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## Parkway Playhouse Schedule Announced For Season

BURNSVILLE — Three former directors of the Parkway Playhouse here will return to direct one show each this summer when the stock theatre opens for its 20th season.

The new managing director, Ralph Kerns, will be responsible for the other two plays to be presented in the six-week season. Kerns is a member of the drama and speech faculty at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Parkway Playhouse is located in this Yancey County community, about 35 miles northeast of Asheville on Route 19E.

Raymond Taylor, former head of drama at UNC-G, opened the Playhouse in 1947. That year he directed a production of the play "Our Town," and it will be repeated this year under his direction as a anniversary production. W. C. (Mutt) Burton, Reidsville newspaperman and actor, will play the leading role. He has appeared in the part many times and directed a production of the play for Parkway in 1955.

Fred Koch Jr., founder of the Ring Theatre in Florida and professor at the University of Miami, will return again as a guest director.

Coming back for his fourth season at Burnsville will be Lauren K. Woods, instructor in dramatic art at Monmouth (N. J.) College. In addition directing one of the presentations, he will be teaching courses in Parkway's instructional program.

"With four different directors, eight courses to choose from, and the opportunity to participate in a season of actual theatre," Kerns said, "students participating in the Playhouse will have an unexcelled chance to learn the many and varied aspects of dramatic art."

High school students who will have completed their junior year and college undergraduates and graduate students are eligible to apply to Parkway for this summer. Registration will be limited to 40 students, including about 10 high school students. Kerns said it is planned to have two full company complements, so that each company may rehearse in each show for two weeks before it is presented to the public. University courses for credit will be offered.

A limited number of scholarships and four technical assistantships are available. Information may be obtained by writing: Ralph Kerns, managing director, Parkway Playhouse, UNC-G, Greensboro, N. C., 27412. Deadline for application is May 1.

"Shows will be presented on a Thursday-Friday-Monday-Tuesday schedule each week, July 15 through Aug. 16," Kerns noted. "In this way vacationers and residents may see two shows each week."

Plays to be done are "See How They Run," "The Mousetrap," "Our Town," "Mary, Mary," and "Li'l Abner." A play for young people—"The Unwicked Witch"—will be presented on weekends.

Other personnel appointments announced by Kerns are Leslie B. Braham Jr., instructor at Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, Texas, who will be in charge of scenery and teach courses in theatre production and makeup; Gordon Peariman, now finishing his master's at Tulane, who will be public relations and business manager; and Gordon Bennett, faculty member at the University of Miami and associated with Parkway since its inception, will return as consulting director.



## Miss Thomas Attends Workshop

Miss Judy Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Thomas of Green Mountain, N. C., was one of the 14 students from Appalachian State Teachers' College to attend the spring workshop of the North Carolina Home Economics Association College Chapters, held at East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C. April 15th and 16th.

The following colleges were represented: Appalachian, East Carolina, Catawba, Salem, Meredith, Pembroke, Mars Hill, The University of N. C. at Greensboro, and Western Carolina.

Miss Thomas attended Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, High Point College, High Point, and is now attending Appalachian. She is a member of the Home Economics Club and the Glee Club at Appalachian.

## NOTICE

A series of revival services are in progress at the Church of God at Cane River. The services started last Sunday evening and will continue through this Sunday at 7:30 each evening.

The Rev. Wayne Car'yle of Winston-Salem is the evangelist.

## Open House Announced For WNC Center

Dr. J. Iverson Riddle, Superintendent of Western Carolina Center, Morganton, N. C. advises that the Center will participate in "Mental Health Week, which is the first week of May, by having "Open House" on Sunday, May 1, from 2:00-4:00 p. m., and express the wish that many interested citizens in Western N. C. will visit the Center at that time.

Western North Carolina Center, located near Morganton, is a State supported facility for the mentally handicapped. 30 counties in Western N. C. are served by the Center.

