

Drama "Tea And Sympathy" To Be Given At Mars Hill College

"Tea and Sympathy," the drama by Robert Anderson that scored a 21-month run when first produced in New York, has been listed as the next production of the Mars Hill College Division of Drama, where it will open on February 28, March 1, 3, and 4, with Miss Katie Swafford, senior Drama major at Mars Hill College, in the starring role of a swaggering house-master's undersanding wife in a boy's preparatory school.

The play's plot is concerned with a student condemned for his innocent association with an

instructor whose behavior resulted in his dismissal. Because the student likes long-hair music, disdains a crew haircut, is willing to play female roles in school plays and is generally a sensitive boy, he is harshly accused of unnatural relations.

In his innocence and loneliness he begins to doubt himself. When he desperately tried to assert his "manhood" with a repulsive town tart, failure drives him nearly to suicide. The wife of the house-master, who leads the brutal ostracism of the boy, does her best to save the youngster from his school-

mates' fury, from her husband's persecution, and from his father's rage. In the end she offers to do the one thing that can restore the boy to some hope for the future, because of his genuine affection for her.

Jim Roberts will have the important role of the desolate, sensitive teen-age student, Dan Coble will appear as his roommate, a star athlete torn between decency toward his unfortunate comrade and a regard for his own popularity, Jim Wyatt will be the unhappy boy's cliché-spouting father, and Brick Tacey the house-master

(husband of Miss Swafford) whose over-emphasized he-manishness masks a streak of the same defect that he insists on attributing to the boy.

Others in the cast, who are being directed by Mr. James W. Thomas, include Terry Lindsay, Ron Pulliam, Thad Hamilton, Bruce Hanson, Ed Lynch.

Education Classes To Be Held Monday Night

Due to bad weather the organizational meeting for Adult Basic and High School Classes was not held this week. Therefore, the meeting will be held Monday night, February 3, at 7 p. m., at Cane River High School.

Adult Basic Education is provided for men and women 18 years old and older not enrolled in a public school. Its purpose is to improve the economic and social standing of adults in the community. Persons who enroll may learn to read and write, or they may review English, math, social studies, or science. However, the main objective is to raise adults to the educational level required for passing the high school equivalency test.

What is the High School Equivalency Program? It is a program whereby an adult who did not complete his high school education may take a series of tests to demonstrate his general education competence and be awarded a certificate recognized and generally accepted as equivalent to a high school diploma. The equivalency diploma is issued by the State Department of Public Instruction.

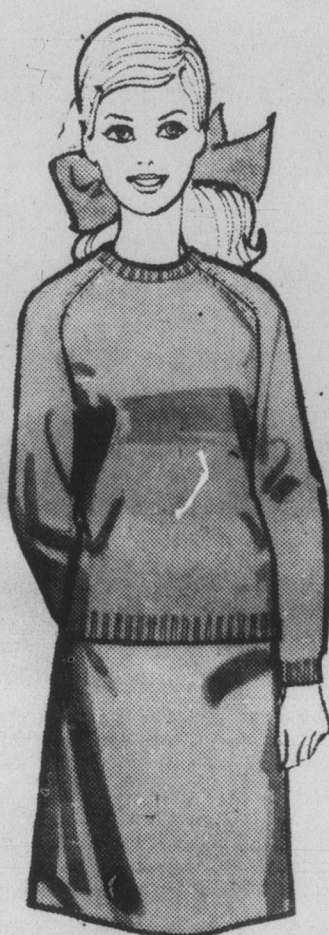
If you are 18 years old or older and would like to enroll in an Adult Basic Education Class, you are invited to attend this meeting Monday night, February 3. This meeting will determine whether or not there is enough interest for classes.

Classes sponsored by W.A.M.Y. and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute.

Shirley Anne McAllister, Education Projects Assistant (W. A. M. Y.)

In case of snow, the meeting will be held the following week.

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