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'The Mousetrap' To Be Sprung At Playhouse This Week

The Mousetrap, by Agatha Christie, begins this Friday at the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville, N. C. The author of "Ten Little Indians" and "Witness for the Prosecution" comes forth with another superb intrigue about a group of strangers stranded in a boarding house during a snow storm, one of whom is a murderer. The suspects include the newly married couple who run the house, a spinster with a curious background, an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef, a retired Army major, a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift, and a feminine jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. A policeman arrives on the scene, traveling on skis, and to get to the rationale of the murderer's pattern, he probes the background of everyone present and rattles a lot of skeletons. This spine-tingling mystery with a surprise ending plays Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

This production will be directed by Gordon Bennett, who has been with the Parkway Playhouse every year except its first, and served as Managing Director during the past 12 years. Mr. Bennett is now a professor of Drama and Speech at the University of Miami.

Familiar faces in this production include Lauren Woods, Bill Cwisgowski and Barry Duddy, who all appeared in the opening production of "See How They Run." Other members of the cast are Diana Lawrence, Armando Contardi, Margaret Sharpe, Amella Penland, and Sal Giacchi.

The company is not only busy with this week's production but is well into rehearsal for next Friday's opening of Thornton Wilder's beloved American classic "Our Town." This is the twentieth anniversary production of "Our Town" and will be directed by W. R. Taylor who directed it the first season. "Mutt" Burton and some of the rest of the original cast have returned for this anniversary production. Many of the cast of "Our Town" will be Burnsville people. The local cast members include W. A. Barks, Chris Koch, Evum Lewis, Phyllis Downline, Elizabeth Bennett, Pandy Barks, and Jeanette Fox.

The Playhouse Staff reports that patrons are responding well to this year's new reserved seat policy. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Box Office at 682-2198 from 9 to 9 daily except Sunday.

Ralph Kerns, Managing Director of Parkway Playhouse, has announced that he is seeking extra people to appear in LIL ABNER at the Playhouse. The Broadway musical, based on the comic strip, will be given August 12, 13, 15, 16.

Rehearsals will begin Sunday, July 31, but Mr. Kerns would like to have a few musical rehearsals before that date. Pianists are needed to work with the production, as well as singers, dancers, actors. Try-outs will be held Sunday afternoon, July 24th, at 2:00 in the theatre. You may contact Mr. Kerns at the Playhouse, or phone 682-2198.

OBITUARIES

FRANK McCOURRY

Frank McCourry, 89, of Seattle, Washington died in Sacramento, Calif. on July 13th.

The body is being returned to Burnsville for burial. Services will be held Friday at 2:00 p. m. in the Chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. The Rev. A. Z. Jamerson will officiate and burial will be in the McCourry Cemetery on Pater-son Branch.

Mr. McCourry moved to Seattle, Washington in 1920. He visited a sister, the late Mrs. Carl T. Young, here in 1956, and met old acquaintances and relatives that he hadn't seen in many years.

Surviving are three brothers, Roy A. McCourry of McMinnville, Oregon; Landon of Seattle, Washington, and Jeater C. of Sacramento, Calif.; four half-sisters, Mrs. Jencie Holden of Supply, N. C., Mrs. Myrtle Hilt of Arden, N. C., Mrs. Audrey Stanford of Asheville and Mrs. Virginia Strong of Van Nuys, Calif.; one half-brother, Kenneth McCourry of Spring Hope, N. C.

Active pallbearers will be Donald Lee Buckner, George Stanford III, Ivan Peterson and Ferril, Alvin and Travis McCourry.

SAM HIGGINS

Sam Higgins, 90, of Rt. 4, died Sunday morning in a local nursing home following a long illness.

