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A BIG SUCCESS

"The Toastmaster" Surpassed Expectations in Every Way.

"The Toastmaster," which was presented at the opera house Monday evening by the cadets of Wentworth Military academy assisted by a score of young ladies from town was a triumph for those taking part and for Cadet Glenn Charlton, under whose direction the production was given. It was the unanimous verdict of those who attended that the offering was one of the best home talent productions ever given in Lexington.

Every detail had been thoroughly worked out in advance, so that the whole play went off with snap and precision. The comedy lines were well delivered and the climaxes worked up properly.

Last week the house was practically sold out, and at the show the S. R. O. sign was hung up. All of the schools and Lexington society were well represented.

The play is a college comedy dealing with the adventures of a sophomore who was kidnaped by some freshmen on the eve of a banquet at which he was to be toastmaster. There is, of course, a love affair which, like the toastmaster's adventures, ends happily. There is, too, the inevitable absent-minded college professor and the sissy boy.

Three acts—one with two scenes—are consumed in the play and several puppets numbers are introduced.

Cadet Charlton, in addition to directing the performance, took the part of Professor Reed. In it he showed himself to be a capable character actor and he drew many hearty laughs.

William Hoge had the title role and he looked and acted his part in great style.

S. Hantz Koontz made one of the best amateur juveniles that has ever appeared at the opera house. His part required burlesque, as he disguised himself as a servant girl. He made a handsome female and caused considerable merriment. He carried out his love scenes, too in good style.

J. D. Dyrenforth was the sissy and his interpretation of his part was perfect. He had some excellent opportunities and he made the most of all of them.

Master Fritzlin as the small boy was great. He had little to do, but he did it well, and got some of the biggest laughs of the evening.

K. W. Krake, Clem Hedrick and Walter Martin did effective work as the other college boys.

Miss Mary Lillian Atkinson as Cynthia proved bewitching. She has made so many successes in local theatricals that there is no need of mentioning her high ability. She was unusually good, however, and sang two of the best songs of the evening. Her tone work in "All that I Ask of You is Love" was superb.

Miss Anna Marrs as the mute wife of the professor showed great taste in refraining to over do her part. She undoubtedly made a hit. The musical numbers were all pretty and well put on. Jacobia and Koontz each had a song with chorus.

The W. M. A. quartette put on a specialty between the scenes of the third act and got four encores. In the final banquet scene Miss Pauline Sellers with the chorus sang "In My

Dreams of You" with telling effect.

A seven piece orchestra added considerably to the evening's enjoyment. Capt. Rockwood was the musical director.

In the chorus were Misses Nell Marrs, Irene Stramecke, Berrie Andreen, Winn, McFadin, Peacock, Stapp, Bishop, Morrison and Bates; and Cadets Butler, Hoag, Evans, Krake, Sunderland, Jacobia, Duke and Crail.

Altogether the show was a big success—artistically, financially and socially. Everybody who attended got his money's worth and the participants were pleased with their reception.

Mrs. Christine Walk Dead.

Word was received here Monday that Mrs. Christine Walk had died that morning at the home of her daughter in Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Walk was 82 years old. She is survived by five sons and one daughter, as follows: Adam, John, Jacob and William of Pueblo, Colorado, Chris of this city, and Mrs. Emma Bartlett of Denver. The body was brought to Lexington for burial and the funeral services were held Thursday afternoon.

Jurors Drawn.

The county court Wednesday drew the following jurors for the April term of the county court:

Clay: D. D. Martin, W. J. Carpenter, Charles Richard. Davis: Victor Thiemann, R. F. Warren, Peachie Rhodes. Dover: J. H. Cathe, Wm. Wilson, Ralph Webb. Lexington: Harry Blee, A. M. Galle, Ed Davis. Middleton: John Caloway, H. H. Horstman, Geo. Hudson. Freedom: Ed Handley, Fred Grau, C. S. Parker. Sni-a-bar: John Barnett, P. W. Thompson, James Gautier. Washington: Geo. Wakeman, Sr., P. W. Athinson, Jr., James Ripley.

Business Men in Theatricals.

The New York Herald of July 8, says: "It's strange what strides the stage has made during the past five years, not to speak of a century. Business men have now taken a hand in that pie, and find it a very profitable investment. John T. Raymond, during his grand struggle through numberless difficulties, was backed by some of the solid business men of Boston. Dustin Farnum, who electrified this country in "The Virginian," was furnished the necessary funds by a large printing establishment in New York. And now a leading business man of Chicago has taken hold of the comedy, "The Climax," and, having engaged an extraordinary good company, will appear in all the principal cities in a trip across the continent. Prior to their run in San Francisco they will take in some of the minor towns and thus make the journey to the coast with more ease. Theatrical men, look sharp. The business men will crowd you out."

Miss Lillian Moorehead went to Kansas City Wednesday for a few days' visit.

Miss Emory Todhunter went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

John Hix went to Kansas City Tuesday evening on business.

