



GREEK PLAY.—Playcrafters, of Appalachian State Teachers College, will present tonight and Friday night "Iphigenia in Tauris," a Greek play. The production begins at 7:15 each night, and the featured actors are seen, left to right, Glenda Hicks, Adelle Williams, Maxine Cooper, Charles Stanley, Jean Hicks, Helen Liner, and Betty Godfrey; kneeling, Tom Vance. Playcrafters are directed by David French.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

Letters To Editor

Says Democrat Letter From Home

Dear Mr. Rivers:
I have just received by copy of the Democrat, which I look forward to each week as one does a letter from home. I am sure I would enjoy the paper even if I were not a native Watauga, but being one makes the items pertaining to family, schools and friends all the more interesting.

Your King Street column is exceptionally good. Be it wise, sad, or humorous it is always worth while reading, and I often clip parts of it to keep or to send a friend.

May you and your staff have continued success in producing such an outstanding publication.

Very sincerely,
Mrs. Alice T. Thomas
33 Fisher Drive
Carmel, Calif.

Patient Likes Hospital Rules

Dear Mr. Rivers:
Having been a patient at the Watauga Hospital for 10 days, I was a patient when the new visitation rules and "The Visitors Card" was installed. Personally I like the new system and feel other people will like the plan when they understand the complete rules. The rule is in interest of the patients. No one will be denied a visitor if they are interested in the patients welfare. Actually each patient can have 42-ten minute visitors each day and 284 for the week.

The hospital facilities are overcrowded and the manager, doctors, nurses, and entire staff are doing a wonderful piece of work. The above statements are my own observations as a former board member and patient.

J. PAUL WINKLER

A DOG NAMED BUTCH

Sydney, Australia—A dog named Butch has paid with his life for being a five-star hero. The bull terrier challenged a poisonous snake to defend five young children in danger of being bitten. As the children stood terrified two feet from the viper, Butch attacked.

The snake bit the 9-year-old dog on the throat and fled from the battle arena—a suburban back garden. A veterinary surgeon, summoned by the children, fought several hours in vain to save the canine hero's life.

Name Misspelled; Lives In Watauga

Dear Sirs:
I am in receipt of my February 4th issue of the paper. Of course it annoys me very much that my name could be so grievously misspelled in the article published: "Preliminary Plans Made For Garden On Horn In West Lands."

Also, that I am from Avery county. I pay taxes in Watauga county. So I think that it might be well to correct this mistake. I would prefer that it be a foot-note on the front page. My correct name—spelling—Nancy Beyer—B-E-Y-E-R.

My sister who partly owns our home here has often remarked that the Watauga Democrat is an A-1 paper, and far superior to the weekly issue and daily issue published where she lives in the winter time in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,
NANCY BEYER

Washington Comments

Washington, D. C.—Legislation to set up a federally insured loan program to establish adequate housing for migratory farm laborers has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Harrison Williams of New Jersey.

A spokesman for Williams' Senate Labor Subcommittee on Housing said the legislation will be "of particular benefit to states where farmers work on a close margin and cannot provide adequate housing for their employees."

Fred Blackwell, a Subcommittee investigator and attorney, said the idea for the legislation originated with farmer who said they would like to provide better housing for their workers, but don't have the money for it.

Senator Williams' bill would establish an insured loan program applicable to persons who want to build migratory labor housing in rural areas.

It would also set up a direct loan program for use by state and county governments, farm organizations, and individual farmers who want to build housing for their migratory workers, at a "very low" interest rate.

The United States Tariff Commission conducted hearings recently to determine whether or not tapioca flour should be removed from the "duty-free" import list.

The Tapioca Importers Association, and supporters from various industries which use tapioca products, gave forceful arguments for keeping tapioca flour on the list of products which this country permits to be imported without an import duty.

Among supporters of the tapioca importers was the domestic textile industry, which pointed out to the Tariff Commission that tapioca is vital to the textile producers as a stiffening agent.

But potato producers from Maine and Idaho urged the Commission to place an import tax on tapioca, because it poses a serious threat to the potato industry.

They noted that tapioca is coming into the country in vastly increasing quantities, and that a 123 per cent increase in import tonnage has brought a crisis to the potato industry in the United States.

Three Korean War "turncoats" are now daring the United States Government to try them as traitors to their country.

Former Cpl. Lewis W. Griggs, of Jacksonville, Texas; William A. Cowart of Monticello, Arkansas; and Otho G. Bell of Hillsboro, Mississippi, all of whom repudiated America when captured by the Red Chinese, and later asked Red

China to send them back to the United States, are suing the U. S. for prisoner-of-war pay.

Their attorney maintains that if they were guilty of violation of the Espionage Act—an offense which could mean the death penalty—they should be tried in Federal courts.

