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Second High School Drama Festival Begins Tonight

The second annual Dramatic Festival of the Yancey County High Schools will be given in the Parkway Playhouse here tonight and tomorrow night.

The festival is sponsored by the schools, the Playhouse and School of Fine Arts of the Woman's College.

Mark Sumner and Robert Armstrong are representing Woman's College for the festival.

Sumner is publicity director of the Carolina Playmakers, assistant director of the Parkway Playhouse and a former associate director of the Carolina Dramatic Association.

Armstrong has played the role of John Borden in "The Lost Colony" for four summers and during the present school year is teaching in the Burnsville Evening College here.

Each of the five high schools will present a one-act play for the drama meet.

Thursday evening three plays will be given. Bee Log High School will present

"The Trysting Place" by Booth Tarkington, directed by Mrs. Cecil J. Beeson. Members of the cast are Margie Fender, Guy Phillips, Evelyn Higgins, June Edwards, Jack Phillips and Bruce Ramsey.

Micaville players will give "Lighted Candles" by Margaret Bland. The cast includes Marie Gibbs, Margaret Silvers, Joyce Hilliard, Oscar Harris, Ross Bailey. The play will be directed by Miss Edith Robinson.

"Late Holliday" by Florence R. Kahan will be given by the Clearmont High School cast. Those taking part are Nadine Evans, Billie Clyde Peterson, Ruth Melton, Alice Garland. The director is Walton Angel.

Friday evening the Bald Creek High School presentation will be "Ghost Farm" by Jay Tobias, directed by Jack McIntosh. The cast includes Fred Wilson, Louella Briggs, Margaret Wilson, Jerry Nowicki, Juanelle Randolph, Betty Lou Edwards, James McIntosh, Von Ada Metcalf and Milton (Continued on back page)

Republicans Will Meet On Monday Night

A Republican party meeting will be held Monday night, May 15 at 8 o'clock in the Roberts and Johnson club rooms. All members of the party are urged to attend the meeting.

LAST RITES FOR MISS LAURA PRESBY

Miss Laura Presby, of Celo Community, died in her sleep of cerebral hemorrhage at her home on April 27.

Funeral services were held at the Friends' Meeting House in the Community on April 28, with burial in the Celo Community Cemetery. The services were attended by many of Miss Presby's friends in South Toe Valley. She had been active, even the day before her death, in her work as manager of Celo Mutual Store.

She is survived by a half-brother, W. P. Presby, of Virginia, Illinois.

Born in Kansas in 1883, Miss Presby received her education in the public schools of Lawrence, Kansas; Goucher College, Baltimore, Md.; the University of Chicago; and the New York School of Social Work.

Before coming to North Carolina from Texas in 1945, she held various social work positions in several states, including work with the Y W C A, Red Cross, government agencies, and Community Settlement House of Corpus Christie, Texas.

Wherever she worked Miss Presby was well-known for her interest in community well-being, and especially in children.

Road Money For County Now Totals \$136,382.85

The total expenditures in Yancey County out of the Road Bond funds totaled \$136,382.85 through March 31, 1950, according to a report made by W. M. Corkill, division engineer, to the board of county commissioners this week.

Roy A. Proffitt Promoted By Life Insurance Co.

Roy A. Proffitt, assistant manager of the Charlotte, N. C., agency of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, has been advanced to training assistant, it was announced today by Stanton G. Hale, vice president and manager of agencies.

The appointment is effective on June 1. Mr. Proffitt will make his headquarters at the company's home office, 1740 Broadway at 55th Street, New York City.

Mr. Proffitt joined The Mutual Life in 1936 as a field representative of the Charlotte agency. He has been consistently among the company's leading underwriters, qualifying for membership in the Top Club and National Field Club. A native of Bald Creek, N. C., and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, he was a teacher and high school principal before he entered the life insurance business. He has been assistant manager of the Charlotte agency since May 16, 1945.

Democratic Executive Committee Is Named

The county Democratic Executive committee was named last Saturday by the township committees.

C. P. Randolph was re-named chairman and other members are: Burnsville township, G. M. Angel; Cane River township, Yates Bailey; Egypt township, Paul Buck Ramseytown township, R. E. Holloway; Green Mountain township, Clarence Bailey; Jacks Creek township, Adrian Buchanan; Brush Creek township, John Randolph; Crabtree township, R. N. Silver; South Toe township, Luther M. Robinson; Pensacola township, C. W. Robertson Jr.; Prices Creek township, Harmon Edwards.

Lion Club Officers Will Be Installed

The Burnsville Lions Club is holding its second annual officers' inauguration and Ladies night banquet tonight at 7 p. m. in the Roberts and Johnson club room.

Speaker of the evening will be Charles Patterson of Hickory, N. C.

Incoming officers are: president, M. W. Webb; first vice president, F. R. Barber; second vice president, C. O. Reckard; third vice president, Harlan Holcombe; secretary-treasurer, E. L. Dillingham; lion tamer, W. M. Gladden; tail twister, Elmer Garland.

John H. Burton Passed Away of Heart Attack Wednesday

Funeral on Friday

John Herman Burton, Burnsville merchant, passed away suddenly of a heart attack Wednesday morning in the clinic here. He was 63 years of age.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a. m. in the Presbyterian Church at Green Mountain, N. C. Burial will be in Johnson City.

Born in Yancey County, Burton was a son of the late Joshua and Malissa Bailey Burton who were among the pioneer citizens and founders of Yancey County.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Lucy Burton; two daughters, Mrs. Frank W. Howell of Green Mountain and Mrs. Roy Ledwell of Miami, Fla.; one son, Theodore J. Burton of

Johnson City one grandson, Frank W. Howell Jr.; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Bailey of Erwin; two brothers, J. M. Burton and T. B. Burton, both of Asheville. Active pall bearers will be Buddy Wheeler, John Byrd, R. C. Howell, Walter Howell, Claud Peterson, Clessin Letterman, Hill Ray and Clarence Bailey.

