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'The Silver Whistle' Opens Drama Season Here Friday



Top, left, disappointed Sen. Taft "cheers" with Ike. Although Sen. Taft took his defeat in the race for GOP presidential nomination like a sport, he let a "sour grapes" expression steal briefly across his face as he posed with Gen. Eisenhower after the nomination at Chicago. Right, Ike's not mad. Following his first-ballot victory over Sen. Taft, Dwight Eisenhower pins on an "I Like Everybody" button recalling the "I Like Ike" emblems which his supporters wore. He defeated Sen. Taft 845 to 280. Bottom, In prize ring victory pose, California Sen. Richard Nixon, 39, nominated by convention for vice president, holds up right hand of Gen. Eisenhower as both candidates and wives respond to cheers of thousands of Republicans in convention hall.

Seventh Season Brings New Courses, Credit To School

GORDON BENNETT DIRECTS FIRST PLAY

RECORD ENROLLMENT EXPECTED THIS YEAR

The Parkway Playhouse will open its seventh year as Burnsville's summer theatre at 8 p. m. this Friday, when the drama students of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina present a comedy, "The Silver Whistle." The play will be presented for the second time Saturday night. The productions at the Parkway Playhouse are a part of the work of the School of Fine Arts, operated by the Woman's College each summer in Burnsville. The classes in art, music, drama, writing and dance are taught in the high school building, the gym and the Playhouse, and the students live in the dormitory across from the theatre. For this work they are given credit toward their college degrees.

Teachers in the Burnsville area will have the rare chance to take courses with full residence credit at the Woman's College of Fine Arts here this summer—and still live at home. Many of our local teachers and teachers from adjoining counties are taking advantage of the courses now being taught and are enrolled among the 70 students from 13 states attending classes at the present time. Enrollment for all departments will go well above the one hundred mark this summer, officials predict. Two courses carrying full credit are to begin July 30, along with an education course with extension credit. One will be in art education; the other will be in play production. Registration is in progress now, and will close the day classes begin. The Burnsville High School building serves as the main building for classes in this summer term of W. C. U. N. C.

Gordon Bennett, member of the faculty of the University of Miami and head of the drama department of the School of Fine Arts, is directing "The Silver Whistle."

The art education course will be taught by three different instructors, each teaching a part in which he is particularly interested. Dr. John Oppen of New York City will teach the first week, beginning Wednesday, July 30. Following him will be Miss Sibyl Brown, of the faculty of the University of Georgia; and the final week will be taught by Ivan Johnson of Dallas, Texas, where he has held the position of art consultant of the Dallas Independent School District. Next fall he will join the faculty of the University of Florida.

Taking part in it are Robert Gwaltney of Coral Gables, Fla., as Mr. Beebe; Blanche Kelly of Miami, Fla., as Mrs. Hammett; Sue Durham of Winston-Salem, as Miss Hoadley; Barbara Ann Watson of Hamilton, Ohio, as Miss Tripp; Jack Callaghan of Cincinnati, Ohio, as Rev. Watson; Neal Thornton of Cordele, Ga., as Miss Sampler; Margie Sullivan of Columbus, Ga. (niece of Frank Howell, Superintendent of Yancey County Schools), as Mrs. Gross; Dave Stern, Laurelton, Long Island, N. Y., as Mr. Cherry; Batchelor Owen, a faculty director, as Oliver Erwin; Armand Alzamora of Tarrytown, N. Y., as Emmet; Lester Moore, a faculty director, as the Bishop; Stuart Arrington of Southport, as Sister Trinita; Richard Bullman of Miami, Fla., as Mr. Reddy; and Michael Casey, a faculty director, as the policeman.

The course in play production is planned particularly to help high school teachers put on plays within their own schools. Lester Moore a member of the drama faculty of Rutgers University, New Jersey, will teach the course.

The School of Fine Arts will present four other plays this season, "Outward Bound," July 25-26; "Midsummer Night's Dream," July 30, August 1 and 2; "Gulbranc's Panic," August 8-9; "Brigadoom," August 15, 16, 18 and 19.

The second education course offered by the W. C. U. N. C. Extension Division will begin Monday, July 21, and will continue through Friday, August 1, with Miss Ruth Gunter as teacher. Dr. A. D. Shaftesbury will teach the principles of elementary science in the last three two week education courses, August 4-15.

PARKWAY LEADS SMOKIES IN TRAVEL

The Blue Ridge Parkway travel has increased 55% above last year, according to an official U. S. Park Service travel census. Motorists are learning that the scenic highway along the top of the Blue Ridge is a far advancement in mountain travel beyond the older Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah National Park.

