

Area Dramas Open Summer Season

Each summer season we in W.N.C. are offered many exceptional opportunities to view truly excellent plays with outstanding casts.

Flat Rock Playhouse celebrates its 25th birthday as the home of the Vagabond Players this summer, while the players themselves launch their 23rd (counting winter tours) season.

A new comedy by Edward Clinton, "The Lady Who Erred Fox," will open the season on June 29, with New York and London hits to follow including a return by popular request of "Look Homeward, Angel" for the seventh consecutive summer.

Summer fare will be "The Pursuit of Happiness," which with its American Revolutionary setting and theme is a write to the Bicentennial; "Write Me a Murder" by Frederick Knott of "Dial M for Murder" fame; Samuel Spewack's comedy satire on Washington bureaucracy, "Two Blind Mice"; the Kaufman and Hart perennial favorite, "You Can't Take It with You," also a revival by popular demand; and "Dear Ruth," Norman Krassa's comedy hit dealing with romance in World War II days.

From London comes the three-year-old farce comedy "Move Over, Mrs. Markham;" and the fresh-from-Piccadilly "Two and Two Make Six" by Richard Harris and Leslie Darbon.

Carl Williams, former Vagabond and now the director of the famous Henry Street Playhouse in New York City and more recently artistic director at the University of Florida in Tampa, will direct the plays at Flat Rock this summer.

Walter O'Rourke returns for his thirteenth season as set designer and technical

director, with George Epting continuing as assistant technical director.

Veterans Dennis Maulden and Ed Oster will be the scenic artist and stage manager, respectively.

Wentz is the director of apprentices and Johanna Erlenbach is in charge of the children's theater program. Additional members of the 1976 acting company include Barbara Bradshaw, Helen Bragdon, W.C. Muttie Barton, Ann Callaway, Robin Farquhar, Rick Hammond, Lyn Perez and Ralph Redpath.

The Vagabonds since their inception in 1957 have played to more than three million patrons. In 1961 the Flat Rock Playhouse was designated, by joint resolution of the General Assembly, as The State Theatre of North Carolina.

The Playhouse is located three miles south of Hendersonville on U.S. 25, the Greenville highway. Performances are daily Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m., with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre's summer performances are now on sale at the Owen Theatre Box Office on the Mars Hill College campus from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The second SART season opened June 22 with the popular 1975 success "Ark of Safety" by Howard Richardson and Frances Goforth. The mountain folk play features many of the cast of last year's successful production.

Following "Ark of Safety" will be the perennially favorite family musical "The Sound of Music" based on the story of the Von Trapp Family Singers. The play, the last theatrical collaboration of Rodgers and Hammerstein,

will open on July 7 for a two-week run.

The final production of the season, opening on Aug. 4, will be the premiere of a new musical comedy, "Mandy Lou," by C. Robert Jones. The new play set in Charleston, S.C. in 1860 fulfills a part of the children's theater's purpose in bringing new plays to the stage for the first time.

The company of professional players will perform nightly at 8:15 (excepting Mondays) with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. from June 22 to Aug. 15 with all performances being given in Owen Theatre on the Mars Hill College campus 20 miles north of Asheville via the recently completed four-lane Appalachian Corridor.

Season tickets as well as individual tickets and group rates are available at the theatre by calling 689-1239.

Special Services At Grovestone Baptist Church

The Grovestone Baptist Church will have special guests at their Worship Services Sunday.

Presenting the sermon at both the morning and evening services will be the Rev. Doug Skinner from Wilson, N.C. Mrs. David Cox and her friend "Willie" a ventriloquist's dummy will delight the young and young at heart with a "Sermonette". Mrs. Cox is from the Forest Grove Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Rev. John Corbett, pastor and the church family of Grovestone extend an invitation to the public to join them in these services.



The American Revolution Part 2

The 1976-77 school year, series of Story Hours, Potpourri Presents, concluded on May 8th. Those youngsters who had perfect attendance for the series were: Lisa Craig, Wayne Lynn and Jeff Murphy. Those who only missed one program were: Mark Hopkins and Ginny Lynn. Both groups received books in recognition of their attendance records from the Friends of the Library.

The 1976 summer series of story hours will be held weekly for six sessions beginning on Wednesday, June 30, and concluding on August 4. These sessions will be from 2-4 p.m. in the Education Room of the Library with registration, attendance stars and name tags being taken care of at 1:30 p.m. in the lobby outside that room. All children living or visiting in the Swannanoa Valley who are 5-12 years of age are cordially invited to attend this free, entertaining, and educational series.

