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Agencies Begin Move Into New Courthouse Offices

Some of the county, state and federal agencies housed in the courthouse and Briggs Building began making the move to the new courthouse Wednesday. A complete move of all the agencies and local county offices will be moved within a few days, a county official said.

The new courthouse, recently completed and inspected, will house all the county offices, agricultural and U. S. Forest Service Offices.

Formal celebration of the opening of the new county building will be held upon completion of landscaping, the official said.

E. L. Dillingham, county agent, who is in charge of the landscaping, said this week that the native shrubs will be used where possible. The Forest Service will furnish rhododendron as well as other shrubs, Dillingham said.

SHEREE LISA BANKS TO PORTRAY HELEN KELLER IN OPENING PLAY



Sheree Lisa Banks, the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Banks of Burnsville, has been chosen to portray Helen Keller in the Parkway Playhouse's opening play of the season, THE MIRACLE WORKER, by William Gibson. A pert blonde with flashing brown eyes, Sheree Lisa reigned as 1964's Junior Rhododendron Queen.

Sheree Lisa will be under the direction of company manager Ed Anderson. Set in 18th century Alabama, the play spans a one month period in the life of deaf, sightless Helen Keller. Helen has virtually no communications with her environment until Annie Sullivan undertakes the "impossible" task of teaching her the meaning of the most basic language symbols.

Annie Sullivan's struggle to penetrate Helen's mind is the dominating theme of the play, which will be presented July eighth, ninth and tenth.

Dr. C. M. Whisnant has donated three large boxwood bushes for the landscaping project, Dillingham said.

John Harris, horticulturist at N. C. State College, will assist in the seeding and planting of trees for the lawn.

Gene Simon Speaks To Men's Club

Gene Simon, deputy director for work at Job Corps Camp Schenck, was guest speaker at the Monday night meeting of the Men's Club here. Mr. Simon has spent several years with the Forest Service prior to accepting his present post. He was invited to speak to the club by Don Funking, Forest Service Officer stationed here.

Camp Schenck, located near Brevard in Transylvania County, is one of two Job Corps located in Western N. C. The other is near Franklin and is headed by Harvey Price, who was with the Forest Service here before going to Franklin.

Mr. Simon said the Brevard camp is set up with seven barrack type buildings that will house thirty youths each.

Job Corps Camps are made up of school drop-outs with ages ranging from sixteen to twenty who not only have had very little education, but who have never been trained to work. And the majority of youths in the camp are from broken homes, Simon said.

A county or community has to be willing to have a Job Corps Camp within its bounds before a camp may be established, the speaker said.

Junior Angus Field Day To Be Held August 7

Young beef cattle enthusiasts from North and South Carolina will meet August 7 at the fairgrounds in Hendersonville, North Carolina, for the annual Carolinas Junior Angus Field Day.

All interested persons are invited to the event which will be designed to help boys and girls do a better job of selecting, feeding, fitting and showing their steer and heifer projects.

The field day, which starts at 10:00 a. m., is sponsored by the Carolinas Junior Angus Club and the North and South Carolina and American Angus Associations. The program will include demonstrations on clipping and grooming an animal for the show, feeding, showmanship, and how to recognize correct beef type, according to Dean Huribut, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association.

In addition, the program will include talks by leading cattlemen in the area.

NO RECREATION CHARGES THIS SUMMER SAYS TAYLOR

WASHINGTON — Congressman Roy A. Taylor has announced that no fees of any kind will be charged this summer for the use of recreation areas in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Rep. Taylor was given this assurance Friday by George B. Hartzog, National Park Service Director.

Hartzog said the decision was the result of an amendment added by Taylor to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act which specifically prohibits entrance fees in the Great Smokies.

The national parks director indicated that he will soon propose a schedule of entrance charges for designated campgrounds along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Under the provisions of the act, the schedule must be submitted to the Governor at least 60 days before it can become effective.

"It seems unlikely that fees would be imposed at Parkway campgrounds earlier than September," Taylor said.

Mrs. Young Dies In Tampa, Fla.

Mrs. Tina Kanipe Young, 79, of Tampa, Fla., formerly of Marion, died unexpectedly in her home in Tampa Tuesday, June 22.

