

## Miss Stringfield's Operetta To Be Given February 18

THS Chorus  
to Present  
Musical  
Drama 18th

The premiere showing of "Ocooneechee," Cherokee Indian opera, by Miss Margaret Stringfield of Waynesville, will be presented by the music department of the Waynesville Township High School, under the direction of Charles Isom, Thursday, February 18, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The operetta, a musical drama, in three acts, is a fictitious Cherokee love story with an historical background. It takes place during the removal of the Cherokee Indians to Oklahoma during the year 1838. Ocooneechee, the mythical daughter of Chief Junaluska, meets Shippoorwill, an Indian brave, high up in the Great Smoky Mountains. Here they fall in love. Shippoorwill is carried off by the great removal. Ocooneechee grieves for her lover, who after many years, returns to find her in her new Smokies home.

The story was developed from a poem, "Ocooneechee, Fair Maid of the Forest," by the late Frank Jarrett of Hillsboro.

The cast for the presentation on Thursday night will include all members of the mixed chorus of the high school. Main characters will be as follows: Tommy Elder as Chief Junaluska, Juanita Kelly as Ocooneechee, John Calhoun as Shippoorwill, Dick Hogland as Chief Tusumtha, Stanley Turner Wilusdi (Col. William H. Thomas, friend of the Cherokees), Harry Wilson as Gen. Winfield Scott, Tom Owen as Tsali.

Indian warriors will be Bill Crawford, George Wilson, Don Snowmichel, Jack Walker, Tom Perry, Jerry Blanton, T. L. Francis, Charles Donahoe, Don Franklin, J. Paul Hightower.  
Indian Maidens will be Bobbie Radford, Jessie Alexander, Betty Haglan, Delores Hembry, Glenda Deus, Glenda Evanson.

Sue Morgan, Amelia Alexander, Elizabeth Summerrow, Barbara Griffith, Marie Barrett, Catherine Grasty and Janet Parker.

United States soldiers will be David Parker, Joe Walker, Milton Massey, Jimmy Todd, Donovan Scruggs, and L. B. Linder.  
Shawano Indians will be Billy Bishop, Ted Rogers, Laurie Hannah and Stanley Williamson.

Costumes have been made by students of the Home Economics Department of the school, under the direction of Miss Lois Buchner. Bill Powell, head of the Industrial Shop, and his students are building the scenery and Miss Wanda Gibson, art teacher, is directing her students in painting the scenery.

Miss Stringfield began writing the operetta in 1932 and it was published for her by Zabel Brothers Publishing Company, Philadelphia, upon completion a few years ago. While it is considered her greatest musical achievement, Miss Stringfield has long been noted for other accomplishments.

She was a teacher of music in the public schools of Waynesville for more than 25 years and wrote the music for the high school Alma Mater, "In A Rose Tinted Valley," in 1909.

She composed the county song, "Old Haywood I Love Thee," which is said to give Haywood the distinction of being the only county in the state having a song.

Other works pertaining to Western North Carolina are "The Hymn to The Great Smokies," and "The Appalachian Park March."

A native of Waynesville, who was reared in the atmosphere of Cherokee lore, Miss Stringfield is the daughter of the late Colonel W. W. Stringfield, commander of four Cherokee companies in the War Between the States and a niece of Col. Thomas, depicted in the operetta, who was a champion of Indian Rights and played a substantial part in winning for the Cherokees the reservation in Western North Carolina.

### JOB SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

This survey is sponsored by the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce as a part of its plan to try to bring more industry to this area. The purpose of the survey is to determine the size and nature of the available labor supply in Haywood County.

If you are over 18 years of age and available for work, please complete the questionnaire below.

**DO NOT COMPLETE IT IF YOU HAVE A FULL TIME PERMANENT JOB IN THIS AREA OR IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN A JOB.**

Name ..... Age ..... Male ..... Female .....

Address ..... Phone ..... Married ..... Single .....

Community in which you live ..... Miles from Waynesville .....

Condition of your health ..... List physical defects .....

Circle highest grade completed: Grammar school High School College  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 5 6

Name of School ..... Degrees Received .....

Are you employed? ..... Name of Employer .....

What type of experience have you had? .....

What type of special training have you had? .....

What type of work do you prefer? .....

Additional Information or Remarks: .....

Mail Promptly to:

Employment Security Commission of N. C.  
P. O. Box 631  
Waynesville, N. C.

Signature

Editor's Note—In an effort to help get the industrial survey completed as soon as possible, The Mountaineer is reproducing here a copy of the job questionnaire which is being distributed throughout the county. If you have not received a copy, you may fill this blank out and mail. This blank will receive the same consideration as those blanks now being distributed.

### Grand Jury Criticizes County Home Conditions

The major portion of the Grand Jury report made last week to Judge W. Hoye Sink of Greensboro concerns the Haywood County Home, which came in for criticism from the jury's members.

The report, signed by Ernest B. Pifer, grand jury foreman, asserts: "The Grand Jurors of July and November, 1953 recommended that certain repairs and improvements be made at the County Home and to date nothing has been done."