The Park Service census showed that 341,522 persons in 102,946 cars traveled the Blue Ridge Parkway in one month as compared to 219,744 visitors last year during the same period.

Travel in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park was 174,413 persons for the survey checking period, 167,109 less than that on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Pipes of Richmond, Va. were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott.

Mrs. Palmer Visiting In Burnsville

Mrs. Bertha Palmer, owner of Camp Mt. Mitchell for Girls for several years, is visiting in Burnsville this week. Mrs. Palmer is accompanied by Mrs. Vaughn Deckle and daughter. Mrs. Vaughn is the former Laverne Byrd, Mrs. Palmer's granddaughter. They are now living in Jacksonville, Fla.

4-H Club Members Go To Raleigh

Pat Lawhern, Mildred Hensley, Claude Bailey, Max Higgins, Jr., Richard Briggs and Tommy Godwin, Assistant County Agent, will attend 4-H Club week at Raleigh, July 21-26. An interesting program has been arranged including a tour of the Governors Mansion and the Capital Building, talent shows, special project demonstrations, a General Motors show, the state dress revue, recreation and other evening programs.

Richard Briggs and Mildred Hensley will represent Yancey County in the Health Pageant. Any boy or girl who has been in the club for three years is eligible to attend the Raleigh meeting.

SGT. PATE GOES TO PHILIPPINES

Sgt. Bill Pate, son of Ed Pate of Bald Creek, left by plane for the Philippine Islands where he will be stationed for two years, according to information received here.

Sgt. Pate, who has been stationed at Mountain Home, Idaho, recently returned to the base after spending a furlough with relatives at Bald Creek.

GOOD TOURIST SEASON REPORTED BY BUSINESS PLACES

Tourist business in Burnsville is greater this year than in the past according to operators of tourist accommodations. Public places are reported to be full to capacity almost every night and many persons are directed to private homes by Mrs. West at the Information House.

At least 250 inquiries for accommodations have been received by Mrs. West and more than 100 motorists have found accommodations through her at the Betterment Association headquarters on the Square. Fifty per cent of the placements have been in private homes taking guests, she said.

Cabins seem to be desired by many persons writing for information. Two letters have been received at the Information House from the same person in Norfolk, Va. concerning cabin accommodations here. And a letter was received this week from Chicago asking about cabins. This is the greatest distance and inquiry has come.

Business men report seeing more new faces in Burnsville than usual, too.

DILLINGHAM NAMES CLUB CHAIRMEN

E. L. Dillingham, newly elected president of the Burnsville Lions Club, named the following members as committee chairmen.

C. O. Ellis, Attendance; E. B. Powell, Construction and Building; John C. Gerhardt, Convention; Warren Good Finance; C. O. Reckard, Information; John Brown, Membership; Dr. W. M. Gladden, Program; T. S. Godwin, Publicity; Claude Peterson, Boys and Girls; J. J. Nowicki, Citizenship; T. S. Godwin, Bulletin Editor; Harlan Holcombe, Civic Improvement; Howard Johnson and O. W. Deyton, Community Betterment; Frank W. Howell, Education; Dr. C. F. McRae, Health and Welfare; Dr. W. M. Gladden, Sight Cons. and Blind; Olin Shepherd, United Nations; J. J. Nowicki, Greeter; and O. W. Deyton, Agriculture.

TOLEDO NEWS

Mrs. C. W. O'Donnel and son Claude Newton O'Donnel, and daughter, Mrs. Ed Pride and small son, Glenn, all of Nashville, Tenn., were the guests of Miss Osma Newton last week. They are nieces and nephews of Miss Newton.

Mr. Boyd Laws, with his niece and nephews, Zella, Max and Donald Gortney, of East Sparta, Ohio returned home after a two week's vacation here.

Mrs. Beeson of Johnson City held a very interesting Bible study Friday at Harris Memorial Church.

FINAL RITES FOR SAM J. PHILLIPS

Sam J. Phillips, 56, died Wednesday at his home in the Flat Creek section after a long illness.

He was a native of Yancey County and had been residing in the Flat Creek section for the past four years.

Graveside rites will be held Friday at 2 p. m. in Metcalf Cemetery at Paint Gap with the Rev. S. M. Wallin officiating.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Martha Willis Phillips; two daughters, Mrs. Linnie Robinson and Mrs. Paul Davis of Stocksville; two sons, Frank and Clyde of Micaville; three sisters, Mrs. John Metcalf of Paint Gap, Mrs. Albert McAllister of Marion and Mrs. Mitchell Willis of Stocksville; and seven grandchildren.

PATROLMAN PITTS MOVES TO BURNSVILLE

Patrolman Pitts and family moved this week into L. V. Pollard's house behind the Mt. Mitchell Motel. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts have one four-year-old child.

