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The Pied Piper of Hamelin, played by Mark Warner, is shown with the village children in a scene from the forthcoming play.

## BURNSVILLE ELEMENTARY TO PRESENT 'THE PIED PIPER' FRIDAY NIGHT

The Burnsville Elementary Schol. P.T.A. is really pulling together in the forthcoming production of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin", which is to take place in the Parkway Playhouse on Friday night at 8:00 o'clock.

The principal characters are played by Mark Warren, Charles Metcalf, Marsha Banks, Bobby Byrd, Carolyn Allen, Marilyn Laughrun, Harrison Tyner, Wesley Hensley and Janet Burhoe, all from the 7th and 8th grades.

There are the villagers — Ronnie Biggerstaff, Dennis Wooten, Sharon Crisp, Paula Woody, Elvira Choate, and Agnes Burhoe; also the village

children — Ann Hess, Diane Wampler, Anna Warner, Lee Warner, Vicki Edge, Julianne Young, Sherrie Laughrun, Marie Hunter, Mary Crisp, Gregory Edge, Scott Carmichael, Michael Moore, Randy Laughrun, Jerry Lewis and Andrew Wampler.

Kenneth Laughrun is heading the making of the sets, assisted by Woody Finley, Helton Carmichael and Joe Crisp.

Bunny Bennett and Jean'e Ray are in charge of lighting. Costumes were designed and made by Mrs. Bill Hess, Mrs. D. H. Carmichael, and Mrs. Paul Laughrun. Mrs. Garland Wampler

and Mrs. Earl Young are in charge of the props. Mrs. Jack Edge has done a fine job of publicity and Ticket Sales. Mrs. Wallace Edge heads the Program committee. Mrs. Paul Biggerstaff has done an outstanding job as Business Manager; as have Mrs. Joe Young and Mrs. Hubert Justice in the Make-up Department.

And what in the world would you do without the Directors. Mrs. Joe Warner, assisted by Mrs. T. M. Tyner, Mrs. D. I. Burhoe, Mrs. Ed Hunter and Mrs. Jack Biggerstaff have done a wonderful job of directing, as you will see by coming to the Parkway Playhouse Friday night at 8:00 p. m. We assure you it will be an evening well spent.

in on the act.

The almost flawless acting of the entire cast reflects the ability of Mrs. Westall, as well as the talent shown by the students. It would be hard to say which of the characters played the lead, since several had prominent parts. We have already mentioned John Penland, Ramona Penland, Linda Wilson and Irene Coletta. Other prominent parts were played by John Wheeler as Rev. Samuel Parris, Sandra McMahan as Mrs. Ann Putnam; Larry Brewer as Thomas Putnam; Sharon Young as Mercy Lewis; Virginia Bodford as Mary Warren (whose testimony played a prominent part in the trials, but who later denied her testimony and joined up with Abigail). Rebecca Nurse, played by Ida Jane Maney, played a strong role, as did Gary Presnell as Giles Corey; Dean Hicks as Rev. John Hale, Mike Silver as Francis Nurse; Kenneth Nelson as Ezekiel Cheever, Sheriff; Keith Harris as John Willard; Dennis Howell as Judge Hathorne; Jerry Cevenger as Deputy-Governor Danforth; Dena Brooks as Sarah Good; and last but not least Claudette Wilson as Betty Parris, the girl

Mass., in the early days of colonialism. A West Indian slave, "Tituba", played by Irene Coletta, is accused of telling voodoo tales to several children. The parents accused the slave of casting a spell on the children. The children in turn accused several women of the community of witchcraft. This resulted in the arrest and imprisonment of approximately 150 people — mostly women, and death by hanging of 19.

Arthur Miller in his play makes the children, teen age girls, led by Abigail Williams, played beautifully by Ramona Penland. Abigail, who had been having an affair with a local squire, John Proctor, played by John Penland, enraged by having been turned from the Proctor home by John's wife, Elizabeth, played by Linda Wilson, and finally scorned by John, set out to get even, and was the ring leader in the accusations, having gotten several of her girl friends

## 'THE CRUCIBLE' SMOOTH PRODUCTION

The young people and drama coach of East Yancey have a reputation for "rushing in where angels fear to tread" in their selection of their yearly productions. Two years ago "The Diary of Anne Frank"; last year "Look Homeward Angel", and this year "The Crucible". The manner in which the plays have been carried out and the almost professional acting of the cast have proved that they knew what it was all about.

This year's production, "The Crucible", by Arthur Miller, was a smooth running production of a most difficult play for a group of amateurs. The fact that the subject and the acting kept the attention and interest of a large audience for two nights proves the ability of the actors and the coaching staff—Mrs. Elizabeth Westall assisted by Ramona Bowditch, Student Director.

The play is based on the Witchcraft Trials in Salem,

## DR. GRAHAM, SARGENT SHRIVER TO VISIT AREA

### Roy Ray To Head U.F. Organization

At a luncheon meeting held at Blue Ridge Cafeteria Tuesday at noon, Roy Ray was elected to head the Yancey United Fund organization for 1967. Dr. Garland Wampler was named as Vice-Chairman of the organization.

Paul Wooten, manager of Westco Telephone Company, was named as chairman of Fund Drive this year. He is active in Scouting, Lions Club and other civic and church affairs here.

Renamed to offices in the Yancey County United Fund organization were Mayor R. K. Helmle, secretary, and Arney Fox, treasurer.

Oscar Anderson, Field Representative for Carolinas United, attended the meeting and outlined some of the aims for this year. He presented Dr. Wampler a plaque for his work as head of the organization in the county last year. Another plaque was to be presented to Rev. John Powers for his work as chairman of the Fund Drive last year. Rev. Powers was not present at the meeting, however.

who started it all by claiming to be bewitched.

Credit would also go to the Properties Committee, Chairman by Robert Young and Jean Holcombe; the Costume Committee, Lynn Butner, Chairman, and Anita Anglin, Co-Chairman; Make-up, headed by Deanna Parker, Chairman and Glenda Robinson, Co-Chairman; Lighting, David Gillespie and

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Dr. Billy Graham and Sargent Shriver, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, announced plans Tuesday to tour some of the community action projects in Avery County that are being operated by W.A.M.Y. Community Action, Inc.

The tour is aimed at giving Dr. Graham a first hand look at how the community action program is being operated, according to Herbert Dramer, Public Affairs Director of OEO.

Dr. Graham has been interested in meeting with Shriver for some time, Dramer said, and the two are expected to confer on how churches can most effectively be involved in anti-poverty efforts.

After the tour, Dr. Graham and Shriver are expected to speak at the Toe River Community Center in western Avery county, which is located in the old Toe River School.

Local W.A.M.Y. officials said they were pleased with the news of the visit, which had been in the making for about a month and a half.

Several churches in this area have been getting deeply involved in the community action effort in the past few months, said W.A.M.Y. Director Ernest Eppley, "and we are pleased to learn of Dr. Graham's deep interest in helping our low-income citizens find a better way of life.

"Naturally we are also pleased that W.A.M.Y. was chosen as the site of this tour by Dr. Graham and Mr. Shriver," Eppley concluded.

Although no final schedule for the tour has been announced, the public meeting at which Dr. Graham and Shriver are expected to speak should take place about 3 p. m. Saturday at the Toe River Center, according to W.A.M.Y. officials.



Oscar Anderson, Field Representative for Carolinas United, making a presentation of a plaque to Dr. Garland Wampler, Past President of the Yancey

County United Fund. Paul Wooten, looking on, is chairman of this year's United Fund Campaign.