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Jerry Colbert as Schroeder And Sharon Hamer As Lucy In Current Playhouse Production

## "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" Is Warm, Funny Musical -- For Young And Old

By Carolyn Yuziuk

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," an adult-oriented children's show, is the current production of the Parkway Playhouse crew. It is a musical both humorous and poignant as the audience is taken back to the world of childhood--all the little-but-so-important events of an average day in the life of Charlie Brown.

In keeping with the world of children, props are larger than life size--brilliantly colored cubes and shapes provide the primary stage settings, greatly enhanced by a large doghouse just right of center. Patterns of colored light on the back drop also add to the simple and bright effect.

Six characters make up the cast of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"--and all of the performers excel in their particular role.

Greg France plays the introverted, well meaning, complex-ridden Charlie Brown. His facial

expressions and general demeanor all make Charlie Brown lovable and believable--it's a good job, Charlie Brown!

Sharon Hamer, a second-year member of the Playhouse company, plays the inimitable Lucy--loudmouth, crabby, overbearing--she's a real "ball of fire" and brings a lot to the part. Even Snoopy--played by Andy Greenhouse, is quite realistic, human or not. Whether on his doghouse dreaming, or singing about his dog food and life in general, Andy typifies the Snoopy we have come to love in the comic strip "Peanuts".

Linus has some good moments with his blanket. Wayne Wasserman performs this role with feeling and sensitivity.

Schroeder and Peppermint Patty, played by Jerry Colbert and Chris Miranda respectively, also add zest and enthusiasm to the show.

In all, "You're A Good Man,

Charlie Brown" is a warm, melodious comedy and the Parkway crew does it ample justice. The evening's entertainment will be memorable for those who take time out to enter the small world of Charlie Brown and remember "the way it is" with children.

The musical, directed by

J. Gordon Greene, opens on July 5th and will play through Saturday, July 8. Curtain is at 8:30 p.m.

Parkway Playhouse's third production of the season will be "The Doctor In Spite of Himself" by Moliere, which runs July 12 through July 15. Robert Alpaugh will direct.



J. Luther Thomas Displays Gems And Minerals At Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival

## Crafts Fair To Feature Gem And Mineral Craftsman From Micaville

Again this year, the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair to be held on the Town Square, Burnsville, on August 4th and 5th, will have J. Luther Thomas, a local craftsman from Micaville.

In an article mailed to the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce recently, Luther's wife, Mrs. Ben Thomas, wrote the following about her husband: "Luther Thomas has been participating in the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival since its beginning. He is a native of Yancey County, born and raised on the head of Cane Branch in the Micaville Township. He followed his father, Bob Thomas, over most all of these mountains, prospecting and mining

since he was barely big enough to carry a pick or shovel. Luther was collecting unusual rocks as far back as he can remember.

"In 1952 he joined the Southern Appalachian Mineral Society, and was soon nicknamed 'Hawkeye' because of his ability to find interesting specimens on the field trips, even though most of the group were having no luck. Through the club, he has met and made friends with rock collectors just about all over the United States.

"Luther was very well known as the Emerald King for some time before the Old Emerald Mine was reopened a few years ago.

"His rock collection isn't the most valuable one, but collectors who have been around and know, say that he has one of the best representations of North Carolina minerals in the state. He has won first place in several shows, one of them being the big Eastern Federation of Minerals Show in Asheville a few years ago.

"Next year, Luther has been asked to display his collection again in Charlotte when they will be having a world wide International Gem Festival. Only the best collections are supposed to be on display, the best from the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D.C., and from all over the world."

## Day Camp Conducted By Yancey Extension Staff

The County Extension Staff and several volunteers conducted day camp on June 27 at South Toe School and on June 28 at Cane River School for boys and girls enrolled in Extension's Expanded Nutrition Program.

Myra Miller, Area Extension Agent, was in charge of registration and orientation. Susan Wilson and Jan Hensley, youth volunteers, presented the "Thought for the Day" and conducted the Flag Ceremony.

