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Joey Barbly and "Mutt" Burton are shown in a scene from this week's play "The Happy Time" at the Parkway Playhouse.

'MUT' BURTON IN 'HAPPY TIME' THIS WEEK

By: Steve Vollmer

Samuel Taylor's THE HAPPY TIME, a comedy with a nostalgic flavor, will be presented July 22, 23, 24, at Burnsville's Parkway Playhouse.

Set in Ottawa, Canada in the 1920's, THE HAPPY TIME is based on the fond childhood memories of Robert Fontaine, animated by the central character, Bibi. Bibi is the object of a gentle tug-of-war between the French and English factions of the family.

Papa, played by company manager Ed Anderson, is witty, understanding, and French. Maman, portrayed by Barbara Perreault, is a prim, appealing, Scotch Presbyterian, worried that her impressionable son, Bibi will be led astray by the pleasure-seeking French side of the family.

Bill Thiry, after appearing in a leading role in SEND ME NO FLOWERS, will be seen as Uncle Louis, a lovable lush. Debonair Uncle Desmond is played by Marshall Cohen of Monmouth College, N. J.

W. C. "Mutt" Burton is as Bibi's wise tolerant grandfather, an incorrigible ladies man. Mr. Burton's versatility as an actor is accentuated as he assumes the challenging role of Granpers.

Bibi, at the brink of adolescence and bubbling with curiosity, is portrayed by eleven year old Joey Garbly of Nanquesant, New Jersey.

Director Lauren K. Woods, who starred in the season's second production, SEND ME NO FLOWERS, has chosen Stephen Edelstein of Monmouth College as Assistant to the Director and Stage Manager.

Others in the cast are: Vical Lauffer as Mignonette, the family's alluring maid, Nancy Beckman as Bibi's not-so-secret admirer and Steve Edelstein as Dr. Gagnon.

Also included are: Bruce Branch as the unyielding school principal, Mrs. Fve, Bill Cwikowski as an unsuspecting suitor, Alfred, and Sheila Dennis as Uncle Louis' scolding wife, Felice.

The Parkway Playhouse is in its 18th season of summer theatre under the Executive Direction of Gordon R. Bennett, Assistant Professor of Drama at the University of Miami.

SURVEY UNDERWAY FOR FURNITURE WORKERS IN TRI-COUNTY AREA

Two questionnaire forms for a Tri-County Labor Survey for Furniture workers are inside this newspaper, one in each section for the benefit of readers to complete and return to the Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce, Spruce Pine, North Carolina.

It is important that these forms be completed and returned as soon as possible. All residents of the area who have relatives and friends that are working away should see that they get one of these questionnaires if they are interested in coming back to our area for work.

The survey will concern every available person in the Tri-County area between 17 years of age and 60 who is working, or has ever worked in a furniture factory. It simply boils down to this—if everyone in the Tri-County area who wants a new furniture factory and employment in the furniture factory, then they should fill out a questionnaire and see that it gets back to the Mitchell County Industrial Comm., Spruce Pine, N. C. P. O. Box 500.

WESTERN BARBECUE AUGUST 7TH

Six Arrested On Assault Charges

Six Pensacola men are out on bond following waiver of preliminary hearing on assault and other charges. The charges were made following an incident on upper Cattail Creek July 11.

According to Deputy Sheriff Thad Bradford and Clerk of Court records, warrants were issued and arrests made for Carl Blankenship, Gaither Thomason, Jr., Govan Blankenship, J. B. Roland, Harold Roland and Dennis Silvers following an attack made on four Burnsville youths Sunday, July 11, by the six men.

The four Burnsville youths were on their way to visit at the home of Mrs. George A. Downing, who is summer residents at Cattail Creek. The attack occurred in front of the Downing summer home, according to witnesses. Mrs. Downing said the four boys were followed in a car by the six men and two small boys, and the assault occurred in the Downing parking area.

Mrs. Downing was threatened with an open knife by one of the men arrested when she tried to stop the affair.

Baccus Hensley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Hensley here

was injured by the assaulting group to the extent that he was brought to the hospital here with facial and other head injuries.

Warrants for the group were taken by both Selwyn Hensley and Mrs. Downing. One charge was made for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and aiding and abetting. Warrant taken by Mrs. Downing states that the offenders "did assault and injure guests on my property", and "assaulted me with a knife open and attacked persons on my property".

The six men were released on bail of \$300.00 on one charge and J. B. Roland and Harold Roland and Gaither Thomason, Jr. on a \$500.00 bail on the other charge.