Mr. Higgins was a lifelong resident of Yancey County and a retired farmer.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Ida Atkins Higgins; six daughters, Mrs. Gus Higgins, Mrs. Baxter Silvers and Mrs. Estoy Hylemon, all of Burnsville Rt. 4, Mrs. Gus Proffitt of Burnsville Rt. 1, Mrs. Lula King of Burnsville Rt. 2, and Mrs. Geneva H. Pate of Asheville; five sons, Clyde of

Adult Classes To Resume

Mrs. Shaby B. Humphries, local supervisor of Basic Adult Education in Yancey county announces that classes will resume on Thursday, July 21, 1966 at the Burnsville Elementary School in Burnsville.

This is a continuous program sponsored by W. A. M. Y. Community Action, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute and the Yancey County Schools.

Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m. Anyone who has not been enrolled in these classes and who would like to begin should report to Burnsville Elementary School on Thursday, July 21, 1966 at 6:30 p. m.

This program is open to any adult 18 years of age and older. One important phase of the program offers special instruction for adults who desire to learn to read and write or to improve their reading and writing abilities.

Newport News, Va., Ray of Burnsville, Lloyd of Canton, Quilton of Relief and Fred Higgins of Elizabethton, Tenn.; 31 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday in Higgins Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Francis Radford and the Rev. T. E. Woody officiated and burial was in Higgins Cemetery. Pallbearers were Arson Miller, Lewis Webb, Bill Renfro, R. L. Silvers, Tate Ramsey, Burnie Edwards and J. T. and Isaac Randolph.

RUBEN PETERSON

Ruben Peterson, 78, died unexpectedly at his home Saturday morning.

He was a native of Yancey County.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Etta Renfro Peterson; six daughters, Mrs. Ruford Cooper and Mrs. S. J. Bennett, both of Burnsville, Mrs. Jake Howell of Bakersville, Mrs. Earl Demary of Battle Creek, Mich., Mrs. Ray Cornet of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Linton Reynolds of Ekton, Md.; three sons, Roscoe of Burnsville, John Jackson, Mich., and Frank Peterson of Battle Creek, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Renfro of Green Mountain and Mrs. Mary Howell of Marion; 49 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Monday in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home.

The Rev. Fred Harrell officiated and burial was in West Burnsville Baptist Church Cemetery.

CRAFTS FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12

Once again the skilled artists and craftsmen of our area will proudly display and demonstrate their work at the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival on August 12th and 13th on the village green of Burnsville.

The Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival, under the direction of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, was formerly known as the Arts and Crafts Festival when it was sponsored by the Parkway Playhouse.

Unlike the preceding years this year's festival will run for two days instead of one. Friday's activities, on August 12th will begin at one in the afternoon and run until 5:00 p. m. The festival will continue on Saturday, August 13, for a full day.

With the help of Juanita English the Chamber of Commerce has invited master craftsmen from all phases of mountain craft. E. L. Beeson, the retired school teacher will be there with his beautiful hand-crafted

dulcimers, and wrought iron work will be displayed and demonstrated. Weaving, spinning, quilting, and other crafts of yester year will be demonstrated by expert craftsmen.

The Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival will not only have mountain crafts, but mountain entertainment will be presented throughout the fair. Folk dancers with their bright mountain costumes will dance on the village green to the music of local instrumentalists.

When the festivities end on Friday and Saturday nights one can relax and be entertained at the Parkway Playhouse presentation of Lil Abner to be presented August 12-16. Curtain time is 8 o'clock.

Visitors, craftsmen, townspeople are all cordially invited to come to the Burnsville Village green and enjoy the mountain crafts and be entertained by games, clothes, and talent of yester year.



The Bishop of Lax (Lauren Wood) and Ida the maid (Jo Carson) in one of the many comic moments of See How They Run, first production at the Playhouse.



15 Glen Raven employees completed the American National Red Cross First Aid Training Course conducted by Mr. David Cash of the N. C. Industrial Commission. (L-R) J. E. Wilson, Champ McMahan, Kay Masters, Jeter Parker, Donald Young, Burgin Silvers, and Grady Melton are receiving Certificates from Mr. Cash.