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Mickey Ballard and Linda McDaniel as John and Marsha in Owen High School's "The Spring Thing"

Owen High Carousels Give Play "The Spring Thing"

The Owen High School Gymnasium was the place to be last Friday and Saturday nights as the Carousels, a performing dramatic group of students, presented an original musical drama entitled "The Spring Thing." Presented in the round, the play was a whirl of motion, music and groaning puns, in short, pungent satire.

The first scene was set in the "Garden" (One was supposed to infer "Garden of Eden") and the principal characters are John, a rather progressive representation of Adam, played by Mickey Ballard and, of course Marsha, played by Linda McDaniel. The story involves John's loneliness and his desire for a mate. He is given Marsha, who is subsequently conned into eating an apple thereby causing the couple's expulsion from the community of the Garden.

In scene two the two cons

of John and Marsha come in. Their names are Spot, played by Joe Cummings, and Spotted, played by Jimmy Massey. Spotted becomes envious of Spot and affects his demise through the use of (pay close attention) spot remover! Spotted is therefore banished from his parents home and runs off with the obviously sleepy Miss X K Enzyme.

Scene three, as well as subsequent, scenes involved the amifications of Marsha's apple along with the problems of modern day society such as divorce and women's sufferage. The third act is a story within itself. The first scene shows the agony of two teenagers as they break up from going steady. The girl, Amy played by Virginia Taylor, resolves toirk Don, her ex-steady, played by John Rose, by becoming a go-go in a local discotheque. The second scene is set

in a high school parking lot where groups of students of both sexes snubb two students only to accept them through bizarre initiation rites when they acquire dates with the "coolist" people in the school - each other.

Scene three, set in a discotheque was a pot pourri of dance, loud music and a profound lack of lines. After a wild night, a few less-than-sober youngsters get into a fight. The fight is broken up by the ever-present police and the entire cast strolls around the gym singing "What the World Needs Now is Love," a good and appropriate moral.

All in all, the whole thing was delightful, even if a trifle silly. The members of the Carousels are to be commended for a fine production. But, not to be forgotten, are the parents and members of Owen High School Faculty who supported and guided these young people.



Amy, played by Virginia Taylor, takes a job as a go-go girl in Owen High's "The Spring Thing".

Med Center Moves Ahead

Sunday afternoon, despite a steady downpour, 30 members of the Swannanoa Valley Medical Center Boosters Fair committee met at the Monte Vista Hotel. A workshop, in which all took an active part, brought out many new and excellent ideas.

All present felt the urgency for definite, fast action, for there is little over a month before one of the biggest fairs ever attempted in the Swannanoa Valley will open on the grounds of the First Baptist Church, Montreat Road, Black Mountain, on July 4 and 5.

With so little time remaining, anyone who wishes to take part with a booth, or care to

help in the organization of the Fair is asked to get in touch at once. Please mail in your ideas, offer of help or request for one of the few booths remaining, to the Swannanoa Valley Medical Center Boosters, Monte Vista Hotel, Black Mountain, N. C. 28711.

Yes, we welcome constructive criticisms, too. But, in all fairness to all concerned, will you please attend one or more of the workshop meetings, and help with our plans. If you have an idea better than one already discussed and adopted by our committee we aren't bashful, for we are open for new and better ideas. That is one of the important functions of our open meetings.

public affairs, has given us valuable advice and has made suggestions that have helped us to avoid pit-falls that are plentiful in a large undertaking, such as the fair. We actually have an advisory council within our organization with whom we discuss our plans and problems freely --- either in a group meeting or by phone. Sunday we had such a meeting, despite the rain or other personal problems, 30 were present to lend a most welcome hand.

Right now, we need many more clubs, churches and business establishments to help us sell our Advance Sale Kentucky Fried Chicken Dinner Picnic Boxes. These sell for \$1.50 and may be purchased up to June 25, and will be picked up by the purchaser at the Fair on either July 4 or 5, whichever the purchaser indicates on the stub. If your family or club plans a picnic or outing on one of those days, or just plan to stay at home, why not buy at least one meal from us, and help, by so doing, to get the proposed Swannanoa Valley Medical Center started. Every cent of profit made from this sale will be used for the Med-

ical Center. We are in need of all types of cellar and garage odds and ends. Tools, hardware, etc. for our "Flea Market". Another booth will feature "Attic treasures". There will be an Antique Booth, and Bill Carpenter will conduct an Auction.

