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Season's Last Play Has Three-Day Run Here

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 11, 12, and 13th, the Parkway Playhouse of Burnsville, N. C., will present a real old fashioned melodrama entitled "Dirty Work At The Crossroads." This production climaxes the 1955 Playhouse season, and promises to be one of the biggest hits in years. Under the able and experienced direction of Mr. Gordon R. Bennett, who directed the same show at the University of Miami's Ring Theatre, Playhouse theatre goers are assured an evening of delightful humor.

4-H Leaders Attend Conference

Yancey County's delegation to the first Western District 4-H Leadership Conference left for Swannanoa 4-H Camp Monday, August 8.

The 4-H members attending are Lillie Estep, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Estep of Bee Log, and Duane McDougald, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McDougald of Hamrick. William C. Bledsoe, Assistant County Agent, accompanied the group. He is assisting in the program by serving as a group counselor and by teaching photography.

The entire delegation for the week's program will include 2 4-H boys, 2 4-H girls and one volunteer 4-H leader from each of the fifteen western counties. In addition, a group of County Extension Agents and North Carolina State College will attend.

Objectives of the conference are:

1. To assist 4-H Club members, leaders, and agents in gaining a broader understanding and vision of the opportunities in 4-H.
 2. To provide opportunities for club members, leaders, and agents to gain skills and techniques that will enable them to work more effectively with others.
 3. To inspire outstanding 4-H Club members and leaders to share generously with others their knowledge, skills, abilities, and enthusiasm.
 4. To provide for personal development.
 5. To provide local communities and counties an opportunity to participate in the 4-H Leadership Training Program.
- Delegates will participate in matters of junior leadership, record keeping, grooming, personal development, human values, careers, recreation and other opportunities in 4-H.
- Special attractions in the program will include discussion led by Mr. R. W. Shoffner, Assistant Director, North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service; Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent; and Mr. L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club Leader.

and many others. Not only will solo performances be the order of the day, but the show also includes a chorus, a quartette and a trio.

Everyone in the audience has ample opportunity to participate in the production, for hissing, booing, clapping and cheering is encouraged throughout the show. Derbies, mustaches, popcorn and beer (root) will be vended by loud and witty barkers at their respective stands in the sawdust covered walkway in the front of the theatre.

Appearing in the Acting Company will be such renowned thespians as Robert Gwaltney, Jeannie Hotard, Andy Prine, Tommy Burton, Noralyn Baily, and many other actors and actresses of note. "After countless auditions, we have finally selected six beautiful girls for our famous chorus-line, and their rhythmic and intricate dance patterns will be on display each and every night," stated director Gordon Bennett.

Don't forget that this magnificent production runs for only three nights, the 11th, 12th and 13th of August — DON'T MISS IT.

Clinic Schedule Announced

The monthly orthopedic clinic for the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey District will be held Wednesday, Aug. 17, in the Spruce Pine office of the District Health Department, Dr. J. Bruce Galloway and Dr. Walter Watts, both of Asheville, will be the clinicians. Children attending the clinic should be registered not later than 11 a. m., and adults before 12:30.

Miller To Give Demonstration

J. Robert Miller, instructor of painting at Seecelo, and better known in Burnsville as "Tex", will give a portrait demonstration tonight at 8:30 in the "pit" at Seecelo. Miller has become a regular summer fixture in Burnsville, this making his tenth season with the Burnsville Painting Classes, Inc. His numerous paintings of citizens, have been exhibited in museums and galleries all over the country.

At the present time, Burnsville paintings by Miller are being exhibited in The Virginia Highlands Art Festival at Abington, Virginia; The Texas Water Color Society Traveling Show, The Blowing Rock Art Association Show; The John Brady Art Galleries in Blowing Rock; The Grand Central Galleries in New York City; The W. R. Fine Galleries in Dallas, Texas; The Southern States Traveling Exhibit; and the Studio Guild Traveling Show.

Another of Miller's Burnsville Paintings has recently been added to the permanent collection of the Hickory Museum. His work is also included in the D. D. Feldman Collection that will soon go on tour in both North and South America and Europe.

Miller has chosen for his model Miss Renee Faure, daughter of the New York portrait painter, Mrs. Nan Greener Faure. Posing will be no new job for Miss Faure since she has posed for her mother many times. For his painting medium Miller has chosen pastel, a medium seldom demonstrated here though the oldest of all painting mediums, dating back to the days of cave paintings. He says that with proper care pastel is the most permanent of all mediums, because of the lack of foreign chemicals in the pure pigment.

The public is warmly invited

Bible School Faculty To Attend Conference

The Vacation Bible School faculty of First Baptist Church will be sent to Ridgecrest Friday, August 12, to attend one day of the Sunday School Conference there. According to the pastor, Charles B. Trammel, the expense-paid trip will be given by the church to the faculty members in appreciation for their services this summer.

The faculty includes the Misses Sara Hensley, Mary Hensley, Erma Styles, Teddy Styles; the Mesdames Frank Howard Lewis, Brooks Boone, Herschel Holcombe, Lloyd Owens, Ralph Young, Jess Styles, Max Penland, J. C. Styles, Paul Hughes, I. E. Clevenger, Ellis Moody, Joshua Banks, Ben Griffith, Robert Hilliard, Reece McIntosh, C. B. Trammel; and the pastor.

First Baptist Church will observe Sunbeam Focus Week August 14-20. The Sunbeams will give part of the regular morning service next Sunday, August 14. Mrs. Ashton Ramsey, Mrs. Dawson Briggs, and Miss Lucy Gibbs are the Sunbeam leaders.

