

"Why not a mountain vacation? You could take in one of the hit plays being offered in the first season of the Silo Circle Playhouse at Black Mountain." —The Shelby Star.

At the longest distance from the stage in the Silo Circle Playhouse the spectator will be only 12 feet from the stage... doing shows this summer which gain a life and vitality impossible to attain in other conventional type productions of the same shows... Arena staging, in which the audience sits on four sides of the acting area, is actually one of the oldest theatrical styles but has been neglected for so long that it is often considered an innovation of the modern theater." —Asheville Citizen, May 23.

The Silo Circle Playhouse's opening... was not only successful and extremely well received, but one of the most delightful productions I have had the pleasure of attending in the Western North Carolina area, including a number of the long-run, bigger-scale productions... It's well worth seeing." —Luther W. Shaw, Asheville Citizen, July 1.

There was not a fluff throughout the three acts. Each performer was ideally cast, the acting was brilliant and the action was fast... The audience responded with some of the loudest and longest hee-haws ever heard in a barn... All of the players were in top-notch form and seemed to enjoy their parts as much as if they had been doing them on Broadway for a couple of years." —Stuart Sewell in Asheville Citizen, July 9.

In a big red barn that once held the warm sounds of dairy cows, Western North Carolina's newest theater was born... and a lusty, bawling babe it is... It has talent to burn, and the glow should light up this circle of North Carolina's night sky as long as there are people who enjoy seeing good plays well done... Everything should add up to... a smash hit." —Bill Mebane in Asheville Times, July 1.

Mystery Play Is Next For Silo Circle Playhouse

"A Murder Has Been Arranged", Emlyn Williams' gripping mystery play, will be the fifth production of the Silo Circle Playhouse. It will be presented the week of July 23, Monday through Saturday nights at 8:30 p.m. and a Saturday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Among the players will be Marcia Leigh, who will be remembered as the extraordinary maid in "See How They Run".



Marcia Leigh

The scene of "A Murder Has Been Arranged" is laid on the stage of a playhouse. The plot involves one Sir Charles Jasper (played by Frank Loverde) who was to give a dinner party on the observance of a weird anniversary. Then, after the clock has struck 11, Sir Charles is due to inherit the tidy figure of \$2,000,000. It seems that many years ago a man was slain in the theater; a dumb girl (Tinka Crawford) had appeared and the ghost of the murdered man flitted onto the stage after the dumb girl's death, so that the murderer was revealed. This, according to the prophecy, was to be repeated in 55 years. The zero hour, at which the prophecy was to be fulfilled, was on the night when Sir Charles had gotten everything set for his party. A most important part in the scheme of things was that Maurice Mullins (Burt Edwards), only near relative of Sir Charles, was to inherit the fortune in case of Sir Charles' death prior to 11 o'clock. Enter Mullins, and also the scene arranged. Things on the scene are Marcella Hill as Miss Groze; Glenn B. Hill as himself; Thomas Bentley as Jimmy North; Elaine Hunter as Beatrice Jasper; and Erma Rodgers as Mrs. Arthur.

OLD FORT NEWS

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LeFevre Elected - The June 26th issue of "Jessen's Weekly" published in Fairbanks, Alaska, carried a picture and article of interest to Old Fort and vicinity. The account was headed "LeFevre Elected" and stated "Optometricians from the entire territory concluded their three-day meeting in Fairbanks Sunday evening and Dr. Walter LeFevre of this city was elected during the meeting to serve as president for the next three years of the Alaska Optometric Association." We here in Old Fort know Dr. Walter H. LeFevre as Howard. He is the son of Mrs. W. W. LeFevre of our town, and the late Mr. LeFevre. Dr. LeFevre and his wife, also Dr. LeFevre, have been in Alaska for five years. Only last year Howard's mother flew up to visit him a ditch and threaded between power lines crossing Highway 70 Thursday evening. The plane, said to have been owned and operated by Dr. George A. Smith, ran out of gas while off course, and miraculously missed hitting the plane ward bound car of Dr. Jerry Snyder and family, and gave his children a thrill. The grown people, including Mrs. Snyder's mother, Mrs. Harry Halsband of New York, didn't think it quite as thrilling.

RIDGECREST ramblings Mrs. Elbert F. Hardin - Phone: NO 9-7134

Church Affairs - Just to sit in the quiet sanctuary of Ridgecrest church and gaze through the windows at God's handiwork of mountains and skies and trees is a worshipful experience were presented for an interesting morning. The Primary department, under the leadership of Mrs. R. E. Hurst and Miss Mary Kirby, sang special music in the general assembly of Sunday school. Then, at the close of Pastor Perry's sermon, Linda Allison and Dewey Thomas presented themselves for church membership.

