

Parkway Presents:

'Annie Get Your Gun'

The Parkway Playhouse will close its 29th season of theatrical production with the musical comedy *Annie Get Your Gun*, with music and lyrics by Irving Berlin. The musical, under the direction of Parkway veteran Lauren K. Woods, will close a season that included *The Sound Of Music*, *Story Theatre*, *Little Women*, *Come Blow Your Horn*, and *Harvey*.

Woods, also the Parkway Playhouse managing director, noted that this season has been a very successful one so far and that the Playhouse although in jeopardy earlier this year, is back on its feet. Woods stated that, "our season members and the Playhouse Board of Directors have supported us right down the line and ticket sales have been good, so we are in much better shape." The Playhouse was in jeopardy because of financial difficulties and vandalism to the theatre's facilities. Adding to the Playhouse's good fortune is a \$25,000 grant from the state legislature of North Carolina which will be used for improvements on the present facilities.

The final production, *Annie Get Your Gun*, will open August 6th and close August 9th. Members of the cast include Jane Fesmire as Annie Oakley, John Dodie as Frank Butler, W.C. "Mutt" Burton as Col. Buffalo Bill, David Hart as Charlie Davenport, Maria D'Amico as Dolly Tate, Jamey Reynolds as Pawnee Bill, Jennifer Woods as Little Jessie, Dierdre Parker as Nellie, Kenny

John Joy, choreographer; Susan E. Mickey, assistant director; Kim Hanabergh, assistant choreographer; and Gregory Buch, production stage manager. Settings will be by James Parker, lights by David Hart, costumes by Kaye Brown and props by

Leslie Knox.

Woods stated that he expected box office to be tremendous for *Annie Get Your Gun* and suggests that ticket buyers make their reservations promptly by calling 682-6151 or coming to the Playhouse Box Office.



Jane Fesmire As Annie Oakley

'Harvey' Is Hit At Playhouse

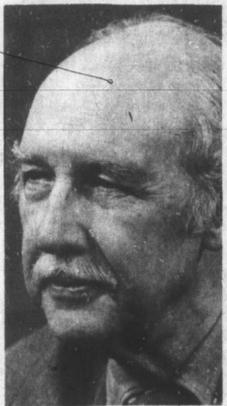
One of the most delicious treats offered by the Parkway Playhouse lately is their fifth production, *Harvey*, presently being presented through August 2nd with curtain time at 8:30 p.m. It is a charming and delightful evening of humor and fun for those of all ages.

Leading an excellent ensemble is special guest artist W.C. "Mutt" Burton as Elwood P. Dowd. Those with a long memory will remember Burton in this role at the Playhouse in its last production of this Mary Chase comedy in 1964. Today Burton is as delightful and warm as he was then. He totally convinces the audience of his close kinship with a six-foot tall invisible rabbit.

Standing out in the supporting cast are Lea Batzold, who is fine as Elwood's society conscious sister Veta Louise Simmons (the role created by Helen Hayes in the recent Broadway revival and television special with James Stewart as Elwood) and Rita Sammons as Veta's screwy daughter Myrtle Mae Simmons. Both add much to the evening's hilarity. Others doing good work are Phil Hafer as Dr. Chumley, Teresa Keller as Mrs. Chumley, Joe Forbes as Wilson, Bill Andrews as Sanderson, Emily Idol as Ruth Kelly, John Giase as Judge Gafney, Gwen Miller as Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet, Joe Richichi as E.J. Lofgren, and Monica Snyder as Miss Johnson.

The production is directed

beautifully by Parkway's scenic designer James Parker who has a fine feel for the play and a strong ability to coach actors. The settings (two: Veta Louise's home and Chumley's Sanitorium) have been excellently designed by Parkway's Technical Director Gregory Buch, pinch-hitting



W.D. "Mutt" Burton

for Parker while he fulfills his directorial assignment. The 1940's costumes are by Kaye Brown with lighting by David Hart.

Harvey is a real treat and appropriate for the entire family, young and old alike. Tickets can be reserved at the Playhouse Box Office or by calling 682-6151. Parkway's last production will be the Irving Berlin musical hit *Annie Get Your Gun* (August 6th through 9th).



Lauren Woods

Woods as Jake, Denise Stockert as Minnie, Jim Fisher as Foster Wilson, and most of the Playhouse company.

Woods will be assisted by

Council Receives Grant

The Yancey County Council is the recipient of a grant from the N.C. Office of Manpower Services. The purpose of the grant is to fund a short Summer Youth Recreation Program for Yancey County. The program will be jointly administered by the Yancey County Council, W.A. M.Y., and the Yancey County Recreation Commission for the benefit of disadvantaged youths between the ages of 8 and 13 years. The program will include recreational activities and field trips. Interested parties should contact the W.A.M.Y. office, Burnsville.

Postmaster Banks Attends Convention In Fayetteville

Postmaster and Mrs. Philip Banks of Burnsville attended the annual State Convention of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters of the U.S. held at the Bordeaux Motor Inn at Fayetteville, N.C. from July 7 through 10, 1975.

Postmaster Banks attended the four days of meetings and training sessions designed with the purpose of helping postmasters throughout the state and nation to provide better and more consistent service for all customers of the Postal Service.

One of the highlights of the meetings occurred Monday night, July 10 with the

appearance and address of Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailer who emphasized the continuing effort of the postal service to provide the best service possible at the least possible cost to the customer. He outlined several plans now in the process of being implemented to help accomplish these goals. One of these is the new Bulk Mail Centers now in the process of construction completion and becoming operational.

On the return trip to Burnsville, Postmaster and Mrs. Banks were privileged to tour the Bulk Mail Center near Greensboro, N.C. which is now in operation. These facilities will be geared for

processing only Parcel Post. This will in turn free many existing facilities to better process other classes of mail. Also while in Greensboro the Banks toured the General Mail Facility in the town itself. This facility processes large quantities of First, Second and Third Class mail for a large portion of the southeast.

Postmaster Banks, on behalf of the Postal Service invites anyone wishing to see these new and modern facilities to feel free when in Greensboro to go by at their convenience. The new BMC can be seen most any day during the week in both morning and evening hours.

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