

*'Lion In Winter' Witty,
Moving Play at Highlands*

by Francien Mackle

"The Lion in Winter," which opened Thursday at Highlands Summer Theatre is a powerful production. The brilliant James Goldman script is well-served by director Michael Hall and his company.

The play is a literate and witty account of the struggle for power between King Henry II and his queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine, and their three greedy sons. At times it is devastatingly funny. It is also warm and deeply moving.

Designer Frank Bennett supplies much of the magic with very interesting multi-level set with the excellent mood lighting by Jim Painter.

Guest star Robert Juergens, head of the Rollins College Theatre Department in Florida, is a powerful actor who looks marvelous as the stubborn and wilful king. Anne Juergens is a very small and petite Eleanor, but her vocal strength and commanding stage presence make up for her diminutive size. This is the first production of the play I have seen in which the actors playing the sons were able to hold their own against the two leads.

Terry Madden is a charming and awkward John who has the smile of a naughty cherub. Rick Stanley's Geoffrey

is keen and treacherous and well-deserving of praise for his portrayal. And Robert Smith is probably the best Richard I have seen in summer stock.

His bedroom scene with David Traylor (Prince Philip) is one of the highlights of the play. Patricia Nesbit is lovely as Alais, carrying her role with competence and serenity.

The play is regal in every sense.

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*Sapphire Valley Sales Exceed
Million Mark*

Well over a million dollars in the first month of sales of Sapphire Valley condominium apartments were reported Sunday by G.P. Edwards, president of Realtec Incorporated, developers.

Designed primarily as a "second home in the mountains," the colony of homes is drawing attention from surrounding states, as well as from individuals in the Carolinas.

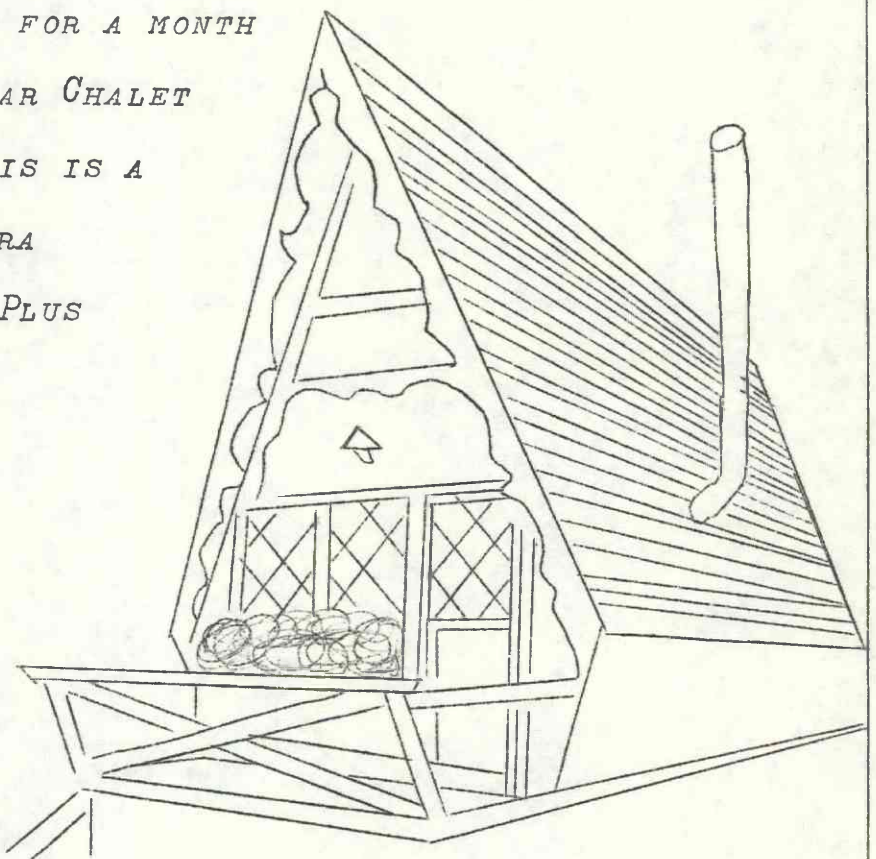
"Since our model apartments went on display July 10, we have seen enthusiastic interest shown in this distinguished summer resort colony," Edwards said.

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