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Eighth Annual Arts And Crafts Festival Scheduled Saturday



Photo by John Robinson

Shown above are members of the puppet show. They are left to right, seated: Denise Piercy and Bonnie Hays; standing: Dianne Angel, Jeanne Ray and Anita Anglin.

Parkway Playhouse Climaxes Season With Musical

By: Joyce Anderson
For the last production of the season, the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville is presenting a musical, **LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE** by Rick Besoyan. Awarded as the best off-Broadway production in the 1959-60 season, Mr. Besoyan wrote music, lyrics, and story himself for the smash hit that opened at the Orpheum Theatre on New York City's Lower East side and later refused offers to move uptown.

LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE will run for five nights, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—August 7, 8, 10, 11, 12—to conclude the 17th season of summer theatre for the Playhouse. August 8th on the town square in Burnsville the 8th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival will take place, sponsored by the Playhouse under the direction of Dr. Harry Greene. Local craftsmen will exhibit their handmade products and demonstrate the craftmaking process, wherever possible. An entertainment program will include square dancing; musical selections from **LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE** under the direction of Douglas Therrell of Mars Hill College, musical director for the show; and folk singing by Mayon Weeks of Fayetteville, N. C., and Patricia Powers of Miami, Florida.

Reminiscent of the Nelson Eddy-Jeanette MacDonald old-time dramas, **LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE** contains all the nostalgic makings of operettas popular in the early 1900's. Sweet young ladies from a finishing school sing and dance with a troop of brightly uniformed forest rangers; Little Mary Sunshine, proprietress of a Colorado inn in the Rockies who, is in love with Big Jim Warrington, leader of the troop, sings "Colorado Love Call" with him and "Look for a Sky of Blue" with the troop, while dancing through their ranks. Barbara Powers will play the part of Little Mary Sunshine, and Jack Riels, who was Morgan Evans in last week's show, **THE CORN IS GREEN**, appears opposite her as Big Jim Warrington.

Chief Brown Bear, an Indian chief who has adopted Little Mary Sunshine, will be played by Lauren K. Woods. Carol Ann Mendoza has the ingenue role of Nancy Twinkle, Little Mary's flirtatious maid who sings "Once in a Blue Moon" with Cpl. Billy Jester played by Jon Cutala. Pat Powers portrays an operatic singer named Mme. Ernestine Von Liebedich who cavorts and sings numbers as "In Izzenschnook S. B." Mayon Weeks will be the amiable and willing General Fairfax, Forest rangers are: Mervyn Deskins, Jan Kellik, Allen Middleton, Kit Wilson, Robert William Taylor and Michael Higgins. The young ladies from the finishing school are: Leslie Charleson, Ellen Woods, Eleanor Smith, Judith Nann, Bunny Bennett, and Suzanne Hendry.

Edward Anderson, a staff member of the Parkway, will direct **LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE**, assisted by Suzanne Hendry, a member of the Drama Workshop. Musical director is Douglas Therrell of Mars Hill College; choreographer is Earle W. Bagaley of Jacksonville, Florida.

