



Randy Buck Has Leading Role In "A Funny Thing"

Madcap Musical Ends '70 Playhouse Season

By Carolyn Yuziuk

Parkway Playhouse ends its 1970 season with a madcap musical entitled "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," in which the cast has been flung into a melee of virgins, heroes, villains, scarlet ladies, slaves, procurers, old lechers, etc., etc. The Playhouse Company reveals unplumbed depths when actors seen in previous productions as sober-minded colonels, elderly doctors and bewildered brides, suddenly burst into song and dance wildly around the stage. The songs are hilarious - but when combined with the unbelievably comic sight of the hairy male legs under the Roman togas, compounded by seeing the men bounce and cavort like ballerinas - they will keep you simply rolling in the aisles!

The story of the wily Roman slave that is related in "A Funny Thing" is low comedy, pure and simple--or, rather, not very pure, just rowdy--but all the same it required of its authors some of the same kind of serious scholarship and research as a Ph. D. thesis. For

this is authentic stuff from ancient Rome, a combination of farcical situations in no less than nine plays by Plautus, the playwright who lived from 254 B.C. to 184 B.C. and wrote round a hundred plays that kept his fellow Romans in stitches. Stealing comic ideas from the plays of Plautus has been a habit of writers for centuries. But to keep Plautus's daffiness in its original Roman setting, as in "A Funny Thing," proves the talent of the authors, Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart.

Randy Buck opens the show as Prologus, an actor. He then becomes Pseudolus, a slave to Hero. His preceding roles this season marked him as capable, but nothing would lead you to suspect the ability he displays in this leading role. He is agile, he is funny, he is good!

Frank Fuller Jr. appears again in this production. He was funny as the deaf old man in "Straw Hat" but that was nothing compared to his antics in this play.

Gloria Shott as Domina (she played the demented old lady in "Summer and Smoke") is

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Governor Bob Scott To Visit Yancey Monday

By Bob Helmle

Governor Bob Scott is paying Yancey County a non-political visit next Monday and Tuesday, to review at first hand the county's needs and problems, and to see what progress is being made.

A feature of his visit will be a public watermelon cutting party on the Burnsville Town Square, starting on Monday evening at 7:00 p. m. Entertainment at this party will be provided by award-winning square dance teams and some other performers who competed in last week's annual Youth Jamboree held at East Yancey High School.

Champion clogging and smooth dancing teams coached by Mrs. Raymond Fox and Mrs. Ralph Robinson will be among the performers. Miss Linda Deyton, the newly crowned "Miss Mayland" will have a prominent role in the welcome. A large supply of watermelons is being provided. In case of rain, the party will be held in the East Yancey gym.

The Governor's visit, both from his standpoint and that of the county, is a serious one. He says he wants to meet people and talk to them about the development and other needs of the county. Plans are being made, accordingly, to

accomplish this purpose, and the melon cutting party is being arranged with this end in view.

As this issue of The Yancey Record goes to press, only preliminary plans have been completed. The Governor's party is expected to arrive in Burnsville at about 5:00 p. m. Following supper at the Nu-Wray Inn, Scott will join the party on the square.

Tuesday will be spent largely in a tour of such things in the county as the Governor may be interested in. Tentative plans call for a visit to the Courthouse, the new Northwestern Bank building, the Park-

way Playhouse, with its recent State-financed addition, the tomato packing plant, the Yancey Hospital, and the site acquired for a new hospital, and such of the county's industries as the Governor may care to see.

Luncheon for the visitors is to be served on Tuesday at the Nu-Wray Inn, and sometime during the afternoon the visit will end.

Governor Bob Scott has always been popular in Yancey County, and in elections he has carried the county decisively. Plans, accordingly, are made to have this visit as non-partisan as possible.

Girl Scouts Hold Day Camp Parents Invited To See Projects

Girl Scouts from Yancey County and Mitchell County have been holding their Day Camp on Charlie Rice's farm since Monday, August 10, with high spirits and enthusiasm.

The girls assembled that day in something less than perfect weather - in fact, warnings of rising waters and washed out bridges and roads due to showers over the weekend before had put a damper on many activities. But the girls remained undaunted by hardships.

As one Scout leader remarked, it was just like survival training. The number of girls who turned out for Day Camp that first soggy day was a tribute to their training. Day Camp was cancelled for Tuesday and resumed on Wednesday.

All parents of the Girl Scouts are now invited to attend a parents night at Day Camp to be shown what their daughters have been accomplishing during the week. Parents night is Thursday, August 13, 1970.



George Roberts of Roberts Chevrolet-Buick, donor of car, and Butch Sursavage, teacher of the first Adult Drivers Education Class. The Class is sponsored by McDowell Technical Institute and W.A.M.Y. Persons, 18 years old and older, who cannot drive and who do not already have their name on list for future class, should call the W.A.M.Y. Office 682-2610.