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PICNIC CON'T

Edna Faxon, who once again graces the Highlands stage as Helen Potts, the understanding and sympathetic neighbor.

There are many newcomers to the HCT stage this year who appear in PICNIC: Bob Miller, who gives an excellent and moving portrayal of Hal Carter, hails from the Bronx, New York. Before coming to Highlands, he studied at the Senior Dramatic Workshop in New York City. Michele Wiedike, who stunningly appears as Madge, is from Springfield, Ohio and has studied acting under Stella Adler in New York. Millie, the tomboyish sister, is played by Nicole Jaffe from Montreal, Canada. Nicky has done extensive work with the Canadian Broadcasting System and is currently studying acting under Peggy Feurey in New York.

Harold Swope as Howard in PICNIC, is no newcomer to the stage. Having carried leading roles in THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER, NIGHT MUST FALL, and others, PICNIC marks his debut with the Highlands Community Theatre. Wayne Jones, who portrays Alan, is from Philadelphia. He is also a student at the Senior Dramatic Workshop in New York and has worked with the Traveling Players of Germantown, Pennsylvania.

The husband-hunting school teacher, Rosemary Syndey, is protrayed by Eleanor Clapp, no newcomer to Highlands but making her debut on the stage. Previously, she has been a member of Play and Players in Philadelphia, The Footlighters of Wayne, Pa., The Devon Players in Devon, Pa., and The Sanibel Island Little Theatre.

Completing the excellent cast of PICNIC, is Fontaine Flowers as Irma Kronkite, who will be remembered for her mov-

moving performance as the nurse in last season's THE HASTY HEART. Morton Lewis, as Bomber, is making his Highlands debut. He comes to Highlands from a 16-week triumph off Broadway in THE ENEMY TIME, the first version of SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH. Libby Colvin as Christine Schoenwalder, hails from Winter Park, Florida and appears on the stage in Highlands for the first time in PICNIC.

Tickets are now on sale in front of the post office from 10-12 and 2-5 daily through Saturday, July 22. For reservations call 4870. Performances each night begin at 8:30 P.M.

The second play of the season will be George Bernard Shaw's ANDROCLES AND THE LION on August 2, 3, 4 and 5.

CONFERENCES BEGUN AT WCC

Monday, July 17, a one-day seminar and evening lecture by Dr. Jack Kough of Chicago began a week-long series of conferences to be held at Western Carolina College. This series will be attended by public school officials interested in special educational programs for gifted children.

Dr. Kough, an suthority in establishing special programs for the gifted, will be followed on the program by C. Douglas Carpenter, director of special education for Winston-Salem public schools; Mrs. Ellen Carroll, supervisor of instruction in Greenville, N. C., public schools; Dr. Harold Bixler of the WCO education dept.; Miss Marie Haigwood, supervisor of elementary education with the State Dept. of Public Instruction; J. M. Foster, superintendent of Henderson County Schools; H. J. Hicks; Dr. Charles Bish; and Dr. Carl Killian, head of WCC's education department.

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