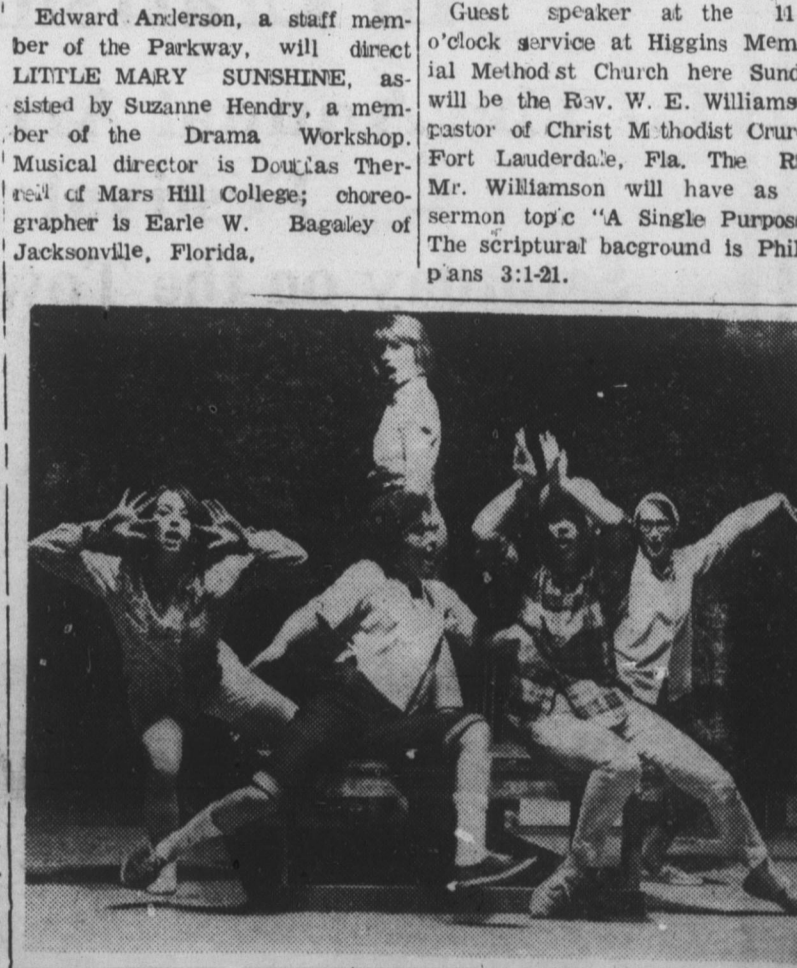


Photo by A. T. Schneider
Shown above are the ladies from the finishing school in a scene from "Little Mary Sunshine"

Girl Scouts To Present Puppet Show at Festival

The Girl Scouts and their annual puppet show is always an interesting part of the entertainment at the Craftsman's Fair. This year the Scouts will present an unusual type of puppet show. The title is "Animal School Dropouts", and the puppets represent animals with over-sized heads. Yes, even Grandma Cow goes back to school and learns to read (representing Adult Education), and Fluffy and Duffy Rabbit (the teen-aged married couple) resume their education at a Trade School. This puppet show has been presented many times recently in the Pisgah Girl Scout Council and has received wide acclaim. Mrs. P. C. Coletta will direct the production at the Fair.

Rev. Williamson Guest Speaker At Methodist Church Sunday

Guest speaker at the 11:00 o'clock service at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church here Sunday will be the Rev. W. E. Williamson, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Rev. Mr. Williamson will have as his sermon topic "A Single Purpose". The scriptural background is Philipians 3:1-21.

Fouts Appointed Assistant County Supervisor Of FHA

William F. Fouts, native of Macon County, has been appointed as Assistant Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration in Yancey County and began work here Monday morning, August 3, 1964. His appointment was effective June 8, 1964 however, he received his induction training in the local office of the Farmers Home Administration in Laurinburg.

He graduated from Franklin High School in 1957 and North Carolina State College in January 1962 with a BS Degree in Agricultural Education.

Since 1962 he has been employed by The North Carolina Extension Service as Assistant County Agent in Lenoir County, Scotland County, N. C. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fouts of Franklin and a cousin of Dover R. Fouts of Burnsville.

Mrs. Fouts is the former Rosemary Casha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Casha of Rocky Point, N. C., Pender County. She is a graduate of Peace College, Raleigh, N. C. She has been employed by the Fairway Finance Company in Laurinburg and prior to that by the North Carolina State College, Office of Alumni Affairs.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fouts have been active in civic clubs and community activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Fouts are members of The First Baptist Church, Laurinburg, N. C. They have no children. They are now living in the new house recently constructed by B. R. Penland in West Burnsville. Mr. Fouts replaces W. Ralph Bechler who transferred to Macon County as County Supervisor in January 1964.