Otherwise, the attorney for the turncoats argues, they should receive pay and allowances from the time they were taken prisoners until the time the Army gave them dishonorable discharges.

Francis X. Daly of the Justice Department counters, however, that the trio comes before the United States Court of Claims with "such unclean hands" that it seems "inconceivable" that the court would grant their request.

The three turncoats are asking \$15,000 in damages. Their attorney says the case will ultimately go before the U. S. Supreme Court for final settlement.

18% PHONE LEVY

President Eisenhower has insisted on extension of the 10 per cent Federal tax on local telephone service after June 30, rejecting Governor Rockefeller's plan to transfer the levy to states for educational needs.

A White House statement following the Governor's meeting with the President and other Administration officials cited "the urgent need for some payment on the national debt" in the fiscal year beginning next July 1. It said this was the reason for the decision to retain about \$350,000,000 of resulting revenues in the Federal Treasury.

U. S. SPACE RECORD

President Eisenhower has said the United States had an "admirable" record in the exploration of space, and that Americans had no reason to bow their "heads in shame."

In the midst of the growing partisan debate over the space program, the President defended American accomplishments in space at his recent news conference. In scientific results, he suggested the United States has surpassed the Soviet Union.

Old Hickory Scout Council headquarters are in Winston-Salem.

All presidents since Taft in 1910 have been honorary presidents of the Boy Scouts.

There were 8,542 acres of small grain grown for seed certification in North Carolina in 1959.

There were 5,200 acres of soybeans grown for seed certification in North Carolina in 1959.

Since 1911 about 350,000 boys have qualified for Eagle Scout rank.

Sat. & Sun. Feb. 20 and 21

MEMORIAL COLISEUM
N. Cherry St. — Winston-Salem

TWO DAYS—
Five Performances
Prior to Madison
Square Garden



Ringling Bros AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS

The GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

TICKET PRICES
tax incl.
\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00
Children under 12 1/2 PRICE
Free Parking

SHOW TIMES
1 PERFORMANCES SAT. FEB. 20
10:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 8:00 p. m.
2 PERFORMANCES SUNDAY FEB. 21
2:30 p. m.—8:30 p. m.

TICKETS
ON SALE: *

YOUTH CENTER
Northside Shopping
Center • Open 'til 9

THALIMERS
Parking Lot Level
PA 4-1551 Ext. 267

COLISEUM
PA 5-8441

MAIL
THIS
COUPON
NOW

MEMORIAL COLISEUM
North Cherry St.
Winston-Salem

Enclosed find check or money
order for _____ tickets @ _____
and _____ 1/2 tickets @ _____

Make checks payable to SUPER ATTRACTIONS OF N. C. INC.

Name _____ City _____
Address _____

Check Performance Desired
 Sat. Feb. 20.....10:30 A.M.
 Sat. Feb. 20.....2:30 P.M.
 Sat. Feb. 20.....8:00 P.M.
 Sat. Feb. 21.....2:30 P.M.
 Sun. Feb. 21.....6:30 P.M.

Enclose self addressed stamped envelope.

2 Truck Loads

OF FINE USED FURNITURE

Featuring Bargains In

- ANTIQUES
- CHINA
- CUT GLASS
- BEDROOM SUITS
- DRESSERS
- CHESTS
- TABLES
- REFRIGERATORS

And Many Other Items

A Once In A Lifetime Chance!
13 USED PIANOS
TO CHOOSE FROM

Burgess Antique Shop

425 W. King St. Boone, N. C.

Q.

What are these
Rural Electric
Systems? . . .

A.

They are businesses
organized by groups
of neighbors to
provide themselves
with electricity.



Why, you ask? . . .
Well, because it was
the only way folks in rural areas
could get electricity. And the Members
of a Rural Electric System are its owners,
who elect the Directors, who in turn
operate the business through a trained
and experienced management staff . . .

The money to build the lines? . . . Borrowed from REA, sure, and being paid back, on schedule, and with interest . . . It's a good deal all around!

BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORP.



COMMUNITY OWNED • COMMUNITY BUILT • COMMUNITY BUILDER

THE SOCIABLES prefer Pepsi



They have a talent for friendship
and a liking for fun. Their choice of refreshment is
the same as yours. Pepsi. It refreshes without filling
. . . adds to pleasant moments. Join The Sociables . . .
pick up an extra carton of Pepsi today.



Be Sociable,
Have a Pepsi
Refresh without filling

BOTTLED UNDER APPOINTMENT FROM PEPSI-COLA COMPANY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Bottled by PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING CO., Spruce Pine, N. C.

SKY-VU DRIVE-IN THEATRE

SHOWS
SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY
First Show 7:15—Second 9:00

Saturday and Sunday
February 13 and 14

Queen Of Outer Space

ZSA ZSA GABOR
ERIC FLEMMING

Color and Scope