This is not the only incident which has occurred in that section of summer residents. According to reports, on other occasions Florida youths in the Cattail Creek section with their parents for the summer have been attacked. Also, about two years ago some other Burnsville youths who had attended a community square dance there were beaten up by a local group.

Special Program Will Be Given By Children

BY: EDDIE HAY

A Reverent interpretation of the Lord's Prayer in dance, accompanied by the modern hymnal music and vocal solo, will be the impressive climax of the special program of music and art next Monday, July 26, at the Parkway Playhouse, for the pre-school children of the federal summer program, "Headstart."

Mrs. Hubert Justice, who teaches in the Micaville elementary school, is chairman of the special program. Professional and university artists of the Playhouse, Burnsville's summer theatre, will present the 35-minute menu of songs, dances and story-art demonstration for the youngsters and parents. The children will be brought to the theatre in school buses from the Burnsville and Micaville elementary schools. An audience of 150 children, plus those parents who wish to attend, is expected.

Dianne Gustafson, New York choreographer who is here to stage the dances for the new musical, "Lady Bountiful," is training the dancers for the special "Headstart" performance. Five experienced performers will comprise the Lord's Prayer ballet: Priscilla Petti, Nancy Bennett Patti King, Rosemary Sills and Mrs. Gustafson herself.

The Lord's Prayer will be sung by the vocal soprano Betty Cooper, who has been cast in a leading role in the upcoming musical at the Playhouse, and the piano accompaniment will be played by Leonard Adriance, composer of the musical score for "Lady Bountiful."

Two selections from the musical show will be introduced at the children's theatre party. A song-and-dance

trio of comic would-be highwaymen will be presented by Bill Thiry, Bob Taylor and Bill Cwikowski, and Betty Cooper will sing her song from the show, "Listen to My Heart."

Vern Smith, Rutgers University professor who is designer of scenic sets for the Playhouse productions, will tell a story and illustrate it by drawing pictures of the characters. From the stage he will invite the young audience to participate with their ideas of how the story should go.

Two youngsters of the Playhouse families — five-year old Lynn Petti and six-year old Karen Gustafson — will entertain their young contemporaries with a sprightly dance, designed by Karen's mother.

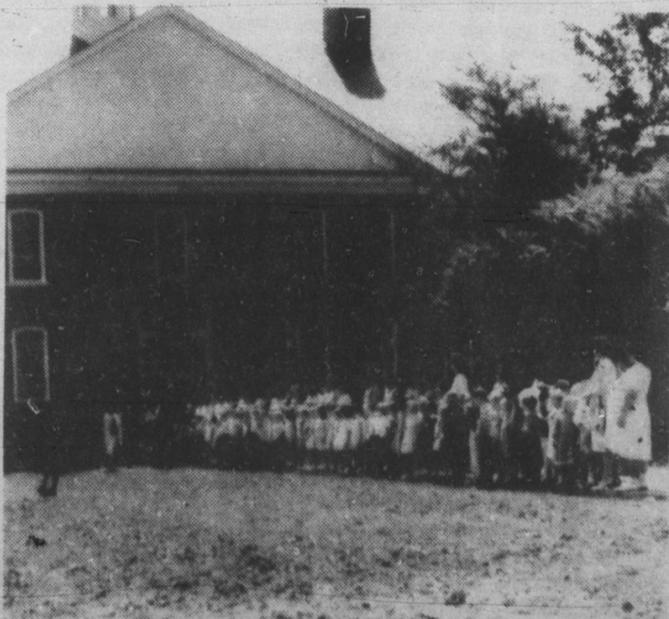
The Playhouse entertainment will begin at 9:30 next Monday morning in the theatre, and admission is free.

4-H MEMBERS ATTEND CAMP

By: Waightstill Avery, Ass't. Agricultural Agent
Yancey County 4-H'ers attended the Swannanoa 4-H Camp the week of July 12-17. There were 24 4-H'ers and leaders attending.

Yancey County went to camp with Tyrrell and Union

Susan Ohle of South Toe 4-H Club was chosen the best girl camper during the week. Gary Bennett and Forest Westall were chosen as the best boy campers in their individual group. Also, Susan and Charles Ohle received certificates for winning first place in the swimming meet that was held the last day at camp.



Head Start Day was observed Friday, July 16 here. Around 202 children from the seven elementary schools in the county participated in the program. Raising of the Head Start flag was held. Robert Helmle, Mayor of Burnsville, made a few brief remarks.

Shown above the children are looking over the new court house.