FRRIENDSHIP CHURCH EVENING CIRCLE MEETS

The evening circle of Friendship Presbyterian church held its July meeting in the Fellowship room of the church, Mrs. Dorothy Joyner and Mrs. Sybil Fox were co-hostesses.

SHOPPE CREEK

A stock shower honoring Mrs. Millard Bartlett was given on Friday night, July 12, at the home of Mrs. Glen Creasman of Jones Cove. Those present included Mrs. Henry Ingle, Jr., Mrs. Zeb Nichols, Mrs. H. C. Creasman, Mrs. M. H. Creasman, Mrs. James Fuller, Mrs. Troy Gregg, Mrs. Lloyd Gregg, Sr., and the honoree, Mrs. Bartlett, had charge of the entertainment, after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. Slagle's 69th Birthday Honored By 13 Friends

Mrs. Ed Slagle, better known to her many friends as "Granny", was pleasantly surprised July 17, her 69th birthday anniversary, with a party given by the auxiliary of the East Black Mountain Free Will Baptist church at the home of Mrs. Wayne Rayburn.

Camp Rockmont Opens 2nd Period

A record 230 campers reported to Camp Rockmont for Boys last Thursday to begin the second camping session. After five full weeks the period will end with a buffet luncheon for parents and campers Aug. 20.

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Raleigh Roundup

LOT OF LAW—Except in fewer than a dozen very close counties, we now know a full six months in advance of its convening the personnel of the 1959 Legislature.

PIANTER—From away up in Yancey county came to the House for the first time last year one Harold Holcombe, Democrat and proud of it. His business is in Burnsville.

NOTES - On July 4 here in Raleigh, approximately 15,000 people saw an automobile race and fewer than 1,500 a double-header baseball game.

U. S. Senator Everett Jordan will be principal speaker at a banquet by the Board of Directors, N. C. Merchants association, at Sedgewick on the evening of August 21.

COLUMBUS—In Columbus county, we lose Insurance Man Bill Floyd and pick up Attorney Ed Williamson. We also add another farmer from Columbus: Arthur Williamson in the Senate.

AND OTHERS—One of the real veterans of the House is a man of unusual occupation: F. L. Gobbie of Forsyth county, operator of a...

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Swannanoa News

Mrs. W. A. Massey Girls Go To G.A. Group - The first young members of the Girl Scouts auxiliary from the First Baptist church in Swannanoa spent last week at the G.A. camp at Hendersonville. Those attending the camp were Kay and Faye Patterson, Becky Smith, Margie Smith, Nancy Robinson, Rebecca Smith, Gail Lyda, Barbara Lunford and Brenda Stikelcarter.

The Ladies of the W.M.U. of the First Baptist church in Swannanoa held their monthly general meeting Tuesday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Speaker for the evening was Mrs. John H. Beeson from Hightop. She used the topic, "The Bible and the Home Service" and the Rev. H. M. Emery outlined on "Islam".

Emma Baker Circle

The Emma Baker circle of the First Baptist church met Tuesday night, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jasper Ensey. Members present, with five more who were absent, had with them a copy of the book "The Book of God's Will and Ours" by Mrs. Joe Rector. Closing prayer was given by Mrs. S. A. Ensey.

Neale Young Circle

The Neale Young circle of the First Baptist church in Swannanoa met Tuesday night, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Betty Walker with several members and one visitor present. The business meeting was very interesting.

Lottie Moon Circle

The Lottie Moon circle of the Swannanoa First Baptist church met Tuesday night, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Betty Walker with seven members and one visitor present. The business meeting was very interesting.

Youth Revival Being Held

A youth revival is being held this week each evening at the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist church. Rev. Robert Harris will be the special attraction.

2000 Protestants Are at Blue Ridge

Two hundred leaders of Protestant churches in 12 southern states are meeting at Blue Ridge assembly through tomorrow (Friday) to study ways the different churches can combine their resources to achieve a common goal.

NINE ATTEND JULY 15 CIRCLE MEETING AT HOME OF MRS. McDOUGLE

Circle No. 3 of State Street Methodist church met Tuesday evening, July 15, at the home of Mrs. D. O. McDougle with Mrs. J. M. Goodman, chairman, presiding.

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