

Library To Show Films

During July and August a series of art films will be shown on each Thursday night, at 8:00 p. m. at the Yancey County Public Library in Burnsville. Of special interest to art students, the films, nevertheless, have a universal appeal for those interested generally in art technique, appreciation, or history.

The schedule is as follows:

July 8--Painting crowds of people, Painting trees with Eliot O'Hara, Brush techniques—the language of watercolor (Total viewing time for all three films is 40 minutes and they are all in color)

July 15--Picasso (a survey of the artistic life of a contemporary master) (50 minutes showing time-in color)

July 22--The Louvre (Charles Boyer discusses the history of this world famous French museum and explains that French civilization can be studied best by studying the history of the Louvre) (52 minutes showing time-in color)

July 29--Imocent eye (An in-depth study of Henri Rousseau and his paintings with brilliant color photography) (25 minutes-in color)

August 5--Yankee painter (The drawings, watercolors, and oils of the American master—Winslow Homer) (26 minutes-in color)

August 12--American realist. (A survey in pictures and commentary of realism in American art from Colonial times) (37 minutes-in color)

There is no charge for viewing these films and the public is cordially invited.

Postal Service Says Thanks

We of the United Postal Service in Burnsville wish to thank all members of the Burnsville Garden Club for the beautiful floral arrangement given us for our Postal Service Day celebration.

Your interest and cooperation in beautifying our town has long been recognized and has made our County more attractive for us all.

Thanks again for the arrangement. Sincerely,

--U. S. Postal Employees
Paul E. Buck, Postmaster



J. Gordon Greene As 'Cyrano De Bergerac'

Playhouse Opens With Well-Acted 'Cyrano'

By Carolyn Yuziuk
"Cyrano De Bergerac" is a zesty, robust, spine-tingling heroic comedy performed in a truly masterful manner by the members of this season's Parkway Playhouse Company. From the climactic entrance of the hero, Cyrano himself, played by J. Gordon Greene who is managing director of the Playhouse, the play is at times hilarious (as when Cyrano describes his nose), at times tender and poignant (as when Cyrano speaks at last to his lady love), at times tragic and at all times entertaining and forceful.

J. Gordon Greene is a superb Cyrano. His acting is on a highly professional plane and by itself would be well worth seeing. Sue Atherton plays the beautiful Roxanne and Joe Stumolo is believable as Christian, Roxanne's suitor. Both of these characters come across well and the performers deserve special commendation for their part in making "Cyrano" the success it is bound to be. Other cast members who deserve mention are Steve Stout, an actor who handles a sword well as well as his lines, Steve Sheetz, a comic delight as the baker, and Steve Seyfried whom the audience may remember as Sakini in "Teahouse of the August Moon" last year.

Lauren K. Woods, in his

ninth season at the Playhouse, is Director of "Cyrano De Bergerac" and evidently has done his usual competent job which Playhouse goers have come to expect.

The Set is designed by James Parker and Costumes by Evelyn Moricle. Most of the music heard during the show is being performed by Eve Lynne Joan Reeve on the Harpsichord and Susan Freeze on the Flute.

"Cyrano" is done in unique final run-through manner ... which means the audience sees sets changed, watches technicians move about the stage doing their jobs, observes the actors adjusting their costumes or taking their places. Rather than detracting from the plot, this adroit maneuver adds to the interest and entertainment of the evening without marring the audience's ability to concentrate on the drama when the stage is ready.

"Cyrano De Bergerac" will certainly provide an unforgettable evening's entertainment for those who attend this opening production of Parkway's Silver Anniversary Season.

Next week's show at the Playhouse is the Broadway Comedy hit, "Lovers" which opened in 1968 to enthusiastic reviews.

(This review will be written each week after observing the final dress rehearsal of the forthcoming play.)

Mountain Wilderness Squadron Active In CAP Search Mission

The Mountain Wilderness Composite Squadron, a Yancey County unit of the North Carolina Civil Air Patrol, took an active part in the Search Mission Saturday and Sunday that utilized Civil Air Patrol Wings in North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. The search for a missing plane which carried a family of six; Harmon B. Jones, 41, his wife, Arlene, and their children, Kathy, 16, Randy, 13, Ronnie, 11, and Karen, 7, ended tragically Sunday evening when the plane, a Beechcraft Bonanza, was finally spotted, having crashed in a cove about six miles northwest of Old Fort in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Further searching on Monday by a CAP ground party and members of the McDowell County, Buncombe and Burke Rescue squads, yielded the bodies of all occupants of the plane having been killed. The plane had left Asheville

at 1 p. m. Friday after refueling and was due to arrive in Detroit, Mich. in 3 to 4 hours. The Search Mission commenced after the family failed to arrive in Detroit.

An Advance Search Base was set up at Mountain Wilderness Airport on Sunday and throughout the busy 4th of July weekend at this wilderness recreation park, planes with the CAP members participating in the search flew in and out of the field.

This was the second search and rescue mission to involve the Mountain Wilderness Composite Squadron which was formed just a few months ago.

Music In The Mountains

For its third concert of the season, Sunday afternoon, July in Burnsville, "Music in the Mountains" will be presented. (Cont'd on page 2)

Editorially Speaking

Citizens of Yancey County had their memories jogged this week when, in the closing hours of the General Assembly, another "special" bill was introduced similar to that introduced in the closing hours of the previous General Assembly that took the power to elect our Board of Education away from the people and put the same in the hands of politicians.

On June 29, Senator Lamar Gudger who was elected by the citizens of Yancey County to represent them, introduced Senate Bill 902. This bill (whatever its other merits) proposes to divide Yancey County into two districts for the election of the Board of Education in 1972. At a time when the citizens of Yancey County cannot even decide on a single overall plan acceptable to the State so that we can receive our \$338,000 in old bond money to bring our schools up to a fair standard, the effect of this bill would be to further divide our county by providing that one special district would elect one resident board member and all the rest of the county would elect the remaining four members.

Even more dangerous for our future development as a unified county-wide school system, the enactment of this bill would set a precedent—that is—if two districts, then why not five districts? It can be imagined what chaos would then be a possibility and it is entirely conceivable that our county board of education could then never decide on any overall plan for the good of the entire county.

According to Senator Gudger, the bill was presented to him for introduction by Mr. Edd Wilson, Chairman of the Yancey County Democratic Executive Committee and Attorney Bill Atkins and he expressed an interest in hearing from any and all citizens of the county concerning their feelings about this legislation. Citizens of the county who are interested in all the county working together for a unified school system, fair to all our people, are urged to write Senator Lamar Gudger, General Assembly, Raleigh, N. C., or to phone him at 919-829-4111 in Raleigh and let their wishes be known.