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PLAYMAKERS HAVE GOOD CROWD HERE

Famous Young University Actors Appear Well in Folk Lore of State. Chinese Play Fine.

Shelby has had a peep at the Playmakers and their performances—the town's first. To describe the reception here of their stage art would be to run the gauntlet from criticism to praise and up and down the scale from art to entertainment. Professor Frederick Koch and his Carolina Playmakers, famous the country over, for their reproduction on the stage of Carolina folk stories, dialect and life, presented three plays here Thursday night in the Central school auditorium "Old Ives," a sectional comedy; "The Thrice Promised Bride," a Chinese play, and "Scuffletown Outlaws," a tragedy taken from actual Robeson county history.

Those that expected entertainment and entertainment only were perhaps the more outspoken critics, some entertainment was derived although those looking for the fine arts, the ability to act and that which the actor must have to produce, were rewarded perhaps the greatest extent by the skillful directing hand of Koch that was evident in the high spots; but at the same time three or four of the young performers must be given due credit for their ability—an ability that has been recognized by those who pay needless tributes. Charles Gold, Katherine Batts, William Norment Cox, and Elizabeth Henderson possessed enough ability and were natural enough in using it to be termed true artists, with Gold perhaps being the Playmaker's star, as Ray Heffner might have been had he appeared only once.

"Old Ives," the first play written by Ray Heffner, was a simple village story of a Western Carolina village and the description a "simple play" was fitting, though it carried much native vernacular and humor. There was reality enough, and centered about Ives Cromer, an old "tight-wad" of the hill town, it held considerable interest. Had Ray Heffner, as Bac Hawn, held to natural performance without a tendency to overdo he would have been the stellar performer, and as it was ranked second to Charles Gold as Ives and perhaps to Leonard Huggins, who in a minor role as a plumber bore more of the characteristics of the ordinary Carolinian than any of the others. A young Chinaman came over to the University and Koch and while here he made a remarkable transposition—that of translating an ancient Chinese legend or rather nursery story into a folk-play. "The Thrice Promised Bride." That the young artist, is now in his own country making the country's legends famous through the medium of folk plays one could know after witnessing the performance without any announcement as to his present whereabouts. The story was that of a Chinese magistrate attempting to settle the fate of a beautiful young Chinese maiden promised to three suitors, and as the magistrate Charles Gold was again equal to leading the cast, Elizabeth Henderson, the maid, with few lines, ranked second in ability, and Ray Heffner, as an aged man of China, might have again performed to more satisfaction had he not carried over from the preceding play the same vernacular, hang and attempted humor. Naturally, there should be some difference between a Civil war veteran of Western Carolina and a wrinkled Chinaman, who has witnessed the passing of many moons. The only difference shown was that of costume.

"The Scuffletown Outlaws" was the story of the Lowrie Gang, once a real terror in Robeson county, and William Norment Cox, the author of the play and portrayer of Henry Berry Lowrie, the outlaw chieftain, manipulated the construction of the tragic play and its performance as only could have a native of Robeson, acquainted with the real story and having the ability to translate it through the stage. John Sanders, a white man, won the trust of the Croatan Indians, who were crossed enough with the Scotch blood to speak in a native dialect broken with Scotch words and phrases that would come out. However, the determination and inside trust of the Croatans with June, the niece of the outlaw chieftain were too much for Sanders, and he could not turn them over to the law just for the reward, but the Croatans could no longer trust him and he fell by the gun of Steve Lowrie at the instigation of June. The true outlaw disposition, fiery temperament, courage, control and trust—was found in the performance of Cox as Henry Lowrie, while Katherine Batts as June could not have been improved on had Koch selected the character from professional performers. Louise Sawyer in her lines and movements as Henry Berry's wife was equal to any individual performance of the program, in true presentation.

James King as John Sanders, with



Best Wheat

A very proud Indian is Middle Rider. He's just been judged as the grower of the finest wheat in the Glacier National Park reservation. The Indians raised so much wheat last year that the government was forced to erect additional mills to care for their grain.

42-YEAR-OLD MAN MARRIES GIRL OF 15

According to the news correspondence from Latimore route 1, a prominent farmer of the section aged 42 years has won a bride of 15 summers. The correspondent says:

"We learned of a wedding in our midst. Not long since Mr. C. W. Dixon and Miss May Moore made a hasty journey across the line and took the solemn vows that make two hearts beat as one. The bride is a very handsome and lovely young lady of fifteen summers, while Mr. Dixon is a very prominent farmer who has withstood the snows of 42 winters and this is his third time to cast his lot upon the matrimonial sea."

Charlotte Teachers Here on Saturday

The teachers of the Central high school of Charlotte will be entertained at Cleveland Springs hotel here next Saturday evening by the Parent-Teachers association of Charlotte, according to an item in the Charlotte Observer, which says:

"The Parent-Teacher association of the Central high school will entertain the teachers of the school at a dinner party at Cleveland Springs hotel next Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock."