Bloodmobile At Armory Tuesday, August 11

The American Red Cross BLOODMOBILE will be at the Armory in Burnsville, Tuesday, August 11th from 12 noon until 5:30 P.M. This will be the first visit of the fiscal year. The quota for Yancey County has been raised to 450 pints, which means it will be necessary for us to collect 112½ pints of blood at each of the four visits.

The Junior Womens Club will be in charge of the Canteen, and the Gray Ladies will assist the Red Cross staff. Dr. Stanley P. Urquhart will be the doctor on duty and the nurse will be Mrs. Benny Fender.

According to the Asheville Regional Blood Center, Yancey County made her quota for the 63-64 fiscal year with a total of 402 pints. This is a record of which all of Yancey County should be proud. Yancey was one of twelve chapters who exceeded her quota. There were fifteen chapters that did not reach their quota. Avery and Mitchell counties were included in this number.

Yancey County has once again done what was requested of her. If each citizen over eighteen years of age will assume his share of the responsibility for keeping blood available for those who need it, Yancey County can continue to fulfill her obligation and be proud of such a record.

NOTICE
EACH PERSON GIVING A PINT OF BLOOD AT THE BLOODMOBILE VISIT TUESDAY WILL RECEIVE A FREE TICKET TO THE MUSICAL TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY EVENING AT THE PARKWAY PLAYHOUSE.

Troy Hilliard Honored At Retirement

Mr. Troy Hilliard of Micaville, N. C. retired last week after 16 years service to Glen Raven Silk Mills, Inc.

In recognition of his years of loyal service he was presented with a gold pocket watch inscribed "Troy Hilliard-1948-1964, For Loyal Service, Glen Raven Silk Mills, Inc."

He was also presented with a rocking chair by his fellow employees.

Mr. Hilliard's cheerful disposition will be greatly missed at Glen Raven.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilliard of Burnsville were hosts to a birthday party given at their home Saturday night honoring Mr. Hilliard's father, on his 65th birthday.

Guests were Mrs. Troy Hilliard, the Hilliard's daughters, Mrs. Richard Williams and family of Charlotte, and Mrs. Glen Holshouser and Mr. Holshouser of Salisbury; and another son, Jay Hilliard, and Mrs. Hilliard of Burnsville and four grandchildren.

Rocky Spring Heights Picnic

The Rocky Springs Heights Community Club will have a family picnic on Sunday afternoon. There will be games for children and also for the adult members of the club.

Craftsmen Will Move Into Town Square Early Saturday

By: Joyce Anderson
The 17th season of continuous operation for the Parkway Playhouse draws to a climax this weekend with the 8th Annual Burnsville Arts and Crafts Festival and the presentation of a musical,

Burnsville Garden Club Has Statue of Otway Burns Restored

The Burnsville Garden Club, in preparation for the annual Arts and Crafts Festival on the Town Square Saturday, had the statue of Otway Burns, which has stood on the Town Square since 1909, moved to the blacksmith shop of Daniel Boone where he has restored the sword and hand and made other repairs on the statue.

Around 1947 vandals cut the sword away severing the left hand above the wrist. The sword was found and preserved. The monument was a gift from Walter Francis Burns, a grandson of the Capt. Burns.

The Burnsville Garden Club has done much to beautify the square over the years. Members have set the young trees on the square and have also kept the flowers each summer around the base of the statue. Members of the Garden Club are also responsible for the attractive street signs throughout the town.



Photo by A. T. Schneider
Mrs. Wanda Lea demonstrating the pottery-making process will be seen at the Arts and Crafts Festival Saturday.

