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## LEGION MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND GOAL \$25,000

\$22,500
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### SUPERIOR COURT WILL CONVENE AUGUST 4

The August term of Superior Court will convene on August 4th with Judge H. Hoyle Sink of Lexington presiding. Both civil and criminal cases will be heard during the two weeks term.

The following jury list was drawn:

**FIRST WEEK:** Fred Robinson, Dewey Gurley, George Woody, Wm. T. Jobe, Criss Peterson, Dave Hylemon, Rama McKinney, Charles Hunter, Mack Miller, Bill Deyton, Craig Deyton, Carl Hensley, Troy Murphy, Kenneth Gillespie, Samuel Wilson, Melvin Ray, Jeter McFalls, Fred Grindstaff, John Adkins, Bill Fox

Dewey Fox, Bob Robinson, Frank Bowditch, Arthur King, Cecil Deyton, Alvin Pate, Raymond Wilson, Paul Gortney, Berry Hensley, Jeter Autrey, Harrison Cooper, L. P. Young, Arthur Edwards, Jim Atkins, Bryan King, Lester Peterson, D. C. Carroll, Smith Howell, Coy Phillips, Linn Carroll, Dale Banner, R. C. Deyton.

**SECOND WEEK:** Grady Proffitt, Gus Edwards, Wyatt Hylemon, Tom Burleson, Francis Riddle, Claude Dellinger, Edd Young, Roy Thomas, Burt Wyatt, Otis Robinson, Bryan Wilson, Furman Carr, Frank

### ART AND DRAMA CLASSES BEGIN IN SUMMER SCHOOL

The second two-weeks course for teachers in the summer school sponsored by Woman's College of the University of N. C. began Tuesday.

The course is instruction in art for elementary grades, and Mrs. Callie Braswell is instructor. Mrs. Braswell is supervisor of art in the Greensboro city schools.

The class in drama, under the direction of W. R. Taylor of Woman's College also began Tuesday. The first production of the repertory theatre will be presented on August 1.

### New Forest Ranger

Charles W. Coffin, District Forest Ranger for the past 2 years on the Mt. Mitchell Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest is leaving as of July 27, 1947. Ranger Coffin will be replaced by Ranger E. A. Heers. Mr. Heers has been with the Forest Experiment Station in Asheville. Ranger Coffin will be working on timber sales out of the supervisors office in Asheville.

Ranger Coffin expresses his deep appreciation to the people of this area for the fine cooperation of the past years.

### REVIVAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD

Rev. J. C. Canipe, Baptist state evangelist, will speak at the Burnsville Baptist church each morning at 10 o'clock, beginning July 28. The pastor, Rev. B. J. McIver, will preach each evening at 8 o'clock.



J. C. CANIPE  
Hendersonville, N. C.

### BUYS PROPERTY

Rush T. Wray this week bought the house directly back of the Northwestern Bank and across the side street from the Nu-Wray Hotel. The property was conveyed to Mr. Wray by B. B. Penland and B. R. Penland, owners.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Byrd of New York are visiting relatives here.

### HOME COMING DAY

The annual Home Coming Day at the West Burnsville Union church will be held on the first Sunday in August.

### NOTICE

There will be a called meeting of the Woman's Club on Saturday at 3:30 at the courthouse.

### NOTICE

The following telegram was received this week by J. B. Briggs, Sec., Yancey County A. C. A. regarding the 1947 Program.

"House action yesterday reduced Senate appropriation bill to 228 million dollars plus 37 million carry over which provides 265 million dollars for 1947 program including 22 million for administrative expenses. You are authorized immediately to resume ordering contract lime and issuing purchase orders for other materials and services."

There will be available through the AAA office 18 percent and 47 percent Superphosphate and farmers interested in securing this material should call by the office and request the percent of superphosphate they desire to receive. Also, Austrian Winter Peas and Italian Rye Grass Seed will be available through the office by August 15, 1947 for farmers participating on the program.

Mrs. B. C. Franklin and son, Tommy of Norfolk, Va. have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Troy Blankenship, at Swiss, N. C.

Miss Felcie Elkins and Otis Blankenship will accompany their aunt, Mrs. Franklin back to Norfolk for a vacation this week. Mrs. Franklin is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Austin of Paint Gap and Bald Creek and is widely known throughout this section.

### Last Rites For Rev. B. T. Nanney

#### Minister Passed Away Suddenly

Funeral services for the Rev. B. T. Nanney, 63, who died Saturday morning at the home of a friend he was visiting at Burnsville, were held in the First Baptist church at Brevard Monday morning at 11 o'clock and in Mt. Pleasant Baptist church at Swiss at 2:30 p. m. Monday.

Officiating ministers were the Rev. B. W. Thomson, the Rev. M. A. Kizer, the Rev. F. F. McAuley, the Rev. W. L. Edwards, and the Rev. Euranus Hall. Interment was in Jamerson cemetery at Swiss.

Pallbearers at Brevard were Gil Thomas, Burt Freeman, Melvin Gillespie, John Ruffy, Hamp Scruggs, and Lewis Hamlin. Pallbearers at the Mt. Pleasant church were under the charge of the Rev. A. Z. Spindale, and Cordell of Jamerson and B. M. Tom-

### "LOST COLONY" ON AT MANTEO

Manteo, N. C.—The biggest Summer theatre in the nation is situated many miles from the barns and intimate houses to which hundreds of actors migrate annually when the heat of Manhattan begins bouncing off pavement and the sides of buildings.

