

'Miracle Worker' Plays Nightly At Mars Hill

A 96-pound bundle of energy is playing the role of Annie Sullivan in SART's second summer production, "The Miracle Worker." Cast in the title role, Renee Vincent brings to the stage a spirit and vitality that comes from the love of living and the joy of

meeting people. "The Miracle Worker" recreates the childhood of the famous Helen Keller and how she was saved from the life of solitary confinement generally allotted to the deaf, mute, and sightless by her fiery and courageous first

teacher, Annie Sullivan. The Irish-American "miracle worker" had herself been orphaned, institutionalized, and for a time, blind. It is her understanding, personal insight, and strength that transforms the pitiful, groveling blind girl into a

creature of dignity and worth with the ability to communicate with the world around her. Currently a graduate student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tex., Renee Vincent is one of three women selected from nationwide auditions to participate in the school's professional acting program. She has completed one year of the graduate program and will receive her master of fine arts degree next May.

With an impressive list of theatrical credits including roles in such shows as "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Pippi Longstocking," and "Butterflies Are Free," Miss Vincent says that acting for her is "de ja-vu — it's happening again, now!" "Actors are real people standing up there. They have brought all of

Theatre Box Office at 689-1239. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Upper Laurel Community

Activities Held

The Upper Laurel Community Club (Old Ebbs Chapel School building) was organized April 6, 1976, to replace the bicentennial organization.

The board of directors has had regular meetings and appointed different committees. They are: building committee, finance committee, beautification and clean-up committee, recreation committee, library committee and the community signs committee.

The club has been very active in carrying out the duties of these committees. A new roof was put on the auditorium. The lunch room and auditorium have been painted. Windowpanes have been replaced. The building has been used by churches for community revivals, Halloween and Christmas parties. It is available for use by community groups.

Older Americans Day was held. Pancake and box suppers have been held to raise money to help pay on the building. Dederick and Maynard Cody donated a calf which was given away.

A mobile home is now on the property for protection of the building.

Community judging will be done before Aug. 15. "We hope that people in the community will cooperate by picking up trash, beautifying mailboxes, and doing anything possible to clean up and beautify," leaders stated.

The club has planned the following activities:

- July 9, 7:30 p.m., gospel singing.
- July 30, 7:30 p.m., country music.
- Aug. 6, 1 p.m., athletic field day.



A DETERMINED Annie Sullivan (Renee Vincent) arrives at the Tuscumba, Ala., train station to take charge of the blind girl, Helen Keller, in the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre's production of "The Miracle Worker."

Seen On The Summer Scene



COLORFUL COMFORT — To brighten up summer days, team these stay-cool striped tops with cool-looking white pants or shorts.

Left, a candy-colored handkerchief tie; right, one shoulder is bared in this striped top. (Fashions from Aileen.)

Mars Hill Continues To Beautify Area

A group of enthusiastic residents met for the quarterly meeting of the Mars Hill Community Development Organization on Tuesday evening at the local school cafeteria.

Dr. Larry Stern, president, noted that June was beautification month and it is hoped that all residents of the greater Mars Hill Community cooperated and became involved in making their individual yards and public areas in the town more beautiful. Mars Hill Community has entered the 1977 Beautification Contest and judging will be held in August. The month of July will be spent improving the appearance of our own yards and areas around our homes. July 30 has been officially declared as a clean-up day by the Town Council. All citizens — young

and older — are urged to take part by being at the Town Hall by 9:30 a.m. to pick up trash bags and assignments.

One special project, being sponsored by the Civic Club and the Methodist Men's Club, is a contest involving painting and landscaping around mailboxes. Cash prizes will be awarded. Persons interested in entering this contest may contact Mrs. J. V. Howell for more information.

A need to revitalize the Mars Hill planning and zoning boards was discussed during the evening. The Development Organization will submit a slate of names as nominees of persons to serve on these boards to the Town Council in July.

Mrs. Larry Burda reported that the 4-H Club and girls' softball teams are well-organized and participation is

good. About 55 girls are involved in the softball teams for girls 8 through 14-years-old. Sponsors are being enlisted to help in the purchase of uniforms and with expenses.

Charles Sweeney of Mars Hill was the lucky winner of the lovely wooden handmade clock.

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Mars Hill College Adds Five To Staff

Five new personnel have been announced by Mars Hill College vice president Dr. Richard R. Hoffman. They are Thomas Plaut, associate professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences; Gail E. Webster, instructor; and Thomas C. Wood, instructor and director of recreation in the Health, Recreation, and Physical Education Department; Rebecca J. G. Eller, instructor and director of the reading certification program; and Everette David Allen, assistant professor and director of vocational education, both in the Department of Education.

Plaut is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and received his bachelor's degree from Harvard University. He has also earned a master's degree from American University and a Ph. D. from Union Graduate School. He has served at David and Elkins College where he was president of the faculty; Federal City College in Washington, D. C.; and served in Venezuela with the Peace Corps.

Miss Webster is a native of Cortland, N. Y., and completed her undergraduate work at State University of New York at Cortland. She has also earned a master's degree from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Tex. She has taught at Texas Woman's University, Como Occupational Orientation Middle School in Ft. Worth, Tex., and comes to Mars Hill from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

Wood, a native of Beloit, Wis., received both undergraduate and master's degrees from Southern Illinois University. He has continued studying at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill., and at Al Somer's Umpire School in Daytona Beach. Before

coming to Mars Hill, he served with Kansas State College and Southern Illinois University. In addition to his duties as a faculty member at each of these institutions, he served as the therapeutic recreational consultant at Sheridan County Hospital in Hoxie, Kan., and executive secretary of the Southern Illinois University Special Olympics.

Rebecca Eller, a native of Westlake, Ohio, received her bachelor of music education from the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. She has also earned a master of education in reading and language arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before coming to Mars Hill, she was special educator with the Division for Disorders of Development and Learning of the Biological Sciences Research Center at UNC-Chapel Hill. Other positions include nursery school teacher with the Durham YWCA and an elementary school teacher at Rittman Elementary School, Rittman, Ohio.

Allen is a native of Newton and earned both undergraduate and master's degrees from Appalachian State University in Boone. He completed requirements for his Ph. D. last year at N. C. State University. A veteran of the U. S. Air Force, he has held positions at Appalachian State and Lenoir Community College as well as with Tweetsie Railroad at Blowing Rock.

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