

PELHAM, N. H.

The Patriotic Pageant a Success —Was Written by Miss Frances Hobbs.

Pelham, N. H., July 7.

The patriotic pageant given July 4th on the lawn of Mr. Frank Hillman was an unqualified success. A more ideal spot for such an occasion could not have been chosen, the natural beauty of the grounds making an effective background for the vari-colored robes worn by the participants, while over all Old Glory and a service flag waved in the breeze.

Below is the cast of characters in the order in which they appeared: Peace, Mabel Peabody; Joy, Rena Currier; Youth, Ralph Hillman; Maiden, Hazel Richardson; Ambition, Mrs. Overlock; War, Mae Muldoon; Hate, Jennie Stickney; Sorrow, Cora Carlton; Columbia, Francis Hobbs; Serbia, Emily Dierig; Russia, Nellie Muldoon; Belgium, Hazel Donovan; France, Victoria Monreau; England, Clara Jack; Canada, Lillian Mann; Japan, Grace Lewis; Scotland, Ivy Noyes; Ireland, Molly Lyon; Italy, Helen Noyes; Justice, Virginia Merriam; Liberty Marion Wilson; Red Cross Workers, Abbie Mann, Lulu Tillotson, Viola Burton, Ruby Guild; Munition Worker, Lucy Lyon; Ship Builder, Ronald Sherburne; Farmers and Milk Maids, Alice Wilson, Dorothy Atwood, Fred Lyon, Charlie Koehler; War Loan, Florence Marsh; Food Supply, Lena Zezer; Artist, Elizabeth Hills; College Girl, Bessie Hyde; Business Girl, Edna Livingstone; Society Girl, Mabel Jones.

The pageant was written by Miss Francis Hobbs and showed decided talent in this line of work. Just before the presentation the synopsis was read by Mrs. Kate Donovan with perfect enunciation, and, as the cast came upon the scene, whether to the rhyme of music or in stately mien, the picture was one not soon to be forgotten.

During the pageant 36 children under the direction of Miss Nellie Muldoon and Miss Francis Hobbs gave folk dances with a skill that was surprising and the little attendants to Peace to Joy were charming in their simplicity. They were Alice Gage, Dorothy Richardson, Natalie Jones and Gertrude Currier. In bold contrast the Belgium waifs—these parts impersonated by little Edward and Herbert Currier.

The audience was large and keenly appreciative of the climaxes, several shedding tears when the lover went to war and loudly applauding when War was manacled by the Allies.

Too much praise cannot be given Mrs. Ernest Sherburne and Miss Clara Jones for their painstaking efforts and the artistic results obtained.

A ladies' orchestra under the direction of Miss Chase of Lowell, furnished most acceptable music for the occasion. Mrs. Marion Coleman-Hobbs, Mr. Alfred Favor and Mr. Ernest Sherburne sustaining the vocal parts.

After the pageant ice cream was served in charge of Miss Mary E. Hobbs and a social hour enjoyed.

Nothing like this has ever been given in town and it is the consensus of opinion that it should be repeated.