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Yancey County Citizens Take Strong Stand On ABC Store Issue To Be Voted On Aug 5

As Editor of the Yancey Record, I know how long and how hard many of our citizens have worked on the ABC store issue. I have tried to use the newspa-

per media in a neutral manner to fairly present both sides of the argument as they have been submitted to me. I might also state that every argument, pro

or con, has been presented as a paid advertisement and I was impressed with the deep thought and honest beliefs which show up clearly in the subject matter

of these advertisements.

Believe me when I say that the people for the ABC store and the people against the ABC store have spent equally long and arduous hours trying to make others see things their way, and they do so for exactly the same reason: To make Burnsville and Yancey County a better place to live.

Now that the time is near for voting on the ABC store issue, words are flying, tempers are flaring and perhaps this is as it should be. Yancey County is full of courageous people who are not afraid to take a strong stand for what they believe is right. Foremost among them are many mi-

nisters who have made a public stand on the issue knowing that it may alienate the all-too-human members of their congregations. I hope the efforts made by so many people will be well repaid by the number of people who turn out to vote on August 5th.

After the issue has been settled, however, whether for or against the ABC store, I'm sure that animosity and hostility will subside and in their place will come the realization that no matter who "won", we all can combine forces to continue our efforts toward making Burnsville and Yancey County a better place to live...with or without an ABC store!

Glowing Tribute To Good Samaritans By Campers Who Stayed In Our Community

This letter speaks for itself, a simple and heartwarming tribute to a Yancey County businessman who, in helping needy travelers, helped our community. It came directly to the Yancey Record from Murphy Osborne, Program Director, Camp Cheerio, Glade Valley, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you because an unusual happening took place in your town last Tuesday night which I feel should be noted. Our camp had 35 of its campers on tour going through the Smokies when bad weather forced them to leave the Black Mountain Camping Grounds in search for shelter. Because it was in the middle of the night, any shelter was distant and

doubtful; however, since our boys were wet and had the possibility of getting sick, we thought it best to search. While coming through Burnsville, we stopped at the Mt. View Motel. We were nearly out of gas and had some sickness on the bus. The owners sensed that we had an almost impossible situation and allowed us to stay, free of charge, in five of their rooms. Their only comment was that they could not turn children in need away.

In the particular society in which we live, there are a few people who have put the welfare of the future in front of their financial success. We were fortunate to run across such people in your community and now

there is a warm place in my heart for your section of the state. The very existence of our camp is dependent on such people; in fact, our total world is also dependent on such. We found these in your community.

Most sincerely,
Murphy Osborne

A Comedy, THE SHOW OFF, Is Featured As Parkway Playhouse's Fourth Production

By Carolyn Yuziuk

Last night the Parkway Playhouse presented as its fourth production this season THE SHOW OFF by George Kelly. THE SHOW OFF is an American comedy of the 1930's that recently has found new popularity all over the country. In the face of such popularity, I hesitate to comment that I was less than completely taken with the play, although the cast for the most part gave fine performances.

My main objection to the production stemmed from the fact that it put me in mind of the TV soap operas--like having a front-row seat at a family argument. The fact that millions of people are enthralled by the TV daytime serials shows that there is definitely room for a difference of opinion about THE SHOW OFF.

Ellen Woods as Mrs. Fisher gives a very fine realistic performance. As a catalyst for the other performers she listens, advises and remonstrates in a quite believable manner. Michael Coyne as "The Show Off" is witty and amusing. The other principal characters; Barbara Wolff, Valerie Naiman, Nelson Allison, Johnny Clontz, Michael Dyer... all perform well in their parts.

Costuming is very appropriate for the "mother" and for the male characters, but seems a

bit out of period for the two sisters whose dresses and lengths seem too modern.

The production is being directed by bojov. The set, by Frank Silberstein adds much to realism and lighting, by Byrd Ostroff is good, as always.

My suggestion is for everyone to attend this performance at the Parkway Playhouse and decide for themselves the merit it deserves.

Next week, the Playhouse will present a most entertaining and funny show, Neil Simon's THE ODD COUPLE. The play concerns two men, one divorced the other separated from his wife, who decide to live together to cut down expenses. The escapades the two of them go through are at the hilarious heart of the show. Dotake your family to see THE ODD COUPLE next week.

Yancey Record Is Commended By Yancey County Planning Board

As a town-or county- grows, so grows its newspaper. The Yancey Record has been hoping to inspire massive clean-up efforts by individuals and groups alike who are interested in the betterment and progress of Burnsville and Yancey County. We were very pleased and proud to be commended by the Yancey County Planning Board as follows:

At a recent called meeting of the Yancey County Planning Board a resolution was passed commending the efforts of the Record in its campaign against pollution of the County landscape. It is the concern of the County Planning Board that we all become aware of the rapid accumulation of a variety of unsightly items along our streets, highways and roads and of the increased pollution of our streams.

It is the Board's further concern that Yancey County deve-

lop an appreciation for our natural beauty and resources and accordingly discontinue polluting our landscape and streams.

The Record's efforts in bringing this situation to the attention of the citizenry is appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Claude Vess, Chairman Yancey County Planning Board

Tryouts Held For CAROUSEL

Saturday, August 2nd, at 1:00 p. m. tryouts for a part in the forthcoming production Carousel will be held at the Parkway Playhouse.

Boys and girls, from 6th graders through high school ages are needed--preferably those with some singing ability. All who qualify are urged to come and try out for a rewarding experience.



Parkway Performers In THE SHOW OFF