Mrs. Young was a daughter of the late Daniel A. and M. A. Kanipe. Her father, a sergeant in C. Troop, 7th U. S. Cavalry, was said to be one of the last men to see General George A. Custer alive, prior to the Battle of the Little Big Horn. Mrs. Young was a native of McDowell County and attended Marion High School and Claremont College for girls at Hickory. Upon the retirement of her husband they had moved to Tampa.

Surviving are the husband, A. A. Young of Tampa and Burnsville; three sisters, Mrs. Ray Walker of Tampa, Mrs. Dave Hodge of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. J. L. Page of Asheville; a brother, Raleigh Kanipe of Asheville; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a. m. Saturday in McCall's Funeral Home.

The Rev. Donald Cayne officiated and burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Parkway Playhouse Launches 18th Season

Burnsville's unique Parkway Playhouse launches its 18th season July eighth with a six week program consisting of five major productions, an original children's play, a three week adult art clinic, and the ninth annual Burnsville Arts and Crafts Festival.

William Gibson's internationally acclaimed play, THE MIRACLE WORKER, directed by company manager Ed Anderson and running from July 8-10 examines Helen Keller's determined battle to belong to a world she could not see or hear.

In contrast, the second production, SEND ME NO FLOWERS, by Herman Barusch and Carroll Moore, is a devastating comedy. Directed by Fred Koch Jr., and playing July 16-17, the play is about a hopeless hypochondriac hilariously thwarted by his wife and best friend.

A comedy with a nostalgic flavor is the third play of the season, as Samuel Taylor's THE HAPPY TIME is presented July 22, 23-24. Under the direction of Lauren K. Woods, the focal point of the play is the fond childhood memories of the author as seen through the adolescent eyes of the central character, Bibi.

THE HASTY HEART, a comedy-drama by John Patrick is the season's fourth play. A healthy injection of humor into a basically tragic situation gives the play an optimistic essence. THE HASTY HEART will be presented July 30-31 under the direction of Ed Anderson.

Funeral Held For Tom Silvers

An 82-year old Yancey County man, Tom Silvers of Green Mountain RFD 2, died at 1:45 a. m. June 27 in an Asheville hospital of injuries received June 3 on the weaverly highway in a auto accident.

Mr. Silvers is survived by the widow, Mrs. Zora Higgins Silvers; two daughters, Mrs. Floyd King of Joppa, Md., and Mrs. Calvin Willard of Draper; six sons, Bill and Isaac of Draper, Avery of Burnsville RFD 4, Lonnie of Spray, and Earl and Andrew Silvers of Green Mountain RFD 1; four sisters, Mrs. Rex Hensley and Mrs. Dollie Higgins of Burnsville RFD 1, Mrs. John Tipton of Flag Pond, Tenn., and Mrs. Hiram Higgins of South Carolina; a brother, Joe Silvers of Burnsville RFD 4; 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

The Rev. Charles Webb and Rev. James Beaver officiated and burial was in Higgins Cemetery.

LADY BOUNTIFUL, an original musical comedy written and directed by Vincent Petti and Leonard Adriance, is the final link in the production chain. Based on the 18th century restoration play, THE BEAUX STRATAGEM, the play will premiere at the Parkway Playhouse and run August 6, 7, 9, 10.

This year's adult art clinic will be an especially valuable opportunity for frustrated artists to cover the canvases with creativity. The three week course which includes instruction in oil and water color painting and drawing in pen, pencil, and wash begins July 21st and continues through August sixth. Guest artist is talented Norman Baker Koski, director of graphic arts at the Univ. of Miami and Norton Gallery in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The annual children's theatre program will feature an original play. Registration for the five week program which includes creative dramatics, dance instruction, and a major children's production, begins July second.

Rounding out the theatre's activities is the popular Arts and Crafts Festival of Burnsville. In its ninth year, the festival promotes man's reunion with Nature and the creative arts.

Miss Cooper

Awarded Scholarship



Miss Betty Cooper of Burnsville has accepted a scholarship to the Parkway Playhouse for this summer. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hubert Cooper and a rising sophomore at Western Carolina College where she plans to major in Dramatics.

Miss Cooper is a graduate of East Yancey High School where she acted in "The Diary Of Anne Frank". At Cullowhee she has played in "Bus Stop", "27 Wagons Of Cotton" by Tennessee Williams and the musical "Gypsy".

