

## Renowned Players To Stage "Henry IV" At Appalachian

Appalachian State Teachers College will play host to one of America's foremost theatrical organizations March 7. Players Incorporated, an international classical repertory company that has earned a unique name in its seven seasons of touring, will present Shakespeare's King Henry IV, (Part I), in a matinee performance at 2 o'clock and an evening performance at 8 o'clock.

The great "road" tradition, long thought to be dead by commercial managers, has experienced a healthy revival in recent years and in many respects Players Incorporated has led the way. Father Gilbert V. Hartke started the ball rolling in 1949 by assembling a group of the most able and talented graduates of the drama department at Catholic University in Washington, D. C. With a great deal of sweat and optimism and no capital, Players Incorporated managed to get out on the road in what might have seemed a hopeless pioneering task.

The success of that imaginative idea is now evident in Players' eighth tour around the United States. In addition to the touring company, Players now operates the year round with two summer theatres, one at Olney, Maryland, and one at Winoski, Vermont.

On four occasions the troupe has taken its shows abroad under the aegis of the Department of Defense. Twice they played in the Far East during the Korean War and twice they toured European military installations in France and Germany. This past year they trekked through the isolated bases of the Arctic doing performances for troops stationed in remote spots.

The company is made up of fourteen members who double and triple in brass. They arrive several



KING HENRY IV denounces the traitor Worcester in the Players Incorporated production of Shakespeare's Henry IV to be produced at Appalachian State Teachers College March 7. Left to right: Nick Bedessem as Northumberland, Christopher Kotsching as Worcester, Frank Fabin as Sir Walter Blunt, Edmund Torrance as King Henry, and Carole Macho and Constance Schneider as ladies in waiting.

hours before their scheduled performance. Functioning like a well-trained backfield they prepare each new theatre for a performance. They raise the set, adjust the lighting, press the costumes, arrange dressing-rooms, place sound equipment, before getting into costume and make-up. When the final curtain falls they do everything in reverse, they dismantle the entire show and re-pack it in their truck. Like the Abbey Theatre in Dublin and the Old Vic in London they have the advantage of having had a single source of inspiration and training. As graduates of the Catholic University Speech and Drama De-

### DWELLING UNITS

A total of 1,120,000 dwelling units were put under construction in 1956, according to the Labor Department, which points out that this was the eighth straight year in which housing starts had passed the million mark. However, the 1956 homebuilding rate was down 16 per cent from 1955 and 8 per cent from 1954. With allowance for population growth, the department said, the 1956 homebuilding rate was the lowest since the years right after World War II.

partment, they have a common background that enables them to work together smoothly and efficiently.

## Masons Honor Washington

Snow Lodge no. 363, A. F. & A. M. will honor the memory of George Washington, a Master Mason and the first President, at a banquet to be held at the Boone Trail Restaurant Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr. will deliver an address, while Hoyle Davis will be the Master of Ceremonies.

All Masons their friends are invited. Reservations may be made by calling Howard Williams at AMherst 4-3663.

The committee in charge of the banquet is composed of Jack Hodges, chairman; H. S. Williams, A. R. Smith and I. W. Carpenter.

## Jones, Rucker Go To Chicago

Dr. William Jones and Mr. James Rucker of the music department of Appalachian State Teachers College, attended the Music Teachers National Association biennial convention at the Congress Hotel in Chicago last week. At the four-day meeting from February 10-13 over two hundred teachers and leaders in music appeared on the program of lectures and performances.

## School Vote Is Arranged

Jefferson, S. C.—S. F. Horton, superintendent of schools, states that an election will be held March 2 for the improvement of the Jefferson school. The building program would amount to \$150,000, and would provide for gymnasium, classrooms, an office and the rebuilding of the cafeteria.

A \$177,000 building for the Shannon colored elementary school has been completed, Mr. Horton said.

## Lutheran Churches To Conduct Mission Series

Three Watauga county Lutheran churches will be conducting an Evangelism Mission program next week with nightly worship services. Fifteen thousand members of two nation-wide Lutheran bodies in forty-two congregations in western North Carolina are joining in a program of spiritual enlistment and enrichment.

Visiting missioner pastors will conduct preaching and teaching services at Bethany, Holy Trinity, and Holy Communion Lutheran churches of the Watauga Lutheran Parish of which the Rev. George W. Shuford is pastor.

The Rev. Noah D. Yount, a former pastor of Whitmire, S. C., the Rev. Olin G. Swicegood of Troutman, who worked in Watauga Lutheran churches as a student, and the Rev. William J. Ridenhour of Dallas, will be the leaders in the program dedicated to the outreach of the Kingdom of God.