Honorary pall bearers will be Dover R. Fouts, B. M. Tomberlin, H. G. Bailey, George Robinson, Oscar L. Young, Bill Atkins, C. P. Randolph, E. B. Bailey, R. H. Howell, H. D. Justice, Monroe McIntosh, Brantley Briggs, John English and E. L. Briggs.

Mr. Burton was well known in Johnson City where he was a merchant and construction contractor for 15 years.

Bee Log Speaker

Harvey N. Lance, dean of men at Mars Hill College will be speaker at the graduating exercises of Bee Log High School on Thursday evening, May 18.

Fred Koch Jr. Will Be Guest Director

Fred Koch, Jr., Chairman of the Drama Department of the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., will be Guest Director at the Parkway Playhouse of the Burnsville School of Fine Arts here this summer.

He is the son of the late Frederick H. Koch, founder and for many years director of the Carolina Playmakers. He studied at the University of North Carolina, receiving both an A.B. and an A.M. degree before becoming head of the Drama Department of the University of Miami in 1939.

At the University of Miami, Koch has established one of the fastest growing college theaters in the nation, with a production of ten major plays in two theaters, in addition to the production of experimental shows, and regularly scheduled tours as far as Havana, Cuba.

Notice to Veterans

Widows of veterans of World War I whose income is \$1000 a year or less are entitled to a pension of \$42 a month from the Federal Government, J. M. Caldwell, Director of the N. C. Veterans Commission pointed out today.

Those with children under certain ages are entitled to extra compensation, provided their income is not over \$2500 per year.

Service by the veteran must have been between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and discharge or release from active duty must have been under other than dishonorable conditions. For the purposes of a pension a widow must have been married to a World War I veteran before December 14, 1944 or 10 or more years to the person who served, and must not have remarried.

Those from Yancey County who are attending the state Democratic meeting in Raleigh this week are C. P. Randolph, Luther M. Robinson, Z. B. Byrd, Harlan Holcombe, Yates Bennett, Mark W. Bennett and Bill Atkins.



FRED KOCH Jr
BURNSVILLE—
"So They Say"

The weather: Good showers to make the grass and the weeds grow green and to keep us delightfully cool while we hear reports of around 90 degree weather in Washington and Raleigh and Georgia.

About town: Never heard of so much going on! Banquet tonight at the R & J club room when new Lions Club officers will be installed. The high schools one-act plays will begin tonight. . . and the Circus is in town! . . . The Woman's Club postponed its regular meeting till 18th. . . newest arrivals: Bobby Wicker's young brother last Friday. . . the C. W. Robertson Jr's son on May 2. . . and in Charlotte Burt and Margaret Higgins' son on May 5. . . He has a picture to prove it: Rich Taylor caught a 21 and 1-4 inch, 3 pound brown trout on the Rod and Gun-Club property last week! . . . Not all the fishermen caught one that big but they were all out trying on opening date! . . . Lee Boone said they checked in nearly 500 at the South Toe station Saturday morning. . . Far-away places! Card from Dale Honeycutt Trimmer, from Rome. Says they've visited Naples, Pompeii, Sorrento Capri, Mt. Vesuvius, Rapallo. . . and from Hawaii Capt. Kathleen Peake sent her grandmother, Mrs. Julia Bennett, some exotic red flowers for Mother's Day. They came in perfect condition, are very lovely—but as yet no one has known what they are! . . . Congratulations to Orlena Jameron who gave her organ recital at Meredith last night and will graduate there in June. . . there are others who will be graduating from College.

Baccalaureate Services

The graduating classes of high schools of the county will hold the Baccalaureate Services on Sunday, May 14.

The Rev. A. Z. Jamerson will deliver the sermon to the Clearmont class at 2:30 p. m., and Dr. Marc Lovelace of Wake Forest College will speak at the Bee Log exercises at 3 p. m.

On Sunday night Dr. Marc Lovelace will speak at the Burnsville exercises and the Rev. F. R. Barber at the Micaville exercises.

The Rev. David Swartz will be speaker at the exercises for the Bald Creek class at 11 o'clock.

Presbyterian News

The Presbyterian Missionary Society will meet at the church at 8 p. m. Monday, May 15.

Music Recitals

Mrs. G. D. Bailey will present her junior piano students in recital next Tuesday evening and the senior students in recital on Thursday evening.

Charles Trammel was home from Wake Forest College for the week end.

Health Department Plans Clinics

The Avery-Mitchell-Yancey District Health Department is planning a series of immunization clinics throughout the district.

The vaccinations will include typhoid, diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, and the combined vaccine which protects against whooping cough and diphtheria at the same time.

Schedules are now being arranged and will be announced within a few days of time and places for these clinics in each community in the district, thus making

this vital health service of prevention of the above listed diseases available to the people with the least inconvenience.

All of this work is also done in the four offices of the Health Department which are open on the following schedule: Burnsville Mondays 1 to 5 p. m.; Newland, Tuesdays 8:30 a. m. to 12 noon; Spruce Pine, Thursdays 8:30 to 12 and 12:30 to 5 p. m.; Bakersville, Fridays 1 to 5 p. m.

In addition, in the office clinics blood tests and tuberculin tests are given.

Attend The Second Annual High School Drama Festival At The Playhouse -- 7:30 p. m.

Thursday Night, May 11 -- Bee Log, Micaville and Clearmont High Schools

Friday Night, May 12 -- Bald Creek and Burnsville High Schools

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