

**DOWN, BUT NOT OUT**—The Elephant thrilled the children of the Yancey County Child Development Center, Burnsville on their day at the Circus. The Spruce Pine Jaycees treated the children to a circus trip last Wednesday evening. The young man standing on the Elephant's neck is Sandy Bailey. Jaycee Allan McMurray took the picture and made arrangements for the 18 children attending. With the children: Miss Nancy Wyatt, director of the Child Development Center, and Mr. Ted Slagle of the Yancey County Social Service Dept.

## Playhouse Presents 'Bus Stop'

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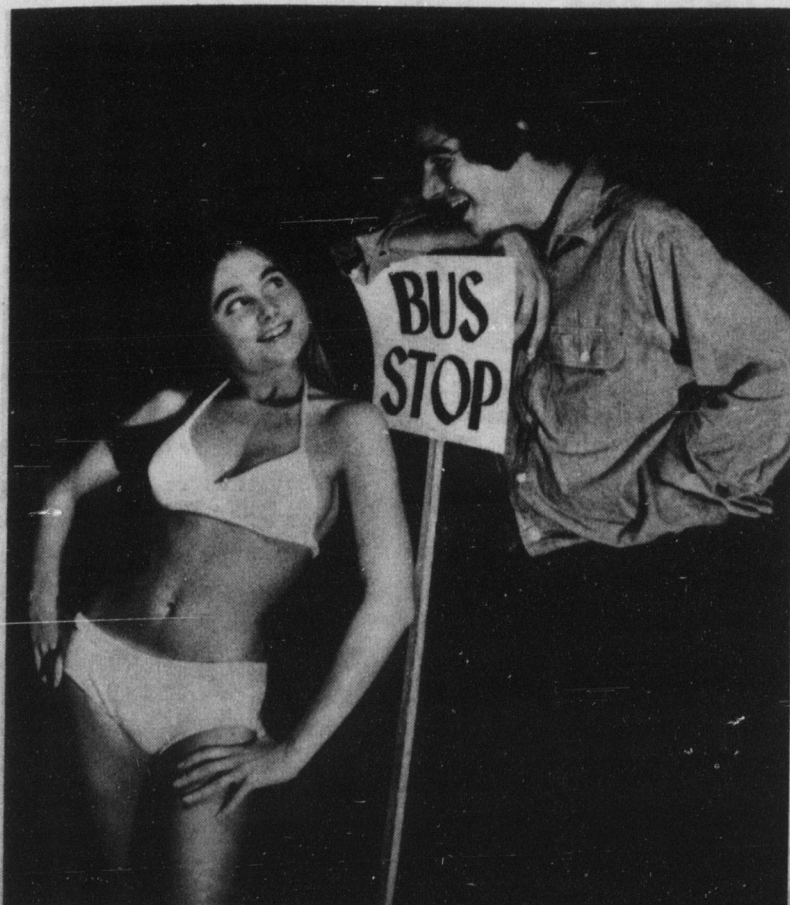
The Parkway Playhouse presents Wednesday through Saturday evenings of this week, for your personal viewing, a portrait, "Bus Stop," painted for the American stage by the playwright William Inge, and etched for the Parkway Playhouse easel by managing director, J. Gordon Greene. The portrait's chief distinction lies in its humanistic etching of six distinct individuals whom fate has thrown together in a street-corner cafe for one snowy, blizzard night.

The strength of this portrait is seen in the believable acting of Kathleen Larkin as Cherie, a night-club "chantoosie," and in Stephen Stout as Bo Decker, a rambunctious young cowboy who finds it extremely out of character to be a "tender Romeo" as he woos his "Cherie." Their performances are warm, and compassionate as they struggle to express their personal feelings for each other. The viewer is capable of feeling with them during these tender, and, at times, humorous moments. For such realistic character portrayal, Miss Larkin and Mr. Stout are entitled to a much deserved applause, and the director of this production, Mr. Gordon Greene, is to be commended for bringing out their best.

