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## Anthony Maltese Directs Third Production

The Parkway Playhouse, America's Unique Summer Theatre, in Burnsville, N. C., announces the third production of its 15th summer of continuous operation. Truman Capote's comic yet heart-warming story, **THE GRASS HARP**, will be presented for three performances beginning Thursday 26 July and running through Saturday 28 July.

Directed by Anthony M. Maltese, Ass't. Professor of Speech Arts at Paterson State College, who has directed such past Playhouse productions as **ANTIGONE**, **PICNIC**, **THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK**, **THE GRASS HARP** was called "a beautiful play," by Brooks Atkinson. "The most creative contribution of the season... an idyll about the pure in heart... with an original, off-beat humor."

An outstanding cast of players has been assembled by Mr. Maltese. Major roles are being carried by Karen Lachowitch who adds Dolly Talso to such sensitive portrayals in past productions as Laura in **THE GLASS MENAGERIE** and **LOOK HOMEWARD ANGEL**, and the title role in **ANTIGONE**; and by Sue Walker whose gallery of memorable portraits includes Mr. Brady in **INHERIT THE WIND**, Phedre in **THE CRETAN WOMAN**, and this season's Lady Bracknell in **EARNEST**, and Mrs. Branson in **NIGHT MUST FALL**.

Other major roles are handled by two newcomers whose work so far this season suggests great promise. John Sotak, Rutgers New Brunswick student who was seen last week as Hubert in **NIGHT MUST FALL**, portrays the youthful Collin; while Frank Whitman, also of Rutgers University, moves from Algernon in **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** to the gentle Judge Cool.

In major supporting roles are such talented players as Susan Stark, who was seen as Mrs. Terrence in **NIGHT MUST FALL**; Gail Neary, who portrayed Dora Parkoe last week; Christine Barnett, who was seen as Cecily in **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**; Joel Gersmann, Rutgers in Newark student who was seen earlier this season as Lane in **EARNEST**, as was Carmellia Carrao who appeared as Merrimaid; Ann Bambi Long, who played Gwendolyn in the same play; Ernest Albrecht, last week's Inspec-

tor Belsize; Eddy Hay and Harry Greene who have appeared in numerous Playhouse productions, most recently **INHERIT THE WIND** and **LOOK HOMEWARD ANGEL**.

Appearing with the Parkway Playhouse for the first time are Sandra Haas, student at Paterson State College; and U. of Florida student Gerald Jones. Bill Perkins, Cane River High School, teacher of drama and speech, plays the role of the sheriff. Mr. Perkins has appeared with **UNTO THESE HILLS** and **BOUND FOR KENTUCKY** as well as in several Off-Broadway productions.

**THE GRASS HARP** is a love story. It is about a music that is there for everyone to hear, but unfortunately not everyone knows how to listen. It is the hum of voices in the wind, the rustling of a blade of grass, the wonder of a seed, a fall of rain, a reaching up and ripening in the sun. It is the story of life and love, and of how, when you love one thing, you can love another, because life and love are a chain.

The settings for **THE GRASS HARP** are created by Vern Smith and Joe Allen, and evoke the lyric charm of this heartwarming human comedy.



Karen Lachowitch and John Sotak in a scene from **THE GRASS HARP** by Truman Capote presented by The Parkway Playhouse, Burnsville, July 26, 27, and 28.



(Photo by John Robinson)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY BILLY JOE!

Billy Joe is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman L. Brown of Burnsville. He celebrated his 10th birthday last Friday. His hobby is collecting model cars.

### Garden Club Will Meet Friday

The Burnsville Garden Club will meet Friday, July 27, at 8 p. m., at the home of Mrs. C. M. Shotts with Mrs. E. L. Beeson as associate hostess.

Mrs. John Robinson, program leader, will present two colored films: "Flower Arrangements at Williamsburg" and "Flower Arrangements for the Home".

### Bill Perkins To Play In "The Grass Harp"

Bill Perkins, teacher of drama, speech and English at Cane River High School, joins the Parkway Playhouse company in the role of the sheriff in this week's production of **THE GRASS HARP** by Truman Capote. Mr. Perkins brings a varied background of theatre experience drawn from appearances in such Off-Broadway New York productions as Horton Foote's **THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL**, and **THE GIRL ON THE VIA FLAMMIA**. He has also appeared in two of the famous outdoor symphonic dramas, **UNTO THESE HILLS** and more recently in **BOUND FOR KENTUCKY**.