All the parents of the children of the school are especially invited to attend and those who will do so are asked to notify their section chairman Mrs. E. L. Mason.

"They will gather at the school Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock and will go from there in a body."

Married in South Carolina.

Gaffney Ledger.

Odus Bowen and Miss Sallie Mae Waters, of Bostic, N. C., were married here, the ceremony being performed by Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup.

the hardest lines through their adaptation and the trend of the tragedy, in a role that could not have been popular, would have been the leading performer even from the standpoint of the house had he not been compelled to appear at times disagreeable to the plot of a perfect ending that is never found in tragedy, but always craved by those down in front. Just as John Sanders, as the role demanded, he should be Koch's favorite, if the director favors those who can act grandly even with difficult lines—and perhaps that's why King was Sanders.

There was much of North Carolina in the program, of folk lore, rising ability and coming artists. Those that expected more might have considered that the plays were by students only in construction and presentation and that Koch as a great director and instructor should not be expected to equal performances where the high-salaried artists with years of experience perform, but he did in some instances. And how could one expect real Carolina life on the stage to be as imaginatively plotted as impossible happenings with everything shaped to please the entertaining sense only? Our life from the spectacular viewpoint does not equal visionary life of fiction, cannot other than by the natural beauty of the state and the legends and tradition of our ancestors, of unmixed blood.

Shelby will welcome the Playmakers again—each year hereafter, we hope.

Mother's Day at Buffalo.

There will be Mothers day at Buffalo church Sunday. Preaching in the morning by the pastor and in the afternoon an address. Dinner will be served on the ground. Everybody is invited.

GET STOLEN FORD GONE FIVE WEEKS

Car Stripped of all Removable Parts Is Found Below Spartanburg. Belonged to Geo. Washburn.

Thursday of last week Chief B. O. Hamrick and George Washburn made a trip to South Carolina where they secured Mr. Washburn's Ford coupe, which was stolen in Shelby about five weeks ago. The stolen car was found in a blind road a good distance below Spartanburg and had been stripped of practically all removable parts and pieces.

According to officers the car was left in South Carolina the day after it was stolen. It was driven, people who live in the neighborhood say by a slender young white man, who wore overalls, and according to information given officers the young man ran into a bridge and wrecked the car. A short time later, it is said, another car came up and after taking off the tires of the coupe and pushing it down a "blind road" left. The radiator, carburetor, switch and other parts were taken off when Mr. Washburn secured his car back, but it is thought that with the exception of the tires that the other parts were taken off after the car was parked in the side road. A Mr. Wilson, who parked cars at the fair ground here during the fair, found the car and had it removed to his house.

The car, it will be remembered, was stolen from in front of Webb theatre here while the owner was attending a show, the larceny occurring only a short time after Coach "Casey" Morris' Ford was taken from in front of the Princess theatre. Mr. Washburn is having the missing parts put back on the car and other than being almost completely "stripped", the motor and body of the car seem to be in good condition.

CENTRAL REVIVAL CLOSED ON SUNDAY

The revival meeting which has been in progress at Central Methodist church closed with the service Sunday evening.

The failure of Mrs. Stedley to come to assist in the singing and the unexpected departure of Dr. Truesdale was a great disappointment to the congregation and to Pastor Stanford. However, during the first week there was the keenest sort of interest in the meeting and Dr. Truesdale preached to large crowds. The business houses closed during the morning hour of ship from 10 to 11 o'clock and this served to augment the attendance.

At the Sunday morning service, Pastor Stanford preached on the 23rd Psalm, one of the most beautiful and comforting passages of scripture that inspires such faith, hope and courage to all classes and creeds of Christian people. Not even the favorite songs that come down through the ages bring more rest and comfort to the soul than the shepherd's song. David the writer of this Psalm was rich in gold, great as a warrior and powerful as kindly power goes, but with all of these, he looked to the Shepherd only for comfort and soul salvation. Not only does the shepherd lead and comfort, but he directs his sheep, watches over and preserves them. Mr. Stanford preached from the depths of his heart and when the invitations were extended there were many who went forward for reconsolation and a few on profession of faith.