Supporting roles, at times, are well carried out by the cast; however, there are those moments when your concern for them as individuals is considerably lacking. This unintentional aloofness on your part as a viewer must not be fully accredited to the acting of the supporting cast, but accredited to the play and its playwright. For "giving it their best": Tonja Bryan as Grace Hoylard, the

hard-boiled proprietress of the cafe; Sharon Hamer as Elma Duckworth, the starry-eyed innocent high-schooler; Joe Sturniolo as Will Masters, the gun-packing, hard fists sheriff; Robert Moran as Carl, the Bus Driver; William B. King as the highly educated drunkard; and Ches Robertson as Virgil Blessing, the cowboy's com-placent pal.

Mr. Ronald Burns, technician.  
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Kathleen Larkin And Stephen Stout Star In Bus Stop

## FHA Lowers Interest Rate On Farm Operating Loans

The Farmers Home Administration has recently obtained additional money at lower interest rates for use in making operating loans to farmers. The operating loans, accompanied by supervised technical management assistance, are available for adjustments and improvements in farm and home operations on family size farms.

The annual interest rate of 6 3/8 percent is now available on operating loans used for the purchase of livestock, farm equipment including tractors, but not farm trucks, household utilities, water supply and irrigation systems, and other farm needs resulting in a more successful farming operation.

These operating loans are also available to pay for farm and home operating expenses such as feed, fertilizer, tractor fuel, chemical sprays, hired labor, hail and crop insurance, food, clothing, and medical care.

Loans also may be obtained to buy equipment and pay operating expenses for producing and harvesting trees and other forestry products and to finance the production of fish under controlled conditions in ponds and lakes.

To be eligible for an FHA operating loan a person must be an owner or tenant operating a family size farm; must be of legal age and a U.S. citizen; and must be able to manage and operate a farm. The borrower must also possess the character, industry and ability

to carry out the proposed farming operation or enterprise; also unable to secure reasonable credit on terms and conditions he can be expected to fulfill.

Because of limited funds and the FHA objective of helping farmers who are unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms that he can pay, loans are limited to applicants with the greatest necessity and to applicants with the greatest potentiality.

## Politicians Appointed

Mark Bennett and James Fox were appointed by Governor Robert Scott to represent Yancey County on the Board of the new MAY Technical Institute in Spruce Pine, it was announced Tuesday. They will take their places on the Board along with the two other representatives of Yancey County, Boyd Deyton, chosen by the Board of Education here, and Bruce Tomberlin, selected by the Yancey County Commissioners.

Other appointments to the Board of the MAY Technical Institute include Miss Martha Guy of Newland and Richard B. Dobbin of Spruce Pine, both appointed by the Governor; Hazen Ledford, chosen by the Mitchell Board of Education; O. V. Tally, selected by the Mitchell County Commissioners; Ralph Gwaltney, chosen by the Avery Board of Education and Jason Hughes, chosen by the Avery County Commissioners.

The newly formed three-county institute is named for Mitchell, Avery and Yancey counties.

## Appointed To FHA Committee

James T. Johnson, State Director of Farmers Home Administration, has announced the appointment of Mr. Earl F. McNeill of Route 5, Burnsville, to the Yancey County Farmers Home Administration County Committee for a three-year term. Mr. McNeill succeeds Mr. Hollis Honeycutt whose term has expired.

Mr. McNeill's term of office.  
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## Winner Of Pig, Freezer

The small butchered pig, lying stretched out, frozen in a freezer, weighed exactly 76 pounds 11 1/2 ounces. This information should satisfy the curiosity of the more than 3,000 people who entered their guesses at the opening last week of the Sears catalog store on the by-pass in Burnsville.

The winner of the guessing contest, which featured the opening of the store, won not only the pig but the freezer as well. Clyde Styles of Burnsville proved himself the champion estimator of a pig's weight. He missed the actual weight by only a half ounce.

It is believed that this pig was the subject of greater speculation than any other pig in Yancey County history.