Truman Capote's famous comic fantasy will introduce Mr. Perkins to the Parkway Playhouse audience. Performances of **THE GRASS HARP** begin at 8:00. It will run for three nights beginning Thursday, July 26 through Saturday, July 28.

### Library Discussion Group To Meet Tuesday

The library-discussion group will meet at the Yancey County Library in Burnsville on Tuesday, July 31st at 8 p. m. Discussion on the Arab-Israel problem will be led by Ernest Morgan, who has visited the cooperative settlements in Israel, and Jonathan Szanton, counselor at the Morgan School Camp.

The discussion group is sponsored by the Yancey County Friends of the Library, and the public is invited to attend.

### X-Ray Mobile Here Through July 28th

The Health Department wishes to urge persons over fifteen years of age to avail themselves of the opportunity to get a free chest x-ray while the Mobile Unit is still on the Square in Burnsville. The unit will remain open through July 28th. On Thursday, July 26th, the Unit will open at 11 a. m. and will operate until 5 p. m. in order to accommodate persons working in the plants.

All teachers, bus drivers, food handlers, and dairy workers are reminded that in order to get their health certificates a chest x-ray will be required.

This facility is made available through the local Health Department, the State Board of Health, and the Yancey County Tuberculosis Committee.

### Bobby Silvers Sets New Track Record

Marion — Bobby Silvers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Silvers, 10-year-old speedster from Burnsville, set a new track record of 11.2 seconds for one lap as he blistered the asphalt in gunning his kart to his third victory in the past four weeks at the Marion Go-Kart Raceway Saturday night.

Only the week before young Bobby had tied the previous record of 11.3 seconds in winning the junior event. That mark had been set three weeks ago by Barney Peeler, of Lawndale, a senior driver.

Bobby's victory was not the only one for Burnsville drivers as members of the Yancey County Kart Club for the second straight week dominated the junior and senior events, although not quite as much as they had the previous week when they took all first three places in the senior event. This past Saturday night Max

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### Styles Awarded Scholarship



Eugene Styles, 1962 graduate of East Yancey High School has been awarded a 4 year scholarship by the N. C. Veterans Commission. This Scholarship entitles Eugene to free tuition, a reasonable room and board allowance, and such other items and institutional services as are embraced within the institutional matriculation fees and other special fees and charges required to be paid as a condition to remaining in said institution and pursuing the course of study selected.

Eugene plans to attend Appalachian State Teachers College this fall.

Notification of the award was sent to Eugene Styles by Celling McKinnis, Director, North Carolina Veterans Commission, Raleigh.

Mr. Styles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Styles, Rt. 1, Burnsville.

### FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR DAN WILSON

Dan Wilson, 70, of Rt. 4, Burnsville, died Monday morning in a Burnsville hospital following a long illness.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at Jald Mountain Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. Theron Wheeler officiated. Burial was in Sampson Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Loraine Edwards Wilson; three daughters, Mrs. James Payne of Hickory and Mrs. Bronus Bradford and Miss Catherine Wilson of Rt. 4, Burnsville; three sons, Johnny, Robie and Walter Wilson all of Rt. 3, Burnsville; two sisters, Mrs. Carl Wilson and Mrs. Edna Hensley of Rt. 4, Burnsville; three brothers, Parson of Rt. 3, Burnsville and Rass and Back Wilson of High Point; and 16 grandchildren.

## Plans For Annual Crafts Festival Underway

Billy Jo Deyton, of Green Mountain, famed singer of folk tunes, will be a feature attraction of Burnsville's sixth annual Folk Arts and Crafts Festival, to be staged Saturday, Aug. 11, in the town square by the Parkway Playhouse. Mrs. Deyton has a

rich repertory of old-time folk songs, which have been sung by Carolina's mountain folk for centuries.

Director of the arts and crafts festival, Dr. Harry Greene has arranged an all-day program of entertainment to supplement the enjoyment of watching demonstrations and viewing exhibits by our tri-county craftsmen.

Other features will be group dances by some of this region's best dancers, including the Cane River High School group of eight couples, who won the runner-up honors in the state-wide square dance competition last April in Asheville. These graceful young dancers, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Peterson, will appear in specially designed costumes; the girls in dresses copied from the wardrobe of Miss America of 1962 (Miss North Carolina); the boys in black trousers and white blouses.

National folk dances in authentic costumes will also be presented by the popular teen-age dance group of Celso Community, under the leadership of Miss Iris Schwintzer.

Other favorites of past festivals will be Mrs. Artie Lee Peterson's well trained third graders from the Micaville elementary school in group routines.

