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Sheriff Arrested On Drunken Driving Charge



Sharon Duncan (pictured above) of Bettendorf, Iowa, will appear as Sister Marie Jesus in the forthcoming Parkway Playhouse production of **THE CRADLE SONG**. The play marks her first appearance on the Playhouse stage, although she is no new comer to the theatre. Shraon has had her own weekly "Television Variety Show" aired in Davenport; she received three "Oscars" for best actress in 1951, '53 and '56, for her work with the Masquers Theatrical Company; she has toured the Mid-west with a comedy act; and she also appeared on "Super Circus" in Chicago, and "The Dave Garraway Show" over NBC Network Television in New York.

Sharon, a former "Miss Davenport" enrolled in the University of Miami and will add to her experience while studying in Miami. See Sharon Duncan, along with a cast of 15 other actors and actresses, in this week's Parkway Playhouse presentation of Maria and Gragoria Sierra's **THE CRADLE SONG**.

'Cradle Song' To Be Presented At Playhouse

By Vince Marley

George C. Crocker takes the reins of this week's Parkway Playhouse production of Maria and Gragoria Sierra's play, **THE CRADLE SONG**. Crocker will be remembered by Playhouse audiences for his direction of two of last year's hits, **LO AND BEHOLD** and **SUDS IN YOUR EYE**. He was to have directed the second production of this season, **STALAG 17**, but an untimely seige of virus forced him to step aside as director. Crocker is instructor of Drama at the University of Miami and last season there he directed the inspiring production **NOAH**.

THE CRADLE SONG is a beautifully written stage play. It was first performed at the Teatro Lare in Madrid, Spain, in 1911. At its outset it was—and still is—considered a remarkable work, a truly theatrical inspiration. Since its conception **THE CRADLE SONG** has been translated into almost all the known languages, proving its appeal to all races and creeds, and has taken its place as a world wide classic. The simplicity has perpetuated its greatness.

THE CRADLE SONG, briefly, is the story of a baby girl abandoned by her mother and left on the steps of a convent. The infant is adopted by, and grown to womanhood with, the Dominican Sisters. As the action runs its course, the child wins her way into the hearts of the good sisters. And as she grows to womanhood, she influences the lives of the Nuns. Inevitably, the day comes when the adopted girl, Teresa, falls in love and must decide between the love of the Sisters and the love of a young man. As critic H. T. Parker, said of **CRADLE SONG**, "the playwright evokes the hush of the convent, more potent upon the imagination than twenty screams—" "In the casual turnover of memory, there is no play to set beside this, **THE CRADLE SONG**."

This play combines a deep and sincere religious appeal to people of all faiths, with gentle human comedy, warm good humor and quiet drama. Although the scene is set in a convent, the religious sentiment of the play is non-denominational and will be understood and enjoyed by people of all faiths.

You can see **THE CRADLE SONG** this Friday and Saturday nights at the Parkway Playhouse. Curtain time is 8 p. m. Don't miss this warm, tender play that will tug at your heart, and, at the same time, tickle the ribs around your heart with its gentle comedy and deep rich humor.

Rep Whitener Is Guest Of Honor At Buffet Dinner

On Saturday evening, August 4, Basil L. Whitener, Congressman-elect of the 11th District, his wife and daughter, and approximately 100 of his friends and supporters gathered at the home of Mrs. D. M. Buck in the Bald Mountain community of Yancey County, where they were guests at a buffet dinner honoring Mr. Whitener. Paul Buck, who was campaign manager of the Whitener forces in Yancey County, was master of ceremonies.

Guests present for the event were from Gaston, Rutherford, McDowell, Madison and Yancey

counties; and several from other areas were present.

The home and spacious grounds formed an attractive setting for the occasion. Mrs. Buck was assisted in serving by her daughters, Miss Hope Buck of Raleigh, Mrs. John Blake of Bald Mountain, Miss Alma Buck of the home, and also by Mrs. Hattie Peterson of Cane River. The guests were served from an attractively arranged buffet table in the dining room.

After the feast, the guests gathered on the lawn and enjoyed a number of after dinner speeches, the chief of which was made by Congressman-elect Whitener. In his remarks, Mr. Whitener offered his appreciation to all his friends for their help in giving him the victory. He pledged to serve the people of the 11th District wisely and honestly on all issues.