This summer's series is entitled "All About the American Revolution, Part II". The first program's theme is "Useful Plants and Crops of 1776." The colonial garden that was planted at the May Story Hour will be cultivated and fertilized, a color film "Secrets of the Plant World" will be seen and there will be a demonstration of bread making. The Disney color film "Ben and Me" will also be shown, appropriate stories told and a display of books available for personal and check-out. The program will conclude with refreshments of homemade bread, butter and jam and fruit juice. Come and bring your library card and a friend.

House Principal Chosen For Carver School

The House Principal for the new Open Concept School has been selected. She is Ms. Melissa Thomas.

She received her B.A. degree in Secondary English from Warren Wilson College in 1971 and her M.A. degree in Early Childhood Education from Western Carolina University. She is currently working toward and has almost completed the required work for Specialist in Education degree in Elementary Supervision also at W.C.U.

Ms. Thomas taught at East Yancey High in 1971-72, teaching English and dramatics in grades 9-12. She taught first and second grade at Rock Hill Elementary School from 1974 to 1976.

"For the past two years I have worked as a lead teacher in a team teaching situation through the National Teacher's Corp. Program," Ms. Thomas stated. "The Teacher Corps program stressed individualized and personalized instruction for children," she explained.

"Instruction was centered around the child's interest. Our classrooms were flexibly organized with multiple grouping and peer teaching," she continued. "The school, in which I taught, served as a 'portal-model' school for Haywood County.

The Open Concept School will be located in the Carver School building.

The oldest man ever to be nominated for president or vice president was Henry Clayway Davis of West Virginia. He was 80 years and 235 days old when he was nominated at the Democratic Convention at St. Louis, Missouri, in July, 1904.



THE BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS and its Editor Uva Miracle, were presented Certificate of Appreciation by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol for their contribution in promoting traffic safety on the streets and highways. Sgt. W.D. Stiles presented Mrs. Miracle with the Certificate on behalf of E.W. Jones, Colonel Commanding the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

Folks You Know

On June 12, Hugo Thompson was given the honorary degree "Doctor of Humane Letters" by Macalester College, where he taught for twenty-five years. Earlier in the same week he and his wife, Sibyl, joined her classmates at the University of Minnesota for their fiftieth reunion. On the same trip they visited Hugo's birthplace at Evansville, Minnesota and enjoyed reunions with many friends and relatives.

In August the Thompsons will go to the lake home of a brother, A.R. Thompson, in Illinois where their fiftieth wedding anniversary will be celebrated with children and grandchildren from Cleveland, Ohio, and Freiburg, Germany.

With all these festivities out of the way, they promise to return happily to Black Mountain and responsibilities undertaken here.

The Class of 1926 of Black Mountain High School held a Class Reunion on June 12 at the Black Mountain Club House. Thirteen members of the graduating class made it to the reunion. Spouses and guests brought the number to 22. John Jackson of Chicago and JoAnn Cordell of Miami, Fla. were the ones coming from the longest distance.

Boris Substein, a class member, served as master of ceremonies, leading the group in "Do You Remember When" reminiscing. Such a delightful time was had by all they plan another one in three years.

The buffet dinner was catered by Mrs. Marilyn Phillips from the Monte Vista Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Kerje were present at graduation of their grandchildren from Western Carolina University. Cullowee, recently David J. Nache, Jr. received his B.S. degree in Recreation Management and Cynthia Ann Nache received her B.S. degree in Early Childhood Education. Skipper and Chandra are the children of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Nache, Sr. of Salt Lake City, Utah and all are former residents of Black Mountain.

WNC Lung Assoc. Bulletin

FLU ALERT
WNC Lung Association is joining other lung associations in participation in "Flu Alert" which was announced by American Lung Association shortly after President Ford called for a national immunization program against the New Jersey strain of flu expected to cause possible hazards later this year.

No definite guidelines for WNC participation have yet been established, and officials do not yet have any definite schedules. But the general intent is for full support of the national program, cooperation with health departments and agencies, all possible assistance in conducting the immunization programs and efforts to publicize the national health project to enlist public support.

It is expected that WNC Lung Association's work will be with county health departments and with regional health offices. According to Burnett Bealle, Executive Director of WNC Lung Association, the program is expected to get under way in its initial phases by mid-July.

