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"Our Town" Success At Highlands Theater

(Highlands, N.C.) Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning "Our Town" continues until successful run Friday and Saturday, July 23-24, at 8:30 p.m. at the Highlands Community Theatre, Highlands, N.C., with Bob Niemyer of Daytona Beach, Fla., in the leading role of the Narrator. The theatre is located atop the charming resort town in the western Carolina mountains on Routes 28 and 64 southeast of Bryson City.

Michael Hall directed the production with Patricia Nesbit and Terry Madden as the romantic leads. Also featured are Betty Anderson, Connie Foster, Er Boles and Robert Woodside. Sets and costumes were designed by Frank Benn. Lighting technician is Jim Aainter.

Reservations may be made by calling the Highlands theatre. Good seats are available for the weekend performances.

A resident company presents five plays during the Highlands' summer season.

Scheduled July 29-Aug. 1 and Aug. 6-7 is "Picnic" by William Inge. "The Lion is in Winter" is set for Aug. 12-15 and Aug. 20-21.

Bible Conf. Continues

Mountain Missionary and Pastor Oliver W. Harer of Cosby, Tenn. and Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Callister who serve in Nigeria with the Sudan Interior Mission, will be featured speakers for the mid-summer sessions of the Great Smoky Mountains Bible Conference, which opens this Saturday evening, July 24, at the Conference Center on West Deep Creek Drive.

Running simultaneously with the Bible Conference will be Camp Living Water. The meetings which will begin July 24 continue through the following week, ending Friday evening July 30.

Meetings for the public will be held on Sunday at 2:30 p.m., and on the weekdays at 11 a.m.

Piedmont Chamber Orchestra In Kennedy Center Inaugural

The Piedmont Chamber Orchestra with Nicholas Harsanyi, Music Director and Conductor, will open its 1971-72 season with a performance at the new John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., on September 12, 1971. Sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation, the orchestra will present a concert of Moravian music as a part of the Kennedy Center's week In-augural Festival.

Emile Simonel, manager of the Piedmont Chamber Orchestra, has announced that plans for next year also include a three-week tour of southeast. In early April, 1972, the Orchestra has engagements in West Virginia North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida. John Robertson, pianist, will be the soloist.

The Piedmont Chamber Orchestra was formed in 1968 under a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to the North Carolina School of the Arts. The core of the orchestra is made up of the instrumental music faculty of the School of

Music, many of whom are performers of national repute. Hungarian-born conductor Nicholas Harsanyi, Dean of the School of Music, was the founding conductor of the Princeton Chamber Orchestra. Until recently, he served as Music Director of the Interlochen (Michigan) Arts Academy.

Horse Show Set July 22-24

The 15th annual Black Mountain Charity Horse Show will be held at Monte Vista Farm, one mile west of Black Mountain just off Highway 70, on July 22-24 with three performances daily, starting at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day.

The show is an American Horse Shows Association recognized Class "B" show, and the winners will accumulate points for the National Horse of the Year Award. The winners in the two Medal Equitation classes, the MacClay (ASPCA) and the Van Sinderen, will be qualified to enter national competition in these events.

Classes in the following divisions will be offered regular working hunter, green working hunter, regular conformation hunter, green conformation hunter, amateur-owner hunter, junior hunter, pony hunter, open jumper and equitation hunter seat. These classes will be judged by the Hon. John G. Hoang of Aiken, S.C. and Hon. Joe Bunn of Matthews, N.C.

Classes in the Western Division are scheduled for Friday afternoon and evening and on Saturday evening. These classes will be judged by the Hon. Ken Hutchinson of Gretna, Va.

Cash prizes and ribbons are offered in some classes, trophies and ribbons in some, and ribbons in others.

Entries and reservations have been made from a wide area and this show promises to be one of the quality shows of this area.



Dee Powell up on Lady II participated in the Waynesville Horse Show last weekend. Dee is niece of Jon Dannhower, president of Smoky Mountain Riding Club.

Puppet Show For Head Start

The Summer Puppetry Caravan of Berea College, Department of Education, has been scheduled to give a performance at the Head Start Center in Bryson City on Thursday, July 29, at 10:00 a.m. The Caravan is jointly sponsored by the Rockefeller and Berea College.

The show comes housed in a large trailer truck which opens up to make its own stage. Their performance will be held

outside and can accommodate a large number of children and adults.

