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Playhouse Opens 23rd Season With Outstanding Performances By Cast

Last night the Parkway Playhouse opened its 23rd season with Arthur Miller's DEATH OF A SALESMAN. The famous play is the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Award. The show will run through Saturday night and I suggest that you see it. It is a beautiful play performed very

well by the Parkway Company. "Mutt" Burton portrays the leading role of Willy Loman, a man caught up with "American Dream" striving for money and popularity. The character of Willy, the man who wanted to be well liked, is a difficult role and Mr. Burton gives us a fine interpretation. He conveys both

the strengths and weaknesses of the pathetic Willy.

Blanche Kelly also does well as Linda, Willy's wife. She is his sole support and understands him when others fail to. Blanche has appeared at the Playhouse many times before, and her portrayal of Linda is simple, quiet and touching.

Bob Waldron and Mike Coyne give dimension to their roles as Biff and Happy, Willy's two sons. Other strong cast members include Bob Small as Stanley, the bartender, Eric Perkins as Bernard, Willy's nephew, and John Clonz as Howard, Willy's boss. Other members of the cast include Nelson Allison, Anise Ve-

rbal, Marta Schley, Valarie Natman, Bob Bell, and Marsha Gitkin.

The production is directed by Lauren Woods, who is spending his 7th summer with the Playhouse. The physical production of the show is outstanding. Frank Silberstein has designed a multi-level set that creates a perfect atmosphere for this great dramatic work. Boyd Ostroff has designed the excellent lighting that also enhances the colorful production.

Without a doubt, the show is a fine evening of theatre. I'm happy to say that it looks like we can expect another excellent summer of theatrical production from the Parkway Playhouse.

The next production at the Playhouse will be SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY opening July 16. This Edgar Lee Masters play will surely be enjoyed by all North Carolinians. It is a favorite of people all over the country.

The show is quiet and simple, dealing with ghosts of Spoon River folks who gather at the cemetery to reveal secrets that have gone with them to the grave. The show is both funny and sad with tuneful musical interludes adding to the beauty of the production.

The production is being directed by Maynard French of Greensboro. Maynard has both acted and directed previously at the Parkway Playhouse. Only last year he directed Thornton Wilder's "The Skin Of Our Teeth."

Appearing in SPOON RIVER will be Mike Dyer, Carol Dreesen, and Ned Allison from the Asheville area, Genii Jennings of Thomasville, N.C., Tom Bates and Marta Schley of Va., Mike Coyne, and Ellen Leeds of New Jersey, Bob Leh of Madison, N.C., and Barbara Wolff of Mo.

"Warm, radiant, poetic... A compelling experience in the theatre," said the New York Journal American of the N. Y. production of the hit show. "A procession of unforgettable men and women, and a powerful evocation of life," said the New York World-Telegram and Sun of the same production. For a wonderful evening of theatre... come to the Parkway Playhouse to see SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY. Phone Reservations can be made and the number at the box office is 682-3231.

Dog Killer On Rampage, Poison Agent Used Could Cause A Greater Tragedy

By Mrs. Charles Kistler

Several area residents have become alarmed during the past few days over the malicious and cruel poisoning of their pets. On Sunday morning at approximately 7:30, Rev. Charles Kistler opened his front door to let out their little mother dog and her puppy. Less than an hour later he again opened the door only to discover the tiny puppy lying dead on the porch just in front of the door with a chunk of juicy red, but deadly, meat by its side. Upon rushing into the yard he discovered the little mother dog, also dead. "Sweet pea", the mother dog who was half terrier and half Chihuahua, had been the family pet for almost five years. She had never harmed anyone and seldom left the fenced-in yard. Her tiny puppy, "Princess", was almost full Chihuahua, weighing only 1 1/2 lbs. and only eleven weeks old. Both little dogs stayed in the house at night and part of the day.

Davey and Danny, the Kistler's twin sons, were away visiting their grandparents. Only those with children and pets can understand the heartbreak of the

two little nine-year-old boys when they arrived home that same evening.

Early Sunday afternoon, a neighbor boy discovered his puppy, a mate to the Kistler's, dead in its front yard where it had been playing only 15-20 minutes. A piece of poisoned meat was discovered nearby.

