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## Theater-Drama School To Open At Burnsville

BURNSVILLE — A repertory theatre-drama school with possibilities as unlimited as the peaks surrounding this town next door to the lordly Mount Mitchell will open here July 21.

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of one of the most successful schools of drama in the South, the play-makers of Woman's college, University of North Carolina, will establish here a six-weeks summer school with full college credits given in courses given in courses in various arts of the theatre, including play production, playwriting, and acting.

And, starting the second Friday, August 1, the school, with the help of Burnsville Playhouse, Inc., a non-profit organization of 17 directors, and the Veterans' Administration, will put on 10 performances of three Broadway productions Friday and Saturday evenings. A Burnsville gymnasium is being converted into a 400-seat theatre, and Burnsville high school will be used for class and laboratory work.

W. T. Chichester, a member of the drama department at Woman's college and who will serve as technical director at Burnsville this summer, designed the theater. A board of directors, consisting of 14 people from Burnsville, Charles W. Phillips and W. R. Taylor from Woman's College, and W. B. Harrell of the Veteran's Administration, Winston-Salem, has been set up. Included from Burnsville are Mrs. Joe Young, Mrs. Olive Belgarde, Mrs. C. R. Hamrick, Rush T. Wray, Frank W. Howell, Clyde M. Bailey, Mark Bennett, J. R. Banks, W. E. Anglin, B. R. Penland, L. V. Pollard, D. R. Fouts, Dr. C. M. Whisnant, and C. P. Randolph.

First of its kind in the South, the Burnsville School of Drama and Repertory company is the culmination of years of planning by Burnsville civic leaders to establish Burnsville as an artistic center of the Western North Carolina mountain section, and of the university officials to found the second of a chain of theater summer schools and art centers. Carolina Playmakers, of the Chapel Hill unit of the university has a similar school under Dr. Samuel Seligson at Manteo, Roanoke Island, site of the Lost Colony, outdoor dramatization of the first settling of North Carolina.

W. R. Taylor, director of the Play-Likers for all of its 25-year existence, will be in charge of the school and productions at Burnsville. Thirty students have registered for the summer session, and a like, or greater number, is expected to join the ranks of the Repertory company as acting and technical apprentices. Enrollment rosters are open, at Greensboro, W. R. Taylor, Woman's college, and at Burnsville, Rush T. Wray, Nu-Wray Hotel.

Ultimate goal of the venture is to assemble each summer a colony of workers, teachers, students, and appreciators of the arts second to none in the nation. Burnsville folks have underwritten the venture on a permanent basis, and Woman's college already has announced a 12-week period of school next summer. In 1948, courses in art, dance, music, and education will be added, and an invitational list of the finest experts and authorities is under preparation.

## Bartolis Spend Summer At BMC

LINO BARTOLI, violinist, formerly of the Pittsburgh Symphony, Concertmaster of the Pittsburgh String Sinfonietta, and now head of the violin department at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, is spending the summer at Black Mountain College, teaching and giving chamber music concerts. Mrs. Bartoli, pianist, studied at Mathay school in London. They are giving a series of violin and piano Sonatas at the college, Saturday evening concerts, and taking part in other ensembles of chamber music.

## Free Movie Tonight At Grammar School

A free movie sponsored by the Grange is to be given tonight, (Thursday) at 8 p. m. at the Grammar school auditorium. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the picture.

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P. N. Creasman, lifelong resident of Buncombe county, celebrated his 90th birthday, June 28. Still spry, Mr. Creasman is in good health and does his own wood cutting and other chores.

## BMC To Present Carol Brice In Concert

Carol Brice, famous American contralto, and native of North Carolina, arrived at Black Mountain College on Tuesday, and will present her first lecture recital on Saturday night of this week. She will be accompanied by Erwin Bodky. With Miss Brice at the college is her husband, Neil Scott, author of the book "Joe Louis—The Picture Story of his Life," and their three year old son, Neil Scott, Jr.

