

Rhythm Willie Shad Master Of Lost Art

"Trottin' Lady", "Buzzard Lope", "Turkey Trot" and "Lost John" all combined into one rhythmic sound...that's how "Rhythm Willie" Shad woos his customers. Although "Rhythm Willie" is now in his 70's, he refuses to give up a

lost art...the art of shining shoes. Monday through Saturday from 7 a. m. until 5:30 p.m. Willie works at the City Barber Shop on Main Street, giving his customers a professional shoeshine plus the added pleasure of hearing the toe tapping sounds he makes with his silk rag. Willie recalls the days when he carried his shoeshine box to Marion on Sundays. "I was 12 years old and would shine a pair of shoes for five cents." He remembered.

Inflation hasn't affected Willie much during the past 60 years. His price has risen to 35 cents, but of course, he is a professional.

Willie worked Sundays on Main Street for about two years during his school years. He then decided to go into the shoeshine business full-time, and his first employer was I. W. Sanders who owned and operated a barber shop where the Rexall Drug Store is presently located.

Willie recalls working for Sanders for about two years and then giving up his shoeshine job to become a short order cook at a restaurant on Greasy Corner.

The restaurant went out of business, and Willie left Marion to live in Spruce Pine. He returned to Marion three years later and was employed by Broyhill Furniture Company. For the next 25 years he worked at Broyhill, but with the shoeshine business still in his blood, he worked weekends and holidays at the City Barber Shop.

Willie moved from McDowell County once again and lived in Waynesville for about eight years. He returned to Marion a month ago and set his shoeshine business up again at the City Barber Shop. Employees at the shop commented on how the customers react to Willie's rhythmic sound: "They dance to his music."

One satisfied customer is D. A. Silvers, who has been a customer at City Barber Shop for about 60 years. "He does a good job, and I feel like I'm getting my money's worth," he said.

As all professionals, Willie has a secret. Shhhh...he wets his hands so he can hold the silk rag "just right."

EDITOR'S COMMENT: The above story and picture are by courtesy of Ann Vess and the McDowell County News.

Willie has many friends and admirers in Black Mountain where he worked for some time at Frank's Barber Shop, now called The Round Tower, prior to going to Waynesville.

Those of us who ever watched Willie work - and listened to the different rhythms that made you want to tap your toe or dance a step or two he



MASTER OF LOST ART — "Rhythm Willie" Shad, a master of the (almost) lost art of shoe shining, gives one of his many customers a first class shine. Mr. Shad has been shining shoes for as long as many people can remember. (Ann Vess photo)

produced with nothing but a rag, his hand and your shoe, will ever forget. We are also happy to know

Willie is still continuing his art, and with him it is an art, of shining a shoe like no one else can.

P. S. Willie, we'd be mighty glad if you would decide to move back up the mountain to Black Mountain.

Potpourri Presents

"Second Saturday"

"Second Saturday", the monthly school year series of Potpourri Presents will begin this Saturday, October 9, 1976. It will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Education Room of the Black Mountain Library. Registration, attendance stars, and name tags will be taken care of from 1:30-2:00 p.m. in the lobby outside the Education Room. This series, like all others sponsored by The Friends of the Black Mountain Library, is free to all youngsters aged 5-10 (please note age change) who

are living and visiting in the Swannanoa Valley.

This 1976-77 (Oct.-May) entertaining and educational series of programs has as its theme "American Folklore". Various geographical and diverse ethnic groups will have their folklore and culture explored in fascinating detail. The program for October will focus on the folklore of several American Indian tribes; among these will be the Cherokee who figured significantly in our regional heritage. Stories and games of these peoples will be used. A special three part art and craft project will be begun this Saturday, so plan to come and begin this exciting activity.

The program will conclude with a traditional Indian food and beverage. Each program in this series will feature a food connected with the group being studied, so some culinary adventure is also in store for the participants of this new and interesting series of Story Hours.

Library materials are always available for personal and check-out during each program, so remember to bring a library card. If you need one, secure it ahead of time from Mrs. McGraw or Mrs. Nanney at the check-out desk. Any card in the Asheville - Buncombe County system is valid.

Do come and bring a friend! See you Saturday.

OUR HERO THE ZERO

Without our hero the zero many of the numbers we write would be unclearly jumbled together—because the zero functions as a place holder.



Take the number 302, for example. Without the zero, the values of the 3 and the 2 would need to be expressed as 3 hundreds and 2 ones, or CCCII.

In our modern world of higher mathematics and computer science the zero performs a heroic function.

Even in digital watches the zero is a hero, making sure you know it's, say, 12:08, not 12:8. Take the dependable solid state digital from Sears, for example. With no moving parts they need fewer repairs, and they need no winding. They are also smartly styled for a timely fashion look. And the useful zero keeps the time flashing by in an orderly manner.

Think how different time telling would be if, instead of 12:08 we had to say XII:VIII. And thank mathematical minds for devising our hero the zero.



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Billy Graham Evangelistic Team

Fall Festival Of Faith Thursday & Friday

Latin American Evangelist Luis Palau teams up with other members of the Billy Graham evangelistic team Thursday and Friday of this week to celebrate a Fall Festival of Faith on the Montreat - Anderson College campus. Christian challenge, coupled with traditional and contemporary Christian music, have been planned for the evenings.

Sponsored for the public by the college the festival meetings have been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Auditorium which has a seating capacity of 3,000.

