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Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

Burnsville's Parkway Playhouse opens tomorrow night with a renowned North Carolina stellar attraction, "Look Homeward Angel", the play based upon Asheville's son, Thomas Wolfe, and the struggle he had to free himself of his family ties. This play is loaded with human interest connected with the family struggles. Humor, pathos, love, hatred, bickering, sordidness — every angle of family life, including greed, will be witnessed by those who are fortunate to attend one of the four performances.

The set designed by Frank Silberstein, for this opening play of our Season is one that you will not forget. I am willing to wager that it will make more than one of you drive over to Asheville and take another look at the Wolfe home, called Dixieland in the play. I won't go into a description of it because that sight of the set is a delight I want reserved to you personally when the curtain opens upon the performance you attend. Incidentally, there are still Season Tickets available at only \$8.50, which allows you reserved seats for all six productions, two of which are Musicals. That figures out, roughly, only a buck-forty a show. Also, two pre-college students can use one ticket and that figures out to about seventy cents a show — a real bargain in anybody's town!

"Woody" Woods who has acted innumerable roles during past seasons, will Direct the opening play and he has assembled a cast that I have watched in rehearsals and have no hesitancy in assuring you that it will be the most splendid acting job you have ever been fortunate enough to watch. I don't know whether "Woody" is just lucky or extremely talented in casting, whatever it is, we in the audience will get a real "break" from watching the talented actors he will have upon that stage.

Since this is not a review, there would be no point in listing the names of those involved in the production, therefore, even though it requires restraint upon my part, I won't name them. However, I know that, after viewing the opening Play, each of you will pick some favorites that you will delight in watching in subsequent plays throughout the Season. All we need for the greatest season the Playhouse has ever had is — your support. This we must have. You owe it to yourself and your Town to get behind this Season of six plays

and fill that Playhouse. Not only will it be good for you from a personal enjoyment angle, it will be good for you from the prestige it gives your Town.

Many townspeople have already done more than their share toward assuring the success of the Playhouse this season. Ladies have gotten material and made and hung drapes in the dormitory and the apartments connected with the venture. They took hours away from their personal tasks to perform this work. Businessmen have taken and are taking time to push the ticket sales. There is not enough space to list the names of all who have gone out of their way to assist this effort, but it would be remiss on my part if I didn't mention the special effort put forth by Mark Bennett, Paul Biggerstaff, and Mayor Jim Anglin.

In the event, unlikely — I trust, that you don't buy sufficient Season Tickets to carry you through the Summer, the prices at the box office are two bucks for adults and one for pre-college students. You can hardly see a good movie for that money and no movie gives the feeling that will come to you at a live stage production.

There are many people in this area who have never attended a play. Somewhere, some place along the line, someone put out the idea that the Parkway Playhouse wasn't for everyone, that it was only for Summer visitors and monied people, and — well, ridiculous things like that. So — I will give a personal guarantee to anyone who works at anything, whether it be a job or a profession, that if he or she goes to this play "Look Homeward Angel" and sincerely does not think he or she got full value for the money paid, I will barbecue the entire cast of the play upon the "Hill" where I live and feed their bones to my politically inclined dog, Hobo, who is sniffing about me right now with his nose out of joint because this article does not concern itself with politics. (Hobo just suggested that I had invited everyone to attend the performances but had not specifically mentioned Republicans by name and, since he claims Rocky may be running the Country, I here and now specifically invite all Republicans to come also.) Incidentally, some of these actors, despite the fact that they are good, just happen to be — though an accident of birth — Republicans. They will not be listed as such in the Program billing. Surprising though it may be, these folks look and

"Topping Out" A New Home On Rt. 2



"Topping Out" a new home being built on Route 2, Burnsville, N. C. Pictured are: Lawrence

Towe, contractor; J. A. Dudley, Bruce Garland, Ernest Roberts and Kenneth Westall.

Yancey County Native Enters Presidential Race

A new Presidential candidate has appeared on the scene, and a Yancey County native, no less, namely Rev. Kirby James Hensley, D.D., Ph.D., met. D (all mail order degrees), nominee of his Universal Party (headquarters in California) for the Nation's highest office.

Rev Hensley, who is visiting with relatives in Relief, dropped by THE RECORD office Tuesday morning. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hensley of the Low Gap section, Hensley was an aspirant to the Presidency in 1964. He founded and is President of the Universal Life Church, Inc., which came to being six years ago, and is based in Modesto, California.

