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## Second Presentation of Playhouse Wins Praise

### Two Performances of "Our Town" Are Given

A large audience composed of residents and visitors within a wide radius of Burnsville warmly applauded the opening performances of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," presented on Friday and Saturday nights by the repertory company of the Burnsville School of Drama at the new Burnsville Playhouse. Staged by W. R. Taylor, director of the theatre and school, this folksy, home-spun drama gave both the staff and large cast ample opportunity to demonstrate a unity of technical and acting ability which blended into a well-balanced performance.

Much of the credit for the popularity of the show was due to the sensitive interpretation and skillful staging of Director Taylor. Two scenes of dramatic tension, the wedding and funeral scenes were handled with refined emotion and reserved acting indicative of professional work.

Rating first acting honors in the major roles were: W. C. Burton, of Reidsville, N. C., as the Stage Manager; W. A. Banks, Burnsville, as Mr. Gibbs; Hardy Root, of Greensboro, N. C., as Mr. Webb; Miss Ethel Boone, Burnsville, as Mrs. Webb;

Miss Clayton Read, of Columbus, Ga., as Emily Webb; and H. G. Rogers, of Wilmington, N. C., as George Gibbs.

One of the strongest factors in the success of this play was the fine acting job turned in by the supporting cast. Included in this group were: S. P. Blankenship, Grady Bailey, Dover Fouts, Mrs. Vera Carter Ray, Carroll Angel, Paul Ayers, Charles Hamrick, Sonny Fender, Tommy Tilson, Billy Laughrun, all of Burnsville, and Roebert Miller, of Abilene, Texas.

Members of the choir are Elizabeth Ramsey, Doris Boone, Mrs. Doris Young, Mary Frances Hamrick, Ruth Lewis, Grady Bailey, Jean Bennett, Dawson Briggs, Ward Bennett, Evelyn Briggs, Doris Penland, Mrs. Exum Lewis, Ethel Boone and Martha Bailey. Evelyn Hamrick is organist.

Two more performances of "Our Town" will be presented at the Burnsville Playhouse this Friday and Saturday nights at 8:30 o'clock. The third and final production of the season, "Blithe Spirit," will be staged the following Friday and Saturday nights, August 29th and 30th. Hilmar Salee, a member of the Drama Department at the University of Miami, Fla., will direct this production.

### NAVY RECRUITING

The Navy Recruiting Station Asheville announces that certain Navy ratings are now open to ex-navy personnel until October 1947 inclusive. In some cases ex-navy personnel may reenlist in their former ratings, however, other ratings may be reenlisted in a lower rating. The following ratings are affected and applies to all Navy men discharged on or after August 15, 1945. Fire controlman, Raidoman, Machinist, Motor Machinist, Aviation Electricians Mate, Aviation Machinist Mate, Radarman, Shipfitter, Machinist Mate (shop), Electricians Mate, Aviation Radioman, Leo-man, Storekeepers and Store Keepers (D&V), Photographers Mate, Aviation Machinists (C,F,H, or P) Musicians, Parachute Riggers, and Aviation Machinist Mate (R). All former ETM ANDAETM, Radio Technicians will be reenlisted in the pay grade they were discharged as ETM or AETM.

All men in other ratings

will be reenlisted in the fourth pay grade.

If you were chief or first class you go back as second class, if you were second class you go back as third class and third class go back as third class if you fall in the above rating group. Drop in the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station and get all the details.

Chief Cole of the Navy Recruiting Station, Asheville, also announced that American Defense and World War 2 Victory Medals are now being issued at the Navy Recruiting Station, Asheville. In order to receive these medals you will have to present your original discharge certificate.

Anyone interested in joining the Navy may meet the Navy Recruiter at the Post Office on Thursday, August 28, at 11 a. m.

### B. T. U. MEETING

The county wide quarterly Baptist Training Union meeting will be held at the South Estatoe church on August 24 at 2:30.

### LEAVE TO JOIN CAPT. LEWIS IN TOKYO

Mrs. Isaac Lewis and daughter Judy, left Monday, August 18th for Tokyo, Japan to join Capt. Lewis, who arrived there in December of last year. Capt. Lewis is stationed in Tokyo, with the army of occupations, Prison Inspections Section.

