

# Joan Bennett To Appear In New Pineville Theatre Play

The PINEVILLE DINNER THEATRE brings one of America's most beloved actresses to the local stage in "Butterflies Are Free", a comedy that ran for two years on Broadway, and several successful tours of the United States, and left a wake of laughter all over the world.

Joan Bennett was born in Palisades, New Jersey, the youngest daughter of famed actor, Richard Bennett, and his actress wife, Adriene Morrison. She is the sister of the late actresses, Constance and Barbara Bennett.

Miss Bennett has made over seventy motion pictures of which her favorites include



Actress Joan Bennett ...To perform here  
LITTLE WOMEN, PRIVATE WORLDS, TRADE WINDS, MANHUNT, THE MACOMBER AFFAIR, WOMAN IN

THE WINDOW, and SCARLET STREET. Her acting debut was with her father in the Broadway production of JARNEGAN, directed by George Abbot, who also directed Miss Bennett in the London production on NEVER TOO LATE. Among others, Miss Bennett has appeared opposite John Barrymore, George Arliss, Ronald Colman, Spencer Tracy, Gregory Peck, Henry Fonda, Don Ameche, Jack Benny, Franchot Tone, Francis Lederer, Robert Cummings, Robert Preston, Frederick Marck, Sir Michael Redgrave, George Sanders and Bing Crosby.

Her stage work has included the National Touring Companies of STAGE DOOR, BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE, JANUS, THE PLEASURE OF HIS COMPANY. Other plays are ANNIVERSARY WALTZ, ONCE MORE WITH FEELING, THE GAZEBO, and THE RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE.

Also appearing with Miss Bennett in this production at the PINEVILLE DINNER THEATRE will be Melonie Haller, better known as "Sunshine" of the Sweathogs in the "Welcome Back Kotter" television series.

"BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE" will be at the PINEVILLE DINNER THEATRE from October 3 to the 29th with matinees every Wednesday and Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Special group rates available by calling Catherine Smith, Group Sales Director at 704-542-3481.

### Marionettes

The fairy tale "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be presented by marionettes at 7:30 p.m. October 4 at the Children's Theatre of Charlotte, 1017 E. Morehead St. The program will be given by the Vagabond Players of Atlanta, Ga.

## Brock Peters To Star In New "Roots"

Brock Peters has been signed to play a starring role in David L. Wolper's production, "Roots: The Next Generations," it was announced by producer Stan Margulies.

Peters plays a sharecropper who bucks the system during the Depression era in the ABC Novel for Television based on additional stories from Alex Haley's "Roots" as well as material from his new book "Search" and 800 pages of notes not included in his

books. George Stanford Brown directs from a script by Thad Mumford. Peters joins previously announced stars Paul Winfield and Dorian Harewood. Shooting continues on location in Bakersfield, California.

"Roots: The Next Generations," is again a David L. Wolper production in association with Warner Bros. Television with David L. Wolper as executive producer.

## Greco To Portray Dracula In Ovens Play

Dracula is back! The new Gothic Entertainment currently running to rave reviews in New York, THE PASSION OF DRACULA by Bob All and David Richmond will play at Ovens Auditorium on October 13, at 8 p.m. It is 1911.

The setting is Dr. Seward's study in the English countryside. Adjacent to his house is a mental hospital over which he presides. His beautiful niece Wilhelmina is ill. Three

bodies of young women have been found drained of blood with puncture marks on their

neck. There is a reporter, Harker, who falls in love with Wilhelmina. A delightful lunatic keeps turning up and of

course, their new neighbor, Count Dracula. There is Professor Van Helsing, who suspects the count to be a vampire.



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