



## From A Reporter's Notebook

By FRANCES WALKER

With those ole' school bells chiming this morning, I imagine there are a lot of happy mothers and equally as many unhappy children. The young folks usually greet the return to books with long faces but after once getting into the swing of school routine find they like it in spite of themselves. Brevard high school students will find that their auditorium has undergone a face lifting. It's really beautiful too! The transformation of this nondescript auditorium into one of attractiveness is just another example of miracles which can be brought about with paint. It has been painted with a light blue and trimmed in a deeper shade, blending in beautifully with the stage curtains. These curtains, purchased several years ago, are still quite pretty and after being cleaned look again like new. I also had the pleasure of being shown the high school addition by Briscoe Whitmore, who is maintenance superintendent and in charge of this construction. It will answer a crying need by giving more space, ideally planned and modernly designed. This addition should be completed in a couple of weeks. If you are interested in your schools, and the answer to this should be a hearty yes, why not stop by and inspect it.

The little bug-eyed youngsters who enter the first grade at Pisgah Forest school today should look at their teacher with a little more than the usual wonderment. For Mrs. Carolyn Sumner has been heaped with praise during the summer in Chapel Hill, a critical place where praise does not come without merit. Mrs. Sumner attended University of North Carolina summer sessions and while there afforded herself of the opportunities afforded by studying with the famed drama department. She was one of 11 graduate students in a playwriting class taught by John W. Parker. Three of the plays written in this class were to be chosen for presentation by the Playmakers — they are called Experimentals. Mrs. Sumner's play was not only selected as one of the three, but Dr. Parker called it his number one choice! It was given August 11th and 12th in the Playmaker theatre and re-

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ceived warm reception and praise by an audience that is always critical. Congratulations to Mrs. Sumner for developing this wonderful talent. We sincerely hope she continues to write scripts which meet with even greater success.

The young piano team of Allison Nelson Neal and Harry Lee Neal have made a world of friends in Brevard since they have concertized at both Brevard college and at Transylvania Music Camp. Persons who know Mr. and Mrs. Neal will surely be pleased to hear they will be the subjects for the "How America Lives" series in the January, 1956, issue of Ladies Home Journal. In July when Nelson and Neal were featured again at the music camp they were accompanied by a writer and photographer. Incidentally, for those who do not know, perhaps I should explain here that they travel in a specially constructed trailer with baby grand pianos and a real, live adorable baby! While parked uptown in Brevard the photographer snapped a picture to be used in the Ladies Home Journal article. It shows Mrs. Neal sitting in the trailer door holding the baby. Standing 'round talking to her are several ladies. Mr. Neal needed the permission of these unidentified ladies to use the picture and sent it to Mrs. Alex Kizer at the chamber of commerce office. Mrs. Kizer recognized the back of Mrs. A. E. Powers' head and called her, finding that the others were summer guests at The Darlington. Isn't that interesting? I can hardly wait to see the magazine story. "How America Lives" has long been one of the most popular features in any of our magazines.

Readers of food columns in many of North Carolina's leading daily newspapers no doubt are familiar with the writings of Beth Tartan. Not only does she have daily columns in Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Raleigh, but Beth Tartan is author of "The Successful Hostess" and "Beth Tartan's Cook Book." Now Beth Tartan has come out with her very best — probably as far as Tar Heels are concerned anyway. The book is called "North Carolina and Old Salem Cookery." Included are wonderful recipes taken from all parts of this grand state, many of them old, forgotten ones used back in grandmother's day. A unique feature in the back of the book is a listing of restaurants and eating places in the state with her own personal comments. The only place nearby which is mentioned in the book is Pisgah National Forest Inn. About it Beth has this to say: "This has been called one of the most unusual and excellent eating places in the state. It is skillfully and hospitably operated and highly recommended by guests." Beth Tartan is a fictional name, while in everyday life she is Mrs. Elizabeth Hedgecock Sparks, a busy, attractive and very modern young matron. I have the pleasure of knowing Elizabeth and consider her not only a good cook, but a very clever woman. Her personality is bound to permeate her new book as it does other writings; for that reason I want to do a more detailed review of her cookbook on next week's woman's page. An example of her wit was in a note accompanying the book: "Come see us soon and we'll have a hoe-down!"

### INVITATION TO BID

Bids are hereby invited for furnishing and installing for the Town of Brevard a new roof over the City Hall Building. Bids should be based upon installation of first quality asphalt felt or similar type layers and sealer with leak-proof service for a minimum twenty (20) year period. Bids need not contemplate removal of the present roof unless essential to a first class job. All work and materials should be guaranteed first quality, and bids should reflect cost to the Town of Brevard with and without guaranty bond.

Bids must be in sealed envelopes addressed to Mrs. Opal C. King, Town Clerk, Brevard, North Carolina, and marked on the outside, "Bid on City Hall Roof." Each bid must be accompanied by cash or a certified check for two (2) per cent of the amount thereof.

Bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. September 5, 1955, when they will be opened and read.

The Town reserves the right to reject all bids.

This the 2nd day of August, 1955.  
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MIDDLE FORK — The Middle Fork club is sponsoring their first community fair in their building on the Pickens highway, Saturday, September 3rd, beginning at 11 a. m.

Mrs. William Sagar is in charge of arrangements, with all members of the club assisting.

Exhibits of fruits, vegetables, canned goods, sewing and other handicrafts will be displayed. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded the winners.

Entertainment and refreshments will also be offered. There will be relay races and games for children as well as adults.

Everyone is invited to attend. A special invitation is also extended to any visitors in the area who have never attended an old-fashioned community fair.

## RUSSELL TALKS

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Write," the first was to have something to write about and the second was proper organization of material. The final phase of the writing process Mr. Russell described as sorting out, shaping, finishing and adding the skill or style of the individual.

He urged the Penwomen not to write merely one or two stories or articles and then get discouraged when turned down by publishers. He advised writing as many as 100 or more, saying that that number a percentage would very likely be published. Mr. Russell also advised a long apprenticeship for anyone desiring to become a successful writer, comparing it to preparations in other professions and skills.

Mr. Russell's speech was featured after a luncheon held in the Cedar Mountain community center. He was introduced by Stuart Rabb, of Cedar Mountain and Fountain Inn, S. C. Mrs. Rabb was in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

A series of entertaining readings was given after the luncheon by

Dr. Mark Osborne, of Orangeburg, S. C., and Cedar Mountain. They included such well known ones as "Mrs. Rastus Johnson At the Wedding," "The Blue Wart," and "Auntie Doleful's Visit."

Mrs. Sadie Patton, of Hendersonville, invited the Penwomen to attend the unveiling of the historical marker at Flat Rock the next Sunday afternoon.

Ladies of Cedar Mountain community assisted in the preparation and serving of the luncheon.

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