The Caravan features three big shows - Wicked John and the Devil, Green Gourd, and Mustang.

The performance is free to Head Start children, workers, parents, and other family members.

Head Start personnel of the Bryson City Center invites all interested persons to attend.

June Sales Tax Lower

Collections of the local one percent sales and use tax during June fell below those for the same month last year in four Western North Carolina counties, but showed an increase in three others.

Buncombe County's collections showed a \$16,721 drop, from \$207,003 in June of 1970 to \$190,282 in June of the current year. Watauga dropped from \$29,282 to \$28,073; Jackson from \$16,851 to \$15,474; and Clay from \$3,261 to \$2,856.

Macon, with \$19,417 last month as compared to \$16,812 in

June of 1970; Swain with \$6,987 as compared to \$6,407; and Madison with \$6,161 last month as compared to \$5,572 in June of 1970, were the three WNC counties showing increases.

Only four other counties among the 26 in which the tax is levied showed an increase. They were Mecklenburg, Duplin, Pasquotank and Tyrrell.

Total collections for the 26 counties also showed a decrease, from \$1,651,678 in June of last year to \$1,819,230 last month.

Alvin Edwards Fatally Injured

One man was killed and eight other persons injured, one critically, in a multi-car accident at Little Creek Road and Tidewater Drive in Norfolk, Va.

Alvin T. Edwards, 60, of 370 Sant Antonio Blvd., was dead on arrival at DePaul Hospital.

Edwards was driving north on Tidewater Drive when his car jumped a median and hit a southbound southbound car.

Edwards was the husband of Mrs. Jessie Edna Stanberry Edwards and a native of Swain County, N. C. Mrs. Edwards is a daughter of Jame Stanberry, the oldest living native in Swain County. Mr. Edwards had been a resident of Norfolk 46 years. He was on one of the founders of the Colonial Heights Church of Christ more than 30 years ago. He was chairman of the elders, chairman of the official board and a teacher for many years.

He was a 1922 graduate of Western North Carolina State Teachers College. He taught school and was a principal in the North Carolina school system before coming to Norfolk.

He was a member of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union, Local No. 2, for 42 years and was business agent and financial secretary of the union for 14 years. He was vice president of the First District of Virginia and D. C. State Conference of the International Union from 1962 to 1970 and at the time of his death was apprentice coordinator and administrator for health and welfare pension plan for the local union.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Joyce Redfield of Woodbury, N. J. and Mrs. Jayne R. Hodges of Norfolk; two sons, Jack W. Edwards and James M. Edwards of Norfolk; three sisters, Mrs. Maude Deaderick and Mrs. Clara Scott of Norfolk and Mrs. Willie Jones of Birmingham, Ala. and three brothers, L. Richard Edwards of Wilmington, Del., Roy M. Edwards and James S. Edwards of Norfolk.



Dr. Bacon, in background, looks up from his chore of taking blood samples as nurse Esther Jabo takes blood pressure at last Tuesday's Red Cross Bloodmobile visit. The visit was a success as 120 units of blood were donated. Dr. Bacon expressed appreciation for all who gave and to Consolidated, Heritage and Fairlane for their excellent cooperation.

Lions Install Cabinet

Installation of District 31-A Lions Cabinet will be held in Andrews at the High School Cafeteria on Thursday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m.

This will also be ladies night and all Lions and Lionesses are invited. It is requested that reservations be made through Lion Roy Gilbert, Andrews.

Past President of Lions International, Jack Stickle, will be the speaker and install the district officers. He will be introduced by Past District Governor, Howard Halthcock of the Franklin Lions Club. Marshall Matheny, State Secretary of North Carolina Lions, will participate in the program.

Joe El-Khoury, elected at the State Lions Convention to serve as District Governor, will be installed, Roy Gilbert of the Andrews Lions Club will be installed as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. Jesse R. Jenkins of the Fontana Lions Club will be installed as Deputy Governor of Region One of which the Bryson City Lions Club are a part. Three additional Regional Deputies and eight Zone Chairmen will be installed.

Industrial Park Road

Chairman of the Swain County Board of Commissioners, Odell Shuler, received a status report and tentative schedule for the construction of the proposed access road to serve the Swain County Industrial Park. This information was received in a letter from J.H. Prince, Regional Planning Coordinator for the State Highway Commission. This article is a summary of that report.