Mrs. Lewis and daughter have been spending the past several months with Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Honeycutt of Burnsville, Rt. 1. They will leave for Japan, from the Seattle Port of Embarkation, Seattle, Washington, and should arrive in Japan the latter part of September.

### Baptist Association

The annual Baptist Association meeting will be held on August 29 and 30 at Pleasant Grove Baptist church.

The theme of the meeting is "Keeping Our Appointment with Jesus", and this theme will be carried out in discussions throughout the two-day sessions.

Guest speakers will include W. K. McKee of the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem; Rev. J. C. Pipes of Asheville; L. A. Martin of the Allied Church League; Miss Ruth Province, State W. M. U. secretary; S. F. Davis, associate of Dr. J. B. Lawrence of Atlanta; Dr. I. G. Greer of the Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, and a representative of the Foreign Mission Board.

On Friday evening the Bible School Rally will be held and the pageant, "Thy Kingdom Come", will be presented. The Junior and Intermediate memory work will be given and handwork will be judged and winners announced.

### LAST RITES FOR CLARENCE C. ROBINSON

Last rites were held for Clarence C. Robinson, 30, at the Crabtree Baptist church on Saturday afternoon Aug. 16. Officiating were Rev. Earley, Rev. Roy Hinson and Rev. Ernest Wilson. Active pall bearers were L. M. Hilliard, J. R. Hughes, Mills Hall, Troy Hilliard, Paul Robinson and Tom Edge.

Honorary pall bearers were Brad Reagan, Edd Gibbs, W. M. Parnell, J. K. Lamb, John Phillips, Milt Burleson, Sam Jones, H. J. McCurry, D. R. Fouts, Frank Howell, B. B. Penland, Roy Ray, Lynn Thomas, Kelse Branch, H. D. Justice, Oscar Tipton;

### NOTICE

The following notice has been sent from the district health department: All persons who plan to be employed in the school lunch rooms are asked to come to the health office on Saturday, September 6 from 9 to 12 for a blood test.

### New Health Officer Named

Dr. C. F. McRae has been named health officer for the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey district and will take up his work here as soon as he can be released from the district he now serves. At present he is public health

### TEACHERS WILL MEET; SCHOOL FOR BUS DRIVERS TO BE HELD

The teachers of the county will meet on Thursday, August 28 at Burnsville school.

An instruction class for school bus drivers will be held on Friday, Aug. 29.

### officer in Norton, Va.

Dr. McRae has been in Norton for 16 months, and before that had served in the army medical corps for five years.

He and Mrs. McRae will live in one of the Anglin apartments.

A series of revival services is being held at the Green Mtn. church. Rev. Troy Young is conducting the services each evening.

### Baptist Church

Rev. Ben Jay McIver, pastor, will speak on "The New Birth" Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and on "Blind By The Roadside" at the evening worship service at 8 o'clock. The Training Union will meet Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, followed by choir rehearsal.

Robert Riddle of Dallas, Texas who has been the guest of his cousin, Mrs. D. M. Buck, for several months, has returned to his home in Dallas where he will resume his law practice. Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor went to Greensboro for the week end.

### SUMMER CAMPS CLOSE

Mt. Mitchell Camp for Girls and Mt. Mitchell Camp for Boys are closing today following a very successful season.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hennessee of Owensboro, Ky. were visiting here last week.

### Farm Tour Conducted

The County Agents conducted a Farm Tour to the farms of C. S. Randolph and Baxter Silvers on Thursday afternoon, August 14. It was a local community tour to explain the farm practices and plans of the two Farm and Home Demonstrations of the Higgins community. Approximately 15 farmers were present. The group went over the plans and practices of each farm, especially the strip-cropping demonstrations, lespedeza, ladino clover and hybrid corn.

Mr. Randolph has been a demonstration farmer since 1936 and has made much progress. For example, in 1936, he was growing 9 acres of corn with an average yield of 12 bushels per acre; in 1946, he grew 5 acres with an average yield of 40 bushels per acre.

In 1936, his average yield of tobacco per acre was 840 pounds and he was fertilizing at the rate of 400 pounds of 5-7-5 per acre; in 1946, he fertilized with 3000 pounds of 3-12-6 per acre and obtained a yield of 2000 pounds of tobacco per acre. Many of the farmers present commented that Mr. Randolph had the best lespedeza they had ever seen.