Hensley stated that his Church and his political aspirations are in no way related. If elected President he says he would seek to abolish all taxes; introduce legislation seeking to authorize issuance of a fixed amount of money each year (said amount being previously determined as the precise amount needed for that year, regardless of budgets, federal deficits, etc.); and restore the government to the people. While he claims to support integration, he does not sanction interracial marriage. His party's platform includes protection of the national health from contamination of waters, food and air; civil treatment and protection of people from other worlds visiting earth, etc., e.c. In other words, if Mr. Hensley is elected Utopia will have arrived.

Hensley was nominated at a convention of the Universal Party in Denver, Colo. on March 4, 1968.

The goal of Mr. Hensley's Universal Life Church is to "bring freedom of religion to everyone". The Church will ordain

act like ordinary human beings — on stage, that is. In any event, tomorrow is opening night and I want to see a whole crowd of you

anyone to the ministry, without price and without question. He says that any minister ordained by his church is recognized by laws of all 50 states and many foreign countries and are legally entitled to perform services at weddings, funerals, ordain others and establish churches.

The church now boasts about 10,000 members and 600 churches throughout the world. Ministers ordained by this church are exempt from the draft. The Universal Life Church has no doctrine, but believes that everyone should have a right to his own religious convictions. It is supported by free-will offerings and contributions.

Hensley believes that the "Eternal Being" is within each person. At the convention at which he was nominated for President four years ago, he said: "It is the same when you realize that God is not a person sitting up there on a throne somewhere, directing this power and that. That is the sensible idea that a lot of the churches have. But to think that there is some reality up there doing something for me is just foolishness I get what I want through my own understanding of laws of nature and my own self-effort. Self-bragging? Yes, but it must not be a false brag. Don't make a fool of yourself and be found out, but you will be real if you learn how all the laws work."

Hensley claims that his doctrine (or lack of doctrine) is very big with college students.

All this from a Yancey County man of humble beginnings, who, starting out as a Baptist minister, claims to have explored (and rejected) the doctrines of numerous Protestant churches, as well as Christian Science, and Catholicism.

Rev. Hensley, married to the former Lyda Gouge of Mitchell County, resides with his wife and three children in Modesto, California.

Letter Of Thanks

Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt, Chmn. Yancey County Mental Health Association, Rt. 1, Box 128 Burnsville, N. C. 28714

Dear Mrs. Honeycutt:

I have just returned from vacation, hence, my delay in saying thank you for the money and items Yancey County donated to our people here at Broughton.

We are in need of everything you sent and they were most appreciated, the clothes went to the Sunshine Shop, the electric shavers, flower arrangements, records, costumes, and record player went to wards and the other items went to the Recreation Department. All are in use.

And now for the money from various clubs and groups in Yancey County. The unit which serves this county has many things in mind they would like to buy, drapes being one of them, and with money left over they will be able to buy some of the other things. Your county sent a total of \$56.00 which greatly helped the bank account.

I want to try to write each donor of money but I have inadequate addresses on some of them because the address on the check is all I have so if some of them don't receive a thank you note, please let them know how very much we appreciate their donations.

Sincerely,

Ruth Penn

Mrs. Stuart Penn

Director of Volunteer Services

Support Of Citizens Urged In Blood Program

Dr. George Lacy, Chairman of the Asheville Regional Red Cross Blood Program Advisory Committee, urges the support of residents of Western North Carolina in the Red Cross regional blood program during the summer months.

Dr. Lacy states that injuries from traffic accidents increase greatly during the summer months, and since the normal medical requirements for blood continue at the same high level, there is a greater need for consistent blood donations.

The Bloodmobile will be in Burnsville, at the Armory, Wednesday, July 24, from 11:00 to 6:00.

Everyone eligible and willing to donate blood is urged to support this program. Yancey County consistently falls short of her goal, and noticeably so on the last visit of the Bloodmobile. Blood is badly needed by patients from the county in the local hospital, and also by those in hospitals in Asheville and elsewhere.

NOTICE

If you would like to enroll in a sewing class to be held at night, please fill in the form below and return to Shirley Anne McAllister, Box 596, Burnsville, N. C.

Name

Address

(Night Sewing Class)