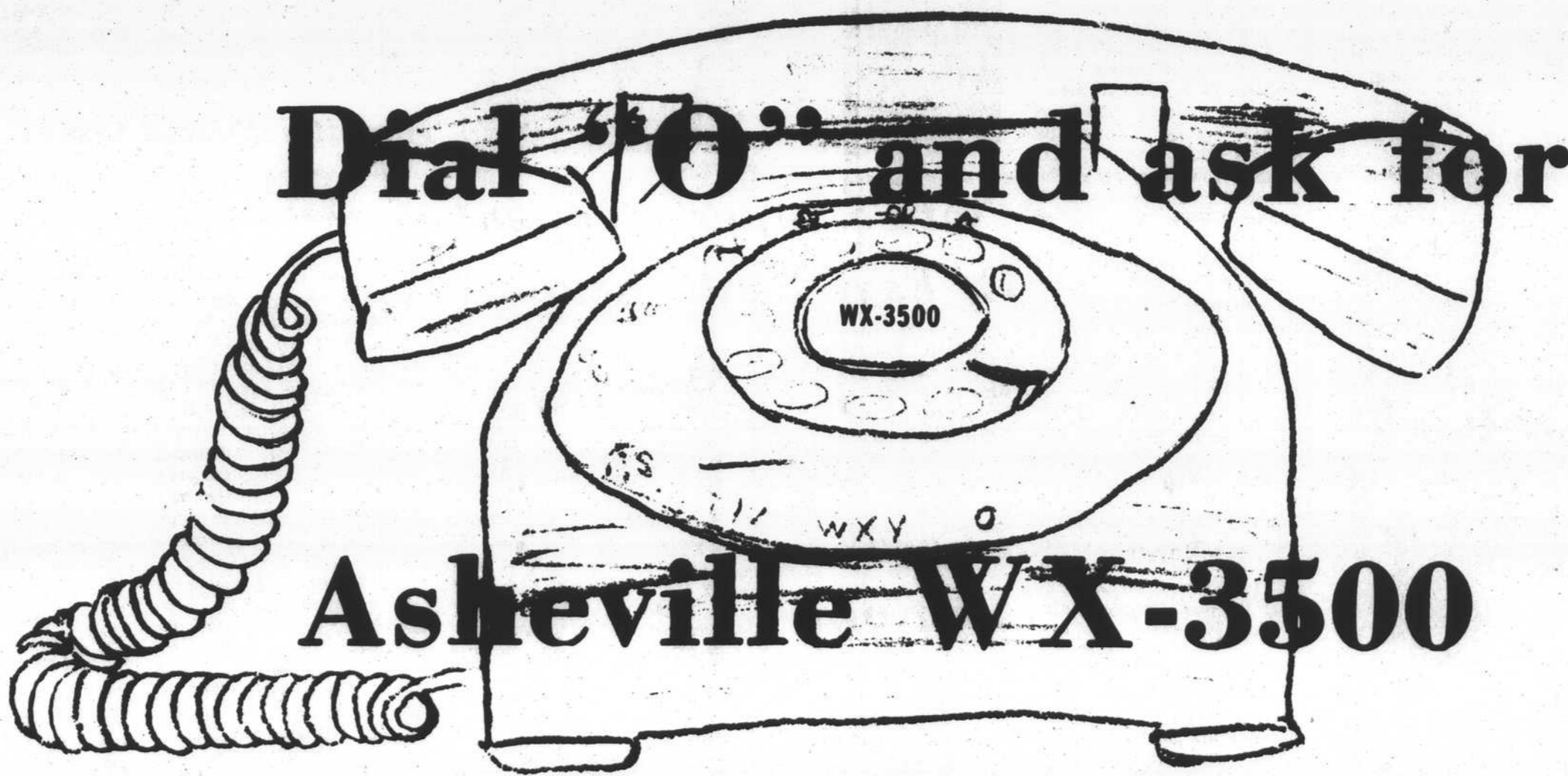
The Appalachian Regional Commission approved a grant to assist in the construction of access road in February of this year. The SHC obtained concurrence of a negative declaration under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 from the Federal Highway Administration. The SHC approved the access road on May 8, 1971.

Field surveys for the road are scheduled for September and October of 1971. The design will require approximately three months after field surveys are completed.

Cautioning that these schedules are tentative, Prince said, that the access road could be let to contract early in 1972.

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