

Opera House



Opera House in 1945.

January 2, 1885

Some enterprising young people of Edenville produced Uncle Tom's Cabin in Baxter Smith Hall.

March 25, 1897

There is a possibility that the "Mystic Order of the Golden Fleece," will be produced in Collins soon by Rhodes home talent.

The good people of Rhodes should fill the Opera House for the band tomorrow evening. The entertainment the boys give is in every way worthy of liberal patronage.

H.H. Hildreth, the famous vocalist at Rhodes will appear again before the public at the Union Band Concert at the Opera House in Rhodes. H.H. Hildreth is a brother of Charles Hildreth.



Rhodes Cornet Band

If You Can't Laugh—Don't Come To See The **Womanless Wedding**

to be presented at the

RHODES OPERA HOUSE

Thursday and Friday, June 20-21, 1929, 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by

The M.E. Church of Rhodes, Iowa

By the Symphon Levie Company of Bardstown, Kentucky

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LOCAL MEN AS CHARACTERS

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Screams of Laughter

Biggest Event Ever Staged in Rhodes

GENERAL ADMISSION 50 CENTS

CHILDREN 25 CENTS

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Cast of Characters

Butler Ed Beye
Punch Girls Grainger Buck
 Ralph Buck
Present Takers Millard Ward
 Lester Tribby
Bride's Weeping Mother Fred Preston
Bride's Comforting Father Martin Richeson
Bad Little Brothers William Wignall
 Allen Tribby
Ikie Rosenstein Wayne Hildreth
Bride's Grandfather Walt Burgoyne
Bride's Grandmother Irvin Mead
Charlie Chaplin James Green
Twin Sisters Eugene Floto
 Glenn Robinson
Mary Pickford Ord Smith
Fashion Plate Hildreth Snowgren
Sis Hopkins Lyall Gray
Harry Lauder Henry Buck
Country Cousin Cliff Sween
Annie Laurie Delwin Mallicoat
Pat O'Grady Howard Floto
Rosie O'Grady Alfred Buck
Henpecked Husband James Wallace

Devoted Wife Jesse Ward
President Hoover Jake Jacobs
Mrs. Hoover Leo Baie
Flapper of 1930 William Smith
Negro Mammy Donald Luing
Bride's Baby Sister Charles Buck
Rastus James Gray
Sambo Isaac Hoy
Kentucky Colonel Harry Robinson
Kentucky Lady Wilbur Williams
Theda Bara Carl Atkinson
John D. Rockefeller J.P. Satterfield
Henry Ford Howard Hale
Irving Berlin David Buck
Best Man Elbert Pitcher
Bishop Frank E. Bentley
Bridesmaids Arnold Ethington
 Harold Robinson
Bride Donald Noble
Groom Ronald Duffy
Train Bearer Rev. Casper

The above "Opera" ad shows sixty local men as characters but only forty-five were used. The only woman was the trainer (director) and the year was 1929.



The Womenless Wedding, from the left, front row: Howard Hale, James Wallace, Howard Floto, Alfred Buck, Delwin Mallicoat, Henry Buck, William Wignall, Wayne Hildreth, Allen Tribby, James Gray, Charles Buck, Ed Beye, Jesse Ward, William Smith, Cliff Sween, Don Luing and Isaac Hoy; Second row: Trainer, Robinson, Eugene Floto, Irvin Mead, Walt Burgoyne, Lyall Gray, Martin Richeson, Fred Preston, Glenn Robinson and Rev. C. Casper; Third row: Hildreth Ord Smith, James Green, Wilbur Williams, Harry Millard Ward, Frank E. Bentley, Arnold Ethington, Snowgren, Jake Jacobs, Lester Tribby, Leo Baie, Ronald Duffy, Donald Noble, Harold Robinson, David Buck, Ralph Buck, J.P. Satterfield, Elbert Pitcher, Grainger Buck and Carl Atkinson.

Halloween Pranks

Old Alf Daley lived over where Bill Hays house is, Budweiser, they used to call him. He sold machinery and every Halloween the fellows would take his machinery and take it all over. So he made up his mind to get chain and padlock and he padlocked the machinery to the trees.

Well some guys got a stick of dynamite, you know just one stick, we were just goint to blow the padlock but it blowed the machinery to pieces.

*Memories by
Wayne Hildreth*



Do you know the name of this play? Around 1912 or 1913. From the left, front row: Jim Gray, Harry Hildreth, Bill Ginter, Freeman Curtwright, David Buck and Miss Coneybear. Second row: Frank Bentley, Carrie Ginter, Celia Blink, Bill Blumenschein, Miss Lollan and Joe Blink.

Memories

1888

Oatmeal - 5¢ lb.; Hogs \$5.70 per hundred weight; On cow bought at sale - \$58.80; Fare to Chicago, Illinois \$9.70; Oats threshing - 1½¢ a bushel.