

What Sort of People are Show Folks?

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resorts with the ride mechanics and ticket staff of each device. These lists have not included janitors, scrub women, circus labor, the

being about half as many members, likewise includes a number of colored performers.

We wonder whether thirty people out of each hundred of all other

register of that church.

Several other churches have actor memberships of somewhat less numerical strength. Some concrete examples of the religious scruples of show folk are here submitted.

Sarah Martin, the amiable blues singer, whose records may be found in many homes, so thoroughly hates what she regards as an irreverence that she absolutely refused to work on a program with the act of Hooten and Hooten who do a comedy turn based upon the rantings of an old-time ignorant minister, in which Mr. Hooten, made up to character, recites the alphabet—A, B, B, etc., in a sonorous and melodic imitation of the emotional preacher.

Miss Martin sacrificed, not only a week's work at \$200, but lost more time to have the agents alter her route to avoid this act for the season.

Just to show the eternal similarity of mankind and how divergent people's views may be upon the subject of religion; it is a bit of irony to relate that Hooten and Hooten are both sustaining members of a big Baltimore Baptist Church. They own their home in that city and both are fraternally connected. He is a Mason and his wife is a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Hooten insists that his act does not reflect upon religion, but helps materially to crystallize public opinion against the mountebank who may be found preying upon our people in the name of religion. He is opposed to ignorance in the pulpit and is trying to have it laughed out of the holy places.

Now, don't those show people differ with the same right to do so as all other people enjoy where their religious views are involved?

It may interest you to recall that Noble Sissle is the son of a minister of the Methodist church, long stationed in Cleveland and Indianapolis, and that Noble himself has spent many Sundays in the choir loft of those and other churches.

Rev. Moses, a New York Baptist divine, has two daughters in the chorus. Miss Boyd, the leading lady in a Norman Company picture but recently showed in colored theatres, is the daughter of Rev. Boyd of Nashville, head of the great Baptist Publishing house, and granddaughter of another eminent divine of the same name.

Miss Pettiford, concert artist and character actress in a Micheaux film completed, was the daughter of a Michigan minister.

Bessie Allison, acclaimed as one of America's five most beautiful women, was at that time with her sister in the chorus of "Chocolate Dandies"; had been in "Shuffle Along," and was once with a group of eight others in an otherwise whit-musical comedy on Broadway. She is a daughter of the late Charles Allison, for thirty years the treasurer of New York's largest colored congregation. Another sister was for ten years editor of "The Horizon," a feature in the Crisis magazine; a brother is a probation officer in New

York City. All are graduates.

Wells and Wells, acrobats, and man and wife, would rather cancel a date than miss church on Sunday. They know not the night life, nor will they tolerate promiscuous contacts in shows with which they travel.

It would bring tears of joy to many if they could see, as has the writer, the bulging curtains that betold of the many boys and girls kneeling down before berths ere they retired on the crowded cars of the Silas Green show and other one-day stand organizations. Now, lest one be accused of making a one-sided picture, let it be known that we have also heard some awful brawls take place on these same cars, and have seen some terrible conduct take place in theatrical hotels. But the point we are making is, that the Whole must not be judged by any part of it. Characters are as assorted in show business as elsewhere.

Miss Susie Sutton (Mrs. Tom Prown) resident of Chicago, and widow of the famed actor, inherited from her husband a library that would make any college president, editor or minister, violate the commandment not to covet.

Jess B. Shipp, possesses another such collection of worth while books. He, like Tom, when Tom lived, is welcomed in cultural circles not open to many because they lack the liberal education that is the sesame to those portals.

Paul Robeson, he of three professional distinctions, the law, athletics and the drama, is a Brunswick, N.J., minister's son.

Monty Hawley, to get closer to home, is the son of the president of the Appomattox Club; A. W. Jackson, another Chicago boy, was reared in the Berean Baptist Church, whose minister, Rev. Bradden, christened him, and was educated in high school there. Both youngsters are welcomed in good homes, and worthy of it.

McGinty and Freeman was a female comedy act filled with humorous comedy, yet it was the product of a pair of Nashville girls, one the daughter of a minister, and the other of an editor of a religious newspaper.

But why go on? They come to the show business from all kinds of homes, have the same assortment of tastes as do other human beings; rear families, or neglect them as do others; are careless, or thrifty; are generous, or selfish. In fact, show people are human, and each must be measured by his own merits.

Off stage, some waste their time in frivolities, others do many of the worth while things of life. Some make local friends in one town after another, while others care not for casual acquaintances; some are educating children or other relatives, while some are neglecting even mothers.

There are those whom I have known to send the weekly allowance to a needy parent when they themselves knew not what they were going to eat for the coming week.

A very high proportion among the amusement people are buying homes somewhere, many of them inclining towards farms as does Mr. Frye of Moss and Frye.

Every big colored sub-division, such as Jamaica, L.I., Nepperhan Heights, near Yonkers, and their replicas in other cities, contain beautiful homes owned by performers and musicians. Some own city co-operative apartments, homes, and yet others have attractive winter or summer resort homes as befits leisure periods.

So, you see you can meet 'em, greet 'em, and perhaps either love or hate 'em, just as you do the rest of humanity. Show folks are jus' folks, after all.

ed food. A little candy when energy runs low can overcome or prevent fatigue—so the stenographer with her chocolate bar or bag of peanut brittle is after all much wiser than the one with her chew of gum.

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culinary organizations of great circuses and carnivals, nor the lonely cook that feeds the smaller touring outfits. At that, each and all of the several thousand of these would resent in vigorous terms the implication that they are NOT show people.

Now that the occupational divisions have been established, let us give attention to the social aspects of the amusement world. It is to the indoor elements that most interest attaches, hence they shall be given the principal consideration.

Some illustrations will best indicate the ramifications of character revelations possible to those who survey the field. There are two big religious activities in show circles. One is the Actors' Church Alliance, a Protestant organization that numbers more than twenty thousand of the before mentioned two hundred thousand people in the show business. Many of these are people of the darker hues.

The Catholic Actors' Guild, num-

trades and professions are active members of a religious organization?

Adhering strictly to our own, hereafter, may we ask: Do you know that an organization called the Deacons' Club of Prince Hall Masons with 37 branches called "Amen Corners" sustains contacts with a minister of the gospel, a doctor and an attorney in each of that many key towns for such traveling Masons as may be in show business and in need of professional advice and counsel while away from their home lodges? Do you know that the Masonic teachings are fabricated upon the Holy Bible? The connection is obvious.

You may not know that the Grace Congregational Church of Harlem is the largest and most active, yet one of the youngest churches of that denomination in the United States, and you may not be aware that Rev. Alexander Garner numbers more than three hundred show people and their families on the membership

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