Besides the three rural churches of the county, St. Mark's Lutheran church, located just across the Caldwell county line below Blowing Rock, will also join in the program. The Rev. C. P. Fisher of Rockwell will conduct those services.

Grace Lutheran Church in Boone is not joining in the present effort, but will have a week of services just before Easter.

Nearly all the world's 70,000,000-odd Lutherans, about one-third of all Protestants, join in week-night worship services in the Lenten season preceding Easter. The Evangelism Mission is in addition to this program.

Beginning of this mission week will be at 11:00 Sunday when the



MR. SWICEGOOD



MR. RIDENHOUR

visiting ministers will conduct regular worship services at the three churches. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 Monday through Wednesday. Each of the night services will include a period of hymn singing and of answering questions about the Christian faith.

Six American Lutheran churches of the immediate Hickory area are joining with thirty-six United Lutheran churches in the western part of this state in this emphasis on evangelism which crosses organizational lines of Lutherans, who are virtually identical in everything except methods of administration of affairs.

The Rev. Noah D. Yount will conduct services at Holy Trinity at Deep Gap. He was pastor of all the Lutheran churches of this

area from 1918-1923 when horseback was his normal means of travel in the work. Following that he was western North Carolina field missionary for two years and then pastor of churches at Shelby and Bessemer City for twelve years.

During an eighteen year-pastorate at Hollywood, Florida, he served a term as president of the Florida Lutheran Synod. For the past two years he has been pastor of the Union-Whitmire Parish in South Carolina.

Many people of this area remember his years of service here. His father, the Rev. J. A. Yount, was pastor here many years.

He has two children. The Rev. Olin G. Swicegood of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

will lead the worship at Bethany Lutheran Church in the Big Hill area. He is an extremely popular preacher of the Statesville area.

While he was still a student preparing for the Christian ministry, he served pulpits in the Boone area, in the early thirties.

Among many positions of responsibility he holds or has held is the presidency of the Southern North Carolina Conference of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod and membership on the Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Children's Home of the South at Salem, Virginia.

Mr. Swicegood has been pastor of Lutheran churches at Cleveland and Andrews. He is married and has two daughters.

The Rev. William J. Ridenhour is pastor of the Holy Communion church at Dallas and will conduct services at Holy Communion church, between Valle Crucis and Foscoe on the Clark's Creek Road. These are the only two churches in North Carolina bearing this name.

He is a recent graduate of the Lutheran Seminary at Columbia, S. C., and also holds a bachelor's degree from Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory. He has been at Dallas in his first pastorate since 1955.

He is married to the former Miss Grace Huffman of Salisbury, a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College. They have one child.

A brother of Pastor Ridenhour is Lutheran minister at Startown and a sister is an instructor at Lenoir Rhyne College.

DEMOCRAT ADS PAY



Thursday, February 21

**KING'S ROW:** Starring Ann Sheridan as Tempting Randy, Robert Cummings as handsome Parris, Ronald Reagan, as irresistible Drake and Betty Field as stormy Cassie. This vivid, powerful drama brings Henry Bellermann's novel to life on the screen. Also with Charles Coburn, Claude Rains, Judith Anderson.



Friday, February 22

**UNGUARDED MOMENT:** Starring: Esther Williams, George Nader, John Saxon, Edward Andrews. Esther Williams, music teacher at Ogden High, receives a series of unsigned mash notes from a student and, believing she can help him, goes to meet him at night in a locker room. An attempt is made to assault her, but she gets a glimpse of John Saxon, the school's football star, as he flees. The police refuse to believe her story and even the principal listens to Saxon's father (Edward Andrews) who says Esther has been leading his son on. Only George Nader, detective assigned to the case, thinks Saxon may be a psychopathic case because of his father's woman-hating ideas. There is many a suspense-packed moment before the truth is revealed. You'll enjoy seeing Esther Williams in her first non-swimming role.



Also: Harvest Time—Cartoon and Battle of Gettysburg.

Saturday, February 23, at 1 and 3 o'clock

**AT GUNPOINT:** Starring: Fred MacMurray, Dorothy Malone, Walter Brennan, Skip Homeier.

MacMurray, a peace-loving storekeeper, downs the leader of a gang of bankrobbers (Homeier's brother) with a lucky shot. For a while he is the town hero, but when the other desperadoes, Homeier as their leader, make clear their intention of revenge, the citizens spurn MacMurray, leaving him to face the menace alone. Dorothy Malone who portrays MacMurray's wife, and Walter Brennan, as the doctor of the small western town, add stature to their marquee rating with this one.

