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School of Fine Arts Is Now Under Way

The second session of the Burnsville School of Fine Arts and the Burnsville Playhouse, Inc., opened Monday. The extension classes for teachers also began on Monday, with instructors from Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

All scenery, properties and costumes for the four plays to be given during the season have arrived and the students came in during the week end. The casts of the plays will include students, and townspeople who are interested in theatre activities.

W. R. Taylor, director of dramatic activities at Woman's College, is head of the summer project. Hilmar Sallee who was with the group last year, is again serving as stage manager and this year will offer courses in modern drama and an introduction to the dramatic arts. Mr. Sallee is associate professor of stage design at the University of Miami, Miami, Fla.

Gordon Bennett, graduate student in drama at the University of North Carolina and assistant technical director for the Play-Mak-

ers of the University, is technical director for the Burnsville project and will teach a course in play production. Bill Cornell, graduate in dramatic art from the University of Miami, is assisting Mr. Bennett.

Miss Anna Graham, Woman's College graduate, is in charge of costuming the productions. She is a teacher in St. Mary's School in Raleigh and has served as technical director of the Raleigh Little Theatre for the past two years. Miss Barbara Sutlive, also a graduate of Woman's College, is publicity director.

The four plays that will be produced this summer are "Ladies in Retirement", "I Remember Mama", "The Hill Between", and "The Great Big Doorstep".

Music Course

The 4-week music classes will begin on July 19, under the direction of W. C. DeVeny, head of the voice department of Woman's College.

Mr. DeVeny will give private instruction in voice, and will have a choral class three times a week. Classes will meet in the Baptist church with Mrs. DeVeny as accompanist.

Methodist Church

At the 11 o'clock service, the pastor will have as his subject "The Storm and the Rainbow". Tommy Burton will be soloist.

Rev. Taylor will hold services at the Concord church at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon and at the Bolens Creek church at 7:45.

Presbyterian Church

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Dr. Harris will speak on "Freedom From Anxiety", the 3rd address on the general subject of Peace. Bible School at 10:15. Adult class taught by the pastor.

Dr. Harris will speak at the West Burnsville church at 8 p. m. Sunday.

Mrs. Nelle Dimon Acree and her daughter, Clayton Reid, of Columbus, Ga., are here. Clayton is attending drama classes and Mrs. Acree has taken an apartment for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Angel who have been residing at Wayland, Ky. for several years have moved to Asheville and are now residing at 20 Baird St. Mr. Angel is with the Troitino and Brown construction company.

Mrs. Emma Crossland of Bennettsville, S. C. was the guest of Mrs. Bob Pollard during the week end.

Little Brenda English has returned to her home in New Jersey after visiting her grandparents.

Mary Frances Hamrick is at Folly Beach, S. C., for a week's vacation with friends.

Mechanical Inspection Lane Will Be Open Here July 16 to 24

The motor vehicle inspection lane will be open here from July 16-24, according to the July 1-September 30 schedule from the state department of motor vehicles.

The inspection law which went into effect January 1 requires that every vehicle in the state pass a rigid mechanical inspection before December 31, and twice a year thereafter.

The lane was operated here for two weeks in April and May and many of the county's vehicles were inspected at that time.

Baptist Church

The Rev. Ben Jay McIver, pastor, will speak on "Possessive Ability" at the 11:00 a. m. worship hour, and on "When Morning Comes" at the 8 p. m. worship hour.

BRIGGS HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Welzie Briggs of Meville announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Lee, to Willard C. Hill, son of Mr. Charles C. Hill and the late Mrs. Hill of Jacksonville. The wedding took place in Marion on July 3.

Margaret Hensley is in Mercy Hospital, Charlotte because of a back infection.

Mrs. Julia McIntosh visited relatives last week in Marion.

Mrs. G. C. McIntosh has returned to her home at Bee Log from an Asheville hospital where she underwent an operation.

NO POLIO CASES IN COUNTY

Because of the number of cases of infantile paralysis that are now incident in the state, there have been rumors of cases in the county.

At present, there are no cases reported in Yancey county.

George Floyd Rogers ("Parson"), son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rogers was stricken with Polio last week in a summer camp near Brevard. He was one of four campers there who developed polio, and had been away from Burnsville too long to have contracted the disease here.

The same precautions which have been given before by the district health department are urged still. Keep children out of grounds, avoid exposure, over exertion and tonsilectomies and call a doctor in case of illness to be sure of the cause.

Corporation Is Operating Mines Near Burnsville

The States Mining Corporation, formerly of Atlanta but recently incorporated in North Carolina, is now operating several mica and feldspar mines near Burnsville.

