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## ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL SATURDAY

### Teachers Named For Yancey County Schools

Yancey County Schools will officially open August 24. The following calendar has been adopted for Yancey County Schools for the 1961-1962 school term.

Principals will report for duty on Friday, August 11, and will be at the schools daily for conferences with parents and students. Teachers will report for work on August 21, and registration for students will be held on August 23. Buses will operate and school will run for half day. School will open on August 24 and classes will begin for students.

The following holidays will be observed before Christmas. October 13, North Carolina Education Association meeting, November 23 and 24, Thanksgiving holidays, and December 19 through December 30, Christmas holidays.

In case one school day is lost before Christmas due to snow, schools will operate through December 19. If two days are lost, schools will run through December 20, and New Years day will be a holiday and school will reopen on January 2, 1962.

The State Board of Education has passed a rule increasing high school rental book fees to \$4.50

### Presbyterian Bible School

The Vacation Bible School of the First Presbyterian Church here will hold their closing exercises at the church on Friday, August 11th at 7:30 p. m.

Everyone is invited to attend the commencement exercises.

### Obituaries

#### JESSE BAILEY

Jesse Bailey, 58, of Rt. 4 Burnsville, died Tuesday afternoon at a Washington, D. C. hospital after a brief illness.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in Jacks Creek Baptist Church.

The Rev. A. Z. Jamerson officiated and burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, four daughters, Mrs. Andrew Colandress and Miss Norma Bailey of Washington, Mrs. James Tallant of Oxen Hill, Md., and Mrs. Robert Carver of Johnson City, Tenn.; two sons, Scott and Kermit of Washington; one sister, Pearl Bailey of Arlington, Va.; four brothers, Gus and Gene of Arlington, John of Washington and Grover of Asheville; and 10 grandchildren.

#### MRS. ELIZA GIBBS

Mrs. Eliza Westall Gibbs, 83, of Celso, died Saturday afternoon in a Morganton nursing home after a long illness.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in South Estatoe Presbyterian Church at Celso.

The Rev. Frank Chapo and the Rev. Jeter Hensley officiated. Burial was in Ballew Family Cemetery.

Surviving are six sons, George, Dock and Johnny of Marion, Jack and Floyd of Charlotte and Paul of Anchorage, Alaska, six daughters, Mrs. David Jolly, Mrs. Duard Bradley and Mrs. Mildred Davis of Marion, Mrs. Merrett Smith and Mrs. Lewis Edge of Celso and Mrs. W. L. Jones of Lake Toxaway; 41 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; a brother, Billy Westall of Burnsville; and three sisters, Mrs. Doris Simmons of Marion, Mrs. Rita Byrd of Asheville and Mrs. Laura Westall of Celso.

### "A Voice From The North"

By Edith Sozio — Public Relations, Rutgers — The State University, Newark, New Jersey

Everyone longs for Shangri-La. The character in James Hilton's novel found his — but he was a fictional character. How many of us in real life find our Shangri-La. I believe I have. Americans are known to hop all over the world in search of a better vacation land and I have been among these. To think it was here, at my back door. To me, Burnsville is Shangri-La the perfect vacation land.

Fortunately for me, Professor Lester L. Moore of the department of Dramatic Arts at Rutgers University in Newark with whom I am associated and who is also the director of the Parkway Playhouse here, first introduced me to this lovely spot. Each September when he returned to New Jersey we would discuss the plays presented at the Playhouse and the arts and crafts colony here in this lovely town. Suddenly I was aware that the perfect vacation is a combination of the beauty of natural beauty of landscape, the theater and the arts offered here. Too, a "phrase" came to life, "Southern hospitality." I know the true meaning of it now because I have had a taste of it these past two weeks.

One associates the north with cold and south with hot. I found the reverse to be true. On leaving New Jersey, my home state, the temperature was a boiling 97 degree in the shade. As we drove through the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains to Burnsville, I left the tensions of the northern city behind me. What unravelled before my eyes were lush green valleys and bubbling mountain streams, colorful wild flowers and peaceful pastoral scenes. The smoke, soot and noises of the big cities were forgotten.

Honesty is the best policy. I was taught that at home and at school. My first reason for coming to Burnsville was to see some of the plays directed by Professor Moore at the Playhouse. I knew what he had done at Rutgers and I wanted to make a good comparison. I must say, the plays presented here are as good as anything the larger cities offer, and I understand they work with a limited budget.