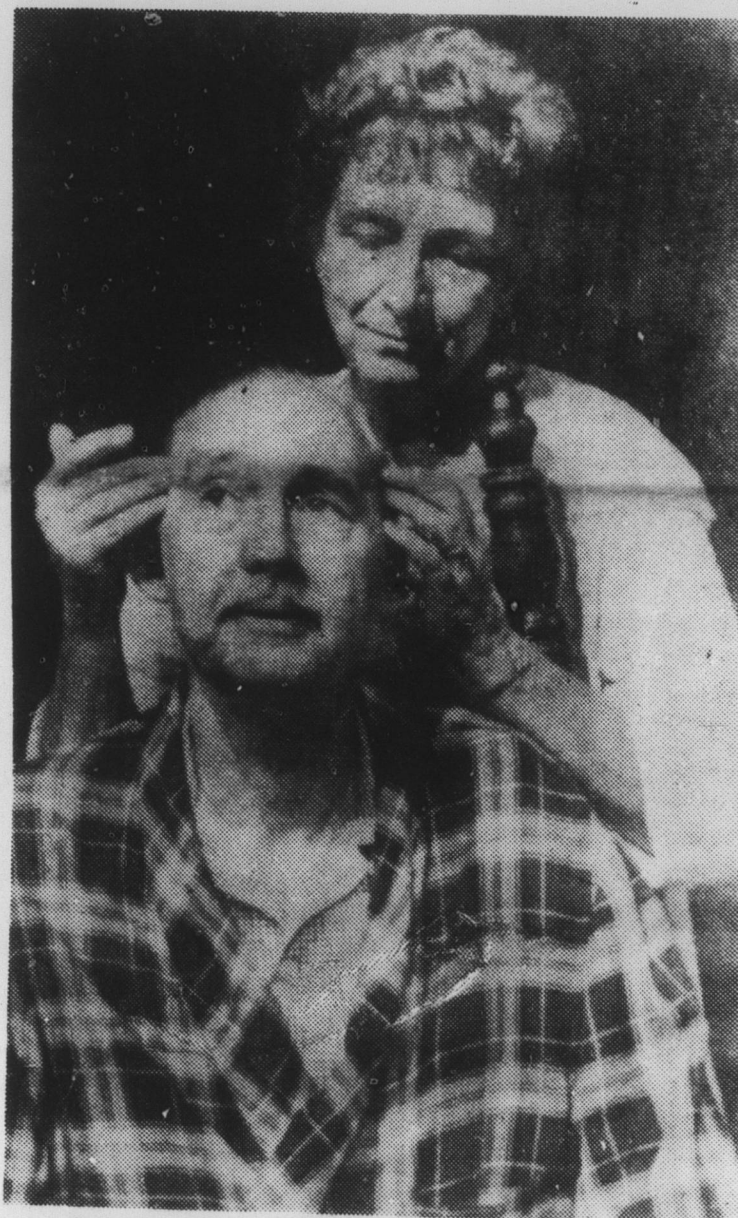
Early Monday afternoon, a group of small children playing in another neighbor's yard witnessed the sudden agonized death of the dog belonging to a neighbor up the street. Again a piece of meat was found by the dog's mouth.

Tuesday afternoon, the Kistlers discovered the body of the 5th poisoned dog.

We have reason to be not only concerned over the poisoning of our pets, but the fact that tragedy could result from this poison which begins to act almost instantly, should a small child happen to handle some of the poisoned material.

The three residents involved appreciate the concern and the help being given by our local county and city law officials as well as the health department & the Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals in Asheville. Anyone having a clue to the killers identity please call Charles Kistler at 682-2376.

This article is being published as a warning to area residents in order that they may take precautions to safeguard their small children and pets against this menace to our community. It is hoped that the person will read this and that it might touch his heart... that he (or she) will realize the extent of this evil and malicious deed.



Burton And Kelly In Character Roles

Tri-County Saddle Club Holds First Horse Show

The Tri-County Saddle Club is pleased to announce its plans for the first annual horse show.

The show will be Saturday, July 19, 1969. It will be held on the old ball field at Harris Elementary School at Spruce Pine and will begin at 4:00 pm. Intermission will be held at 7 p. m.

The Hon. Jack Britt of Asheville, N.C. will serve as Judge and Taylor Buchanan will be the Ring Master. Mrs. Ki Bare will be the official show secre-

tary. Bill Buckner is to be the announcer.

There will be twenty-five classes in which exhibitors can show their animals. All ages -- all types of horses can be shown.

There will be a drawing at the intermission and a free new western saddle will be given away to the lucky ticket holder. The Security Feed Company is going to give free feed to the lucky ticket holders. All who pay their admission will be eligible to win the saddle and feed.

Curtain Time Has Changed

This year the Parkway Playhouse will start each production at 8:30 p. m. unlike last year when the curtain rose at 8:00 p. m. Also this year each production will open on a Wednesday evening and will give performance through Saturday evening. Unlike last year, there will be no performances Monday and Tuesday evenings.