Members of the corporation are Franklin T. Siers, ma of Atlanta, Ed Thomas of Gainesville and C. M. Cooley of Marianna, Fla.

Mines now being operated include the one known as the Jesse Autrey mica mine, now owned by E. L. Briggs, and the Wolf Branch mica gig mine. The firm expects to open several pattern mica mines in Yancey and Mitchell counties.

A large amount of No. 1 feldspar has also been mined and is being shipped from Burnsville to Erwin over the Black Mountain Railway.

Demand for mica is increasing and the price compares favorably with prices during the war.

Member of Stock Company For Summer Season

George Blake, son of Mrs. Julia Blake of Burnsville, is with the Bloomingburg Playhouse, Bloomingburg, N. Y. for the summer season.

Mr. Blake is now playing the male lead in the first production of the summer, a three act comedy, "The Arrival of Kitty", which opened July 3 for a two weeks run. The play is being directed and staged by Gertrude Arden.

A graduate of Burnsville high school where he showed much interest in dramatic activities, Mr. Blake received his M. A. degree in Dramatic Literature from Columbia University in 1947 and has completed a year in the Yale Drama School.

New Pastor Named By Newdale Presbyterians

The Rev. D. A. McRight arrived last week and has taken up his duties as pastor of the Newdale Presbyterian church.

Mr. McRight comes to Newdale from Carbon Hill, Ala. which is in the Birmingham Presbytery.

Mrs. McRight and their young son accompanied him here.

Bill Hensley went to Lincolnton Sunday for a week's visit and to visit Margaret Hensley who is in Mercy hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allen had as their guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rusing and small daughter, Lida, and Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Rushing all of Charlotte. Bill Young and mother, and Joe Young and wife all of Asheville. Everyone enjoyed supper at Carolina Hmlock Saturday, and a ldey day on Mt. Mitchell Sunday.

J. G. Lewis is in Moore General hospital for examination and treatment.

Farmers Federation Picnic

With approximately 1,200 persons in attendance, the annual Farmers Federation picnic for Yancey county was held in the Burnsville high school building Saturday.

The program was opened by James Clarke, who served as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Dumont Clarke head of the religious department of the Federation, pronounced the invocation, after which James Clarke spoke on Federation activities during the past year.

Mr. Clarke explained how the Southeastern Artificial Breeding association, recently organized, is improving the milk capacity of dairy herds throughout North Carolina and even into Georgia, and South Carolina.

The Rev. Dumont Clarke spoke briefly on the program and progress of the religious department of the

Federation, listing of the three divisions as follows: first, work; second, work and third, play. Each person is asked to set aside a portion of each farm crop or farm stock for the Lord's Acre plan. He explained further that the religious departments now operating a recreational program under which churches sponsor a day each week for supervised recreational program for children.

Included in the program for the day were such performers as the Federation string band and many performers of Yancey and surrounding counties.

The Alle family quartet of Swiss first place in the quartet singing, and the Austin quartet of Cane River, second place.

Games and contests were held on the school grounds, and prize awarded individual performers or groups.

AGRONOMY TOUR

All the farmers of the county are cordially invited to attend an agronomy tour to be conducted by Dr. E. R. Collins on July 13, 1948. Please meet on the square at 8:15.

The schedule is as follows: 8:30 J. H. Ray, Ladino pasture-corn; 9:00 E. C. Blankenship, Alfalfa; 9:45 H. E. Duncan, Hybrid corn production; 10:45 Champ L. Ray, Ladino pasture; 11:15 Grover Robinson, Alfalfa.

Committees Named For "Children's Crusade"

Mrs. Hobart Ray, chairman of the United Nations Overseas Children's Campaign, has named the following committees to aid in collecting funds for this cause:

Bowditch: Mrs. Mary Briggs, Mrs. Clarence Byrd, Celso: Mrs. Bob Ballew; Busick: Mrs. Tom Huffman. Pensacola: Mrs. Brooks Wilson, Mrs. D. J. Jamerson Toledo: Mrs. Everett Johnson.

Green Mtn.: Frank Howell, Mrs. Claude Hughes, Mrs. P. D. Geouge.

Swiss: Bruce Tomberlin, Mrs. J. J. Nowicki; Bald Creek: Mrs. Juanita Proffitt, Mrs. Ike Laughrun, Lewis Hall, Louise Proffitt, Mrs. Lois Proffitt.

Micaville: Mrs. Hubert Justice, Ray Howell, Mrs. Delzie Harris; Boonford: Mrs. Ola Mae Sparks.