The biggest one of them all is the Waterside Theatre at Fort Raleigh, on Roanoke Island, where the biggest Summer show, "The Lost Colony", is produced each July and August by the people of Roanoke Island, who used to make their livelihoods by fishing, housing sportsmen and joining the Coast Guard.

### BURNSVILLE CHURCH SERVICES

**Methodist**  
The subject for the Sunday morning service is "Finding More Leaders". The monthly community service will be held at 8 o'clock at the Baptist church where revival services are beginning.

Youth Fellowship for all young people will be held Thursday night (tonight) at 8 o'clock at the Baptist church. Worship and recreation will make up the program.

**Baptist**  
On Sunday morning the Rev. Ben Jay McIver, pastor, will speak on, "You Can't Beat God" and on, "Thanking Jesus" at the evening service at 8:00 o'clock. The Training Union will meet Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

The revival meeting will begin Sunday morning at the First Baptist church.

Rev. J. C. Canipe, Secretary of Evangelism will speak each morning at 10 o'clock to all the churches in the Yancey Baptist Association, and to all the people of Burnsville. The pastor will speak each evening

### Founding of Drama School Marks 20th Anniversary of Little Theatre in Burnsville

#### Much Interest in Culmination of Plans

By MARY LOU STONE  
The founding this season of the Burnsville school of Drama and the Burnsville Playhouse, Incorporated, the first of its kind in the South, marks the Twentieth Anniversary of dramatic efforts in this community.

In 1927, the Burnsville Little Theatre was organized by Mrs. LeRoy F. Jackson, wife of the President of Carolina New College, at that time a private school operated in Burnsville. The purpose of the group was to guide those persons interested in the study of drama, acting, stagecraft and other phases of dramatic art. Another equally pertinent goal was to give the citizens of Burnsville and the surrounding communities plays of superior quality produced in a professional manner.

During the period of 1929 to 1935 four Burnsville citizens were most active in guiding the affairs of the Little Theatre. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cassidy, Mrs. Alden Honeycutt, and Rush Wray. Mrs. Sam Cassidy and Rush Wray served as co-directors for most of the productions, with Sam Cassidy assisting in the technical work. Presidents of the Little Theatre during these early days were Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Honeycutt and Rush Wray.

Between 1936 and 1939, the Burnsville Little Theatre, which had become comparatively dormant until the closing of Carolina New College, was re-organized under the direction of Rush T. Wray, a native of Burnsville, early interested in drama, and active in various theatrical groups throughout the region.

Mr. Wray, a graduate of the Plunk School of Creative Arts and of the Curry College of Speech, directed, staged, and acted in the plays presented during this period. It was at this time too that the goal to have its own theatre building was first realized by the group. With the cooperation of Burnsville firms

supplying material at reductions, and the labor of NYA boys, the Little Theatre built and equipped its first stage in the community club house.

Until 1938 the bill of fare offered by the Little Theatre had consisted of one-act plays and one three-act production, "Roam Though I May". In 1938 came the major production of the group, Lula Vollmer's "Sun Up", which was the initial performance on the newly built stage.

The play was proof of the growing professional quality of the group under the direction of Rush Wray. Burnsville people in the cast of this important play included Mrs. Pat Williams, Van Bennett, Sam Byrd Bennett, Hope Buck, Joseph Goodin, Frank Watson, Arney Fox, John Lee Hensley, and Paul Buck.

Although since 1939, the Little Theatre was inactive in the field of play production, those members remained keenly interested in drama through the study of plays of the Theatre Guild and the American scene. They have also cherished a dream of some day establishing a theatre colony in Burnsville with the hope of making this town a cultural center for Western Carolina. Primary efforts towards achieving this aim were made in 1945 when Mr. Wray discussed the possibility of such an undertaking with Director W. R. Taylor, head of the Dramatic Department of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

Due to the lack of adequate financial backing, these plans, though kept warm by the interest of both Mr. Wray and Director Taylor, did not begin to materialize until February of this year. At that time, Mr. Taylor was approached by Mr. W. B. Harrell, regional representative of the Veteran's Administration, with the request that the Woman's College help to found a school in the western section of this state

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### BURNSVILLE—"So They Say"

The weather: Cool enough to make a light wrap a welcome addition to your day time summer wardrobe, and an open fire a necessity in the evenings. The old saying "Bring your winter clothes and spend the summer in Burnsville" still holds good.

About town: The drama class and theatre people arrived Sunday and are the busiest folks in town getting classes started, stage settings made and preparations under way for the initial production of the summer theatre. . . . This first production will be "Clau-

dia", one of the best of the recent plays. . . . We had thought that perhaps Lou Etta and Elmo Edwards would change their minds and not go to Oregon after all but they left last Thursday morning, early. Regret to have them go so far away. . . . Regret, too, to see the Barbees leave. Sarah and Mary Julia will go with Sgt. Barbee to Camp Hood, Texas where he'll be stationed. . . . Welcome to the R. B. Thomases who've taken apartment in the Bennett office building. . . . Several meetings scheduled. The Burnsville Playhouse directors tonight, the Woman's Club Saturday afternoon

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