Others who spoke briefly were C. O. Ridings, solicitor of the 11th District, from Forest City; Thomas Rhodes, clerk of the U. S. Supreme Court, from Asheville; Rep. Mark W. Bennett of Burnsville; Dover R. Fouts, H. G. Bailey and Woodrow Anglin of Burnsville; Miss Hope Buck of Raleigh; John Ward, Whitener's campaign manager in Madison County; and a number of others from Madison, Gaston and McDowell counties.

LIBRARY INCREASES NUMBER OF BOOKS

Yancey County Library now owns 7,630 books, according to the annual report released by H. G. Bailey, chairman of the Library Board. The library added 950 books during the past year, of which 625 were for adult and young adult readers; while 324 books were for boys and girls. Gifts of clubs and individuals supplied the library with 303 of the 950 books added to the book collection.

About one-third of all books borrowed were issued from the library headquarters at Burnsville. The remaining two-thirds were checked out from the bookmobile. In all, 18,177 books were borrowed during the year. Adults led in the number of books taken out with 10,612. Boys and girls took out 7,565 books.

The Yancey bookmobile made 190 regular stops on a schedule that averaged once every 12 weeks to each stop. Trips are made on Thursday or Friday of each week. The bookmobile traveled 2,544 miles with an unusually low operating expense. Actual expenditures for gasoline, oil, repairs, and insurance amounted to \$151 for the fiscal year.

The headquarters library was open 4 afternoons each week: Wednesday through Friday, from 2 to 5 p. m. Library staff consisted of 2 part-time librarians: Mrs. Carl Carter and Mrs. Wendell Thomas.

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS ATTEND PLAYHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts' week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Alderman and children, Jo Ann and Jim, of Brevard, attended the Parkway Playhouse production of "Stalag 17" along with their host and hostess.

Mr. Alderman was a prisoner-of-war for two years during World War II in the same German POW Camp, involved in the play. He was a bunk-mate of the authors of the play, Donald Bevan and Edmund Trzcinski, who also were imprisoned in Stalag 17 during World War II.

Mr. Alderman said that he was especially interested in seeing this production which vividly recalled incidents in his life in the German POW Camp. So many of the incidents in the play, Mr. Alderman said, actually did take place during the two years he was held prisoner in Stalag 17.

Mrs. W. A. Magill of Lexington, Ky., is visiting her father, Gus Hensley, and her sisters, Mrs. Hobart Ray and Mrs. Ike Laugh-run, this week.

LOCAL GROUP HEARS ADDRESS BY NIXON

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Penland and Mr. and Mrs. Plato Penland of Burnsville attended the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly last Sunday night to hear Vice-President Richard M. Nixon address the group during a South-wide leadership school for church workers.

Evangelist Billy Graham, who appeared on the same program, was Nixon's host on a visit to three southern assembly grounds.

BURNSVILLE PTA VOTES TO IMPROVE SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM

A call meeting of the Burnsville PTA was held on Tuesday evening, July 31, for the purpose of considering needed improvements in the school lunch room. Bruce Westall, chairman of the finance committee, presented the following items to be considered: lowering the ceiling and fixing pipes, tiling the floor and replacing windows.

After an open discussion of these needed improvements, a motion was made that the PTA spend its funds for the improvement of the lunch room. One hundred per cent approval was carried by the group.

Coroner Hensley Exercises Authority During Court

Sheriff Frank Randolph was arrested yesterday on a charge of drunken driving. Coroner Willard Hensley of Bald Creek, the only officer in the county with the authority to arrest the sheriff, made the arrest. Mr. Hensley made the arrest in the hallway of the courthouse during court session, following the return of a true bill against the sheriff by the grand jury. A capias, or bench warrant, had been issued against Randolph following the return of the true bill. Several witnesses appeared before the grand jury for examination on the charge, and sufficient evidence was found to cause the return of a true bill and the issuance of the capias.

M. SGT. HENSLEY RETURNS FROM GERMANY

Master Sgt. Jern Lee Hensley and sons, Johnnie and Mike, left Tuesday for San Antonio, Texas, after a short visit with Sgt. Hensley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Molt Hensley, in Burnsville.

Sgt. Hensley has just returned from a two and one-half year tour of duty with the U. S. Air Force in Germany. He is now stationed in Texas.

