



**PLENTY OF ACTION** will take place in BLT's upcoming production, "Black Comedy", judging by the above photo. This English farce takes place in the dark after a fuse has blown, with many hilarious complications resulting. Shown in the photo, seated left to right, are: Charles Jennette, Victoria Pidgeon and Dottie Vaniman; standing left to right, are: Hugo Martin, Ava Freas and Carle Wilson. Other members of the cast not

shown are Elmer Johnson and Mike Vaniman. "Black Comedy" is being directed by Hall Parrish and is sponsored by the "Festival of the Arts" with production being scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, July 25th and 26th, in Dunham Auditorium at Brevard College at 8:15 p.m. There is no charge for admission and reservations are not necessary.

(Photo by Austin)

**At Festival Of The Arts**

**Brevard Little Theatre To Present "Black Comedy," At Brevard College**

The Brevard Little Theater will present a special one-act play, "Black Comedy," by Peter Schaffer, as part of the first annual Festival of the Arts.

Two performances of the play will be given at the Fine Arts Building of Brevard College, beginning at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, July 24th and 25th.

"Black Comedy" is a story built around Brindsley Miller (played by Charles Jeanette), a young sculptor who steals a valuable art collection from the apartment of his friend, Harold Gorringer (played by Carle Wilson), to impress his girl friend's father. The girl friend, Carol Melkett, is played by Ava Freas and her father, Colonel Melkett, is played by Hugo Martin.

A fuse blows and the lights in Brindsley's apartment go out. The rest of the story takes place in a presumable dark apartment — the actors play as if they were in the dark although, of course the stage is lighted. This is the basis for the play's name: "Black Comedy."

A middle age spinster, Miss Furnival (Dottie Vaniman) joins Brindsley and Carol in his apartment because she is lonely in her apartment and afraid of the dark. Colonel Melkett soon

soon appears, suspicious of the goings on and Harold Gorringer, who discovers that Brindsley has his valuable art collection.

Clea (Victoria Pidgeon), a former girl friend pays Brindsley a visit, not realizing he's engaged — realizes what is going on and pretends to be his maid. She teases him with suggestive remarks.

The power company electrician, Schuppanzigh (Elmer

Johnson) arrives to replace the blown fuse and is mistaken for a millionaire art collector, George Bamberger (Mike Vaniman) who is expected to evaluate the stolen art collection.

The play ends hysterically when everyone's identity is found out.

The play is directed by Hall Parrish and the unusual set for the story has been designed by Walter Davis.

**United Fund To Hold Open Meeting Thursday Evening**

Chairman of the Board, Ben Burgess, invites all members of the United Fund, those who contribute to the Fund and all Agency members, those who are recipients of grants from the Fund, to an open meeting of the United Fund Board on Thursday, July 19th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the First Citizens Bank.

The Budget hearings have been held and the Executive Committee of the Board has received the recommendations of the Budget Committee regarding the amounts to go to the Agency members.

Before Thursday, each Agen-

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**Several Events Planned At Sapphire-Whitewater**

By Wallace Brewer

**SAPPHIRE - WHITEWATER** — A covered dish dinner and lecture on the Geology of our county will be held at the Sapphire - Whitewater Community Development Center on Tuesday evening, July 31st. On Saturday, July 28th, the Annual Whitewater Falls Picnic will be held at the picnic area near the North-South Carolina state line. The annual picnic is an annual event to promote the completion of the grading and paving of the Whitewater Falls Road and to promote fellowship between our two states. Please don't forget ladies, to bring your milk cartons of ice along with your well filled picnic baskets. We are hoping to see you there.

A bingo party shall be held at the community center on Friday, July 20th. Cake and beverages will be sold at intermission.

Melvin W. Dann of Half-Way House is now a full fledged resident of Sapphire having retired after 27 years of service in the employ of the State of Michigan. A graduate of San Jose State College, San Jose California, Mel taught Indus-

trial Arts in Gonzales, California. That included wood shop, crafts, art metal, ceramics, leather and lapidary. His last school was Cassidy Lake in Michigan where he taught the subjects of wood shop, carpentry, major appliance service and basic electricity. Sapphire-Whitewater summer and local residents welcome Mel and Bev to "Carolina Country".

Peg and Ken Kennedy were the dinner guests of Neva Whitted on Sunday along with her family to celebrate Peg Kennedy's birthday. Congratulations, Peggy.

Belated birthday greetings to Gail McNeely. Gail was the dinner guests of Mrs. Beverly Dann and Carolyn Esch at the Phelps House in Highlands to celebrate the occasion. The three girls report they enjoyed the window shopping and for real.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Emma Ekstrand and Mrs. Catherine Allen (both of Butternut Lane) for the summer. They along with Mr. and Mrs. George Blair were guests of the T. Don Batsons for Dessert and Cards last Friday evening.

We are happy to see Homer Hebb up and about again after a necessary emergency stay in St. Joseph Hospital in Asheville. Stay well, Homer!

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook, of Sarasota, Fla., are visiting their daughter Mrs. E. Lohman who is vacationing in the Willis cabin with her husband and young daughter.

Julia and Maurice Howe and Mabel and Cliff Bellum spent a day in Asheville at the Craftsman's Fair. Last Saturday — Turn to Page Fourteen

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