REVIVAL AT THE M. P. CHURCH CLOSED SATURDAY

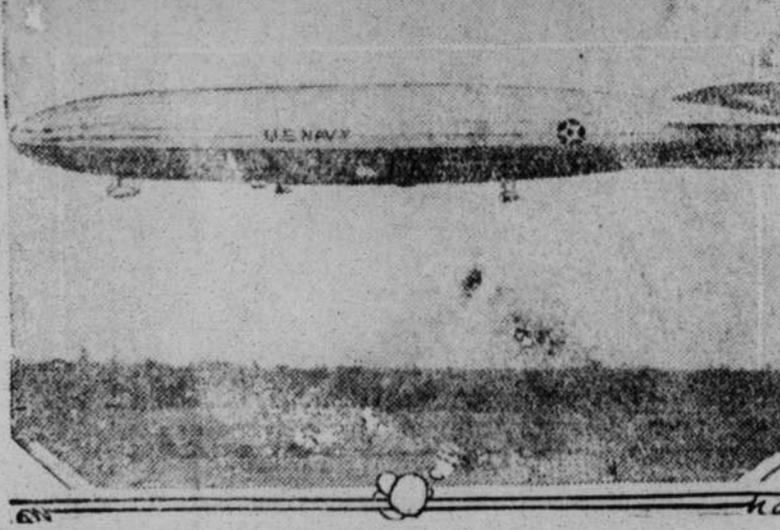
The two weeks revival meeting closed at the Methodist Protestant church last Saturday night after being in progress since Sunday, April 19. Rev. C. E. Phillips, of Lincolnton, who did the preaching during the revival, delivered some of the best sermons ever heard in the local church. His sermons each evening were heard by large congregations and made a lasting impression on the minds of the people.

The church was greatly revived and several conversions resulted. A number of new members were received into the church by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Way.

To Clean Graveyard.

The graveyard will be cleaned off at Buffalo church Friday, May 8th. All who have relatives buried there are requested to come and help.

TO NORTH POLE



The Shenandoah in Flight.

19,000 KILLED AND 450,000 INJURED IN MOTOR CARS IN 1924

New York, May 4.—Automobiles caused 19,000 deaths and injuries to 450,000 persons in the United States in 1924, statistics made public by the National bureau of casualty and surety underwriters revealed today. This represents a daily average of 52 dead and 5,650 injured.

Notwithstanding the death total, the largest ever reported, the bureau found signs of encouragement in a pronounced fall in the rate of increase of accidents. The increase in the number of deaths in 1923 over the number of deaths in 1922 over figures for 1922 was 20 per cent, while the increase in 1924 over the preceding year was only four per cent. This reduction in the rate of increase was attributed to organized campaigns to reduce accidents.

Miss Gidney Crowned Queen of May Day

May Day Exercises Held at Marion Street School. Child Health Day Throughout the Nation.

"May Day," designated as "child's health day throughout the nation was observed at Marion street school Friday May 1st with appropriate exercises. About 350 children assembled on the school lawn where they went through the Walter Camp daily exercises, the climax of the occasion being the crowning of the May Queen, Miss Elizabeth Gidney who was attended by a large number of girls, carrying flowers, by two pages carrying her long train and by two cupids, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad C. Ford and the little daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. H. A. Logan. The cupids bore the crown and the horn of plenty.

To emphasize the importance of exercise as a means of gaining and maintaining health, Miss Marietta Hoyle was dressed as a doctor and she opened up an office on the school lawn with two attendants, one a clown who entertained the audience while the other attendant met the patients at the door as they came, the lean to be made fat, the fat to be made lean; the ugly to be made beautiful and the beautiful to be made ugly. This young lady physician who was an expert on physical culture guaranteed a perfect and eternal cure. Her first caller was a long, thin patient walking on stilts. To the Walter Camp "daily dozen" exercises played on the Victrola, the patient gradually grew thinner and thinner until a most marvelous cure was effected. The next caller was an extremely fat patient who wished to be "reduced" and by following the Walter Camp exercises as outlined on the phonograph record the desired change was wrought, the purpose of the little drama being to teach the importance of physical exercises in the development of one's body.

Little Miss Gladys Henderson was a feature entertainer between acts by her graceful pantomimes.

At the May Pole drill, dozens of attractively dressed little girls wound the streamers as hundreds of spectators looked on their first observance of May Day that has ever been held in Shelby.

Legion Post to Meet On Tuesday Evening

The regular meeting of the Warren Hoyle post of the American Legion will be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the post club rooms, it is announced.

Burke Farmers Coming.

A group of farmers from Burke county accompanied by their farm agent will visit Cleveland county Friday, May 15, it is announced by County Agent R. E. Lawrence. The Burke farmers will come especially to look over the wheat and oats fields here.

TRY STAR WANTADS.

The graveyard will be cleaned off at Buffalo church Friday, May 8th. All who have relatives buried there are requested to come and help.

Winter Here With Snow in Mountains

Shelby shivered over a weekend and in celebration of the advent of May. Those who thought winter over on Friday made a search for top-coats and extra cover—and there was some frost. All of which might be explained by an Asheville dispatch, which says: "Three inches of snow on Mount Mitchell was reported by a party which returned from a trip up to the mountain Friday. Snow was falling and temperatures of 22 to 25 degrees prevailed. The party was treated to exceptional mid-winter views of snow covered ranges. A party returning from Blowing Rock reported a heavy blanket of snow in the mountains of that section. There has been no snow in Asheville."

