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## Little Mary 'Sunshines' Tonight

### Faculty Honors Five

Five members of the college family who are retiring will be honored by the faculty and administrative staff at a dinner next Friday night.

They are Dr. Ella Pierce, head of the English department; Harry Lance of the math faculty and his wife, who is an assistant at the Student Center; Mrs. Cora Charles, hostess in Huffman; and Mrs. Ethel Moyers, a member of the English faculty.

In behalf of the college, President Hoyt Blackwell will present a remembrance gift to each of them and oral tributes will be read by John McLeod, J. V. Howm and Dean Mary Logan.

Special music will be presented by four members of the music faculty, Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rich and Douglas Therrell.

A member of the faculty since 1925, Dr. Pierce will retire at the close of summer school. Not surprisingly, however, the vivacious little woman will not take up residence in her beloved rocking chair. She will move to Murfreesboro, N. C., her family home, and to the English faculty of Choanoke College, a Baptist junior college in the town.

Mr. Lance, who has been a

member of the math-teaching staff since 1944, and Mrs. Lance, who has worked in the library and held other jobs on campus, will retire to their home near Hendersonville.

Mrs. Charles, who has been the housemother in Huffman for 10 years, will return to her home in Brevard.

Mrs. Moyers, who had taught at Meredith and Winthrop colleges and at Mars Hill High School before joining the MHC staff in 1961, is a Madison County native and will continue to reside here.

The dinner honoring the five is a departure from the custom of recent years. Heretofore, retiring faculty and staff members usually have been recognized at the annual alumni banquet on Saturday night before commencement.

The original suggestion for a special dinner to honor those retiring this year was made earlier this semester by Mrs. Margaret Bridges, who died recently.

As chairman of a committee to serve refreshments after the Apr. 23 faculty meeting, Mrs. Bridges suggested to Dean R. M. Lee that the social period following the faculty meeting be used to honor those retiring. Later the idea was expanded by the administration to a full-scale dinner, taking the place of the faculty meeting. Mrs. Bridges' untimely death altered the timetable and the dinner was reset for May 14.

The retirement of Dr. Pierce moves Dean Lee up to fourth among the faculty in years of service. He joined the staff in 1926.

Mrs. Nona Moore Roberts ranks first. She is completing her 46th consecutive year, having joined the staff in 1919.

Miss Martha Biggers, who retired in 1962 but rejoined the music faculty this year, is second in years of service. She originally came in 1922.

Mr. McLeod is third in total years of service with 41.

### BCAA Honors Four Students

Four members of the Business Honor Club were honored by the club's alumni recently.

Jack Reece and Linda Lowe were cited as winners of the alumni group's medals given annually to an outstanding degree graduate and to a top notch two-year business course graduate.

The medals will be formally awarded at commencement.

Casey Frederick, current president of the club, was named winner of the Wall Street Journal Award for outstanding achievement in business studies.

Mrs. Mary Anne Gibbs, a junior, was presented a \$150 scholarship for 1965-66.

The awards were made at the 26th annual reunion of the Business Club Alumni Association.



Renegade warrior Yellow Feather (David Holcombe) is about to put the finishing touch on Little Mary Sunshine (Phyllis Corbett) with his trusty tomahawk in a scene from the delightful musical satire which will be staged in Moore Auditorium tonight.

### Legislative Studies Draw Jones, Morgan to Raleigh

Tom Jones, Mars Hill senior from Sylva, and Bill Morgan, junior from Asheville, are among a group of North Carolina college students chosen to attend a legislative workshop in Raleigh, sponsored by the North Carolina Center for Education in Politics.

The workshops, held in connection with the 1965 sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly, included lectures, discussions and interviews with legislators, lobbyists, executive officials, journalists and political scientists. There was also attendance at committee hearings and legislative sessions.