Miss Brice has risen to a position of great brilliance in the world of serious music since her visit to the College in the summer of 1945. Last summer she was guest soloist with Dr. Serge Koussevitsky, conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, at the Berkshire Music Festival. Dr. Koussevitsky likens her voice to a "cello." She received high commendation from President Truman, when she appeared with him in a world-wide broadcast from the Lincoln Memorial at Washington, D. C. Columbia Recording Company has just completed a contract for exclusive recordings and release of reproduction of her voice.

Her program on Saturday night will include selections from Brahms, Schubert, and Beethoven, and a group of Negro Spirituals.

## Men's Meeting Opens Today At Montreat

Five hundred men of the Presbyterian Church in the United States are expected to arrive in Montreat today for the ninth annual conference of Sunday school superintendents, and the second annual Men's Work conference. This dual conference is termed the Men-at-Montreat session and the program will be under the general direction of S. J. Patterson, Jr., Richmond, Va., director of men's work on the staff of the Executive Committee of Religious Education, and Roy A. Hogrefe, assistant in the adult education department and men's work, on the religious staff, Richmond.

## MILLERS, CHAPEL PLAY 12 INNING TIE

After trailing for five innings the Presbyterians came back strong in the sixth to score six runs and grab a 10 to 5 victory over the Black Mountain Hosiery Mill in a Church Softball league game. The losers counted twice in the first and three in the third. The hardluck Hosiery Mill boys, still trying for their first win of the season, played the powerful Friendship Chapel on even terms for 12 innings Monday. The contest ended in a 2-all tie. The Millers tied it up in the fourth at 1 and one following the tally by the Chapel boys in the first. Both teams counted once in fifth then played shutout ball until halted by darkness in the 12th. Stephenson allowed only two hits after the sixth.

## TO HOLD EXHIBIT ANOTHER WEEK

Because of the great interest shown by the public in the ceramic display of Artist Richard Albany, Dr. Alfred Hooker has invited him to leave his work on display for another week at the Home Store. Dr. Hooker will be glad to have the public call and he is prepared to answer all questions.

Presbyterian Bible school commencement will be held during the Sunday school hour at the church Sunday morning, July 20

## Outstanding Men On Blue Ridge Program

E. G. Wilson, executive secretary of the Southern Conference on Human Relations in Industry, has everything in readiness at Blue Ridge for the largest and most important session of the association. More than 800 delegates have made reservations at Blue Ridge. Some of these have had to make arrangements for places in Black Mountain, and Asheville.

Mr. Wilson has arranged a program on every phase of the subject Human Relations in Industry. Outstanding men in important positions will appear to discuss vital interests.

The keynote is Industrial Relations, The Road Ahead! Dr. George D. Heaton, pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C. will have charge of the devotions during the three day conference, July 16-19. Virgil Eady, Oxford, Ga., accompanied by Miss Lou Lunceford will direct the singing and music for the conference. The meeting opens Wednesday evening with an address by A. Carl Adkins, pastor Dauphin Way Memorial Church, Mobile, Alabama. Thursday evening there will be humorous address by James D. Arrington, Editor of the Collins News-Commercial of Collins, Miss., on "Defrosting America's Frozen Assets".

The climax of the conference occurs Friday evening with the address by H. W. Prentiss, Jr., President, Armstrong Cork Co. on "The Price of Freedom".

## Lions Club Will Sponsor Operetta

The Black Mountain Lions club has agreed to sponsor the production of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance," in the Grammar School auditorium Saturday night, July 26, at 8:30. The operetta will be presented by a group from the Brevard Music Camp at Brevard under the direction of James Christian Pfohl. Mr. Pfohl is head of the Music Department of Davidson college and also director of the Brevard Summer Music Camp.

The cast is made up of especially talented people who are members of the faculty and students at the camp. Beautiful costumes and stage settings will add greatly to will be used for accompaniment. will be used for accompaniment.