I discovered here the beauties of the natural resources of your region. The gems and the timber fascinated me. I could spend hours looking at rock specimens. And where else could you lie your walls with cherry wood paneling certainly not where I come from. This is an exciting place.

Saturday, August 12, will be the climax of my stay — the Arts and Crafts Festival. How fortunate to have chosen these two weeks. A perfect ending to a perfect vacation.

### Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ford and daughter, Linda Belgarde, have returned home to Fort Myers, Florida after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Lewis Briggs here. Frank Briggs of Wager, S. C. spent the past week-end with his mother, Mrs. Briggs, and Kathryn Lynn Griffith of Tipton Hill also spent the past week with Mrs. Briggs.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bailey here during the last few weeks have been Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and daughters, Kim and Kara, from Huntington, West Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. W. Stanley and son, Brent, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Everette N. Williamson of Huntington; and Mrs. Bailey's uncle, Mr. S. S. Bowman, of Tucson, Arizona.

### Camp For Girls To Close Season

Camp Mt. Mitchell for Girls brings to a close its 1961 season Saturday, August 12. On this day girls from several states over the south and east will head back to their respective homes after a most happy and successful season for them.

Closing activities of the week includes the following: Water Show on Thursday beginning at 2:30 p. m. using the theme, "Life in Old Athens." The judges for this show will be Mrs. Bill Banks and Mr. Ralph Adair.

Craft Exhibit will be held from 10:00-5:00 on Friday, with Mrs. Max Penland, Mrs. Harlon Holcombe, and Mrs. Kenneth Robertson serving as judges.

The Horse Show will be at 11:00 a. m. on Friday with Mrs. Melvin Webb, Rev. Charles B. Trammel and Dr. Clyde M. Whisnant serving as judges.

The closing events of the season will be a banquet and campfire on Friday evening.

The camp authorities wish to express appreciation to all who are assisting in these activities.

### Mayland Boy Scout District Will Meet

Boy Scout leaders of the Mayland District of the Daniel Boone Council will hold a program planning meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday night, August 16, at the American Legion Scout Hut in Spruce Pine. All Scoutmasters, assistants and troop committee members of the Boy Scout troops in Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties are urged to be present.

District Scout Executive, Frank Gay, will show a film on how to plan the troop program for the coming year and will follow the film with a discussion. New program notebooks and planning charts will be presented to all Scoutmasters present.

The roundtable meeting will also include a discussion of several district and council events planned for the fall, including a Scout field day and rally, a basic training course and the council "Showando."

I will be in the Town Square looking and buying some of the charming crafts of the area.

Thank you, Burnsville, for a happy vacation. I'll be anxious to come back again.

### Kelly To Share Lead In Final Play

Parkway Playhouse presents its final play of the Summer on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings of this week. Curtain time is 8:00 p. m. for "The Late Christopher Bean" which will present a cast headed by Blanche Kelly and Ernest Albrecht, directed by Lester L. Moore.

Anthony Maltese, Harry Callahan, Herb Cox, and Charles G. Rena will perform in the main supporting roles, while Bambi Long, Virginia De Angelis, and Karen Lachewitch will handle the female roles in this suspenseful comedy of greedy New England yankees attempting an unfair advantage of their house-keeper.

This play is definitely "family fare" without any of the vulgarisms which have infected too many of the so-called modern plays. In this three-act comedy, true situation drama comes forth, and audience identification with the characters comes about.

As in past years, the final play runs for three evenings and, since the weather-man has been less than kind to the Playhouse this season, a large attendance is expected.

If anyone has not seen a production this season, there is yet time to make up a party of friends, or come by yourself and meet friends there. If you conduct an Inn, Motel, or Restaurant you might mention to your customers on those evenings that the Playhouse has a production on those evenings and in that way help the economy of your Town.

Make an effort to see the last show of the season and insure the Playhouse success. This year's cast and company have given unstintingly of their time and effort and deserve your support.

### Annual Election of ASC Community Committee

Instructions in regard to the annual election of ASC County and Community Committees have been received and plans for the forthcoming election are being made. The election procedure has changed in many ways from prior years.

The County Committee will be the County election board. Incum-

### Reeves to Give Piano Recital

Miss E. Joan Reeve, daughter of the late Rev. Warren S. Reeve, and Mrs. Reeve of Burnsville, will give a piano recital in the Pack Memorial Library, Pack Square, Asheville on Tuesday evening, August 15 at 8 p. m.

Miss Reeve has been on the faculty of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania since 1959. A graduate of Moravian Seminary for Girls in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Miss Reeve earned a Bachelor of Music Degree from Beaver College, Philadelphia in 1952 and has done graduate study at the University of Pennsylvania, also in Philadelphia.