Mrs. Phillip Marshall and Miss Clarice Weyand went to Kansas City yesterday for a few days' visit.

Rev. R. B. Briney Resigns.

Rev. R. B. Briney gave in his resignation Sunday as pastor of the Christian church to take effect June 1. Mr. Briney's pastorate of the local church covers a period of more than eight years, and in that time the church has enjoyed a steady growth in membership and spiritual benefit. His ministrations have not been confined alone to his own church, but universally to the betterment of everyone. He is loved and respected by everyone no matter of what denomination or of what class. His kind and courteous manner; his enthusiasm for his life's work, and his unimpeachable character have made for him a host of friends who will regret his leaving.

Mrs. Frank Hamilton Dead.

Word was received here early Wednesday morning of the death of Mrs. Frank Hamilton in the St. Joseph hospital, Kansas City, where she had gone for a minor operation. She had been improving and death was sudden and wholly unexpected.

Mrs. Hamilton will be remembered here as Miss Vivian Ellis, a former student of Central College and a graduate in the class of 1898. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ellis, formerly of Pilot Grove, Mo., but who now reside in Beeler, Kansas. Mrs. Hamilton was married September 15, 1910, to Mr. Frank D. Hamilton, a banker in Lathrop, Mo. Besides her parents and husband she is survived by three sisters, as follows: Mrs. R. R. Fleet of Liberty, Mo., Edna and Melville, the latter now a senior in Central College; and two brothers, John and Virgil.

James W. Moore Dead.

James W. Moore, a highly respected citizen of this county, died Wednesday morning at his residence seven miles east of Lexington from a complication of diseases.

Mr. Moore was a member of one of the pioneer families of this county. He was 47 years old, and is survived by his wife and three children, as follows: William, Gabriella and Mary. The funeral was held Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the family residence. Burial was in Machpelah.

Poultry Association.

The Lexington District Poultry Association at their meeting last night perfected its organization. The Constitution and By-laws were adopted and other business transacted. Sixty-five members have been enrolled and there is every indication that this number will be increased to 150 within a short time. Every white person with one dollar and a good character is eligible to membership.

Thacher to Coach Wentworth.

Frank B. Thacher, a senior in the School of Engineering at the University of Missouri, and captain of the 1910 football team, has been engaged to coach the Wentworth team next season. Mr. Thacher's home is in Odessa, Mo.

C. A. Keith went to Kansas City Wednesday on professional business.

Wm. Aull, Sr., went to Kansas City Wednesday on professional business.

FRESH EGGS—At Wright's, Fone 67.

Miss Catron's Engagement Announced.

The beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bandon on South street, was the scene of a very interesting event Thursday, when the announcement was made of the approaching marriage of their sister, Miss Mattie Lou Catron to Mr. William Wallace Todd of Fayette, Mo.

Miss Catron, gowned in a dainty embroidered mull, and Mrs. Bandon attired in a green marquisette with heavy lace trimmings, received the guests—who were limited to the intimate school friends of the bride-elect—in the east parlor, which was decorated with smilax and white anemone.

Soon after one o'clock the guests were ushered into the dining room, where the massive table, covered with handsome damask lace, the dainty place cards and tiny baskets filled with spring blossoms made a fitting border for the huge centerpiece of rich red carnations and green ferns.

The guests were in an ecstasy of excitement throughout the serving of the six course luncheon, for the atmosphere was changed in a subtle manner, with the expectancy of an announcement. But with the last course came the delightful climax. It was an announcement! On the heart shaped cakes were small scrolls, tied with white ribbon, which when unrolled, revealed the names: "Mattie Lou Catron, William Wallace Todd."

Three of the guests who were into the secret had provided rice, which amid joyous exclamations and congratulations was showered upon the future bride.

Miss Catron is one of Lexington's charming girls, who possessing an unusually fine contralto voice, has gained much distinction as a musician.

Miss Catron is well-known and universally popular in Lexington. Here she was reared and educated and for two years she was the head of the voice department of Central college. She has taught successfully also in Lindenwood college and in Kansas City and Oklahoma City. She was considered one of Missouri's best contraltos and did a great deal of concert work throughout the west. Besides her wonderful musical accomplishments, Miss Catron has a most pleasing bearing and personality and a high degree of culture. Her fiancé is indeed to be congratulated.

Mr. Todd is a member of one of Missouri's oldest families and is greatly respected and liked wherever he is known.

The guests were: Miss Clara Duval of Kansas City; Misses Pileher, Comer, Givens, Stapleton and Baldwin of Central college; Misses Bandon, Campbell, Sellers, Aull and Todhunter of Lexington.

C. L. Wilson Takes Office.

Monday was moving day in the County Collector's office. C. L. Wilson, who was elected last fall, took charge, succeeding U. G. Phetzing, who was appointed by Gov. Hadley to fill the unexpected term of Geo. B. Gordon, deceased. Mr. Wilson has retained Buford Gordon as his deputy.

