



Sybil Rosen, Mike Coyne in "Teahouse of the August Moon"

Parkway Playhouse Opens With Hilarious Comedy

By Carolyn Yuziuk

A real treat is in store for anyone who attends the Parkway Playhouse for its opening play of the 1970 season, "Teahouse of the August Moon". It will be hard for the players to surpass their performances in this hilarious comedy during the rest of the season. You've heard that before? Well, believe it, or you'll miss a wonderful evening of entertainment.

Steve Seyfried, as Sakini, couldn't be cast in a role more suited to his talents. As the Japanese interpreter (you may remember Marlon Brando in the movie role) he is terrific and nearly steals the show in all his scenes.

Captain Fisby is played by Mike Coyne, whom you may remember as "The Show Off" in the 1969 season of the Park-

way Playhouse. Mike does well as the earnest young Captain who is trying to make good on his assignment and is embarrassed to have a Geisha (played by Sybil Rosen) presented to him as a gift. Throughout the play he is besieged by such problems and turns in a good performance.

Sybil Rosen makes a beautiful Geisha, and her dance is one of the highlights of the play.

Others in the cast deserve mention and certainly contribute much to the hilarity of the performance. Would you believe, a goat helps too!

Costumes are believable - the Geisha costume is superb. Susan Tucker is responsible for costuming this year as in the

Lighting, by Paul Bowen, is

used in a very effective manner.

In short, I heartily recommend this play for your viewing pleasure. It will run July 8, 9, 10 and 11. Don't miss it!

A tender and haunting drama by one of America's greatest playwrights is the second show at Parkway Playhouse. Tennessee Williams' "Summer and Smoke" is the story of the ill-fated love of a lonely minister's daughter for a reckless young doctor. It will open Wednesday, July 14 and continue through Saturday, July 17.

Claire Marty of Auburn, Ala. will be seen as the minister's daughter, and Steve Becker of Horseheads, N. Y. is cast as the young doctor.

J. Gordon Greene, Managing Director at Parkway, is directing "Summer and Smoke"

Tickets are on sale at the box office Monday through Saturday. For reservations call 682-3964 or write the Playhouse box office.

(Reviews will be written each week after observing the final Dress Rehearsal of the forthcoming play)

Independence Day Celebration Draws Large Crowd To Burnsville Town Square

By Carolyn Yuziuk

Yancey County had a bang-up, old fashioned Fourth of July Saturday when residents and visitors turned out in large numbers for a patriotic singing

and fireworks display on the Burnsville town square. Hundreds of spectators attended the "Honor America Day" celebration.

The program, enjoyed by

youngsters and "oldsters" alike, began with a brief speech by Bob Helmle, former Mayor of the City of Burnsville. The Girl Scout Flag Ceremony followed, as the Cadette Scouts,

in full uniform, presented the American Flag. Sherri Banks was flag bearer, LuAnn Banks and Sharon Presnell were the color guards and Pat Holcombe gave the orders from the platform and led the spectators in the Pledge of Allegiance. The girls are all rising senior Girl Scouts. Then, with the flag on display, everyone united in singing "America The Beautiful" and "This Land Is Our Land".

Mrs. Joan Reeve, one of the sponsors of Music In The Mountains, gave a short history of its beginning and plans for its future before introducing the featured guest, George Britton, celebrated guitarist and singer from Philadelphia.

Mr. Britton, who with several assistants teaches folk guitar and classical guitar to more than 300 students in the Britton Music Studios, Philadelphia, began his concert in a warm and humorous manner. He performed many songs with audience participation, including some old favorites such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Down By The Riverside". A song about pollution, which Mr. Britton composed, was an im-

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Wolf Laurel Open House

On Tuesday of last week a gala Open House was held at Wolf Laurel, the 6,000-acre resort that spreads over three counties and two states. The "by invitation only" Open House was held by the developers of Wolf Laurel and was attended by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Briggs of Burnsville.

The Briggs said they were very impressed with what had already been done at the resort and the plans contemplated for its future. "The place has unlimited possibilities" reported Ernest Briggs on returning from his tour of the facilities.

The Barn, which is the first building in sight as one goes through the entrance into Wolf Laurel, is an authentic one which has been completely renovated for use as a sales office. It has wall to wall carpeting, paneling, and a snack bar in the rathskeller down the stairs. It is a very warm and

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Parade And Picnic Well Attended

By Kore McWhirter

The promised rains did not come, so over 130 spectators from the South Toe Area and beyond clustered on the edges of White Oak Creek road as the 6th Annual Fourth of July Parade marched by.

Our country's flag, of course, led the column, carried by Doug Ballew and "police" escort Peter McWhirter. Next came the Queen of White Oak and her attendants: Diane Loftis, Keith Biddix and Eugena King. They were followed by the court jesters and clowns... some leading their dogs. Clowns and jesters were Patricia Ballew, Moses and Joseph Awe (of Korea), Mark Mabe, Audie Loftis, and Steve Ramsey.

The Christian Endeavor Float held three lovely young ladies Kim Westall, Tina Harrison and Vivian Robinson. Sylvia Inez

Loftis tossed candies to children watching.

Another float carried Candy-Strippers Linda Carol and Vicky Gurley attending to the needs of well bandaged Dennis Grindstaff and Larry Ballew.

Deborah Harrison had a lively crew of headstarters under her care in the next float: Jerome Harrison, Mark Harrison, and Benjie Thomas.

Driving tricycles, toy tractors and trucks were Eric Vess, Derrick Murphy, Kent and Kirk Biddix.

Uncle Sam was also there, driving John Ramsey Sr.'s tractor. The Statue of Liberty on the float looked surprisingly like Laura Lee Kinchloe.

Pop Warner's car was decorated in honor of anti-pollution. Occasionally Billy Fairchild jumped out to pick up trash

along the parade route. Jimmy Fairchild "policed" the area on his Trash Cop bike.

Juanita and Marquita Harrison of Girl Scout Troop 19 carried the North Carolina flag. Angie Robinson in her uniform carried the flag of troop 19.

The family of Wm. Tuller waved flags from all windows of their well-decorated car.

Rock Creek was represented by Claude Vess's red-white and blue microbus and Francis Murphy on an appropriately colored tractor.

Floats were driven by Fred Loftis, Woodrow Kinchloe, Johnny Johnson, Earl Gurley and Clarence Harrison.

Many stayed for a well provisioned picnic on Mary Jane Ballew's shady lawn.

It was pronounced a successful day by all.