Mrs. McGraw will have an interesting Apron Looth, and requests everyone who can use a needle and thread to "be neighborly and help".

All types of Hand Crafts are needed, so how about spending the next few weeks making up Bird Houses, Pot Holders, Decorations, Ash Trays, Rag Dolls, Bean Bags, etc.

Within two weeks we will announce a central location where all of these items will be collected, and we will also give phone numbers and persons to call in event you cannot personally bring in your "offerings."

We have visited several homes, and it is amazing to see the variety of fine hand craft being created for the Swannanoa Valley Boosters Fair of 1969. Many thanks to those who have donated.



CAN YOU LIST HER FASHION-SAFETY ERRORS?—Model above has made some fashion choices that can impair her ability to drive safely, others that can help her avoid traffic accidents. Arrows indicate choices in question. If you guessed gloves, hair, cape and bracelet as potential dangers, you're right, according to safety experts at Aetna Life & Casualty. Accompanying story tells why and gives other fashion-safety tips.

If you still need an excuse for wearing a mini-skirt, here's a beauty:

It could lower your chances of having a traffic accident. What you wear can make a difference in how well you drive, according to Aetna Life & Casualty, whose Driver-trainer system is used to teach driving at 650 high schools and colleges. And there's nothing like the leg freedom of a short skirt for easy breaking and accelerating.

Aetna notes that the number of traffic accidents involving women motorists has climbed faster than hemlines during the past decade and that one of every seven distaff drivers is likely to be in an accident this year.

While safe-driving habits are your best bet to remain in the accident-free majority, sensible clothing can help, the insurance company suggests.

Being mad for the mod look is a step in the right direction. For example, high skirts demand low heels, which are ideal for driving. Unlike the stiletto heels of old, today's square heels are less likely to catch in your car's floor covering or on the accelerator -- a pair of situations likely to produce accidents. If you do occasionally wear high or narrow heels, keep a pair of flats in the car to slip on for driving.

If you wear gloves while driving, they should be of a material such as leather that gives you a

sure grip on the steering wheel. A slippery fabric such as nylon or cotton could cause you to lose control in an emergency.

Don't let coats and jackets limit your freedom or arm movement. If they're too tight or bulky they could leave you in a driving bind. Unbutton your coat or re-arrange it so you can move freely.

And watch the dangling bracelets and wide sleeves. They can catch on the shift lever, window and door handles, or turn signal. Imagine the consequences if your bracelet were caught and you had to move quickly to avoid an accident.

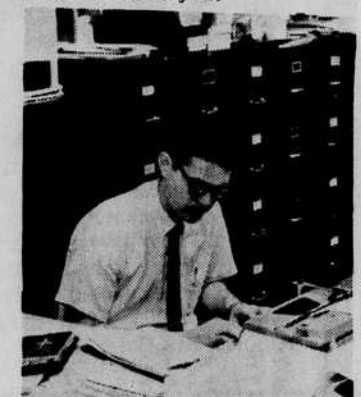
Much of the beauty of long hair is the way it floats when you swing your head. But if it happens to swirl in front of your eyes in a car, you may be in trouble. Tying your hair back with a scarf or ribbon solves the problem quickly and fashionably.

Formal evening clothes are more restricting than day-time wear. Chances are you'll be escorted on your "night-out," but if you do drive yourself, be sure you can move freely. Fold your long skirt up away from your feet, be sure you have plenty of arm room, and keep dangling jewelry in your purse until you arrive at your destination.

You'll always be in vogue if you remember the most important accessory to any driving outfit -- your seatbelt. Worn fastened at all times, it will help keep the risk of death and injury to a "mini-mum."

Meet The News Staff

There are a number of faces in the office of the NEWS which we think the readers of our newspaper might be interested in. We have undergone a number of changes in the staff of the NEWS during the past two weeks and you should know who is here to serve you.



