

Ramsey, Ray Are Cited In New York Times

Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted from the March 23, 1971 issue of The New York Times which carried the by-line of John S. Wilson:

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Two styles of good old mountain music came together Sunday evening at the McBurney Branch of the

Young Men's Christian Association, 215 West 23d Street.

One came from the Clinch Mountains of Virginia, played by Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys. The other was a product of the Carolina Smoky Mountains as played by the duo known as White Lightnin', Obray Ramsey and Byard Ray.

Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Ray are old-timers who readily admit to more than 20 years of playing together, although their publicists are inclined to boost the years toward 40. With Mr. Ramsey on banjo and Mr. Ray on fiddle, they play a particularly lively style of country music in which Mr. Ramsey's bright banjo picking and high, vibrant voice play a major role, supplemented by Mr. Ray's broad fiddle strokes.

After decades as a relatively obscure pair of folk musicians, they have recently gained a measure of renown through playing in the film "Zachariah," which put them in contact with rock music. As a result they were, on Sunday, backed by a trio—guitar, electric bass and drums—that was less rock-oriented than jazz-directed but, in any event, not particular in tune with Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Ray. It provided clumsy and heavy-handed backing but, despite this, Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Ray got things going with so much basic vitality that they had the audience clapping and stomping along with them.

Mr. Stanley and his three associates, following a more customary country music path, offered a glib surface, studded with backwoods show-biz mugging, that never got down to any of the musical reality that Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Ray achieved despite their sodden accompaniment.

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Beginners' Days Schedule

Lawrence B. Burwell, MPH, Madison County Health Director, and Robert L. Edwards, Madison County superintendent of education, have announced that Beginners' Day have been scheduled for the Madison County schools. Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 8, Ebbs Chapel; Thursday, April 8, Beech Glenn; Thursday, April 15, Walnut; Thursday, April 15, Mars Hill; Friday, April 16, Spring Creek; Friday, April 16, Hot Springs; Tuesday, April 20, Laurel; Friday, April 23, Marshall.

Programs in all the schools will begin at 9 a.m. It is very important that any child who will be six years of age on or before October 15, attend the Beginners' Day in his school district accompanied by a parent.

Parents are reminded that the North Carolina State Law requires every child entering any public school be immunized against diphtheria,

whooping cough, tetanus (lockjaw), polio, and smallpox. Proof of age is also required. Parents are requested to bring their child's immunization record and birth certificate to Beginners' Day.

Mr. Burwell states "We strongly urge that every child entering school who has not had the disease measles or the measles immunization have the immunization as soon as possible. We also urge that every child entering school who has not had the disease German measles (Rubella) or rubella immunization have this protection as soon as possible. Measles and rubella immunization are available from your family physician or the Health Department."

Nearly one-third of the land area of Los Angeles consists of hills and mountains.

Horticulture Contest

Plans for the annual Western North Carolina Horticultural Crops Contest for 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America members in the 18 western counties have been announced by Fritz McCall of East Flat Rock, chairman of the Horticultural Crops Commission of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council.

The contest, now in its 10th year, is sponsored by the commission jointly with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and Vocational Agriculture teachers in the area. Its purpose is to encourage interest among rural youth of the area in growing horticultural crops.

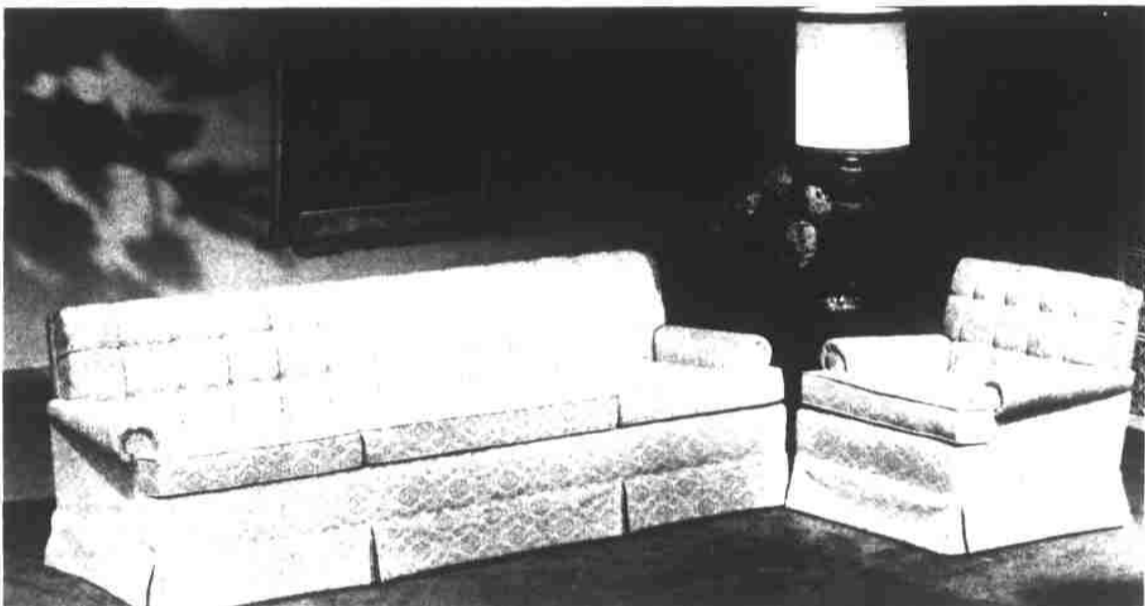
Cash awards totaling \$225 will be presented to the winners after judging next November. First prize will be \$100; second, \$50; third, \$25; and five honorable mention awards of \$10 each. Prize donors are The Biltmore Estate, Gerber Products Company, Pigeon Valley Tomato Company, Canton and 3-D Farm, Fletcher.

Eligible counties are Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Cherokee Reservation, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey.

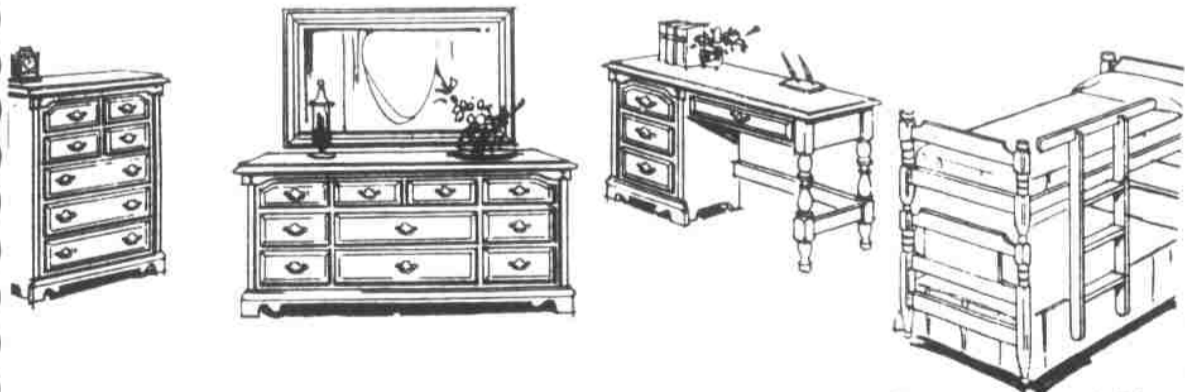
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