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Shown above are members of the Youth Symphony Orchestra. They are left to right: Bassoon, Billy Cheek, 12 Yrs. old; Ray Dunton, 2nd Violin, 12 yrs. old; and Cello, Barbara, Tuant, 12.

YOUTH SYMPHONY TO GIVE CONCERT APRIL 15

The Asheville Youth Symphony Orchestra, directed by James E. Fisher of Asheville, will give a children's concert in the gymnasium of the Burnsville Elementary School at ten o'clock Saturday, April 15th.

The concert is sponsored by Girl Scouts of Yancey County and their leaders.

There are 40 children in the band, all of elementary school age, and is a part of the Asheville Symphony Society. The music played by the band is limited to short, sprightly pieces that can be appreciated by all children as well as adults.

The orchestra appeared in the Burnsville school last year, and was well attended and much appreciated.

In preparation for the concert, the schools are getting the children oriented by playing symphony recordings and working on research projects in the field of music. In order to encourage attendance, Mr. Hunter, Principal of the Burnsville Elementary School, has promised the class with the best attendance a special social event. Let us hope that other principals and teachers will be equally as interested and encourage their students to take advantage of this opportunity to hear some really fine music, played by children their age, and on a level that can be appreciated by them.

There will be no admission charge. The county school activity bus will be available for transportation, but arrangements for its use will have to be made through Mr. Justice's office.

Members of the orchestra will arrive by chartered bus, and will be served lunch in the school cafeteria before returning to Asheville.

Renfro, Member of Airlift Wing

CHARLESTON, S. C. — A U. S. Air Force flight engineer from Green Mountain, N. C., is a member of the airlift wing cited for setting an unofficial world's record for low-altitude airdrops by C-161 Lockheed Starlifter aircraft.

Master Sergeant William S. Renfro, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Renfro, Sr. of Rt. 2, Green Mountain, supported the 437th Military Airlift Wing at Charleston, AFB, S. C., in its recent test airdrop of 34 tons of cargo.

The payload, a string of 28 loaded pallets connected by cables, was paraded from a 500-foot altitude at 160 miles per hour. The cargo hit a 120-foot square bullseye on the Starlifter's initial flight over the target zone.

Wing members conducted the test—part of a demonstration for a Military Airlift Command (MAC) headquarters inspection team—to prove the vast potential of the huge new C-141. The test, combined with other capabilities demonstrated by the sergeant's unit, brought the wing a successful rating from MAC headquarters observers.

Sergeant Renfro's wing was the first unit on the East Coast to fly the C-141 on operational missions.

Town Election To Be Held May 2

The Town Board of Burnsville has announced that the bi-annual election of mayor and commissioners will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 2nd.

The town board has appointed Ed Banner as registrar for the election. Registration books for new qualified voters will be open for seven days beginning Friday, April 14, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., except Sunday, and except Saturday, April 15, when the books will be open until 9 p. m. On Saturday, April 15, registration will be at the Town Hall. On other days the books will be open at Mr. Ed Banner's home on Pensacola Road.

Challenge day will be on Saturday, April 22, on which day challenges may be entered from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m. at the Town Office.

Under the election laws of North Carolina governing municipal elections, candidates are not limited to those nominated by mass meetings. Candidates may file to have their names on the ballot up until noon on Saturday, April 22.

The resolution of the town board covering further details of the election is posted in the town office.

Miss King, Winner



Miss Katy King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. King of Burnsville, has the honor of selling 136 boxes of Girl Scout cookies during the cookie drive, last month.

This is the third year Katy has sold over 100 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. She is a member of the Junior Girl Scout Troop, under the leadership of Mrs. Ben Banks and Mrs. Gerard Butner.

Katy will receive a pin and award for her good work in selling cookies for her troop. As far as is known she sold more cookies than any other Scout in the county this year.

PARKWAY PLAYHOUSE WILL OPEN JULY 18

After a highly-successful summer last year, the Parkway Playhouse at Burnsville, N. C. will reopen July 18th for another season of summer stock theatre, under the management of Ralph Kerns, of the Drama and Speech Department of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The UNC-G sponsorship was resumed last season after a hiatus of several weeks. The Playhouse opened in 1947 under the directorship of the school when it was Woman's College of the University. Raymond Taylor, head of drama at W. C., was in charge of the first season. Taylor returned to Parkway last summer to direct a 20th anniversary production of OUR TOWN, which he had directed during the '47 season. Recently the new Drama and Speech building at UNC-G was named in honor of Mr. Taylor.

Parkway has a unique objective in its operation. It offers courses in Drama to drama and speech majors while giving them actual experience in working on stage and backstage in summer stock plays. Classes are taught by instructors from various colleges and universities, and drama majors from different areas of the U. S. are given an opportunity to work together. Last summer students from six states and the District of Columbia made up the company.

Credit for courses is given through UNC-G's Extension Division. Seven courses and a high school dramatics course are being offered this summer. As many as six semester hours may be taken. Prospective college students, undergraduate and graduate college students may enroll, as well as in-service teachers who need added credits. The high school dramatics course is open for next-year's seniors. Information concerning courses is contained in the summer session bulletin, obtainable from the Director, Summer Session, UNC-G, Greensboro, N. C. 27412.

Applications from prospective high school or college students are being received now, and the deadline is set for April 15. Those accepted will be notified by May 1. Interested students may write the Parkway Playhouse, care of UNC-G for a brochure about the summer. Tuition covers room, board and fees for courses. A limited number of scholarships and four technical assistantships are available. In addition to the 375-seat Playhouse, one of the best in the country, there are a large scene shop, a dormitory, a cafeteria, and a staff residence.

Five plays are to be presented at Parkway this summer, with opening night on July 28 when POOLS PARADISE by Phillip King will be presented. This is the successor to SEE HOW THEY RUN which is also by Mr. King and proved to be the per-

fect opener a year ago. Then on succeeding weeks a new show will be presented each Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

Staff will again include, in addition to Mr. Kerns, Gordon Bennett, of the University of Miami, Fla., who will return for his 20th year, with Uarkway; Lauren K. Woods III, of Monmouth College, N. J., returning for his fifth season; and James Thomas of Mars Hill (N. C.) College, who has worked with the playhouse in previous years. Technical and backstage staff will complete the Parkway roster.

Presnell

Selected For Governor's School



Gary Lester Presnell, a junior at East Yancey High School, has been selected to attend Governor's School in Winston-Salem this summer. Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Presnell of Newdale, was selected on the basis of his academic achievement, particularly in the field of science. To be selected to attend Governor's School is a great honor for any boy or girl, but in our opinion even more so in Gary's case, who has from birth been visually handicapped. In spite of this handicap, Gary has led a very normal life. He is an honor student, and has been one throughout his high school career. He is interested in all extra-curricular activities, and finds time to play in "The Grapes of Wrath", a combo made up of 4 East Yancey High School boys, and a twelve year old boy from Micaville Elementary School.