"The Pirates of Penzance" was presented last spring by Mr. Pfohl and a cast of Davidson and Queens College students to about six thousand Buncombe County and Asheville school children in the Asheville Auditorium. Four hundred Black Mountain children enjoyed the performance.

The general committee from the Lions Club in charge of arrangements is composed of the following: A. W. McDougle, Chairman; George W. Stone, and Roy Alexander. Special committees are: Tickets: George Dougherty, Chairman; Carter C. Uzzell, Luther Kirkpatrick, and Dinsmore Crawford. Advertising: Gordon Greenwood, Chairman; W. H. Holman, Fred Davidson. Programs: A. F. Tyson, Jr., Chairman, Otty E. Lee-man, and O. W. Tinney. Stage: C. E. Spencer, Chairman, R. E. Williams, and W. H. Styles. Ushers: T. W. Nesbitt, Chairman, R. W. Seawright, and A. C. Lovelace.

## Orphanage Choir Heard Sunday

The young people's choir from the Mountain Orphanage sang at the morning worship service in the Black Mountain Presbyterian church this past Sunday. Miss Constance Cody King directed the choir which sang "A Prayer" by Guoin. Miss King is a member of the faculty of Lander College, Greenwood, S. C.

Members of the choir were: Edith Regan, Evelyn Cooper, Georgia Brown, Jean Holt, Martha Black, Josephine Packett, Bertha Steadman, Elise Ingle, Irene Tweed Mathis, Iva Tweed, Louetta Regan, Freida White, Jane Fisher, Joretta Nichols, Clarice Keely and Edith Freeman.

## German Workers Protest Food Shortages



DUSSELDORF, GERMANY — (Soundphoto) — Part of the huge crowd of German workers who left their jobs in protest against the food shortage in the British occupation zone, are shown during a mass demonstration on one of the city's main thoroughfares. Two of the signs carried by the strikers and shown here read "We want bread." Following the walkout of the zone's 250,000 miners, labor leaders declared that the strike was almost 100-per cent complete.

## Memory Expert To Appear Here Friday Night

Sigmund Blomberg, noted memory expert, will give his lecture, on "How to Improve Your Memory" at the Grade school auditorium Friday, July 18 at 8 P. M. This lecture, scheduled for two weeks ago, was postponed because of lighting difficulties. The Black Mountain Lions club will sponsor the appearance of the memory expert and tickets may be purchased from any member of the Lions club or at the door on Friday night.

Mr. Blomberg, now vacationing in Asheville, has appeared before many leading civic clubs throughout the country and recently appeared as guest artist before the Lions club Ladies' Night at Blue Ridge Assembly, where he entertained nearly 250 people with his amazing memory feats.

The memory expert recently completed a tour of more than 300 government hospitals in the country where he entertained members of the armed service with his memory performances.

"I remember your face, but to save my life, I just can't remember your name," is a common alibi, said the memory expert. "And I intend to show how easy it is to remember the names of your friends and prospects, clients, and customers." In this one evening lecture Mr. Blomberg promises to show his audience how to apply his system for the remembering of names and faces, facts and figures. Since the Lions club is sponsoring this event, a large audience should attend. Already there have been a large number of tickets sold, it is reported, and Lions club members are anticipating a sold-out house. Mr. Blomberg promises much mirth, entertainment and instruction for Friday night.

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## Invite Arts Club Members

Local artists have been invited to bring their work to the "Street Festival" being held on Wall Street in Asheville this week. Several plan to take their work for display on Thursday. This is a common practice in Greenwich Village, Palm Beach, Chicago, and other art centers. All residents of this community are invited to attend.

## Red Cross Is Honored Nationally

A signal honor has come to the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chapter of the Red Cross in that it was selected as one of twenty chapters from a total of 3754 to have a representative in the National Convention Organization Committee.

This committee will work with the convention officers and the national staff to prepare for the national convention to be held in San Francisco, June 20 to 24, 1948. It will have a voice in the selection of convention officers and committees and in determining the program.