Patrolman Long has been carrying on here by himself for several months since Patrolman Welch resigned his position with the department.

Pitts was transferred here from Statesville.

TWO NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS UNDER WAY

Two new commercial buildings are taking shape on West Main Street. The basement and foundation work on the Shell Oil service station being constructed by Tri-County Oil Company of Spruce Pine has been completed in preparation for walls and other necessary construction.

The new station is under construction next to Quality Cleaners.

Steel beams and girders in the Webb-Banks-Patton building across the street from Webb Clinic mark the structure as being among the most sturdy buildings of that size in town. Walls will be of cinder blocks and brick.

The building will be used for a drug store on the main floor, according to information, and the top floor will be made into office space or apartments.

X-Ray Unit Ends District Visit Saturday

Dr. C. F. McRae, District Health Officer, said this week that as of Wednesday at 2 p. m. a total of 409 persons had been X-rayed in the special survey at Spruce Pine. This X-ray survey for tuberculosis is being held by the State Board of Health and the District Health Department.

The mobile unit similar to the unit used last year in Burnsville and other points in the district is in the Ray Howell parking lot in Spruce Pine for the remainder of the week. Hours of operation for the unit

are from 12:00 noon to 6 p. m.

Dr. McRae urges persons fifteen years of age or older to avail themselves with this free service. He said persons who missed the X-ray survey last year should be X-rayed this week. And, since it has been almost a year ago when the unit was here, it would be well for those X-rayed at that time to have the examination again now.

Health officials feel that this district may have benefit of the X-ray survey each year if enough persons respond to the service at this time.

CAMP SWIMMING POOL TO BE OPENED TO CHILDREN OF TOWN

Mrs. James Bingham of Camp Mt. Mitchell for Girls announced this week that the camp swimming pool will be open to boys and girls of the town after August 15. A later announcement will be made as to the hours the pool will be open for use.

At the present time five local boys are taking courses in life saving and will give protection to children using the pool when it is opened.

The life saving students are being instructed by the Camp swimming instructor.

WALLS STARTED ON HOSPITAL

Construction on the hospital building is moving along at a fast clip since wall construction got underway last week. Several brick masons, along with other skilled workers, have moved the walls up above first-floor window level.

The walls are being constructed with cinder blocks and brick. This type of wall with metal window frames and concrete composition floors will make the building almost fire proof.

The \$100,000 goal set by the hospital committee has not yet been reached. Contributions continue to come in, however.

Donations may be mailed to the Yancey Hospital Finance Committee, Burnsville.

Bank Holds Quarterly Officers Meeting

FIFTEEN YEARS' PROGRESS NOTED

Officers and directors of The Northwestern Bank met at the Spruce Pine Country Club Wednesday for the regular quarterly meeting of directors. The meeting, which was presided over by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the chain, was for routine business, Robert Presnell, director from Burnsville, said.

A resolution was passed to pay stockholders of record on September 20 a three per cent dividend on October 1.

Several of the directors and officials spent Tuesday night at Mt. Mitchell Motel in Burnsville. Included in the group were Congressman R. L. Dougherty, Edwin Duncan, D. C. Duncan, M. E. Reeves, C. L. Whisnant, C. G. Fox, G. M. Kirkpatrick, and Wade H. Shufford.

The Northwestern Bank opened a branch bank in Burnsville in 1937, when not more than three branches had been established. Since that time, the chain has grown to cover a great part of Northwestern North Carolina, with seventeen branch banks in as many towns.

The bank's total resources in 1937 amounted to \$2,586,528.23. Now, fifteen years later, resources amount to \$38,769,827.37. Deposits have grown in the fifteen-year period from \$2,285,814.83 to

\$34,211,536.89, and loans for the same period increased from \$1,114,152.13 to \$19,412,956.46.

First Motorcycle Race At Weaverville Track Scheduled

The first motorcycle race ever scheduled for the Asheville - Weaverville Speedway was to have been run July 13, but Jupiter-Pluvius intervened at the end of the trial runs. The many thousands of racing fans holding "rain-checks" are advised that this race will be run in the afternoon of July 20th.

It was during the trial runs that a new, all time record for the United States and Canada was set for the half mile dirt track. This race will be supervised by the American Motorcycle Association and the timing will be done by an electric eye.

This track is rapidly becoming the mecca of racing fans in the South eastern states. It is one of the few tracks in the United States where you can sit in your automobile and witness every feature of the race.

Fifty "speed demons" from over the south will be expected to compete and records are likely to be shattered. The race will begin at 1:30, with the main feature at 3:00. This speedway is located two miles north of Weaverville, N. C., on highway 19.