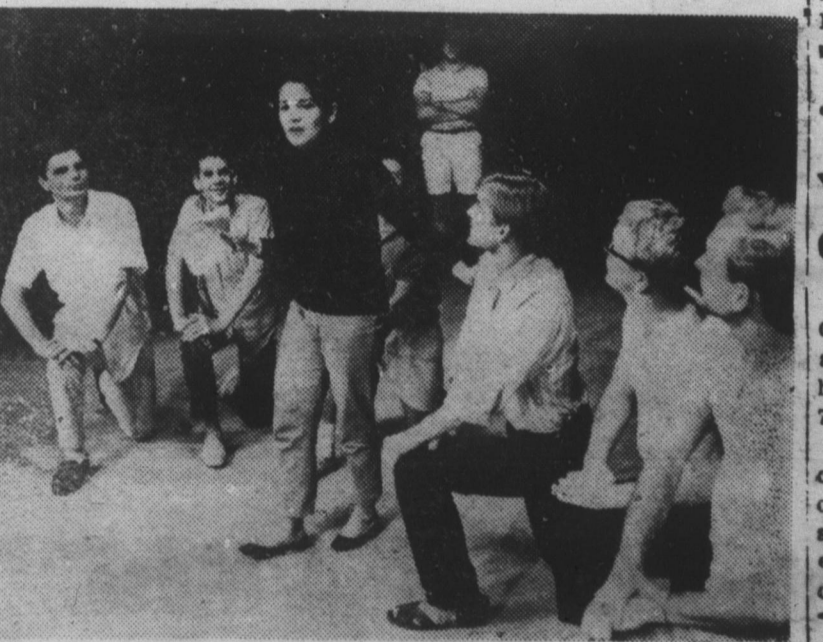


Photo by A. T. Schneider
Barbara Abbate is shown in a scene from this week's show, "Little Mary Sunshine". With her are the Forest Rangers, the dance group.

"LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE". Both the Fair and a musical traditionally take place the last weekend of the summer season. Plans for both these events, however, were being laid at the very beginning of the season, early in July.

Singing and dancing try-outs are held as early as possible to enable short rehearsals for the musical under the direction of a choreographer and music director, even as plays are being cast and rehearsed. In the meanwhile, Dr. Harry Greene, the Director of the Fair is busily organizing—interviewing prospective exhibitors, saying hello to old-timers, and trying to pin down the elusive mountain craftsmen. By the time the musical is in full-time rehearsal, he is reassembling the festive fair booths in front of the school building.

This year a storm intervened, tossing about the booths—which proved quite sturdy—and darkening the theatre during valuable rehearsal time, but the Company sang numbers from the show until the lights came on, and went scattering the next day for the segments of fair booths scattered around the schoolhouse.

Dr. Greene is a familiar figure in Burnsville, this being his eighth season at the Playhouse. An artist in his own right noted for his sculpting, Harry Greene is knowledgeable about each craft represented at the Fair, and it is he who makes the many personal contacts each year with the local craft-artists.

When the preliminaries for the Fair are over, and the musical, which is the biggest, most elaborate stage production of the summer, has opened, the whole Playhouse Company pitches in early (very early) Saturday morning to set up the Fair in the town square—transporting the booths, providing electrical current, and helping the exhibitors to move in and assemble their tools.

The Fair provides the Drama Workshop members with the opportunity to learn about craft-making skills in the area, see them demonstrated, and work with the townspeople.

The impetus of the Playhouse in sponsoring the Festival has been increasingly successful in drawing to Burnsville more and more people interested in encouraging authentic folk arts and crafts.

We welcome both visitors and craftsmen to the Eighth Annual Burnsville Arts and Crafts Festival Saturday, all day, at the Town Square.

Service At Ivy Gap Church

The Ivy Gap Baptist Church will hold their regular second Saturday Night Singing Saturday night, August 8 at 7:20 p. m. All singers and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Y. C. Red Cross Chapter To Meet

The Yancey County Red Cross Chapter will have a very important meeting in the County Courthouse on Monday, August 17 at 7:30 p. m. All members and interested citizens are urged to attend. Anyone who has contributed as much as \$1.00 to the United Fund is entitled to membership in the chapter.

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