Arbuckle: Mrs. Henry Lee Robinson; Sioux: Mrs. Zora Warrick; Bee Log: Mrs. Earl Hensley, Alma Buck; Possum Trot: Mrs. Earl Wilson, Mrs. Max Proffitt.

Cane River: Mrs. Monroe McIntosh, Mrs. Jan Laughridge; Ramseytown: Mrs. Daisy Williams; Higgins: Mrs. Max Higgins, Mrs. Dewey Higgins.

Newdale: Mrs. Avery Wyatt, Mrs. Grace Harris.

Bee Branch: Mrs. J. S. Moody; Day Book: Mrs. Peterson; Patterson Branch: Mrs. C. J. Johnson.

Byrd Branch: Mrs. Sam J. Byrd, Upper Jacks Creek: Mrs. Carl McIntosh.

Concord: Mrs. E. B. Powell; Prices Creek: Bernice Hensley, Mrs. Earl Deyton.

Phipps Creek: Mrs. Bill Buckner, Mrs. Donald Banks; Banks Creek: Mrs. Charlie Allen, Mrs. Hunter.

Indian Creek: Bonnie McIntosh; Paint Gap: Mary Alice Maney.

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Burnsville Painting Classes Will Open July 10th

The Burnsville Painting Classes, conducted by Frank Stanley Herring and Edward S. Shorter, will open here on July 10th for the third season.

Registration will be held on Monday morning, July 12th and indications are for an even larger enrollment than the highly successful season last year. The classes are G. I. and school accredited and several veterans are enrolled.

Students from 17 states attended last summer and applications have been received this year from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

A number of teachers from colleges and public schools throughout these states are among the applicants. John L. Griffith, director of the Norton Galleries of West Palm Beach, Fla., has already arrived, with Mrs. Griffith, and will be a student for the season.

The course of instruction includes landscape, still life and portrait in various mediums. The classes in landscape painting make regular field trips to paint scenes that include beauty spots of the surrounding sections.

Both Mr. Herring and Mr. Shorter are widely known in art circles throughout the states. Mr. Herring studied at the Art Students League, Art Institute and Academy of Fine Arts, and is a member of the Salmagundi Club.

He has been an instructor in Grand Central School of Art, New York City, and the Ringling School of Art at Sarasota, Fla., where he taught portrait and landscape painting during the past school session, and for several years operated private classes in New York.

For eighteen years Mr. Herring has spent his sum-

mers in western North Carolina painting the beautiful countryside and executing portrait commissions of North Carolinians.

Among his sitters were the former Governor and Mrs. Erhingham, Judge Herriot Clarkson, Mrs. Joe Cannon, Cannon Reynolds and other members of the Cannon family, Mrs. Ida Clarkson Jones, Mrs. Frances Clarkson, Mrs. William Allison, Dr. Thomas Holt, Mrs. Erik-Snowden Nichols and others.

Mr. Herring has exhibited his paintings in Charlotte, Hickory, Wilmington, and Tryon, North Carolina and in many of the eastern and northern cities. His paintings hang in museums and private collections in 38 states.

Mr. Shorter studied at the Corcoran School of Art, Washington, D. C. and taught there for two years. He also studied for two years in Paris. He has had his private studios in Columbus and Macon, Ga. and is associated with the University of Georgia for which he conducts extension classes, as well as private classes.

He is vice president of the Southern States Art League, president of the Georgia Art Association and a member of the Society of Washington Artists and of the Salmagundi Club. He is representative in Georgia of the Artists' Equity Association and the American Artists' Professional League.

Frances Hall Herring is the executive secretary of the Painting Classes. She is a graduate of Columbia University and has studied painting with her husband, Frank Stanley Herring and at the Ringling School of Art. She had a one woman exhibit of her paintings at the Montross Galleries in New York and has exhibited in group shows elsewhere.

BURNSVILLE— "So They Say"

The weather: Heat wave, with temperatures up nearly to 90 degrees. Today (Thursday) cool and cloudy.

About town: We've all been distressed about "Parson" Rogers who is ill of polio, Betty Jo Banks who has been very ill for past two weeks of a glandular and kidney infection and the Margaret Hensley who's in Mercy hospital, Charlotte because of a back infection. "Parson" was one of the four youngsters in camp near Brevard who were stricken. Latest report is that he continues to improve after a few critical days. . . Betty Jo was very ill of a baffling complication but began to show improvement yesterday, and Bill Hensley who's with Margaret says there'll be treatment and not an oper-

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