

Whitson Gets Bronze Star

Specialist Four Steve W. Whitson has been awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device for heroism in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Major General James L. Baldwin, Commanding General of the 23rd Infantry Division, presented the medal to the young soldier during a recent ceremony held at Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.

Specialist Whitson distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 28th of March, 1971 while serving as a member of a liaison team attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Artillery.

On this date during a fierce enemy ground and mortar attack at Firebase Mary Ann, despite the danger involved, Whitson maintained tactical operations until the center was destroyed, after which he effectively engaged the enemy with small arms fire.

"His personal heroism, professional competence and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his family, his unit and the United States Army."

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitson, make their home in Green Mountain.



Sp/4 Steve Whitson Receives Bronze Star Medal

Famous Gospel Singers To Give Special Performance

The nationally famous gospel singing and music festival group of thirty Florida Bible College students will give another of their outstanding performances at Harris High School auditorium in Spruce Pine next Wednesday evening, July 21st, at 7:30 o'clock.

Led by Reverend Jim Greer, who gave up his highly successful New York Orchestra and dance band to become an ordained minister at Florida Bible College, this unique organization has sung and played its way into the hearts of thousands from coast to coast who have heard their inspirational concerts.

Their music is young, vibrant, colorful, particularly appealing to high school and college students because it is written for them by young people. Much of the music and lyrics is composed by the "Internationals" and dedicated by them to the glory of God.

The Florida Bible College is located on the Atlantic Ocean

at Hollywood, Florida, having recently purchased the large Hollywood Beach Hotel and Towers Apartments for some six and a half million dollars, mainly through the donations of its friends. Non-sectarian, its aim is to prepare young men and women to preach the word of God throughout the world, and its graduates are now engaged in this service as missionaries both in America and in many foreign countries.

With an expected enrollment of 1000 students in the fall it will be one of the largest Bible Institutes in the country.

Under the leadership of its president, Dr. A. Ray Stanford, it brings the message of salvation to a million high school and college students a year from New England to California. His colorful career as former bomber pilot in active combat and now, as he says, a pilot for his Savior, has attracted national attention among the young men and women of America.

Because of the request of the number of Florida Bible College students from the Burnsville and Spruce Pine area, the "Internationals" have made
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Playhouse Stages 'Lovers'

By Theresa Coletta
"Lovers," the Broadway comedy success by the author of "Philadelphia, Here I Come!" is the current production showing at the Parkway Playhouse. The bill of two short plays on a single theme, both by the much admired playwright Brian Friel, revolves around the universal question: What is love? A kind of "Our Town" narration is interwoven as the stories of two pairs of ill-starred lovers are brought to compassionate a life.

Miss Shelley Reciniello typifies "young love" in her bubbling and delightful portrayal

Quarantine

Yancey County and North Carolina are under Japanese Beetle Quarantine. Restrictions are imposed on certain soil, sod, plants and equipment movement from this area to certain other areas, now subject to inspection and permit by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

For information call the County Extension Office in Burnsville.

of Meg, and Robert Rutland plays well the studious role of Joe, Meg's lover. Bev Thompson deserves mention for her toe-wiggling performance as Mrs. Wilson. Although dry narration is seen by Rob Jarvis as Andy Tracey, Mr. Jarvis' better acting is seen in his hilarious recitation of Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard." Marilyn Knowles comes across well as the spinster,

Hanna Wilson.

Taking the characters individually, their roles are well played and merit being seen on this basis; however, I found the play somewhat boring in places due to the numerous narrative broadcasting interruptions of the play's many tender moments. Taking the play as a whole, it is an unusual and thought provoking
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Bev Thompson And Sara Dryden In "Lovers"

Communities In Contest

The Brush Creek, Green Mountain, Jack's Creek and White Oak Creek Community Clubs are among the 59 organized community clubs entering the 1971 Roadside Improvement Contest, according to Morris L. McGough, executive vice president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, area sponsor of the contest.

For the past seven years, since the inception of this contest, something special has been going on in way of roadside clean-up and beautification in Western North Carolina, primarily in the rural areas.

All the approximately 80 organized community clubs entered in the Community Development Program are working on various improvement projects to improve their areas. However, those in the roadside contest are undertaking to

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Miss Mayland Pageant Set

"Talent, bathing beauties, charm, young ladies, music, dance... all of these and much more will be congregating on the stage of the Harris High School auditorium this July 22nd and 23rd," according to a joint statement issued by the Spruce Pine Jaycees and Jaycettes this week. "On these dates the preliminary and final nights of the 1971 Miss Mayland Pageant will be held. The curtain will go up at 8:00 p.m. on both nights with Thursday night ending with the announcement of evening gown competition winner and the coronation of Little Miss Mayland and Friday night, of course, with the crowning of Miss Mayland who will represent the Tri-County area in the Miss North Carolina Pageant next June."

The reigning Miss Mayland, Miss Linda Margaret Deyton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W.
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