

Carolina Folk Plays of 1923

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On February 12, 1923, the University of North Carolina hosted the first Carolina Folk Play, which was a collaboration between the University and the local community. The play was written by Frederick H. Koch, who was the director of the Carolina Folk Plays. The play was a success and it was the first of many that would follow.



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THE FOLK-PLAYS

AGATHA

A Romance of the Old South.
By Jane Toy

CHARACTERS OF THE PLAY

COLONEL JOSEPH PETTIWAY, C. S. A.....	George V. Denny
MISS MOLLY PETTIWAY, his spinster sister.....	Kitty Lee Frazier
AMABEL } Colonel Pettiway's daughters. }	Carrilea Sanders
ANGELA }	Katherine Baits
ACATHA }	Nancy Battle
MAJOR BENJAMIN BAITY, C. S. A.....	Owen Woodside
FAIRFAX MERRIMON, an eligible young man.....	Spencer Murphy
SHADRACK, the negro butler.....	Joe Powell

SCENE: The parlor of the Pettiway home, Hillsboro, North Carolina.
TIME: Afternoon, May, 1867.

OFF NAGS' HEAD

A Tragedy of the North Carolina Coast
By Dougald MacMillan

CHARACTERS OF THE PLAY

AN OLD FISHERMAN.....	Owen Woodside
THE "GAL," his daughter.....	Sue Byrd Thompson
THE SICK WOMAN, the fisherman's wife.....	Nancy Battle
THE DOCTOR.....	George V. Denny
THE OLD WOMAN.....	Katherine Baits

SCENE: A fisherman's hut on the sand dunes of the Carolina Coast.
TIME: About 1860. A stormy night.

WILBUR'S COUSIN

A Comedy of College Life.
By Ernest Thompson

WILBUR ATKINS.....	Spencer Murphy
"JELLY BEAN" JONES.....	Owen Woodside
MR. BLAKE.....	Hoyt Boone
MRS. BLAKE.....	Kitty Lee Frazier
STELLA.....	Sue Byrd Thompson
GEORGE WILLIAMS.....	J. E. Powell

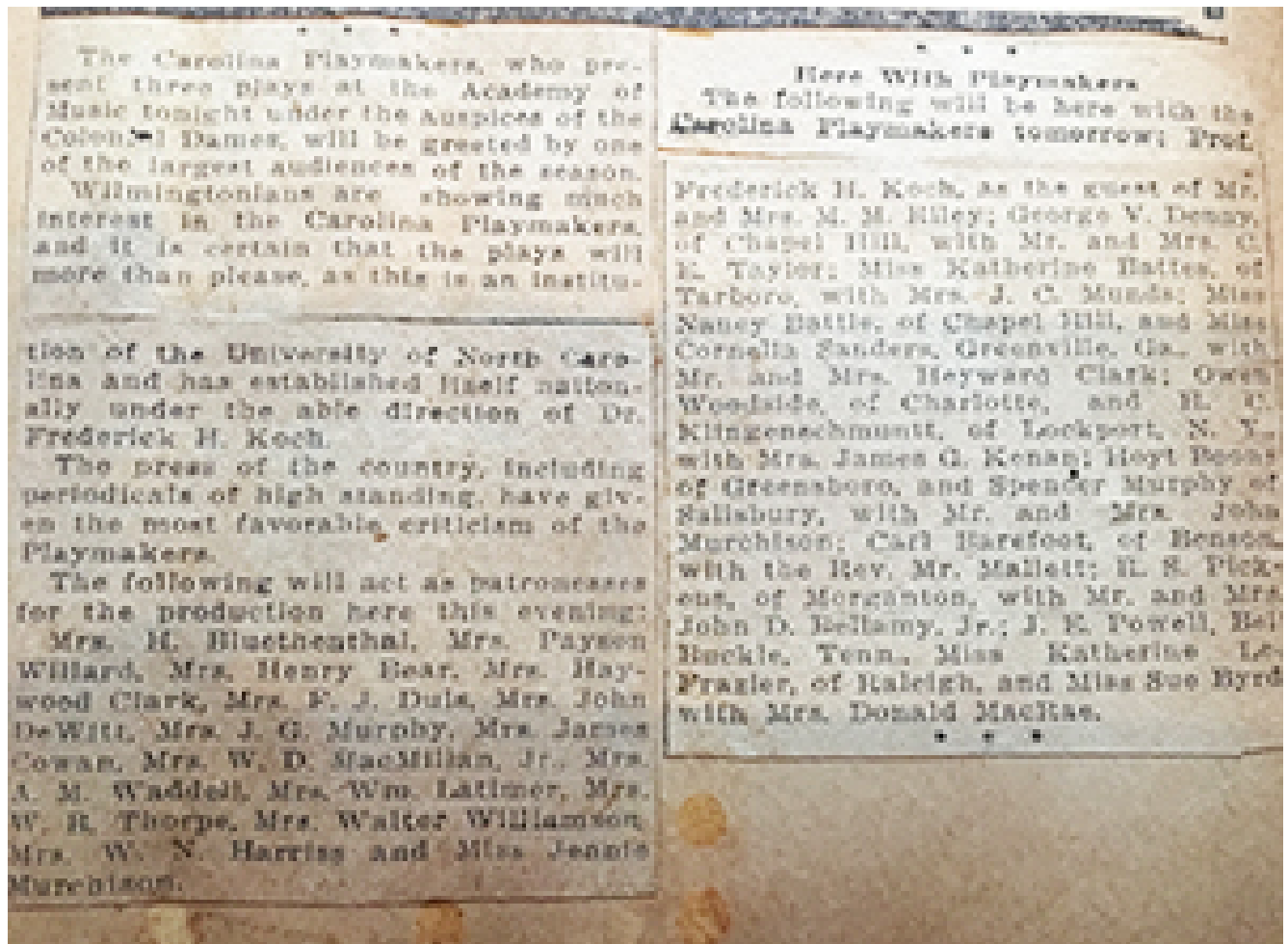
SCENE: Raleigh, North Carolina. The living room of the Blake home.

The first play is, "Agatha," a romance of the Old South, set during the Reconstruction Era. The second play is, "Off Nags' Head," a tragedy of the North Carolina Coast, set during the Civil War. The third play is, "Wilbur's Cousin," a comedy of college life, set in Raleigh, North Carolina.

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