WACO CLOSES GOOD YEAR FOR SCHOOL

Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle Delivers Address to Graduating Class. List of Winners in Contests.

(Special to The Star.)

Waco, May 1.—The commencement exercises of the Waco high school which began with graduating musical recital Thursday evening April 23rd and ended with exercises of the graduating class Tuesday evening, April 28th brought to a close a very successful school year.

Saturday April 25th was a gala day in the school. In the morning at 10 o'clock there was a debate between the junior and senior classes on the query: Resolved, That Capital Punishment should be Abolished in North Carolina. The seniors, upholding the negative won and Clara Hord of the negative was awarded a gold medal as the best debater.

At 11 o'clock Hon. A. L. Bulwinkle, congressman from the ninth congressional district, delivered an inspiring address to the graduating class, which numbered 14, on the subject of "Service."

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. A. T. Banks of Cherryville preached an excellent sermon on the subject, "You Are You."

In the afternoon, in a declamation contest with six other boys, J. L. Hord was unanimously declared the best declaimer. He was awarded a gold medal. He used as his selection: "Tribute to Our Honored Dead." In the recitation contest Aileen Whitworth was the winner, using as her selection "Death Disk." In this contest Clayton Cline was a close second, reciting "Zeke Scroggins."

In the writing contest Margaret Whitworth and Aileen Whitworth were awarded gold medals as best writers and Taft Smith was given a medal for most improvement in writing.

One of the outstanding advances made by the school this year has been the consolidation that has been worked with the Beaufort and Beaufort districts. The beauty of this is that a large majority of the patrons of these outlying districts are pleased with the change.

It is only a matter of a short time now until the Saint Paul district will come in. This is the plan of the state and county boards of education. Our one biggest problem is the education of our boys and girls and people everywhere are coming to feel that the boys and girls of the country are entitled to just as good educational advantages as the boys and girls of our cities and towns. But it is impossible to give them these educational advantages unless the one and two teacher schools are grouped with the larger units. And this is being done more and more everywhere.

Mrs. Ponder Dies At Shelby Hospital

Mrs. Cleo Ponder, wife of Mr. H. C. Ponder died Monday morning at the Shelby public hospital following a serious operation. The news of her death is a source of great sorrow to her many friends. Mrs. Ponder was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Gardner, a woman of beautiful traits of character, a kind and loving mother and wife whose absence in the home will be a sore affliction. She was in the bloom of young womanhood, less than 30 years of age. She and Mr. Ponder had completed a new home on Suttle street to which they had moved about three months ago, Mr. Ponder being engaged as a carpenter in Shelby. Surviving are her husband and three children.

The funeral and interment will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Pleasant Grove Baptist church.

The skin woman "loves to touch" is an ermine's—Arkansas Gazette. A woman writer says that mischievous dimples. And vice versa, sister—Toledo Blade.

HIGHS WON GROUP TITLE ON FRIDAY

Shelby Defeats Lincolnton At Hickory In State Championship Race. Hoyle's Hurting Superb.

"Casey" Morris' Shelby Highs advanced another step towards the Western and State baseball titles Friday afternoon at Hickory by defeating the strong Lincolnton aggregation 6 to 2 in a game that was considered one of the most dangerous of the locals' elimination series schedule. Jack Hoyle, youthful Shelby pitcher, was the hero of the contest, striking out 16 Lincolnton batters and allowing only three hits, while behind him his teammates fielded well and drove out eleven hits on the offense.

The game was the locals' third straight victory in the state championship series, Forest City was first, then Cherryville and Lincolnton clubs were dredged and with them out of the way Charlotte appears to be the toughest obstacle remaining, and Morris' boys are confident that there is no team in the state that can walk them three successive times. Moreover, they say they're going to play their best game against their next opponent.

Friday, Lincolnton and Shelby met on neutral ground, at the Lenoir-Rhyne field in Hickory and opposing each other were two young hurling stars, Beal of Lincolnton, and Hoyle, of Shelby. Beal, known as the strike-out king of high school ball hereabouts, for once lost his crown, young Hoyle ascending the whiffing throne after disposing of 16 opposing batters in the one-two-three order. Beal struck out seven. On the offense Shelby was equally as strong. Self with three hits led the attack, Beam, Grice and Dixon following with two each.

The box score follows:

Shelby	AB.R.H.E
Wilson, If	.4 1 0 0
Self, 3b	.5 1 3 0
Magness, cf	.5 1 1 0
Beam, c	.5 2 2 1
Dedmon, rf	.5 1 0 0
Griec, 1b	.4 0 2 0
Dixon, 2b	.4 0 2 0
Connor, ss	.2 0 0 2