The report adds further that: "We wish to recommend again that the County Home be put in first class condition and specify that the following improvements and repairs receive immediate attention: That the men's quarters be repaired, walls painted and floors covered; that the women's quarters be painted and floors covered; that the kitchen and dining room be painted and floors covered; that the porch floors be painted; that a new kitchen stove be provided; that window panes be replaced."

"We feel that the manager and his wife are doing a good job under the circumstances but need additional help. We believe that some of the old people, some of them being in very poor physical condition, are not receiving the proper attention and care and that this is due to insufficient help. We, the Grand Jury, wish to recommend that the entire situation at the County Home be improved and put in a condition so that we as citizens of Haywood County could feel we are properly performing our duty to these unfortunate inmates."

"We found seven women and 10 men and the following supplies and stores: 300 cans mixed food, 4 cases canned beef, 18 gallons lard, 4 hams meat, 4 shoulders, 2 sides meat, 40 chickens, 42 head cattle, 6 calves, 1 horse, 6 hogs, 2 brood sows, 2000 bales hay, 25 tons silage, 14 tons coal.

"The inmates state that they are well fed and well treated."

The Grand Jury also reported—favorably—on the Haywood County Jail, Canton Jail, and the Prison Camp.

### School Attendance In Haywood Same As State Average

Haywood county has often been called "North Carolina's most average county," holds true in the matter of school attendance, according to the latest official report for the 1951-52 session.

The percentage of absentees in Haywood and the state average stands at 6.5.

The report shows that the average daily membership in Haywood is 5,811, while the average daily attendance is 5,431, with 380 absentees daily.

The ratio of colored absentees for Haywood is 4.1, which is far below the state average of 10 percent for colored.

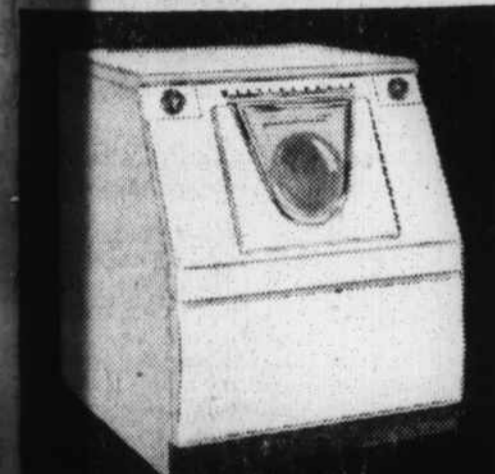
**Canton Jail**  
"The Canton City Jail was clean and in good condition. There were no inmates."

**Haywood County Jail**  
"We found the Haywood County Jail to be in excellent condition. There were a total of 21 prisoners (18 men and 3 women). The prisoners stated that they were well treated and that the food was good. The women's cells have been painted since the November, 1953 inspection. The persons responsible are to be commended for the excellent state of repairs and for the cleanliness of the Haywood County Jail."

**Prison Camp**  
"The prison camp was clean and in good condition. The prisoners stated that they were well treated and well fed."

Among the continents, Antarctica has the highest mean elevation, 6,000 feet; others being Europe, 980 feet; Asia, 3,000; North America, 2,000; Africa, 1,900; South America, 1,800; and Australia, 1,000; says the National Geographic Society.

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### State's Short Tax Form Permits 10 Pct. Deduction

"North Carolina taxpayers may take a blanket deduction of 10 per cent on 1953 returns if they are qualified to use the convenient new short form D-400A," State Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw pointed out today.

This new condensed form for filing state income tax was provided by the 1953 General Assembly. It may be used only by those taxpayers whose income consists of salaries, wages, commissions, and interests or dividends.

If the taxpayer's income was received from sources other than these, he must use the regular long form, D-400, which has been in use since the state levy was made on income back in 1921.

If the taxpayer had sources of income other than those described above, and he uses the long form, he must follow the same pattern as in years past. Both husband and wife must qualify for the use of the short form before either can file on it; otherwise, both must use long forms.

Joint returns of husband and wife may be filed only if their joint income is derived from the same source or sources, and such income cannot be separated.

Some examples of income which cannot be filed on the short form include: Income from rentals, profit from sale of real property, profit from the sale of stocks and bonds, annuities, professional occupations, income from ownership and/or operation of a business or farm. This is the case even though the taxpayer may also have income from salaries or wages which would otherwise be subject to use of the short form.

If the long form must be used, the taxpayer is entitled to deduct all of his professional or business expenses, and may deduct such personal expenses as contributions

### GOP County Convention Scheduled For Feb. 27

A Republican county convention will be held at 7:30 p. m. February 27 at the Canton Town Hall to elect officers for a two-year term and to choose members of the state executive committee and delegates to the senatorial and congressional district meetings.

The announcement was made by Glenn F. Boyd, vice-chairman of the Haywood County GOP executive committee.

the standard 10 per cent deduction if required to file the long form," the Commissioner asserted. Commissioner Shaw commented on the action of the General Assembly in providing for the simpler short form:

"It was the intention of this legislation to eliminate the necessity of non-business persons' keeping books and records on their income and allowable deductions, and thus make easier the filing of their State income tax returns."



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