This year's fun-in-the-park will also introduce a new group of young dancers under the direction of Mrs. Carlie Rice, fifth-grade students of the Clearmont elementary school.

Dr. Greene hopes to round out the day's events with a return engagement of the amusing puppet show, produced by Girl Scout troop number 88, with Mrs. P. C. Coletta directing the maneuvers on the miniature stage.

Burnsville's gay festival of arts and crafts is sponsored by the Parkway Playhouse as a climax for their summer-theatre season. Crews from the Playhouse set up the canopied booths for the craftsmen's demonstrations and exhibits. The fair, lasting from 8 a. m. to sundown, is followed by the final stage performance of the collegians in the Playhouse that evening.

Final theatre offering this year will be the Broadway musical, "The Boy Friend," a hilarious spoof of the flapper era of the twenties.

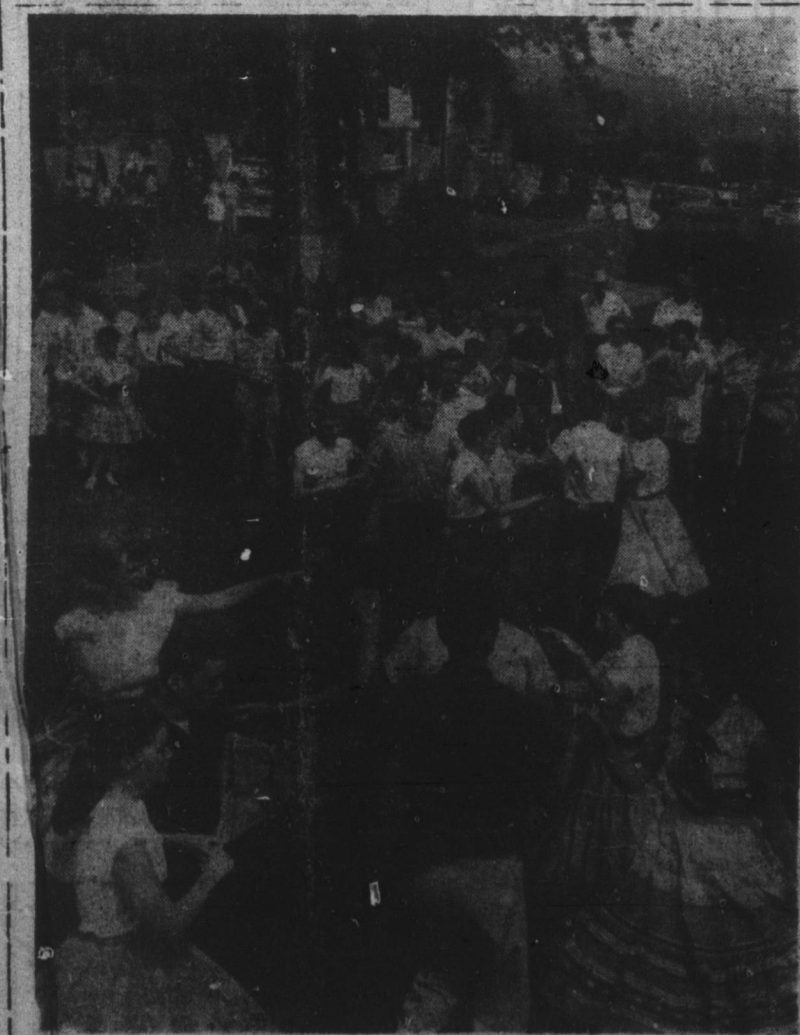
### Miss Garland In Children's Theater

Judy Garland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Garland, of Salisbury and granddaughter of Mr. Gus Bailey of Burnsville, played the lead role in "The Wizard of Oz" on the Boyden High School stage in Salisbury this week. She was selected for this part out of around 20 girls who read the part.

Started this year as an experiment by the still-toddling Piedmont Players in cooperation with many cooperating agencies such as the city schools and Catawba Blue Mosque, the children have ignored the heat and responded with the enthusiasm of childhood to the first try at Children's Summer Theatre in Salisbury.

They've painted sets and learned their lines and made tickets and sold them and also made posters and posted them in prominent places throughout the town.

Young Miss Garland will play Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz", the young girl from Kansas. Everyone will remember Dorothy and her dog, Toto and the scarecrow without brains and the cowardly lion and the wonderful Emerald City where the great and mighty Oz holds sway.



Shown above is a local square dance team who has performed in Burnsville Craft Fair. Music and Dance is always part of the Fair.

See "The Grass Harp"

PARKWAY PLAYHOUSE THURSDAY-FRI.-SAT.

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