

Theatre Play Well Received

Kings Mountain Little Theatre's production, *Laura*, presented at Central school auditorium Saturday night, received much praise from play-going residents of the area.

Under the direction of Mrs. A. B. Chandler, the play was highly entertaining, with a well-rounded, near-professional cast. Some 250 persons attended the performance.

Outstanding roles were portrayed by Robert Osborne, who was cast as *Waldo Lydecker*, a critic and the "murderer" in the mystery drama. Bruce Thorburn, as *Mark McPherson*, the detective, Bob Goforth, as *Danny Dorgan*, a youthful music lover, and Miss Bernice Harrison, as *Laura*.

The play was well cast, with Delbert Dixon, Mrs. W. J. Melcher, Mrs. Sam Stallings and Sonny McDaniel portraying excellent supporting roles.

Credit for a most excellent stage setting is due the members of the production staff committees.

B. S. Feeler, Jr., Clay (Mud) Poston, Faison Barnes, Dick Canady, A. B. Chandler, Robert Cloninger, L. Ben Goforth, Jr., Dudley Rainey, C. J. Spivey, Sam Stallings, Jack White, O. Z. White, Jr., and Rudi Wuennenberg were on the stage and set committee.

W. J. Melcher and Mr. Goforth served on the lighting committee; Mrs. Faison Barnes, on wardrobe and make-up; Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., on make-up; Miss Emylyn Gillespie and Mrs. Wuennenberg, properties; Mrs. E. M. Leopard and Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Jr., promoters; Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., and Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, tickets; and Mrs. M. A. Ware, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Padgett, Mr. Chandler and Mr. Feeler, ushers.

Mrs. Mauney and Mrs. O. Z. White, Jr., served on the program committee; Mrs. H. L. Campbell designed the program cover; Mr. Osborne, Mrs. Campbell and Meek Carpenter, served on the publicity committee; and Mrs. Jack White, Mrs. Clay Poston, Mrs. Dudley Rainey, Mrs. Bill Hudspeath and Mrs. Sam Mitchem, served as hostesses.

Annual Fiddlers Meet Friday

Annual Fiddlers Convention, sponsored by the Progressive Club of Bethware school, will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at Bethware school, according to announcement made by Edwin Moore, member of the club.

The bands participating are: Cherry Mountain Boys of Iostee; No. 3 Ramblers, Earle; Tar Heel Ramblers, Kings Mountain; Everette Hamrick and his play boys; Shelby; Phillip Sisters, Shelby; Smith Band, Waco; and String Band of Blacksburg.

Grover Six Dumped From County Play

Grover high school's girls' basketball team was eliminated from the annual Cleveland County Basketball league tournament at Shelby last week.

Grover's powerful sextet fell victim to the Piedmont lasses in the opening semi-finals game of the event. The visitors went on to win the girls' championship.

Piedmont had previously put the axe to the Grover boys' team. Paulston won the boys' title.

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MORE ABOUT Student Musicians

(Continued From Page One) cellist on Wednesday in the piano contest. She played "Invention No. III" by Bach, "Sonata" by Beethoven, and "Pavane" by Ravel.

Superior rating was won by Gilbert McKelvie for his trombone solo of "Thought of Love".

The boys quartet of Bethware high school was rated good with their arrangement of "Spacious Firmament".

Luther McSwain, Jr., baritone soloist, received a rating of excellent with his arrangement of "Invictus" by Bruno Huhn.

The Girls trio also received good. They sang "Ship A-sailing Now".

Mrs. T. E. Jackson, music teacher at Bethware, accompanied the groups.

Miss Spivey Given Award In Fashions

Miss Shirley Spivey, daughter of Mrs. W. J. Spivey, received honorable mention in advanced Fashion illustration in a recent Annual exhibition of student work at Ringling School of Art.

The announcement was made by George R. Kaiser, Jr., executive secretary.

The twenty-first exhibition opened March 9th and continued through March 15th. The fashion art awards were made by Virginia S. Thier.

USDA reports that chemical fertilizers provide farmers with an effective means of building the land for increased future production as well as playing an important part in current production.

Ninety nine per cent of all locomotives placed in service by U. S. railroads in the first nine months of 1951 were diesel-electrics.

MORE ABOUT McPherson

(Continued From Page One) Brendall, pastor.

Mr. McPherson will discuss impressions gained from his trip to Europe and the Middle East last year and will show pictures of scenes made on the trip.

Mr. Brendall extended an invitation to the public to attend the special program.

Mr. McPherson, in addition to his activities as managing editor of the *Star* and vice-president of the Star Publishing Company, is president of radio station WHCC at Waynesville. Also active in trade circles, he was for four years the representative of the Southern Newspaper Publishers association on the American Council on Education for Journalism. He is the author of "Churchman, Let's Go to Press", a pamphlet which outlines improved methods of presenting church news. The pamphlet is now in its fifth printing.

MORE ABOUT Bridges Receives

(Continued From Page One) new aerial observers wings his next assignment will be Tyndall AFB, Fla., for four weeks of advanced interceptor training in the F-94 jet.

Prior to entering cadets, he served as a technical instructor at the Airplane and Engine mechanic school at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

MORE ABOUT Re-Valuation

(Continued From Page One) 4 Township, worth \$4,170 in 1945, is on the tax books at \$1,917.

A 53-acre farm in Number 4 Township, worth \$3,690 in 1945, is on the tax books \$1,749.

The new appraisal values are to be used for the first time next year.

The commissioners indicated they anticipated taxable valuations will top \$100 million, with a consequent lowering of the tax rate to its lowest level in many years.