Following the arrest, the coroner quoted Randolph as saying he had not tasted a drop of liquor in twelve years.

The sheriff returned to the courtroom in time to hear the acquittal of a man arrested by him and charged with drunken driving. He later adjourned court for the day.

This arrest of the high sheriff is the first time in the history of Yancey County that a county coroner has been called upon to exercise his authority on a similar charge.

Hospital Report

The Yancey Hospital reports four births and ten other admissions during the past week.

The births include a son, David Bruce, born Aug. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes of Bakersville; a son, Jerry Lee, born Aug. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Johnson of Green Mountain; a daughter, Betty Luann, born Aug. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Seth Peterson of Rt. 1; and a daughter, Brenda Beatrice, born Aug. 4, to Mr. and Mrs. John Young of Earnsville.

The following people were admitted to the hospital this week: Lillian Melin of Burnsville; Mary Rose Silver of Rt. 1; Louise Robinson, Ida Self and Ward Webb of Celso; Barry Hensley of Bald Creek; Ruth Grindstaff of Bandana; Stella Street and Welzie McKinney of Bakersville; and Julia Allen of Spruce Pine.

BANKS REUNION

The Banks family reunion and decoration will be held Sunday, August 19, at the home of Grover Anglin on Bolens Creek Road.

Dr. E. R. Ohle's office will be closed Saturday afternoon, August 11th.

Y C I & STANLEY MCCORMICK REUNION

The annual reunion of students and teachers of the former Yancey Collegiate Institute and Stanley McCormick School will be held on the grounds of Burnsville High School on Saturday, August 11, 1956. Registration will begin at 10:30 a. m., the program at 11 a. m., and lunch at 1:00 p. m.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. B. S. Hensley; and Professor E. E. Hawkins, Superintendent Jason Deyton, and the Honorable E. F. Watson will be the speakers for the event. Mr. James Hutchins will present the resolutions to the group.

Former students of Y. C. I. are invited to attend with all members of their families to greet old friends and renew acquaintances. Each family is asked to bring a picnic basket.



Directors Entertained At Supper Meeting

The board of directors of the Parkway Playhouse was entertained at a buffet supper last Thursday night by Playhouse Director Gordon Bennett and his staff. The supper was served outside in a park-like atmosphere created by students and staff members who have walled and fenced a portion between the cafeteria and school playground.

Following the supper Mr. Bennett, with Dr. Clayton Charles, assistant director of Arts, and Dr. Harry Greene, assistant director of Crafts, led a tour of the work shop in arts and crafts.

Many items of art and craft by teachers of the county and younger art students were on display. Most of the items in crafts were fashioned from native clay, stone or wood; and Dr. Charles pointed out that our "native soapstone" is one of the best materials for sculpturing he has found.

In a meeting following the tour, Mr. Bennett reported that the program this year is the most successful since it has been in operation by the University of Miami. More than seventy students are enrolled this year, with about sixty living on the campus, he said. Several county teachers have enrolled for credit work

PLANS COMPLETED ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS

It has been confirmed by Superintendent Hubert D. Justice that the architects have completed their plans for the two new schools, and that the State Planning Board approved the plans at a meeting in Raleigh, Thursday, August 2. The schools should be ready for construction bids from contractors within the next few days, it is thought.

The schools will be built identical and will cost around \$353,000.00 each. Plans call for ten general class rooms, two commercial rooms, one library with a work room, two science rooms, two home economic rooms, one band room and a cafeteria and kitchen. In addition there will be four restrooms, one first aid room, and three small offices with waiting room.

According to the plans approved, there will be a combination auditorium and gymnasium. This room will contain a stage, with dressing rooms and an athletic director's office. Beneath the stage will be dressing rooms, showers and toilet facilities for basketball players.

In a conference Tuesday, July 31, with Dr. Carroll, Superintendent Justice learned that the State was about ready to sell their bonds. The money should be available soon so that the contracts can be let and work started without further delay.

Although costs are rising, it was the opinion of the architect and the State Planning Board that there should be sufficient money to construct the buildings according to plans.

One of the buildings will be west of Burnsville near the intersection of Highway 19E and Pricess Creek Road, and the other will be east of Burnsville in the Georges Fork section.

See "THE CRADLE SONG"

AT PARKWAY PLAYHOUSE FRIDAY & SATURDAY