were present.

recognized as one of America's most outstanding playwrights. His first popular success THE GLASS MENA-GERIE will be presented Wednesday through Saturday July 28-31 at 8:30 p.m. at Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville, N.C.

Barbara Blackledge, a professional actress with a Master's Degree in Directing from the University of Virginia will portray the character "Amanda" one of the most challenging female roles of the American stage. Miss Blackledge was recently seen as "Mrs. Webb" in Parkway's OUR TOWN and in the past year has played leading roles in Moliere's SCHOOL FOR WIVES and Shakespeare's TWELFTH NIGHT.

Following the summer stock season in Burnsville, Miss Blackledge will return to Greensboro, N.C. to complete an additional degree in theatre, the Master's of Fine Arts. An M.F.A. is a prestigious degree and provides training for actors who plan to enter professional theatre. Miss Blackledge hopes to eventually find a position in a repertory theatre where she can act and direct. Her extensive experience and favorable reviews should facilitate the achievement of this



Barbara Blackledge

goal. According to one North Carolina newspaper review of her performance in OUR TOWN, "She had style, a fine voice, and her pantomime of housewifely chores put one clearly in the kitchen of a New England home."

The self-disciplined actress from Maryland will attempt to put the audience in a Southern home in THE GLASS MENAGERIE. Although she carries much of the play, "Amanda" had a son, played by Doug Preis and a daughter played by Sally Harrell. Whit Davies completes the cast as "the is directed by James Reynolds, at Parkway for the second season.

In honor of Tennessee Williams as an American playwright Parkway Playhouse is offering \$1.00 reduction on the price of a ticket to THE GLASS MENAGERIE to anyone who brings a program or a ticket stub from a former Parkway season to the box

Following MENAGERIE. the musical SOUTH PACIFIC will run August 4-7 and August 10-14 to complete Parkway's season.

Reservations are available at the Parkway Box Office 704-682-6151. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults, \$2.25 for pre-college students.

Boy Who Can Sing Wanted

Parkway is having auditions Saturday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for an 8-10 year old boy with dark hair who can sing to be in SOUTH PACIFIC. Rehearsal times will be arranged. Performances will be August 4-7 and August 10-14.

her grandmother had definite ideas about exercise for babies with certain types of

One of the most rewarding

aspects of conducting this

reader-response folk column

over a period of three and a

half years has been the

institution of epistolary

friendships with a number of

vided folk items almost from

the beginning on a more or

less regular basis. Others

allow months to elapse

between letters so that I begin

to worry about them much as I

would about members of my

hear again recently from Mrs.

Harry Presley of Norton,

Virginia, who seemingly has

an unending supply of folk

remedies handed down in her

family from generation to

generation. A portion of her

oldtime herb doctor handed

down from her father who was

a doctor and used mostly

colds and fever, witch hazel bark to stop bleeding from the

uterus, ginseng root for

stomach trouble and for a

from a druggist was calomel. I

remember she dosed it out on

a tip of a penknife and you

took three doses, then a dose

of castor oil. It was a cure for

most anything, especially

Mrs. Presley notes that

yellow jaundice.'

"One thing she bought

"My grandmother was an

"She used boneset tea for

Thus I was delighted to

own family.

letter follows:

Some of them have pro-

three slates across the back.

"She took them between the slats three times, then she turned them on their stomach and took the left hand and touched the right foot. Then she took the right hand and touched the left foot. After this she took them by the heels and turned them upside down three times.

over she gave them three doses of calomel and castor oil them on the road to good health."

Mrs. Presley observes somewhat wryly, "I've seen her do it, but I don't know how good it worked."

Teething and other childhood ailments also were the special province of the grandmother, according to Mrs.

"People would bring their babies that were teething, with their gums all swollen and suffering from diarrhea. She rubbed them through with a pocket knife, and before the babies left they would be laughing."

involved a special ceremony,

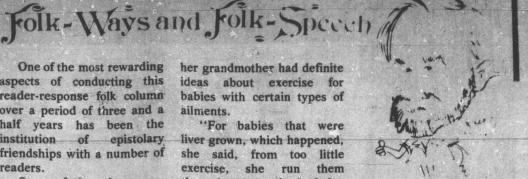
ailments.

"For babies that were liver grown, which happened, she said, from too little exercise, she run them through an open back chair-the homemade kind that had

says Mrs. Presley. don't know what it was."

"When the exercise was that was supposed to start prepared by Garland Stout

Getting rid of a sty



"Grandmother said that to cure a sty, you go to where the road forks--that is, a road leading off the main road--and wish the sty on the first one that passes. She had a special rhyme to go with it, but I

North Carolina County Maps

Because a number of readers have inquired about North Carolina county maps and because he prepares them largely as a hobby rather than as a commercial venture, his address is hereby noted: Garland Stout, 1209 Hill St., Greensboro, N.C. 27402.

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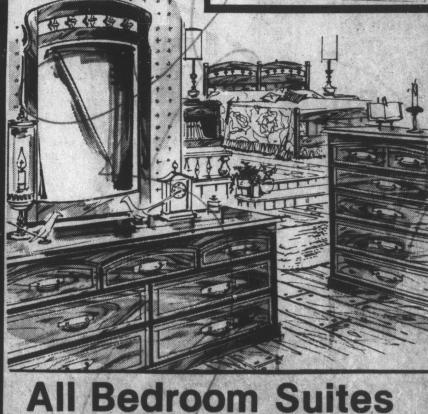
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