Mr. Grant

Louis Grant is not really a new face at the NEWS. He has been Publisher of the NEWS since Dec. 1967. He is a native of Chester S. C. and attended the Citadel and George Washington University. Louis came to the NEWS from the Spartanburg HERALD-Journal and has established himself as a concerned and responsible citizen of Black Mountain.

Carroll Marler, our shop foreman, is a long-term fixture at the NEWS. He has been here since 1956 and he has been a resident of Black Mountain since 1954. Carroll is a native of Old Fort where he attended Old Fort High School. Carroll lives in Black Mountain with his wife and two boys.

There are three new faces

at the NEWS. First is Carl Ballard, Managing Editor of the NEWS. Carl is a native of Asheville and presently a



Mr. Ballard

student at Montreat-Anderson College, and also attended Duke University where he was production manager for the Duke Chronicle.

Mrs. Uva Miracle is also new at the NEWS. She is a native of Kentucky and has resided in Black Mountain for 10 years. Mrs. Miracle is a reporter for the NEWS.

Charles Taylor is the



Mr. Taylor



Mr. Marler

cameraman for the NEWS. He is a native of Black Mountain and a graduate of Owen High School.

All of us here at the NEWS are happy and proud to serve you. We welcome you to come by and talk about our paper at any time, and hope that your knowing us will help us to serve you.



Mrs. Miracle

PTA Elects Officers



Bob Grove, Retiring Pres., James N. E. Helgreen, President, Mrs. Betty Summy, Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Gilbert, Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Ann Clevenger, 2nd. Vice President, and Mrs. Jenny Fox, 1st. Vice President of the Black

Mountain P. T. A. are shown above. The election was held Thursday night May 15 at Black Mountain Grammar School. The next meeting will be early next fall, after school starts.



Policeman Jake Robertson surveys damage to Black Mountain Youth Center done by fire Sunday morning.

Youth Center Burned

The Youth Center on Swannanoa Avenue was damaged by fire early Sunday morning, May 18.

The fire was discovered by Mack Padgett at 5:52 a.m. and had broken through the outer wall. Mr. Padgett reported the fire and two engines and a tank car responded. They had the fire under control in a mat-

ter of minutes. The fire is believed to have started from a faulty furnace. There was no evidence of any arson. The doors were locked and the firemen had to break into the building.

Most of the damage was confined to the office and restrooms; the main recreation room was slightly damaged by

smoke and water. Col. Raymond Heath, Director of Operation Youth estimated the damage at approximately \$5000. He also stated the building is insured for this amount. Operation Youth plans to continue with their program using the main room as headquarters.

Library News

The following selections are now available at the Black Mountain Library. We urge you to visit your library this week.

- FICTION
Once an Eagle - Anton Myrer
The Winter People - Phyllis Whitney
The Velvet Hammer - Faith Baldwin
Bellwood - Elizabeth Ogilvie
The Vines of Yarrabee - Dorothy Eden
The Hero Ship - Henry Searls
The Landlord's Daughter - Monica Dickens
The Starveling - Nina Warner
Hooke
The Day of the Scorpion - Paul Scott
Papa La-bas - John Dickson
Carr
MYSTERY
The Tallyman - Bill Knox
The Sea Troll - Suzanne Blanc
Die Laughing - Richard Lockridge
Picture of Guilt - Michael Innes
School to Kill - Dell Shannon
WESTERN
Wayberly's Kill - William O. Turner
The Lives That Die - Edward S. Hanlon
SCIENCE FICTION
2001: A Space Odyssey - Arthur C. Clarke

- BIOGRAPHY
The Generous Years; Remembrance of a Frontier Boyhood - Chet Huntley
NON-FICTION
45 Days; The Last Campaign of Robert Kennedy - Jules Witcover
Vanishing Peoples of the Earth - National Geographic
The Complete Walker; The Joys and Techniques of Hiking and Backpacking - Colin Fletcher
Tropical Fish as a Hobby; A Guide to Selection, Care and Breeding - Herbert R. Axelrod
My People; The Story of the Jews - Abba Eban
The Bitter Woods - John Eisenhower
Black on Black; Commentaries by Negro Americans - Arnold Adoff