Also: Three Cartoons.

Saturday, February 23, at 7 and 9 o'clock

**PONY EXPRESS:** Starring: Charlton Heston, Rhonda Fleming, Jan Sterling, Forrest Tucker.

This is a story from the pages of history, telling of the linking of the Missouri plains to the Pacific via the pony express. Charlton Heston and Forrest Tucker are the two gun-fighting, Indian-wise buddies, known respectively as Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild Bill Hickock. In the romantic department, Heston seems the more popular, for there are two girls, Rhonda Fleming and Jan Sterling, who are attracted to him.



Also: Peckoliar Sitcheyashus—Cartoon.

SHOWS EACH DAY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 2, 4, 7, AND 9 O'CLOCK

SATURDAY—1 AND 3 O'CLOCK; COMPLETE PROGRAM CHANGE SATURDAY—7 AND 9 P. M. SUNDAY—3 AND 9 O'CLOCK

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## Appalachian Theatre

Sunday, February 24

**THE GREAT MAN:** Starring: José Ferrer, Dean Jagger, Keenan Wynn, Julie London, Ed Wynn, Russ Morgan.



In this story one of America's most beloved television-radio stars is killed in an automobile accident. Amalgamated Broadcasting System plans a tribute to the "great man," and assigns news commentator Jose Ferrer to write the biographical program. In researching, Ferrer learns that the deceased was a complete phony and a colossal heel. Aware of Ferrer's aspirations to succeed the star, the network offers him an unethical but rewarding deal, which he's tempted

to accept. In the network memorial show, instead of following his prepared script, Ferrer gambles on his own future and tells the true story, thereby gaining the admiration of both fans and executives.

Also: MGM News.

Monday and Tuesday, February 25 and 26

**WAR AND PEACE:** Starring: Audrey Hepburn, Henry Fonda, Mel Ferrer, Vittorio Gassman, Anita Ekberg, Herbert Lom, John Mills.

This film is the translation of Tolstoy's immortal novel which tells of a young man's first taste of battle and a young girl's first taste of love. As Moscow is preparing for war with Napoleon in 1805, Henry Fonda, young liberal student, is in love with Audrey Hepburn, teenage daughter of a pleasure-loving count. When his aristocratic father makes him heir to vast estates, Fonda is lured into marriage with a scheming princess. Mel Ferrer, a handsome soldier, is attracted to Audrey, but she is unable to resist the attentions of the dissolute Vittorio Gassman. When Napoleon crosses into Russia, Audrey and her family flee Moscow while Fonda wanders into battle, is captured and almost dies.

Also: A Haul In One—Cartoon.

Wednesday and Thursday, February 27 and 28

**HOLLYWOOD OR BUST:** Starring: Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Anita Ekberg, Pat Crowley, Maxie Rosenbloom.



In this production you will see Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis in their last rib-tickling comedy as a team. Gamblers Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, who adore Anita Ekberg, set off for Hollywood by automobile. With them is "Mr. Bascom," Jerry's Great Dane. They pick up Pat Crowley, a singer going to Hollywood for an audition. The dog thwarts Dean's efforts to ditch Jerry. In Las Vegas, Jerry cleans up at dice. Arriving in Hollywood, Dean, Jerry and the dog finesse an entrance to a studio where Anita is rehearsing. The welcome mat is out for them. The dog is signed for a movie. During the trip to Hollywood the party is held up by "a little old lady" who takes their money. Also along the way Jerry tries to milk a bull.

Also: Hollywood Star Night—Snapshot.

**SCHEDULE FOR "WAR AND PEACE" PLAYDATE FEB. 25-26:** Due to length of this picture only two shows daily at 3 and 7 o'clock. Continuous showing. Admission children 20c; adults 50c.

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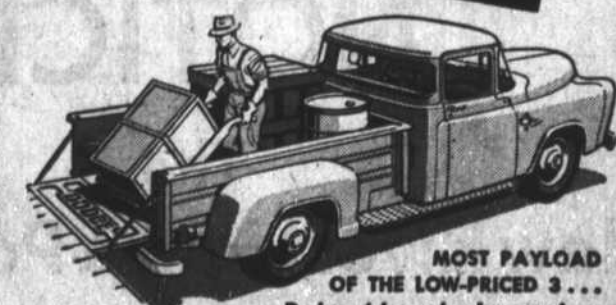
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