

CALENDAR:

This evening at 7:00 o'clock in the Lobby of North Lodge, Herbert Miller and Alfred Kazin will discuss the issues in the present national political campaign.

Tomorrow evening at 6:55 o'clock in the Lobby of North Lodge, Bill McLaughlin and Herbert Miller will review the world news of last week.

The Community Chorus will meet for rehearsal at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening in the Dining Hall.

The Faculty and the Student Officers will meet in the Faculty Room on Wednesday afternoon, November 8, at 4:45 o'clock. Among the topics listed for discussion are:

- a). "A Balanced Schedule"
- b). Senior Division Standards
- c). Hours Credit for Courses

The Board of Fellows will meet on Thursday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock in Bob Wunsch's Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Fellows on Tuesday afternoon, October 31, Ted Dreier was elected Treasurer for the 1944-45 Session, and Robert Wunsch was named Secretary. The Board decided to meet regularly on Thursday afternoons from 4:45 to 6:10 o'clock, and to make the last meeting in each month a business session.

At the meeting of the Faculty and Student Officers on Wednesday afternoon, there was a discussion on "Advisers". It was generally agreed that:

- a). advising should come easily, as part of a good relationship, not as a perfunctory activity;
- b). preferably an advisee should be in a class of his adviser ("A student can be better advised if he is under an adviser who teaches him.");
- c). an adviser has the right to "drop" an advisee when he feels that he is ineffective as an adviser

The Student Officers suggested that:

- a). advisers go "more than half-way" to establish good-relationships with their advisees and not wait until the students come to them;
- b). advisers visit students in their studios as well as invite them to their homes.

The Fritz Hansgirs have moved from the apartment in Meadows Inn to the Stone Cottage.

Robert Wunsch will act as Chairman of the Second Fall Institute of the Western Carolina Dramatic Association, to be held in the auditorium of the Lee H. Edwards High School in Asheville on Saturday morning.

WITH FORMER STUDENTS:

In the Mail:

Pfc. Richard Brown writes from somewhere in India on October 24: " 'Twas two years ago on this date that Jack Swackhamer and I took the final step toward becoming privates in the Army -- we took the oath of allegiance. Little did I realize then that I would be in India, or anywhere else but in the United States,

two years later.... Our trip across was uneventful, but quite interesting. My particular project was lucky enough to fly across, therefore we had the opportunity to see within a few hours many different lands and peoples and customs.... During our brief stay in the British West Indies someone was frantically looking for me, but he failed to find me. I realized later that it must have been Oppy.... In Natal we did absolutely nothing but swim and eat and buy a lot of junk called souvenirs, as is the American tourist custom. It seems to me the families of servicemen must suffer more from the influx of souvenirs than the servicemen suffer from the hardships of being overseas.... Once in India, we spent two weeks in a replacement center.. Our orders finally came out, and now I am actually working on radio equipment and enjoying it. What, if anything, I learned in school has long been forgotten, so I am in the process of relearning, this time from actual experience.... Life here is quite easy-going and lackadaisical, although quite efficient. We are living in a four-man tent. We are quite fortunate in having been sent to a country where the natives do all the dirty work. For instance, our bearer makes the beds, shines our shoes, gets water, sweeps, looks after our clothes and does any other menial jobs we have -- all for the sum of six dollars a month. So you see, we have nothing to do, but tend radio equipment that needs no tending. It is all very nice and comfortable.."

Lieutenant George Hendrickson writes from India, "I have changed addresses again. This is not a permanent change, as I expect to go back to Calcutta soon. I was sent up here to open a new office and press filing paint. After getting things moving I am to return to the fleshpots of the big city and take up where I left off.... In a way it has been a vacation for me. The weather has been very cool, and I have had a chance to see some of Assam. The officer's mess here is very good and is a wonderful change from the endless round of chicken that the hotel served in Calcutta.. I had my first ride in a plane on the way up here. I cannot say that I am enthusiastic about flying.. I rather enjoyed the flight though, once I was sure that the wings were not falling off and that the bottom was quite firm. Last week I flew down to Myitkyina.. The town was not the shambles that I had seen in photographs taken right after the fall. It had been cleaned up by the Chinese troops who had moved everything that was movable... Many of the Jap dugouts remain. I counted as many as seven layers of heavy logs and rock on one. It would have taken a direct hit by the largest of bombs to put a dent in it. With the Japs dug in so well it was a laborious process to get them out and liberate the town. At one time it was a beautiful little town, resting on a large elbow of the Irrawaddy River.. The weather is mild, and the scenery is quite peaceful. It is difficult to realize that there was a battle here that lasted for months, and that the Japs are still but fifty miles away.. We ran across a Burmese temple set off from one of the roads. We got out to look at it and discovered that the Japs had dug a fortification under it. The temple was well scarred with rifle fire and grenade blasts..."

Junelaine Smith writes from Long Beach, California: "I saw Oppy one night last month. He was on his way to San Luis Obispo..."

Mrs. Mildred Wentworth writes from New York City (68 Perry Street): "Tommy had been transferred, after leaving Camp Shelby, to Infantry Reserves and was sent to England last June. For a month or more he was held in reserve after reaching France, and, judging from his last letters early in September, he was probably in action only a week or so before he was killed on the thirteenth of that month. He wrote nothing of actual battle, nor of his exact whereabouts; he was probably attached to the First Army."

