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Dog Patchers clown around on the roof of the Parkway Playhouse.

Some of the cast of *Li'l Abner*.

Musical, 'Li'l Abner', Will Lower Playhouse Curtain

The Parkway Playhouse closes its season with the colorful musical extravaganza *Li'l Abner*, which opens Friday and plays Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday. Al Capp's world famous characters are portrayed in the original musical comedy written by Norman Panama and Melvin Frank. The wonderful tunes by Johnny Mercer and Gene de Paul include such favorites as the dreamy ballad "Namely You", the hilarious show stopper "If I Had My Druthers", the sentimental hit "Love in a Home", and many others.

Li'l Abner will feature the entire company and stars Barry Dudley as *Li'l Abner*. Mr. Dudley toured overseas with the UNC-G Theatre's production of *Li'l Abner* for two months this spring. Karen Woods, a student at Monmouth College, is Daisy

Mae. She has much experience in musicals as she played Lola in *Damn Yankees* and Polly in *The Boy Friend*. Lauren Woods, who directed *Mary*, and appeared in the first three productions of the season, contributes his talent and will be playing *Marryin' Sam*. The Parkway Playhouse has added a new twist to this rollicking musical. Miss Jo Carson of Johnson City will play *Pappy Yokum* and Mr. Bill Cwikowski of Asbury Park New Jersey, will be *Mammy Yokum*.

Mr. Ralph Kerns, Managing Director of the Parkway Playhouse, is directing *Li'l Abner*. Mr. Kerns is the Director of the Young People's Theatre of UNC-G and directed the Playhouse's first production, *See How They Run*. Miss Focky Reeder, Mr. Kern's assistant and a student at UNC-G, is doing the choreography.

Schedule Set For Opening Of County Schools

The following schedule will be observed by all schools for 1966-67.

Principals will start work on Thursday, August 11 and will be at the school daily for conferences with parents and students. The teachers will start with a County-wide meeting in the auditorium of the Burnsville Elementary School on August 22 at 10:00 a. m. The Rev. J. M. G. Warner, Pastor Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, will conduct the devotional. Dr. Fred B. Bentley, President Mars Hill College, will make the address. Teachers

will meet with their principals at 1:00 p. m. on Wednesday, August 24, students will register for classes. Buses will operate on the regular morning scheduled time. Students will be returned to their homes for lunch. Thursday, August 25, will be the official opening for students. This will be a full day. Lunch rooms will operate and meals will be served. The schools will operate on Labor Day, but will be closed all day for the N.C.E.A. meeting on Sept. 27, and election day, Nov. 8. Thanksgiving holiday will be observed on Nov. 24 and 25.

Bloodmobile To Visit Here Tuesday

Yancey County will be visited Tuesday, August 16, by the Red Cross Bloodmobile from the Regional Office in Asheville.

The quota for this visit is 100 pints and a total of 400 for the year. The Burnsville Methodist WSCS is in charge of the canteen; Dr. Urquhart will be the attending physician; a registered nurse will also be on hand.

According to a release from the Asheville Regional Blood Center of the American National Red Cross, new policies and procedures of N. C. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, will go into effect Sept. 1, as follows: In the past the hospital has approved blood usage for residents of the Asheville region, whether or not they had blood coverage, or had made replacements. They are no longer able to do this, and, effective Sept. 1, 1966, blood usage at this hospital will be approved only for those Asheville region residents who hold current blood credit cards, or who have made replacement of blood in the quantity, and, in some cases, the type required.

The Asheville Blood Center is attempting to make arrangements with Baptist Hospital so that they will have advance notice of these needs when such notice is available, the appropriate chapter will be informed so that action can be taken to arrange for preplacement, or credit coverage can be confirmed. It is feared that advance notice will not be available from the hospital in many, if not most, cases. It will be necessary therefore, for the local chapter to make arrangements with the physicians and hospitals in their area to keep them informed of patients when they are referring to Baptist Hospital.

Because of increased out-of-region usage and other factors, the Asheville Blood Center has fallen seriously in debt to the Central Exchange System. In order to reverse this trend and pay off this indebtedness, it is necessary that blood collections be increased.

To Serve Barbequed Chicken Saturday

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a barbeque for the 10th Annual Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival. The barbeque will begin at 4 o'clock and the hungry visitor at the festival will again be able to sample the delicious mountain style barbequed chicken once again.

Fun, Mountain Arts And Crafts Promised For Festival

The hum of potter's wheel, the nimble fingers of mountain basket weavers and the swishing skirts of native folk dancers will add a new dimension to the quiet beauty of the Burnsville village green on Friday, August 12th as Mayor Robert Helmle officially opens the 10th annual Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival to the public at one o'clock.

With the help of craft coordinators from Yancey, Mitchell, Avery and Watauga counties, the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce has invited 27 master craftsmen to demonstrate, display and sell their craft during the two day Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival.

The festival will begin at one o'clock on Friday afternoon with the proclamation of Mayor Robert Helmle and end on Saturday, August 13, with the Parkway Playhouse production of *Li'l Abner* at eight o'clock.

After the festival closes at 5 o'clock on Friday, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a championship softball game between the two leading teams of Yancey County on the athletic field of the Burnsville Elementary School. The game will begin at 6 o'clock.

The voices of the Apple Cider Singers, Susan Hensley and the lovely Margaret Winters will give the visitors at the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival a unique example of native folk talent.

Artie Lee Peterson's third grade folk dancers, The Cattail Cloggers and the Cane River square dance team will also lead a square dance for all to participate in on

Saturday evening after the festival closes. The dance will begin at seven on the Burnsville village green.

Special Exhibits at the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival include the United States Forest Service exhibit, The Fess Lewis Poetry display, The Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, Watauga Central Craft Footh and the Deneen Mica Company display.

For the rock hound at the festival the Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a field trip to the Ray mine on Saturday at 2:30. A large box of mineral specimens will be complimentary gifts of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce to the young rockhounds at the festival.

The Higgins Memorial Methodist Church will provide mountain food and refreshments. The traditional crafts festival barbeque will begin at 4 o'clock.

Native mountain costume will be worn by hosts and hostess at the festival to give visitors at the 10th annual Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival a more complete view of yester year culture in your mountain area.

Championship Softball Game Set

On Friday, August 12th at 6 o'clock the final championship game of the softball season will be played between the Green Mountain team winner of the National League Pennant and the Little World Series and the Burnsville Eagles winners of the

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To the delight of the young crowd, the surry with the fringe on top went round

and round the town square during last year's Arts Festival loaded with excited children.