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East Yancey To Present 'Look Homeward Angel'

The East Yancey Dramatics department announced this week that construction on the set for Look Homeward Angel has been completed. Members of the cast have attended night rehearsals every evening of this week. There are three acts in the play, and all lines have been memorized for each of the acts. Mrs. Elizabeth Westall, director of the play, expressed the opinion that everything is working smoothly, and the big nights on April 16th and 17th will be a pleasing success.

Last week, the publicity committee began putting up posters around the community to advertise the play. Also, a banner

was erected over main street Friday, and is an eye-catching publicity idea.

Tickets are now on sale from members of the cast and from members of the ticket sales committee. Cheryl Roberts and Ronnie Carter, chairmen of the committee, announced the prices as being 50c for students and \$1.00 for adults. Tickets will be on sale at the door opening night with no increase in price.

All concerned with the play have put forth a fine effort, and are hoping for the support of all citizens in our community. Don't forget opening night is Friday evening, April 16, at eight o'clock.

LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

A National Award for distinguished service will be presented to the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library in a special program at the Courthouse in Bakersville on Sunday, April 25, at three in the afternoon.

The Regional Library, serving Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties, is one of ten small town libraries in the United States chosen by the Book-of-the-Month Club as a recipient of the Dorothy Canfield Fisher 1965 Library Award, given in memory of the eminent American author.

Bakersville, Burnsville, Newland, and Spruce Pine have

excellent local libraries served by the regional system. A book-mobile service is operated in the three counties to provide an expanded reading service for a large number of people.

In its award, the Book-of-the-Month Club cited the Regional Library for being: "A striking example of wide-ranging service made possible by high professional competence, devoted leadership, and intensive community support."

A grant of one thousand dollars is given with the award. This money is scheduled to be used by the Regional Library for the purpose of new books, some of which are already on display in the windows of local libraries.

Dr. D. Hiden Ramsey, former Editor and General Manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times, will be the speaker for the program at Bakersville. Dr. Ramsey was for many years an Asheville civic, educational, and business leader, with a state-wide reputation.

The program will also feature musical numbers sung by Margaret Winters, and Lula-belle and Scotty Wiseman. Jason Deyton, Chairman of the Regional Library Board, will preside over the meeting.

Presenting the award, on behalf of the Book-of-the-Month Club, will be Elaine von Oesen, Acting State Librarian. The invocation for the ceremony will be given by H. Grady Bailey, of Burnsville, and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Neils H. Larsen, Pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Spruce Pine.

Local civic and government leaders, regional library personnel, as well as hundreds of friends of the Regional Library have been invited to attend this significant event.

Arrangements are presently being made for a reception, to follow the program, in the library at Bakersville, directly

across the street from the Courthouse.

RECORD GOES OFFSET

We have taken the step. For sometime we have been thinking about going to offset printing for The Record, and this is our first issue.

We hope that soon we will have a paper that both the publishers and the patrons can be proud of. However, we are sure that errors will be found in this issue, both in ads and in news, but due to our changing all phases of the printing, we hope our readers will bear with us.

Sewage Work Slowed

Mayor Robert Helmle reports that the Burnsville Sewage project has been slowed down due to hard rock in the area where pipe is being placed. Contractors expected to proceed at about 200 feet per day, but have been slowed to about 50 feet per day. But, Mayor Helmle reports, work is still expected to be completed by the scheduled date of November 30, 1965.



WEST ACROSS BURNSVILLE SQUARE

Yancey Betas Attend State Meet

The East Yancey High School Beta Club attended the State Beta Convention in Asheville April 9th and 10th. Mrs. Dorothy Ray, club sponsor, and Mrs. Elizabeth Westall accompanied the thirty-two members who participated in the convention. The students departed from the high school last Friday morning on a chartered bus. On the way, the group visited the Vance Birthplace near Weaverville, N. C., and was conducted on a tour of the buildings where former governor Zebulon B. Vance lived.

The majority of the club left to tour the Biltmore House after the arrival in Asheville. The campaign committee remained at the hotel and began their campaign for Patsy Parsley as State Vice-President. Everyone did a fine job of campaigning for Patsy, even though shorthanded at times. Patsy did not win, but everyone in the club says he did his best in supporting her.

The East Yancey Betas made many new friends among the more than 3800 students at the convention.

The East Yancey club and the Ahsokle High School club sponsored two folk-singing sessions, one each evening of the convention. Miss Am'ilia Penland sang "Tonight."

On Saturday, after the election, everyone was on his free time, and many took the advantage to frequent the many shops and recreation facilities around Asheville.

Yancey To Get Financial Aid

Yancey County is scheduled to receive financial aid under two grants to WAMY (Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey) Community Action, Inc.

Word was received Monday that WAMY has been notified of a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the U. S. Department of Labor. Projects to be operated under this grant are designed to employ young people between the ages of 16-22. These projects are divided into two classes: in-school and out-of-school. In-school projects enable students to stay in school by giving them part-time employment such as lunch room work, maintenance and janitorial work. Out-of-school projects include environmental sanitation projects, automobile mechanic training, clerk-secretary training, general construction, nurses aides, and training of library assistants under the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

The environmental sanitation project is designed to survey sanitation needs in rural communities and help provide sanitation facilities where they are desired. This program will come under the direction of Yancey County Sanitation Officer Jake Buckner.

Operation Head-Start
A second grant to WAMY has been approved by the Office of Economic Opportunity for Operative Head Start. This project is a special pre-school program designed to prepare children for entrance into public schools next fall. The pro-

gram is designed to provide physical, mental, emotional and social preparation for pre-school children so that they will be more able to successfully complete their first years of public education.

Yancey Committee Organized
Burnsville Mayor Robert K. Helmle was elected chairman of the Yancey County Advisory Committee to WAMY at an organizational meeting held in Burnsville, Monday, April 12. Rev. Woody Finley and Mack B. Ray were elected vice chairman. The meeting was attended by Ernest D. Eppley, Director of WAMY, and Jeffrey McArthur, Assistant Director.

Chairman Robert Helmle explained that WAMY is supported by the North Carolina Fund, an organization started before the Economic Opportunity Act was passed. At first it was an experimental organization to aid economically depressed areas in the state. WAMY was one of eleven areas aided first.

After the Economic Opportunity Act was passed last August, WAMY began to concentrate on qualifying for grants under the act. At present there are several applications pending for projects including health, welfare and vocational education.

Helmle emphasized that the Yancey County Advisory Committee is necessary in order that local people may have a voice in the planning and administering of these federal grants.

Prof. Kenneth G. Phifer



Will speak at

Sunrise Service Sunday

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