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E. L. Beeson, retired teacher, stands among a few of his many violins and dulcimers displayed in his booth at the Arts and Crafts Fair here last year.

For many years making stringed instruments has been a hobby of Mr. Beeson's that has taken him away from the cares of the world and placed

him in a world of his own. He is noted in this area for his ability to make excellent violins and dulcimers. He not only makes them, he plays them, too.

Mr. Beeson had a booth last year with many fine instruments, and it is expected that his display on the Square here August 7 will be better.

Dr. Greene Expects 'Tops' In Crafts Fair In August

BY: EDGAR HAY

Burnsvillians are in high spirits again with the prospect of their town's annual Craftsmen's Festival, which is staged in the central town square every August by the Parkway Playhouse folk, to mark the close of their theatrical season.

Dr. Harry Greene, who heads the fair's preparations and operations, says that this year's assemblage of craftsmen and entertainers will be more representative than ever of the talents and skills in this tri-county area. The reputation of the Burnsville crafts fair has widened each year for the past eight years and has become well known by the craftsmen not only of Yancey County but of Buncombe, Mitchell and other parts of western North Carolina. Dr. Greene expects this year's fair to top all previous efforts.

Crafts to be displayed will reveal all the manual skills that have been developed to high quality in these mountains — hand-tooled woodwork by master craftsmen; creations in metal by recognized blacksmith-artists (Dr. Greene anticipates that our famous Daniel Boone will set up his movable forge in the park); the many-splendored works of our ceramic artists (Wanda Lea may have her potter's wheel in her display to demonstrate the fascinating growth of vases and jars before your eyes); hand-weaving of fabrics; semi-precious stones found here and polished by local "rock hounds"; exhibits of many fancy styles of needlework practiced by skillful women.

Among the unusual items

for the specialist shopper will be beautiful violins (made here in Burnsville); other musical instruments — such as dulcimers — hand-knitted sweaters for men and women, corn cobs fashioned into amusing shapes of animals, cane-straw dolls, brooms and mats, pitch forks hammered by the expert blacksmiths into curly pronged hat racks, jewelry and personal accessories.

One rare collector's item in antique tools which Dr. Greene is hopeful of persuading The Pendulum Antique Shop to exhibit is a centuries-old pioneer sausage grinder. Every moving part of this rare machine is handmade, from the metal handle, gears and bolts, to the wooden rollers, with their inset wooden grinding pegs.

Entertainment is an important phase of the fair's gaiety. Dance groups and musicians will be featured at scheduled hours on the green. Folk dancing ensembles will be alternated with solo performers, and the music of guitars, recorders and dulcimers will vary the musical program with records. There will be a puppet show also for the youngsters.

Luncheon snacks — sandwiches, fruits and cakes — will be for sale by ladies' groups on the grounds.

In short, the whole day — Saturday, August 7 — will be given over to having a good time in a gala mood and in seeing for oneself the surprising number of crafts that are being developed here.

People who plan to exhibit at the Fair are asked to contact Dr. Greene at the Playhouse.

Tony Romeo Speaks Mt. Pleasant Church

Tony Romeo, a member of the Boston Patriots football team, will speak at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at the 11:00 o'clock service on Sunday, July 18.

Mr. Romeo is married to the former Sabra Briggs, formerly of Yancey County.

Mr. Romeo will tell what Christ has done for him when he speaks at the morning service on Sunday. Mrs. Romeo is an accomplished soloist and will thrill the congregation with special music before Tony brings the morning message.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service. The Rev. E. J. Hall is pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church.

REV. JOHN POWERS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY



Rev. John Powers is the new pastor of the Estatoa and Micaville Presbyterian U. S. Churches. He comes to us from Greeneville, Tennessee, where he spent 17 years in rural church work. Mr. Powers is a native of Cedarville, Ohio, born and raised on the farm.

While in Tennessee Rev. Powers helped to establish the recreational program for Greene County where all ages participate.

Youth that are kept busy in a well disciplined program very seldom become delinquent problems, he says. The Christian faith that we confess must go out into all phases of the Community life, Rev. Powers asserts.

Rev. Powers is the President of the Micaville Community Club, the Co-Adviser of the Micaville 4-H Club, and appointed Neighborhood Youth Corps Director. His interest still turns to the Youth

in helping to establish a recreational program at Micaville in co-operation with the County program. The local ballfield has been equipped with lights for night games, a recreational center on the school grounds is being established, and renovation programs are planned for both churches, under his direction.



Mr. and Mrs. Lauren K. Woods, in the lead of "SEND ME NO FLOWERS"

Comedy, 'Send Me No Flowers' At Playhouse

By: Steve Vollmer

SEND ME NO FLOWERS, a carefree comedy by Norman Barusch and Carroll Moore, will be presented July 16-17 at Burnsville's Parkway Playhouse. After a successful production of THE MIRACLE WORKER the Playhouse assumes a more cheerful complexion for this strictly funny and games comedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauren K. Woods star as George and July Kimball, typical suburbanites. Mr. Woods, director of next week's play THE HAPPY TIME, is a drama instructor at Monmouth College, N. J. He and his talented wife, Ellen, have returned for a third season.

The Kimballs armed with credit cards, lead a tranquil life, isolated from the frenetic "rat race" of the city — or so it appears. George, who "suffers" from hypochondria, touches off a comical chain of catastrophes.

Arnold Nash, played by Bill Thiry, is George's best friend who tries to curb the chaos by loyally drinking himself senseless.

Director Fred Koch, Jr., founder of the renowned Ring Theatre at the University of Miami, has chosen Barbara Oka of Columbia

DISTURBANCE AT CAROLINA HEMLOCKS CAUSES ARRESTS

A late night disturbance of campers at Carolina Hemlock Recreation Area Wednesday resulted in four local youths being brought before U. S. Commissioner, F. R. Vaughn in Marion, N. C., according to District Forest Ranger Carmichael. Arraigned were Melvin Haney, Harold Haney, Jimmy Robinson, and a minor, Mr. Carmichael said.

University as assistant to the director and stage manager.

Judy's college sweetheart, ageless Bert Powerk, is portrayed by Marshall Cohen of Monmouth College, N. J.

Company manager Ed Anderson, director of last week's play, THE MIRACLE WORKER, will be featured as Mr. Ak's, the fun-loving funeral director.

Others in the cast include: Bill Gwikowski as Vito, the swaggering delivery boy; Patti King and Nancy Beckman as ladies of questionable virtue; and Steve Edelstein as Dr. Ralph Morrissey, whose dream to specialize remains unfulfilled. Barbara Oka, Marlen Ostborg, and Robert Taylor are seen in dream sequences.

The set, fashioned in a modern motif, was designed by Vern Smith. Vern, at the Playhouse for his fifth season, teaches Speech and Drama at Rutgers University.

Curtain time for this fun and-games comedy is 8 p. m.

The Forest Service Ranger said the youths were charged with disorderly conduct and disturbance or defacing Federal property. The minor was released in the custody of his parents and restricted from Carolina Hemlock for six months. Carmichael reported. The others were fined \$25.00 each, placed on Federal probation and restricted from Carolina Hemlock for six months according to the Ranger.

Sunday morning, July 11, Jerry Dean Holtsclaw of Marion, N. C. was cited for disorderly and obnoxious conduct in Carolina Hemlocks and arraigned before Commissioner Vaughn on Monday morning. Holtsclaw was fined \$25.00 and restricted from Carolina Hemlocks for six months, according to Ranger Carmichael.