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★ **High School News** ★

By Joyce Gouge

Most of the students are counting the days now until school will be out. The seniors are working hard on the senior play, which will be given Friday, May 21.

Last Wednesday night, Mr. Byrd took part of the performers from the "Follies of '48" to the W.N.C. Sanatorium. Those able to watch the performance seemed to enjoy it very much and those in the wards were entertained with the music and readings that could be heard over their own broadcasting system.

Mable Patton entertained a large number of her friends last Saturday night by having an ice cream party at her home. The guests not only enjoyed eating delicious homemade ice cream, but each was served plenty of popcorn and a piece of birthday cake, which was made for Joyce Gouge and Oliver Reese in honor of their seventeenth birthdays. The hostess provided entertaining games for the following: Mabel Meeks, Rusty Bunnell, Joyce Silvers, Peggy Hall, Herbert Hunter, Joyce Gouge, Dick Morrow, Clarence Padgett, Charles Henderson, Oliver Reese, Charles Reese, and Eugene Hudson.

Wilburn Waters was honored with a birthday party, given by Ruth Bartlett at her home last Thursday evening. Games were played and refreshments were served to the following people: Thelma Brooks, Garland Bryson, Wilma Justus, Joyce Silvers, Bobby Richie, Dick Morrow, Cling-

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man Capps, Rusty Bunnell, Peggy Hall, Vivian Bowling, Polly Wheelon, Johnny Jackson, Wade Carol, George Godfrey, Barbara Wade, George Sarti, Doris Jones, Leo Elkins, and Pearl High.

The "B" Club sponsored the program at the grammar school last Friday night in order to raise money for the outdoor basketball court. There will be another program on May 18 for the same purpose. This will be a program by the Harmonizers.

On April 30th, 200 Black Mountain Grammar school boys and girls visited Asheville to see and hear a concert given by the North Carolina Symphony orchestra under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin. This concert was given especially for school children from all Buncombe county schools.

Since there was only space available for 200 children, there was a limit of only 40 going from each grade. A course of study pertaining to the symphony was given by Miss Doris Byrd, the music teacher, to each child from the fourth through the seventh grades. Tests were given on this study and those who made the highest marks in each room were eligible to go. School buses were provided for each grade and the teachers who accompanied the children were: Miss Nell Burleson, 4th grade; Miss Jessie Tipton, 5th grade; Miss Pauline Tipton, 6th grade; Miss Lena Allen, 7th grade; Miss Ruth Gilbert, 8th grade; A. W. McDougale, principal, Mrs. McDougale and Miss Byrd.

The boys and girls praised the directing of Dr. Swalin and were greatly pleased with the concert given. Especially were they pleased when several of the lesser-known instruments of the orchestra were individually shown and played. The trip to Asheville will be long remembered by many boys and girls.

H. S. Seniors Present "The Little Minister"

The Senior High School class will present on May 15, a three-act play entitled "The Little Minister" by M. Barrie. The story unfolds in Thums, Scotland, in 1860. When the play opens, Nora McClain, one of the prominent women in kirk (church), and Jean, the new servant in the manse, are awaiting the arrival of the new and very young minister. When the minister, Gavin Dishart, finally arrives, he is escorted by the town ruffraff whom he tries to reform.

That evening a gypsy girl leads the town weavers in a revolt against Lord Rintoul, who owns the town. The gypsy is captured and goes to Gavin for help.

A few days later the gypsy keeps Gavin and the doctor from sending Nanny, an old woman, to the poorhouse. By this time the gypsy has fallen head over heels in love with the minister, much to the astonishment of the whole town. From then until the end it is an exciting love story that you won't soon forget.

The cast includes Virginia Buckner, Karen Johnson, Patsy Alexander, Eleanor Birdwell, Mary Virginia Brooks, Mary Helen Vanes, Charlene Crease-

man, Fay Kitchens, Norma Hill, Sue Ledbetter, Tish Clark, and Mary Blanton.

The play has been directed by Dr. Fonda Kennedy, with Miss Malvina Verreault as stage director. Mrs. Rupert McGregor is sponsor of the senior class.

Everyone is cordially invited. There will be a small admission charge.

Marshals Chosen

The College and High School Faculties are proud to announce the marshals for this year's commencement exercises.

Representing the High School junior class are Nancy Armistead and Louise Chandler; sophomore class, Francine Larrinoa; freshman class, Harriet Massey.

Serving for the College will be Virginia Wood and Vicky Samburg, junior class; Marjorie Robertson, sophomore class; and Joy Stevens, freshman class.

These eight girls were chosen according to scholarship, sportsmanship, attitude, and marching ability. They will lead the faculty and classes in marching at the commencement exercises.

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