Since 1947 more than 250 persons have been trained at N. C. State College as technicians for breeding work. The training covers a period of one week.

Huffstetler BurMil Softball Manager

Bob Huffstetler, former star high school athlete and professional baseball player, has been named to manage the Phenix Men's Softball team this summer.

Mr. Huffstetler succeeds Jack Bridges. He was named at an organizational meeting of the team held last Friday afternoon at the plant's recreation room.

Bridges paced the BurMil team to the Men's Softball League championship last season.

Initial practice session has been called for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Phenix athletic field.

Manager Huffstetler will represent the club at the league meeting scheduled for City Hall tonight (Thursday).

Tate Mentioned On All-NC Squad

Fred Tate, senior center on the past season's Kings Mountain high school boys' basketball team, was given an honorable post mention on the Greensboro Daily News' all-state prep squad.

The News' team was announced in last Sunday's edition and was composed of players from AAA, AA and A schools in the state.

Tate failed to place on the all-Western Conference team. He scored 170 points in 17 games this season for runner-up scoring honors and was a leading playmaker on the squad.

MORE ABOUT Bumgardner

(Continued From Page One) and Mr. Brackett, of Casas, first were elected to the board in 1948. Mr. Cline became a Democratic nominee in 1948 following the death of Dr. S. S. Royster.

Other announced candidates for county and district offices are:

For the North Carolina Senate — Clyde Nolan, incumbent, and Robert Morgan, both of Shelby.

For the North Carolina House of Representatives — B. T. Falls, Jr., incumbent, Shelby lawyer.

For register of deeds — Dan Moore, incumbent, of Boiling Springs.

Final Dog Clinic Set Here Friday

With the final city dog vaccination clinic scheduled for City Hall Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m., Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer today issued a warning that the new county dog ordinance "has teeth in it" and "we intend to see that it is carried out."

"I want to urge the people of Kings Mountain who own dogs, that for the sake of themselves and their community, to have your dogs vaccinated. It has been encouraging to see the response to date, but we must get all dogs in the county vaccinated," he said.

"If a dog owner doesn't think enough of his animal to have him vaccinated, he should turn him over to the county dog warden for disposal. We must rid the county of all stray dogs, animals they prey on livestock, turkeys, chickens and other domestic animals," he continued.

Carvel Blanton, of Shelby, is the county dog warden and a county dog pound has been set up in Shelby near the water works and incinerator on Lee street, he reported.

Mr. Blanton is doing a splendid job and deserves the cooperation of all citizens of the county in seeing that the county dog ordinance is properly carried out," he added.

Dr. J. P. Mauney, Kings Mountain veterinarian, will conduct the final dog clinic at City Hall Friday afternoon. Dr. Mitchell reported that Dr. Mauney has done a highly creditable job of running the clinics, which are to be conducted annually, along with the other three veterinarians in the county.

"Dr. Mauney processed 450 dogs in one day, a county record," the county health officer reported.

Cost of the vaccination is "virtually free," Dr. Mitchell said. "If the dog is listed for taxes, as he should be, the vaccination charge of \$1.00 may be deducted from the owner's tax bill."

Under the new county plan, lost or strayed dogs will be picked up by the warden and kept in the county pound for at least 15 days. Efforts will be made by the warden to find the dogs owners or prospective owners, he said.

"People are throwing away dogs now just like they have been turning cats out of their homes. This practice of unkindness to dumb animals must be stopped and persons held responsible for their animals," he added.

Rev. Williams Called As Pastor

The Midview Baptist church recently called Rev. James (Buddy) Williams for supply pastor until one can be obtained.

Rev. Williams is known in Cleveland and surrounding counties.

He is married to the former Miss Virginia McDaniel.

"The church members feel very fortunate to get the services of these young folks," stated Cletus Long, deacon of the church.

El-Bethel Youth To Give Program

The Young People of El-Bethel church will give a program Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at Penley's Chapel according to an announcement from Rev. R. L. Forbes.

There will be preaching services at El-Bethel Sunday at 11 a. m.

Hartsoe Ordered To Giant Camp

Junior Hartsoe, 19-year-old Kings Mountain baseball player, has received orders to report to the New York Giants farm club training camp at Melbourne, Fla., on March 31.

A promising righthanded pitcher, Hartsoe was signed last July by Giant Scout Bill Harris, of Charlotte.

After completion of spring training at the Florida base, he expects to be assigned to the Oshkosh, Wis., club of the Wisconsin State league.

Value of Ashe County's farm products for 1951 is estimated at \$8,100,000.

Truck's Antics Spell "Ghost" At Wheel?

What goes on here? City police reported a "ghost" story here this week.

Bob Earney, who operates an ice cream parlor on Second street, at Craftsman mill, said he had noticed his panel truck moving backwards and forwards without a driver on several different occasions last week.

He didn't report the "mystery" to police at that time because he feared he'd be doubted, he said.

So, he attached a burglar alarm system to his truck.

Tuesday night, Mr. Earney reports, the alarm went off in the locked truck and he jumped out of bed, ran to the door with his shotgun and turned on the porch light.

He reported, police said, that he could see completely through the truck windows and no one was in the vehicle. The truck was still locked, the engine was not in operation but the truck had backed up the hill against a tree and the rear wheels had dug out a hole in the ground.

He called police this time. Officers P. A. Hawkins and W. G. Ellison, who investigated, say that, thus far, they have failed to refute the "ghost" theory.

There are more than 100 chemical nitrogen plants in the United States and in addition large quantities of nitrate of soda are imported from Chile.

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