This national recognition is a tribute to this entire community as the Red Cross is the community at work in a spirit of neighborliness and service. The record of the local chapter has been so outstanding that it has commanded national attention and commendation. Credit for this record goes primarily to the large number of volunteer workers who have given so freely of their time and energy in carrying out the Red Cross activities and services.

## ANNUALS READY

The annuals for the graduating class of 1947 at the Black Mountain High school will arrive, Friday, July 18. Those who are to receive them are asked to see Mary Sue Turner or Alvarati Taylor.

## Pleads For "Voice of America"



WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Soundphoto)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall, right, again took to Congress his plea for continuance of the "Voice of America" foreign broadcasts and asserted that the United States is a nation which is "misunderstood" abroad. Marshall is shown with Rep. Karl E. Mundt, (Rep., S.D.), chairman of a House foreign affairs subcommittee, before which he pleaded with members not to kill the State Department's information and cultural relations program after the house refused to grant the \$31,381,280 he requested for the 1948 fiscal year.

## Montreat Will Present Famous Piano Team

Montreat — The third of the Saturday night concerts in Anderson Auditorium will be presented by Arthur Whittemore and Jack Lowe, duo-pianists of nation-wide acclaim and virtually world-wide fame—for they are known to concert audiences, radio listeners, and from recordings.

They will be heard at 8 o'clock Saturday night, July 19, from the platform of Anderson Auditorium.

The third of the series of summer concerts is expected again to attract large attendance. The two young artists have played before hundreds of thousands in many of the large music halls of this nation; they have entertained service men and women in United States navy sponsored programs and at recreational centers. Their artistry is said to be "superb" and music critics have said of them: "They present a thrilling exhibition of ensemble playing," and "They are the best two-piano team before the public today."

Their program is as follows:

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- Overture to Alexander's Feast ..... Handel
- Sonata in E-flat major ..... Bach
- Allegro moderato
- Siciliano
- Allegro
- Coronation Scene, from "Boris Godounov" ..... Moussorgsky
- II
- Four Waltzes ..... Brahms
- Roumanian Rhapsody, No. 1 ..... Enesco
- Intermission
- III
- "Popular Songs"
- That Old Black Magic ..... Arlen
- Lover ..... Rodgers
- Claire de lune ..... Debussy
- Guaracha ..... Gould
- IV
- Concerto No. 2 (A Synthesis)
- Overture to "Alexander's" Handel
- ..... Rachmaninoff

## News From Blue Ridge

By Iris Grannis

Thirty members of the senior and junior staffs of Blue Ridge chartered a bus and visited Biltmore estates and gardens and on the return trip stopped off at Grove Park Inn last Sunday. Other trips to scenic Western North Carolina are being planned.

Mrs. Louie Westbrook, Jr. of Drew, Miss., is visiting her mother Mrs. T. F. Coon of Blue Ridge. Monday they motored to Lake Lure and Chimney Rock. They were accompanied by Miss Evie White, and Miss Mary Leslie.

Clyde Flannery, instructor in Religious Education at Blue Ridge, presented a program of slides and running comment in the lobby of Lee hall Sunday evening. The lecture dealt with the early church history and the time of Paul to the middle ages. Some of the slides are pictures taken from the catacombs in Rome.

The student staff of Blue Ridge has formed a band under the direction of Bob Rogers. Other members are: Jimmy Owens, cornet and trumpet; Bob Rushing, trombone; Stan Piel, clarinet; Bill Baird, drums, and Carl Fudge, piano. The band will play at games and entertainments in the gym, and for their own enjoyment. The members of the band play in school and college bands during the school year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilson from Atlanta, Ga. have arrived at Blue Ridge to prepare for the Southern Conference on Human Relations in Industry. On Sunday they entertained Dr. and Mrs. McGahey at dinner at Daughtery Heights Inn. Other friends of long standing joined them during the afternoon for visits and renewal of interest.

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