Miss Reeve has studied piano with Mrs. Grace Potter Carroll of Asheville, with Dr. Charles DeBodo of the Philadelphia Musical Academy. She also holds an Artist Diploma from the National Guild of Piano Teachers.

Miss Reeve is a member of the Pennsylvania and the National Music Teachers Associations, having received her certification as a Pennsylvania piano teacher in 1960. She also holds memberships in the National Guild of Piano Teachers, the American Guild of Organists, and the Leschetzky Association.

Miss Reeve has given many concerts throughout the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and the South. She was awarded two First Rating Gold Medals and a cash prize in the 1961 Biennial Piano Recording Competition in which there were 57,980 entrants throughout the nation.

Miss Reeve's program next Tuesday will consist of compositions of the great masters, Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Liszt, Debussy and Chopin.

The recital is open to all interested friends, and admission is free.

Both Community Committees will be the nominating committees and the polling place Committees for their respective Communities.

The polling places will be the same as last year and the Community election will be held on September 11, 1961 between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m.

Petitions signed by 10 or more eligible voters nominating persons for membership on the Community Committee will be received at the County A. S. C. S. office no later than August 21, 1961.

### Come, Come, To The Fair

By: Harry Greene

Saturday August 12th is Fair Day. Inaugurated by the Parkway Playhouse and proclaimed so by the Mayor, Mr. Robert Helms. On the inside section of this paper you will find the Proclamation, the Program; and the list of Craftsman.

The Fair is a time of fun and celebration. There are Square Dances and Puppet Shows, demonstrations and exhibitions of the crafts and their products—Spinning, Weaving, Rug Making, Chair Bottoming and Potting. You will find for sale hand crafted brooms, wooden utensils, quilts, and things made from native material. Add to the list fiddles, jellies, jams, marshmallow forks and hamburger turners, things made of wood, iron, clay and straw. Rocks and stones, many of them native to Yancey County, some from other parts of the world—all are to be seen at the Fair.

The Fair is also a time of farewell. The play at the Parkway Playhouse, "The Late Christopher Bean" and the Fair, mark the end of the Playhouse Season at Burnsville — a very successful season thanks to the cooperation of the people of Burnsville and the country as far away as Johnson City and Asheville. It has been a successful season for the Playhouse and another stimulating season for the people of the Playhouse, who now scatter to all points of the compass. North, South, East and West they go to spread the glories of the mountains, the beauties of the early morning mists, the cool nights, the friendliness of the people, the taste of fresh picked vegetables, the smell of new cut grass and odor of honeysuckle.

Our season is at an end and we have seen only a few of the people, gone to see a few of the places and done only a few of the things we thought we would do. Maybe it is just as well; we have a reason to return next year.

### Letterman Fatally Injured By Auto

Murray Letterman Jr., 24, of Rt. 1, Spruce Pine, formerly of Rt. 3, Marion, died of head injuries at 7:50 a. m. Sunday morning while en route to a Winston-Salem hospital, State Highway Patrolman C. L. Radcliffe said.

Radcliffe said the victim, who was lying on U. S. 19E half a mile west of Spruce Pine, was struck by a car driven by Romney Norris Gornito, 16, of Rt. 1 Green Mountain.

Letterman was taken to a Spruce Pine hospital where physicians were able to restore his breathing, according to Radcliffe. He was later sent to a Winston-Salem hospital but died en route.

The accident occurred at 4:25 a. m.

No charges had been filed Sunday, Radcliffe said.

Letterman was the son of Charles Radson and Willie Mae Mitchell Letterman of Spruce Pine. Also surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bernice Branch Letterman; two sons, Rickey and Mitchell, both of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Leona Briggs of Burnsville and Mrs. Lucille Palmer of Rt. 1, Greensville, Ga.; four brothers, Allen and Tom, both of Charlotte, Jackson and Charles, both of Spruce Pine and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Melissa Letterman of Rt. 1, Spruce Pine.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Crabtree Free Will Baptist Church, of which he was a member. Burial was in Liberty Hill Cemetery.



Shown above is Mrs. Betty Vaiden Williams, singer of Folk Ballads, from Raleigh, N. C. Mrs. Williams delighted residents, as well as visitors, with her ballads at the Arts and Crafts Festival here four years ago.

# See "The Late Christopher Bean"

## THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SAT. AT PARKWAY PLAYHOUSE