It is also announced that the church is inaugurating a tithing program for its resident members, beginning the first Sunday in October and continuing for 13 weeks. It is hoped, states the pastor, that the tithing program will augment the building fund and meet the needs of the regular church budget.

Miss Winston Osborn, district nutritionist with the State Board of Health visited Spruce Pine and Burnsville on Aug. 3.

to come over and watch this demonstration.

Frank Stanley Herring will give another of his Oil Portrait Demonstration in the "pit" at Seecelo Tuesday, August 16 at 8:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

United Appeal Officers Chosen

Robert K. Helmle of Burnsville was elected president of the United Appeal organization of Yancey County at a meeting of representatives from the various parts of Yancey County and various organizations, held Tuesday evening, August 9, in the Community Building.

Other officers chosen were Ed Hunter Jr., as vice president; Mrs. Evelyn Pate as secretary, and Harlon Holcombe as treasurer. An incomplete list of directors representing every part of the county was proposed.

The next meeting of the United Appeal organization will be Tuesday, August 16 when by-laws and constitution will be presented as well as a completed list of directors.

Community Work Discussed At Meeting

The Jacks Creek Community Club met on Monday night, August 8th at 8 o'clock at the Club house with Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt presiding. After the devotional period, a program in the form of a round table discussion was presented.

E. F. Hunter discussed the churches part in community club work. Mrs. Craig Woody spoke on the schools and P. T. A. work in the development of communities. The overall pattern of farm life and community cooperation was discussed by W. O. Briggs. Mrs. Bruce Bailey told of the Home Demonstration Club's part in community improvement and development.

Beverly Silver and Miss Sue Nottingham discussed 4-H club work and its relation to community improvement.

After the program, a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served by Mrs. Bud Stamey, Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt and Mrs. Craig Woody.

Large Crowd Attends Superior Court Session

Over \$4600 were collected in fines and cost during the first three days of superior court. Seventy four cases ranging from driving without a drivers license to assault were tried. A breakdown of the cases show that one person was tried for breaking and entering, sixteen for driving drunk, two for abandonment and non-support,

Parkway Playhouse Featured In Charlotte Observer

The Parkway Playhouse received big-time publicity this weekend when the Charlotte Observer gave them a large color spread on the front page of their Editorial and Feature section. "Dirty Work At The Crossroads", this week's play was featured in the article written by the observer's staff writer, Don Oberdorfer. Oberdorfer tells of Burnsville as a summer theatre setting and goes into the history of the playhouse here. In part the article stated:

"To the locale of a summer theater, the seasonal influx of performers can mean the high-falootin' air of the theater with its glamour, its idolatry—and its entertainment."

"BURNSVILLE, N. C., is such a place."

The article then continues to give a tempting description of the coming production. The color illustration, which is the paper's first color work shows the villain Murgatroyd wooing "our Girl Nellie". There is also a photo showing the exterior of the playhouse.

Bryan New FHA Committeeman

Fred E. Bryan of Route 1, Burnsville is the new member of the Yancey County Committee for the Farmers Home Administration. His appointment became effective August 2, 1955 the agency's county supervisor, Mack B. Ray announced.

Bryan, who operates one of the leading dairy farms in Yancey County and is active in church and community activities, succeeds Earl C. Wilson whose term on the 3-member committee expired this year.

The other two members of the committee are Yates W. Randolph of Brush Creek section, and Chapple T. McCurry of Bee Log.

There is a Farmers Home Administration county in every agricultural county in the country. The committee determines the eligibility of applicants and helps the county supervisor adapt the agency's loan policies and services to local conditions. Each member is named for a 3-year term, and one appointment expires each year. A member completing his 3-year term cannot succeed himself. At least two of the members must be farmers.

The agency makes emergency loans, but only in areas designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as being in need of emergency loans due to some

twenty-nine for speeding, sixteen for driving without a drivers license, two for driving after license had been revoked, six for reckless driving, and three for assault, and ten for escaping from prison.

Among cases that were heard was that of Deputy Sheriff John Byrd charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Byrd pleaded guilty of simple assault and was sentenced to pay a judgment of \$254 to the prosecuting witness Cliff Clevenger for medical expenses and lost working time and court costs.

Ivan McCourty, charged with driving drunk, driving without a drivers license, hit and run, and manslaughter had his case continued. The case of Charles Burdette Allen, charged with manslaughter was also continued.

Four of the ten men charged with escaping from prison asked to make a statement to the court in which they requested being transferred from the Yancey prison camp to any other. One stated that he would try to escape again if he were returned to the Yancey Camp. Judge George B. Patton ruled that it was outside his jurisdiction to assign them to any special camp.

Most of the traffic violations were tried the first day when 59 cases were heard. Four uncontested divorce cases were passed on by the court.

F. H. A. Loans Encourage Better Farming

Improvement of pastures is one of the better farming practices being carried on by livestock producers using Farmers Home Administration adjustment loans in Yancey County according to Mack B. Ray, the agency's county supervisor.

Many of the farm families in the county who farmed with the help of Farmers Home Administration loans last year included in their farm and home plans such pasture improvement practices as better seeding, renovating, irrigation, fertilization, clipping for weed control, and rotation grazing.

Mr. Ray said he expects greater activity in pasture improvement during the next year.

Other better farming practices being carried on by farmers in the county with Farmers Home Administration adjustment loans include livestock improvement through good management practices such as improved selection, breeding, feeding, and marketing.

Crop improvement is also being achieved, and is expected to continue through the use of improved and adapted varieties, fertilization, weed and insect control, and proper land preparation. Many farm plans also call for use of more adequate equipment and machinery through replacement and repair.

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Scenes From "Dirty Work At The Crossroads"



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