Miss Nell Newton arrived from Marshall Thursday evening to visit the Misses Graddy.

Mrs. H. Lowellen returned Thursday from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Waverly Notes.

H. Smith was in Marshall Monday.

Dave Yancey spent a few days this week in Kansas City.

Miss Louise Davis returned Thursday from an extended visit in Kansas City.

Mrs. Herman J. Peters and little son, Smith McCord, were in Marshall Monday.

Mrs. James O'Hare returned Saturday from Marshall where she spent the week.

Born, Sunday, March 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Hartel Brally a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed Slusher of Corder attended the funeral of their niece at this place Tuesday.

Mrs. Addie Feagan of Malta Bend was the guest of Mrs. Fannie Pickett last week.

Mrs. Dave Yancey returned last week from an extended visit with relatives in St. Louis.

Mrs. John Davis returned home Thursday from a short visit in Kansas City.

Floyd and Zola Althouse spent Saturday with Logan Calloway and family in Carroll county.

Mrs. Chas. Ersham was in Lexington several days last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Thomas and daughter, Minnie, returned Monday from Marshall where they have been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Ed Caddy has returned to her home in Oklahoma City, after a several week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leach.

Gilbert Neiderjohn came in last week from Blackwater to visit homefolks.

John and Webb Davis attended the funeral of C. M. Pinkerton at Blackburn last Thursday.

Will Slusher of Oklahoma was called here Monday by the death of his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Slusher of Malta Bend attended the funeral of Miss Cora Slusher at this place Tuesday.

John Evans and Mike Byweg returned last Thursday from Boonville.

Walter and Ferd Slusher, who were called here by the death of their sister, returned to Kansas City Tuesday.

Died at her home in this city after an illness of several months, Miss Cora Slusher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slusher. Funeral services were conducted at the residence Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Grote.

I was in the Waverly cemetery.

Miss Gilkeson's Closing Dance.

Miss Georgia Gilkeson Thursday evening in Amusement hall gave the dance which closed the teaching for her dancing school. This was one of the most enjoyable dances of the year and was attended by sixty couples from the academy and town.

The grand march, led by Cadet Huston and Miss Nancy Chamberlain of Kansas City, started at 8:30 and dancing continued until 12:30. The hall was profusely decorated with flags, pennants and bunting. Punch was served by Cadet Fritzlin. Smith's orchestra furnished excellent music.

All of Miss Gilkeson's dances have been delightful, but this was unusually so, and the guests were profuse in their praises of the arrangements.

Mrs. Ike Noyes and little son, W. H., went to Higginsville yesterday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. W. S. Peacock spent yesterday in Aullville.

RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS

Capt. Andrew Will be Among Those Honored by U. of N. C.

Capt. Samuel J. Andrew has received the following letter:

Chapel Hill, N. C. Feb. 28, 1911.

Samuel J. Andrews, Esq., Lexington, Mo.

My dear Sir:—

The Trustees of the University of North Carolina, upon the unanimous recommendation of the Faculty, have voted unanimously to confer the degree of A. B. as of their class upon all students of the University who, during the period from 1861 to 1865, withdrew to enter military or naval service in the Civil War. It is therefore my pleasure and privilege to inform you that at the coming Commencement you will be given the degree as of the class of 1862.

It is the earnest hope of the University that you and all the others who receive the degree will be here to receive it in person. We already have the assurance that many will come and the reunion promises to be the most successful in the history of the University. If it is in any way possible, I beg that you will be here. The Commencement of 1911 will be a noteworthy occasion and the University wants as many of her sons present as possible.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this at your earliest convenience and let me know if you can be present. The University will prepare to entertain all those who give two weeks' notice of their intention of coming. It will endeavor to take care of those who decide later than that to come, but can give no assurance of being able to do so.

A full program of Commencement will be sent you later.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

J. G. deRouthac Hamilton.

This office was in receipt Tuesday of a short message written on a post card from Habana, Cuba. The card bears a picture of the historical Morro Castle at Santiago. The signature "F. T. W." may mean many things—"Forward Two Wilsons" or "Fight To Win," etc. But the opinion prevails that our old friend, F. T. Wilson, is sojourning in the Antilles. His next message will no doubt be from Panama where possibly he will establish another Wilson-Fredendall store. At any rate, his visit to Panama should on his return be to some advantage to Lexington. The greatest engineering feat of the age is now under way down there, and if Mr. Wilson can bring back some new ideas in engineering and instruct some of the local celebrities in filling up a post hole, or better still, how to subdue "goose pond" he will not have had his trip in vain.

Local Boys Make Hit.

Ralph Johnson and Frank Evans, two local boys, were the top liners at the Electric Theatre Monday night. They put on a vaudeville stunt called "The Bell Hop and Musician." They were enthusiastically received by a large audience, and their work was first class.

Mrs. J. Reid Ryland returned Thursday from a few days' visit in Kansas City.

Walter Peacock spent yesterday in Aullville.