Conferences have already been held at several health departments in the area and according to Bealle, "Wherever we can help in some way with the program, we'll be there."

INSTITUTE PLANNED AT BLUE RIDGE ASSEMBLY
For the 28th year an institute on respiratory diseases will be held at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain from July 12-15, with the theme "Challenges and Changes in Lung Disease" — reflecting the changing medical attitudes to some lung diseases, increasing incidence of some lung ailments, and the latest in treatment.

Outstanding speakers will participate in the general sessions and in smaller group sessions.

The Institutes regularly attract health professionals from many eastern and southern states.

Black Mountain Host Tabernacle Teams From Windell

The Black Mountain Babe Ruth and Little League Teams were hosts for a "mini-tourney" this past weekend.

Two visiting teams from Windell, N.C. were their guests. The visitors, who call themselves Tabernacle Teams, are coached by Howard Hall.

The first game that was played ended 4 to 1 with the Babe Ruth Team on top. The second game was played on the Grammar School Field and ended 10 to 4 with the Tabernacle Little League team as victors.

The Tabernacle Teams brought many visitors with them from their home town to watch and root for their boys. A fine time was had by all who participated.

Many thanks go to the Town Recreation Committee for arranging these games and for their work and support.

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Celo Concerts June 26

Music In Mountains At Warren Wilson

The Celo Chamber Concerts of Music in the Mountains will begin this year on Saturday, June 26th at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, and on Sunday, June 27th in Burnsville according to Frank Ell, Music Director of the festival.

Ell has achieved a reputation of professional excellence for the Celo Concerts, coupled with an informal atmosphere which allows the great chamber music works to be disarmingly accessible to the listening audience.

Returning for the Celo Concerts this summer, in addition to Mr. Ell, clarinetist, will be Ruth Geiger and Eve Lynne Reeve, keyboard artists who have been with the festival from the beginning. Eva Ell, wife of the Music Director, will be the featured guest artist in the fourth concert when the Schubert Cello Quintet will be performed.

Following the Buffalo Quartet, Ell has secured a string players of exceptional excellence for the concerts. Ralph Mason of the Cleveland Orchestra, and Ronan Leighton of the Boston Symphony, violinists, will be joined by Maureen Gallagher, viola, and Dana Rustnak, cello, familiar to audiences of the 1975 season. William Purvis, horn, and Benjamin Kamins, bassoon, whose playing last summer acquired for each a number of devotees, will be joined by two fine new woodwind players, Michael Parloff, flute, and Janet Barick, oboe.

The Celo Players will be heard in works by Handel, Brahms, Mozart, Beethoven,

Bach, Chopin, Schubert, Haydn, Ravel, and other composers in programs which offer variety, virtuosity, and youthful zest of musical performance. Most of the Celo performers are in their mid-twenties.

The two regular series at Williams Theatre, Warren Wilson College on Saturday evenings, 8:00 p.m. and at the Presbyterian Church, Burnsville on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. will include six concerts each. This year the Celo Players can be heard in a third series of four concerts on Friday evenings, July 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 8:00 p.m. in the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville. An additional concert will be given on Tuesday, July 6th, 8:00 p.m. at UNC-Asheville in the Humanities Building.

In announcing the Celo Concerts, Mr. Ell reminded music lovers in Western North Carolina of the anticipated Lilli Kraus Benefit Recital scheduled for Sunday afternoon, August 15 at 3:30 p.m. in Burnsville. Mme. Kraus' solo performance for the benefit of Music in the Mountains will be given in the auditorium of the new Yancey County consolidated school, Mountain Heritage High School.

Tickets to all the concerts can be procured at the door. Admission to the Celo Concerts is \$2.50 and \$5.00 for the Lilli Kraus Benefit Recital. For more information write to Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778. Tel. 298-3225 or Music in the Mountains, Burnsville, N.C. 28714. Tel. 675-4060.

Music Center Tickets Sales Opened Tuesday

The Brevard Music Center summer box office opened at noon on Tuesday to handle advance ticket sales for the season celebrating the center's 46th anniversary and the Bicentennial.

The pre-season hours will be from noon to 5 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. At the beginning of the concert season in July, the box office hours will be increased to noon

through intermission, Monday through Sunday.

Coming to the box office in Whitlington-Pfaff Auditorium will allow patrons to study the seating charts for each performance and select their seats.

Ticket information is also available by writing to Brevard Music Center, P.O. Box 392, Brevard, N.C. 28712 or calling 953-8338.

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