF THE YUKON
AND
KELLY THE SECOND

Friday
BELL STARR'S DAUGHTER
With GEORGE MONTGOMERY
And RUTH ROMAN.

Saturday
GUN RUNNER
With JIMMY WAKLEY

DUPLIN THEATRE

WARSAW, N. C.

SUN. - MON. Mar. 12-13
East Side, West Side
With Barbara Stanwyck
And James Mason.

TUESDAY, Mar. 14
Christopher Columbus
TECHNICOLOR
With Frederic March
And Florence Eldridge.

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 15
DOUBLE FEATURE
Boss Of Boom Town
With Red Cameron.

Home In San Antonio
With Roy Acuff.

THURS. - FRI. Mar. 16-17
Pinky
With Jeanne Crain
And William Lundigan.

SATURDAY, Mar. 18
DOUBLE FEATURE
The Golden Stallion
With Roy Rogers.

Air Hostess
With Gloria Henry.

CAPITAL THEATRE

KENANSVILLE, N. C.

— Week Beginning March 13th —

MONDAY & TUESDAY:
"Story of Seabiscuit"
Shirley Temple & Berry Fitzgerald

WEDNESDAY:
"Sergeant York"
SERIAL: "James Brothers of Missouri" Chapt. 1

THURSDAY & FRIDAY
"Home of The Brave"
All Star Cast

SATURDAY — DOUBLE FEATURE
"Streets of San Francisco"
Robert Armstrong — Gary Gray
"Gun Smugglers"
with Tim Holt

MUSICAL SCOOP!
EDDY ARNOLD
THE TENNESSEE PLOWBOY
SENSATIONAL SINGING STAR OF HITS AND RECORDS
Now ON THE SCREEN!
Frustrated Rhythm
Gloria HENRY - Kirby GRANT
Isabel RANDOLPH - Tommy IVB
Fozzy KNIGHT - Carolina COTTON
MUSTARD and GRAY
The OKLAHOMA WRANGLERS
Written by Barry Shuman
Directed by EDWARD BERWIS
Produced by COLBERT CLARK
A COLUMBIA PICTURE

COMING TO
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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, MARCH 22nd - 23rd
PINK HILL, N. C.

PORTRAITS

BY JAMES METCALF

HARDWARE STORE

The hardware store is where we buy... The items large and small... That fix the premises at home... From living room to hall... The doorknobs and the nails and screws... The kitchenware and mop... And what it takes to keep a door... From slamming to a stop... And then there are the garden tools... The spade and fork and hoe... That do their part to keep away... The weeds that want to grow... The hose and sprinkler that convey... The water to the lawn... And showers for the children when... The heat is really on... The hardware store is valuable... And practical and good... Because it fills so many needs... For every neighborhood.

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