WITH FORMER MEMBERS OF THE STAFF:

Now Address:

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In the Mail:

Private Joe King writes from Long Beach, California: "My job is helping an officer carry on the pioneering work of bringing about the full utilization of the available military and civilian manpower here at the Fourth Ferrying group. I am actively helping to seek out any spot where manpower is being poorly utilized and helping to recommend methods to bring about an improved personnel economy. All of this is of prime importance, not only to the job of winning the war, but also to the taxpayer who must pay for war expenditures. It is a deep satisfaction to me to realize that the knowledge that I gained in Farm Security, at public expense, can now be put to worth-while duty by the nation at war..... The United Nations' Relief and Rehabilitation Administration may use me or a Displaced Persons Specialist in Europe because of my experience with migratory farm labor families ('Grapes of Wrath')."

IN PRINT:

The October issue of The Musical Quarterly contains an article by Heinrich Jalowetz. It is entitled "On the Spontaneity of Schoenberg's Music".

Word has been received that the Office of War Information is planning to do a "Portrait of America" about Black Mountain College. This is a pictorial feature which the Office of War Information supplies to newspapers and magazines throughout the world, with the exception of the Western Hemisphere. Each separate "Portrait" contains approximately 25 8 x 10 inch photographs; and in addition to a general master caption of about five hundred words, each picture has a separate explanatory caption. According to the editor of the "Portraits", "the photographic portraits present America with no propaganda slant save the self-contained propaganda of the American way of life".

COLLEGE NEWS AND VIEWS (edited by Bill McLaughlin)

The winter's first carload of coal arrived last week and was unloaded in the good time of less than three days. Several new students gained the distinction of becoming members of the famous Fraternity of Coal Haulers (a fraternity that at present resembles a sorority).

Betty Kolloy's new play has become the focus of much new activity. Slats is designing costumes and scenery for it, Edward Lowinsky's class in composition is composing music for it, Betty is teaching uneducated feet to do the dances she has created for it, and Bob Wunsch is showing the student actors how to be tin soldiers, calico pups, and peppermint sticks. "An Almost Lonely Christmas" will be given first at the Plaza Theatre in Asheville on December 2. On December 13 it will be given in the Auditorium of the Black Mountain Grammar School.

Three days of stiff and aching muscles were the price of three hours on square dancing at the Halloween Party in the Dining Hall on Wednesday evening. Music was supplied by an orchestra from Black Mountain; and energy was supplied by quantities of beer, cokes, cider, and pretzels. The students and teachers fairly shook the building in their enthusiastic abandon.

The Black Mountain College Fire Department was given its first test a week ago when a small fire started in the College dump. Although Chief Zabriskie wasn't informed about the fire until it had been extinguished, his recommendations of the previous week were remembered; a few of them were even acted upon. During the coming week the College community will experience its first Fall Quarter fire drill. The Chief hopes that a few of these practice sessions will inject a measure of efficiency into the enthusiasm of the College's fire fighting.

Organization of the work program was completed last week, and now coordination reigns supreme. Under the new set-up a crew has been chosen from volunteers for each type of work being done around the campus; and each crew has its coordinator; or straw boss. Coordinating the work of all crews and assigning responsibility for the new jobs that come up is the function of the main coordinator. Janie Stone is the coordinator of the kitchen workers; Egbert Swackhamer is the coordinator of the hauling crew; Ann MacKinnon of the cleaning crew; Chuck Forberg of the firing group -- the group of furnace firers; Betty Osbourne, of the office workers. Bill McLaughlin is head student coordinator, Molly Gregory is faculty coordinator.

Eddie Woldin, Swack, and Dick Bush-Brown are still hard at work composing variations on a theme developed by Dick on the Dining Hall piano last week. The trio has agreed to prepare the composition for public performance in the near future.

Musicians Trudi Straus, Gretel Lowinsky, and Anna Schauffler serenaded the Fritz Hansgirs with part of a Beethoven Trio on Friday, their first evening in their new house.

One package of cigarettes per person per week has driven students and teachers to roll their own. This they do by means of machines bought in the College Store. Many new "blends" of tobacco have been created; among them are "Rhododendron Leaf-Virginia" and "Maple Sugar-New England".

The concert Intermission on Saturday evening was lengthened to half an hour to enable the concert goers to listen to President Roosevelt's Boston campaign speech.

VISITORS:

Among the visitors last week were:

Roger Millon of Bedford, Pennsylvania, a weaver;

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler of Clemmons, North Carolina, who spent the week-end at Lake Eden. Mr. Rondthaler is the principal of the Clemmons Consolidated School;

Dr. Elise Toller, a member of the staff of the Highland Hospital in Asheville, who was a dinner guest of the College on Saturday evening and stayed for the concert;

Miss Sarah Loftin, Librarian at the re-distribution center for soldiers in main library of The Vanderbilt Hotel; and Miss Parks of the Pack Memorial Library, who were dinner guests on Saturday evening and stayed for the concert;

Expected on November 12 for a week's visit: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Trayer.