This is Mr. Silvers' first year as a Farm and Home Demonstration farmer. The purpose of touring the farm was to acquaint the people with its present condition which is somewhat run down since this is Mr. Silvers' first year on this farm.

An annual Farm Tour is planned so that improvements from year to year can be noted.

## County Schools Will Open On September 1

### Teachers Are Listed

Schools of the county will open on Monday, September 1st for the 1947-48 session. There have been a few changes in the teacher list since it was given last spring when teachers were elected. The following list is given to date:

Burnsville district: B. M. Tomberlin, principal; Vernie Wilson, Mrs. Frank W. Howell, Clonnie Huskins, Islean Ray, June Ayers, Ford C. Bailey, Guss Peterson, Bertha Huskins, Richard Peterson, Pearl Randolph, Zula C. Wilson, Osie Bennett, Mary Atkins, Alberta Campbell, Nettie Bennett, Annie B. Proffitt, Madge B. Byrd, Harmie Briggs, Mattie Sorrells, S.

B. Conley, Ola Edwards, Ruth Hensley, Edna Atkins Burnsville Colored: Charity Griffith.

Bald Creek district: R. H. Howell, principal; Zeke B. Byrd, Pauline B. Hensley, Anastasia Tomberlin, Margaret Banks, Jack McIntosh, Hattie Phoenix, Charles Tomberlin, Willie M. Hensley, Lillian S. Tomberlin, Ottis Gibbs, Vergie Duncan, Madge Carter, Norma Robertson, Annie Lee Bryson, Doris Gibbs, Hope Edwards, Madge Ferguson, Lola Hensley, Maphrie Wilson, Mrs. Edrus Ledford.

Bee Log district: Monroe McIntosh, principal; E. L. Beeson, Cecil Beeson, Delma Hensley, Veo Burnette, Ruby Adams, Sara Hensley, Opha Hylemoh, Kate Briggs Robinson, Lillian McIntosh, Lois Wike Byrd, Maye Robinson, Elizabeth B. Stamey, Lena R. Tilson, Lucy Evans, Inez Edwards, Vera C. Ray, Pearl Austin, Nealie Ledford, Baxter Silver, James W. Hoover.

Clearmont district: E. B. Bailey, principal; Ora Deyton, William W. Angel, Florence Hughes, Doris Hunter, Cecil Deyton, Sam J. Byrd, Claude Hughes, Maglee Ray, Ruth Jobe, Thelma Gornito, Maphra Bennett, Bessie Wilson, Mrs. Brady Thomas, Ruby Randolph, Wilma Buckner, Lois Moody, Jennie Deyton.

Micaville District: H. D. Justice, principal; Lyda Ray, Phyllis Bailey, Edith Robinson, Louise Proffitt, Clyde Young, Mildred Hyatt, Mrs. Lee Griffith, Wesley Angel, Elma Hall, Helen Silver, Margaret Young, Doris E. Young, Minnie H. Young, Elizabeth Hughes, Madlyn Bailey, Exum Lewis, Doris L. Young, Louise P. Woody, Gladys Gillespie, Lillian Robinson, Bernice Justice, Artie Lee Peterson, Mollie V. Hensley, Mrs. Ethel Thomas, Floy Whitson, Sara Silver.

South Toe District: Clara B. Byrd, Mollie Patton, C. B. Bennett, Luna C. Ray, Nina B. Young, Mae H. Chrisawn, Winnie Murphy, Bayard Howell, Dewey Gurley.

A-grade; Robinsons Milk Plant, Pastuerized, A grade.

## Polluted Waters May Harbor Virus of Polio

A third precaution among six simple health rules that should be observed during the polio epidemic season is to avoid swimming in polluted waters, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis cautions, through its local chapter. While proof of direct infection by this means is lacking, the National Foundation points out that research financed by March of Dimes funds indicates that the virus causing polio is often found in sewage. Consequently, wherever sewage may find its way into waters used for swimming, such waters should be avoided. To be sure, consult your local Health Department. Take no chances and don't swim in waters known to be polluted.



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## "OUR TOWN"

BURNSVILLE PLAYHOUSE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS, AUGUST 22nd & 23rd