Known as the "Billy Graham of South America," Palau will be making his first appearance in the eastern United States. The festival will serve as Graham's introduction of him to this area. Joining Palau will be Music Director Cliff Barrows, Myrtle Hall and brothers Dennis and Danny Agajanian, two musicians producing a rugged western sound sweetly flavored with bluegrass. The Thursday and Friday

meetings will not have been the first opportunity for the public to have met Palau and the Agajanians as they have participated in different meetings and activities within the Asheville area since Sunday.

In fact, the Agajanian's schedule has allowed very little rest due to their many engagements at the college and in the community. Audiences have heard them at Owen and Asheville High Schools, the county jail, the Juvenile Evaluation Center and the Presbyterian Home for Children.

The pace and the exposure are nothing new to the brothers who have become very popular with youth gatherings and prison audiences. Already regular performers with Young Life and Campus Crusade for Christ, recent television exposure on the San Diego and Seattle Graham crusades has brought national attention to the musicians.

On the other hand, Palau, who bases his operations in

Portland, Oregon, is better known for his work in Latin America and Europe. Fluent in English, Spanish and French, he most recently appeared with Graham following the Guatemala earthquake and has spoken with the famed evangelist in Germany, Belgium and Argentina.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Palau was educated at St. Alban's College in his home city and the Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Oregon.

His conversion to Christianity came at the age of 12 subsequent to his parents' conversion by British missionaries.

Palau is the head of his own organization, Overseas Crusades Inc., which includes a multi-national team of 12. Begun in 1965, the organization produces two daily radio programs heard in 20 countries, a regular syndicated newspaper column and a number of large crusades each year, which make major use of television.



FALL FESTIVAL OF FAITH — Joining in afternoon planning for the Fall Festival of Faith are (l-r) Evangelist Luis Palau; the Rev. Dr. Calvin Thielman, chairman of the festival steering committee and pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian Church; John Lenning, representative of the Billy Graham team; Miss Betsy Oliver, dormitory head at Montreat-Anderson College; and Danny Agajanian, a musician appearing at the festival.

Owen High Lights

Congratulations are in order for Owen's Warhorse Marching Band. Competing against 21 in-state and out-of-state bands in the annual Land of the Sky Marching Band Festival on September 25, the Warhorse Band came home with four trophies for their efforts. They won a second place trophy for performance in playing, a trophy for best drum majorette, one for best majorette corp, and the last one for military inspection. The long, frustrating hours of practice put in by Mrs. Sturgill, Mr. Boone, and the band members are paying off at last, and O.H.S. is proud of them and grateful to them. The band went to Bristol on Oct. 2 to participate in the Southwestern Band Festival and made a good showing there. Consisting mainly of fresh-

men, the O. H. S. Future Homemakers of America have started the year with an air of expectancy. The club elected officers at their organizational meeting, Thursday, September 16. They are as follows: President - Tammy Young; Vice-President - Jenny May; Secretary - Elizabeth Stroup; Treasurer - Amanda Pound; Historian - Tenna Tipton; Assistant Historian - Pam Metcalf; and Reporters - Betty Rice and Jill Fisher. The District VIII FHA rally will be held Wednesday, Oct. 13, in the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Auditorium with Black Mountain's own Dr. J.K. Wilson as a guest speaker.

Ms. White's biology classes have been working hard the first six weeks. Thus far they have studied cell structure

and have learned to use microscopes correctly and have also been staining cells and examining them under their microscopes. The advanced biology class has been using the same type programmed study books that are used in college and each student has completed at least two books.

Tuesday, Nov. 9, is the date all O.H.S. seniors and their parents should mark on their calendars. "Financial Aids Night" will be held at 7:30 that evening in the OHS auditorium. Five financial aids directors from area schools will speak 10 to 15 minutes each, on the most used and best known financial aid programs and forms that students and parents need to be aware of. The main reasons behind Financial Aids Night are: (1) to point out the changes that programs make in their guidelines from year to year; (2) to show how programs are designed to assist students in getting financial aid for 2 year and 4-year colleges as well as technical institutes; and (3) to give students and parents a chance to ask questions about financial aid and have them answered by qualified people.

If you are not planning to attend "Back to School Night" Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:00, you should change your plans!! The general curriculum and over-all program at OHS will be explained and the new staff members will be introduced. The English, Science, and Music Departments are going to perform for your entertainment and the Math and Art Departments have been working diligently on displays. After your minds and souls have been nourished, your bodies will be too, by the delicious goodies the Home Economics Department will provide. You may even have the pleasure of meeting OHS's entire faculty. But the decision is yours. Will we see you there?

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WITH Luis Palau

Today at the age of 41, the Rev. Luis Palau is the most recent addition to the Graham team and will be serving for the most part as an Evangelist-at-large in foreign countries. Palau's ministry started in the late fifties and his current multi-national team of 12 began developing in 1965 and now includes 2 daily radio programs heard in 20 countries; a regular syndicated newspaper column; and a number of major crusades each year using extensive television. Luis Palau is called the "Billy Graham of South America". In the past 12 years his team has preached to 1,500,000 people in person and some 75,000 plus decisions for Christ have been made in these crusades.

FESTIVAL MUSICIANS

 CLIFF BARROWS Music director for the Billy Graham Team Crusade since the beginning. Cliff Barrows states, "The Christian faith is a singing faith, and a good way to express it and share it with others is in community singing."	 MYRTLE HALL A talented, committed young lady with a beautiful soprano voice. Myrtle joined the Billy Graham Team in 1966. She has thrilled vast audiences across America from New York City to Los Angeles, as well as in London, England.	 DENNIS AGAJANIAN A Christian Folk Singer, Dennis sang with the Billy Graham Team at the San Diego Crusade. This gifted singer has a natural talent and is a popular artist with all audiences.
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