The staff at Western Carolina Center feels that every day should be "Open House", and is striving within the limits of what is practical to make this a reality. There are no visiting regulations at the Center. Each and every one is free to visit at any time and as often as possible. In this manner, the Center will truly remain a part of each of the communities in western N. C. it is attempting to serve.

## Blevins Killed In Viet Nam

The body of Howard Blevins, 21, of Burnsville who was killed in Vietnam April 4, 1966 is due to arrive in Burnsville late Thursday night.

Blevins attended the Burnsville Elementary School and entered the Armed Service July 1965. He had been in Vietnam since Nov. 1965.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Blevins of Burnsville; two sisters, Miss Peggy Blevins and Mrs. Patsy Bodford of Burnsville; one brother, Harold Blevins of Burnsville; the Paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Zackie Blevins of Burnsville; the Maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, Marion, N. C. Paternal great-grandfather, Print Blevins, Valdese, N. C.

Funeral services will be held at the Windom Baptist Church Saturday at 2 p. m. Rev. Lee Woody will officiate. Burial will be in the Dull Young Cemetery. Palbearers will be Military Personnel from Fort-Jackson, S. S.

The body will be taken to the home Friday morning.

## Bloodmobile Will Visit Here May 3

American Red Cross Asheville Regional Blood Center will visit Yancey County Tuesday, May 3. The Bloodmobile will be set up at the Armory on Orchard Street in Burnsville from 1:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.

Micaville Community Club will sponsor the visit, including the canteen and the over-all publicity and promotion. The goal for this visit is 100 donors. E. L. Dillingham, County Blood Program Chairman, said that with everyone cooperating

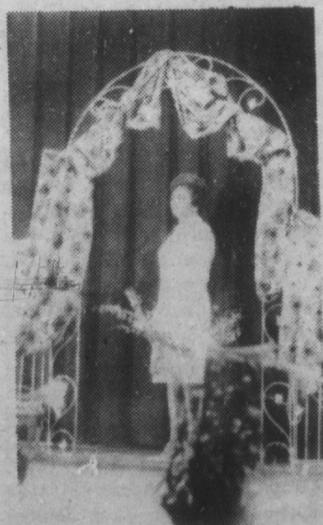
that he felt sure that the goal would be reached or exceeded.

Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent is scheduled to be the volunteer doctor for this visit. Mrs. Tom Weeks will be the registered nurse in charge.

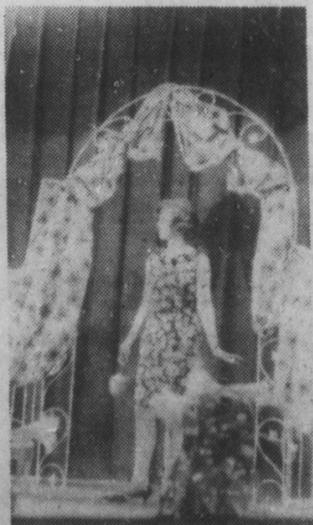
Plans are for high school seniors and others between the ages of 18-21 to participate. Parent's permission will be necessary for those under 21 unless married or in service.

The Gray Ladies will assist the Red Cross personnel.

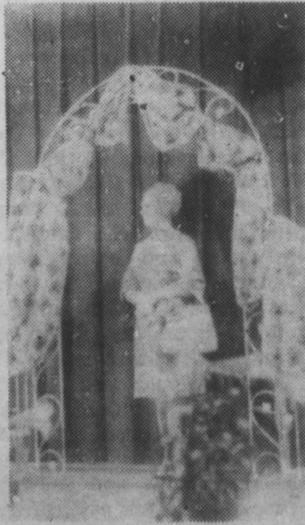
## METHODIST WOMEN IN COTTON SHOW HERE SATURDAY NIGHT



Mrs. Yvonne Edge



Miss Jeanie Ray



Mrs. Julia Banks



Mrs. Judy Byrd Norris



Mrs. Robert Helmle and daughter