

# News of Visitors In This

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## Among Our Visitors

**HEDMONT HOTEL**  
 Mr. Harry Stone, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Mr. John Thomas, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. J. A. Angle, Williams, California; Donald B. Garmen, Wilkesboro, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Leigh, Savannah, Ga.

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 Mrs. George Worth, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Mrs. H. Montague and Mr. Davis, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Mrs. Getzen, Miss Joan Getzen, Gainesville, Fla.; Mrs. James Gainesville, Gainesville, Fla.; Mrs. Greenville, Mrs. Clifford, Palm Beach, Fla.; Mrs. and Katherine Cox, Miami, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haas, Miami, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. John New Orleans, N. E. Keller, Miami, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vincent, Laurens, S.C.; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lemmond, Miami, Fla.

## Daring Lion Seen Roaming Across Local Countryside

A brazen mountain lion that has no fear of men has been roaming through the Pisgah range for a year, leaving a trail of rumors and tall stories behind him.

Like the famed flying discs which had the nation buzzing recently, the mountain lion story has swept through this area. The elusive animal has been reported over a 100-mile section. He has been spotted in such a location as the Biltmore Estate outside Asheville. Sighting the fast-traveling lion has become a new sport.

"I guess twenty or thirty people in the past week have told me they've seen a lion," says Ranger W. W. Huber in Brevard. "The stories have been accumulating for about a year."

Tracks of the animal and a multitude of eye-witnesses make the possibility of the lion's existence very real.

"We have every reason to believe that an entire family of panthers roam an area between Pink Beds and Mount Pisgah," claims Huber. In a telephone conversation with a Mountaineer reporter, Huber said there was probably a male and female and their cub somewhere in the Pisgah section right now.

Walter Green got the closest and most recent glimpse of the phantom lion. He was on Mt. Pisgah last Sunday, about 300 yards from the parking area, when the lion appeared suddenly out of the brush. "It was about six or seven feet long and just stood there about 60 to 75 feet away and looked at me," mused Mr. Green.

Ranger Huber feels that most reports about the lion's size are slightly exaggerated by the excitement of spotting the animal. "If

A. Ives, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hollis, Rutledge, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Penfield, Danville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Woods, New Orleans, La.; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Young, Winchester, Va.; Mr. H. W. Davis, New Orleans, La.; Mr. J. Ross, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Horton and daughter, Roanoke, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Hubbard, Miami Beach, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rutledge, Conway, S.C.

## Witty English Play Draws Laughs At Local Showing

By SANDY GRADY

It is a strange leap from the drawing rooms of 19th century London to the hills of North Carolina. Oscar Wilde's rapier wit lost none of its cutting edge, however, when his "Importance of Being Earnest" made the transformation here Tuesday night at a Theatre in the Sky performance.

Mr. Wilde's humor is like a set of Indian clubs. If you don't juggle them fast and well, the audience is apt to be suppressing yawns. The Theatre in the Sky cast managed to twirl his clubs competently on the whole—and covered up nicely when one of their members dropped one.

A small but appreciative audience seemed to have a good time with the spry old play. The electric and swiftly-moving lines kept them alert and laughing. That's about all you can ask of a performance.

Again the cast was a little off-balance in the early section of the play, but lost their stiffness after a few minutes. Elwyn Dearborn in particular had a little trouble threatening his way through the labyrinth of puns and involved lines during the first act. Each time Mr. Dearborn, who played the role of Algernon, got to the heart of one of Wilde's witticisms, the syntax threw him for a fifteen yard loss.

This, of course, disappeared as the play progressed. Dearborn and George Pillette—in the role of Jack—made a good comedy team, particularly where pantomime is concerned. They need something they can get their teeth into, so to speak. Pillette did a smooth job all evening and was terrific in the long-faded, morose scene when he announces the death of his mythical brother. Dearborn's antics in the second act were nothing less than first-class mugging—and drew laughs.

The female components of the cast easily outstripped their male brethren in this one. Ella Beth Hurst sparkled in the role of Gwendoline. Miss Hurst always manages to seem natural and at ease, and looks like the most dependable member of the staff. Virginia Shield as Cecily Cardu was a bouncing, vivacious counterpoint to the sophisticated goings-on around her. Her scenes with Algernon were fine.

Doreen Curtis turned in a controlled, well-spoken performance as Lady Blackwell. Her role was a Wilde masterpiece and she didn't fail Oscar.

Juanita Collins, a student, snowed potentialities in her difficult part as Miss Prism, particularly in her tearful last act speech.

Fleeting through it was Ivan Lynn's portrayal of Lane, the pessimistic butler, was excellent. Probably the most competent



DOREEN CURTIS

## Gay Evening Promised For 'The Drunkard'

The "Theatre In The Sky" will present a gay-nineties melodrama, "The Drunkard," as their third attraction of the season opening next Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. The play will be repeated on Wed and Thurs. The "Theatre In The Sky" is located in the Hazelwood Elementary School on Virginia Avenue.

"The Drunkard," produced by Maurice Geoffrey, will be played in the style of the old time melodramas. The audience will be invited to cheer the hero and hiss the villain and peanuts will be sold between the acts. Lavish stage settings have been designed by Elma Hene Geoffrey for the 12 scenes of the play. Song and dance numbers and community singing will be featured between the acts.

George Pillette appears in the title role with Ella Beth Hurst as Mary and Elwyn Dearborn as Squire Cribbs, the villain.

## Plans Made For St. John's Bazaar

"Comida Cubana," an open air Cuban dinner each night in the parish garden will be featured at St. John's bazaar Monday through Wednesday, August 9-11, it was announced by Charles C. Furtado, general chairman of the bazaar.

Over \$500 in prizes will be awarded at the fête, including a \$350 diamond ring donated by Mrs. George B. Frost and a \$150 radio-phonograph given by anonymous donor.

Contributions for the bazaar can be left at the rectory or convent or with the committee chairman as follows:

Cuban dinner, Mrs. Rita Ruiz Trelles; games, Leo J. Martel; fancywork, Mrs. Raymond C. Lane; refreshments, Mrs. David C. McFarlan; parcel post, Edna Davis; fishpond, Ann Morruino; rummage sale, Rev. Sister M. Cordeia O. S. F.

The entire proceeds of the bazaar will go to the St. John's school.

## Many Items Given For Lions Club Auction Aug. 7th

Much interest is being shown in the Lions Club auction sale which will be held August 7th, at the Waynesville Art Gallery here. The funds will be used for the Club work with under-privileged children.

O. R. Roberts, general chairman said the response to the gifts being contributed by business firms, was gratifying, and a record crowd was expected.

Jimmy Mann, owner of Waynesville Art Gallery, will be the auctioneer.

At least 20 valuable prizes will be given during the sale. Mr. Roberts said.

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