Morgan, who attended the Apr. 15-20 session, felt that the workshop was "very good" and that it "really was helpful." He said that the students were given a first-hand opportunity to learn what the legislature has to do and also what the procedure is to get a bill passed. He added that the workshop gave him the chance to "get to meet the people and to hear them explain their jobs."

Jones, who attended the Apr. 25-30 session, also had glowing remarks for the workshop. He felt that it was "most informative" and noticed that "the senators stay busy." He was pleased to observe that "there was 100 per cent attendance at all the meetings of the legislature." In giving his opinion of the North Carolina General Assembly, Jones said that

it "appears to be the most efficient legislature in the United States."

Legislative and political leaders who spoke to the workshop delegates included Gov. Dan Moore, former Gov. Terry Sanford, Lt. Gov. Bob Scott and Speaker of the House Pat Taylor.

Jones was present for the final action on a controversial bill regarding the one-man jury selection system in Madison County. This, plus the fact that his home county's representative, Lacy Thornburg, played a central part in the final passage of the bill, gave Jones some additional interest in his workshop studies.

### SGA Talent Show Books Sixteen Acts

Sixteen acts displaying talented MHC students will comprise a Student Government Association-sponsored talent show in Moore Auditorium next Saturday night (May 15). Master of ceremonies Wayne Slagle will commence the proceedings at 7:30 sharp.

Coordinator for the program is Cathy Broome, chairman of the SGA's entertainment committee.

Perry White, Rachel Levy, Don Tesh and Janice Sinclair will each sing a solo. Perry will also sing ballads with Malcolm Privette and Rick Cothran. Cammy McDonald will sing two solos.

There will be two combos performing. The Four Dimensions

Tonight marks the climax of a month's hard work for a group of enthusiastic students as the drama department presents "Little Mary Sunshine" at 8 p.m. in Moore Auditorium.

Written by Rick Besoyan, the play is a take off on 19th and 20th century musical comedies.

It is the delightfully funny story of forest rangers who comb the Colorado mountains in search of a band of notorious Indians led by Yellow Feather, the renegade son of Chief Brown Bear. Captain Big Jim Warrington and Corporal Billy Jester plan a secret mission in order to capture Yellow Feather, who has meanwhile appeared and threatened Little Mary Sunshine.

The play ends with Big Jim capturing Yellow Feather as he was about to have his way with Little Mary.

Playing the leading roles are Phyllis Corbett as Little Mary Sunshine and Douglas Therrell as Captain Big Jim Warrington.

The supporting roles are played by Candy Coles, David Holcombe, Mrs. Dorothy Roberts and Richard Brassell.

Portraying the Indians are Ricke Cothran, David Jones, and Jim Thomas. Don Tesh, Larry Smith, Bob Mills, Bill Thomas, Jim Whetstone and Joel Reed appear as the forest rangers.

Playing the parts of the young ladies from Eastchester Finishing School are Cammy McDonald, Linda Walker, Fran Walker, Janet Snead, Ann Cantrell and Nellie Stewart.

Therrell was musical director for performances of the delightful comedy last summer at Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville. Thomas was also associated with the production.

Thomas, director of the play, said: "I think it's great. It's the funniest play I've ever seen."

Music director is Robert C. Rich, Jr.; on-campus choreographer is Mrs. Mollie Rich; and costumer is Mrs. Elizabeth Watson.

Earl Bagley, a professional choreographer from Jacksonville, Fla., was on the campus Apr. 4-12 to help work out the dance routines for the production.

The play will be staged again on May 29.

have Ken Dawson on drums, Mike Strub and Dean Thomerson on guitars and Bill Dyar as vocalist. The other group includes Dawson as drummer, Joe Taylor and Howard High on the guitars and Chris Seaton as the vocalist.

Dalen Chiang will play a medley of harmonica tunes. Carolyn and Cathy Broome will present a two piano concerto. Jim Daugherty will add more variety to the program with a dramatic reading. Grace Huang will perform a Chinese sword dance. Frank Calhoun and Juanita Bush will perform a dance routine, illustrating several graceful waltz steps.