The boys and girls were divided into four groups and presented name tags representing the four Basic Food Groups (1) a glass of milk (2) an apple (3) a slice of bread (4) a fish. The groups rotated to classes in Fun with Food, Nature Study, Crafts, and Sports.

Extension Program Aides, Nellie Johnson and Faye Stora used puppets and food games to teach good nutrition. Mary Bede, Volunteer, and Hugh Tate, Horticultural Aide, used color slides and a nature hike to teach wild flower identification and Conservation.

In the crafts class Carol Pyle, Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent and Mary Bennett, Volunteer, assisted the boys and girls in making attractive plaques from native materials.

The Sports and Recreation Class enjoyed volleyball, softball, games, jump rope and relays led by Pat Guyer, Associate Agricultural Agent and

Allen McMurray, Asst. Agricultural Agent.

An important part of the day was the closing Reviews at which time all groups met together and shared achievements. Certificates were presented to the best boy and best girl camper in each group.

Mary Margaret Deyton, the Home Economics Extension Agent, was in charge of food service which included a nutritious lunch and nutritious morning and afternoon snack. Volunteers assisting with food services included Pauline Lawhern, Joyce Powers, Shirley Briggs, Diane Briggs, Joy Watt, Odelle Riddle and Annette Bradley.

Bonnie McCurry of the Health Department, served as Camp Nurse.

Transportation volunteers included Louise Blair, Florence Hughes, Harmie Briggs.



Campers Make Plaques From Native Materials In Class



Shirley Briggs And Daughter, Diane, Serve Lunch At South Toe Day Camp

## Local Citizens Protest Phone Rate Increase To NC Utilities Commission

A delegation of leading Yancey County citizens attended a hearing of the N.C. Utilities Commission held in Asheville June 29, to protest the substantial increase in telephone rates applied for by the Westco Telephone Company.

Local attorney Philip Thomas, spokesman for the group, stated that the delegation was in complete accord in holding that the requested rate increases were unreasonable, particularly in view of the quality of service being rendered in the area.

Time allotted by the Commission for the Yancey County protest permitted only six of the delegation to testify. Those selected by the group to take the stand were O. W. Deyton, E. F. Bringham, C. O. Ellis, Bob Rhinehart, Edgar Hunter, Jr., and Mary Ohle. The testimony of these six emphasized that the quality of telephone service being furnished in the area is low.

Thomas pointed out that the testimony of these six represen-

ted the views of the entire delegation from Yancey County.

Other county citizens who attended the hearing were Harlan Holcombe, George Roberts, Clayton Whitson, Yates Bailey, John Powers, E. L. Dillingham, and Herbert Smith. Backing up the testimony of the delegation were a number of let-

ters addressed to the Commission protesting the rate increase.

The hearing in Asheville related not only to the telephone rates in Yancey County, but concerned similar increases proposed by Westco for other exchanges served by the Company.

The decision of the Commission will be announced at a later date.

## Woman's Club Institute

North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs District II will hold a Summer Institute Wednesday, July 12th in Spruce Pine Methodist Church.

Two State Officers, Mrs. Ramona Hutton of Wilmington, First Vice President NCFWC, and Mrs. Minnie Lou Creech of Tarboro, Second Vice President, will speak.

Mrs. Ernest Briggs of Burnsville, District President, will be in charge of the leadership conference. Mrs. Charles L. Ray, Black Mountain District Junior Director, will hold the

Junior Club Session. District Department Chairmen and Projects Chairmen will conduct departmental workshops.

Registration and coffee hour begins at 9:30 a.m., with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will be held at 1:00 a.m. in the Country Club.

Hostesses for the day will be Spruce Pine Woman's Club, the Spruce Pine Jr. Woman's Club, and Burnsville Woman's Club.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. Claude Greene, P.O. Box 646, Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

## Vandalism, Plea For Help Result In Fatal Shooting

As a result of an urgent plea for help by the U. S. Forest Service officials, the Yancey County Sheriff's Department went to the Black Mountain Campground to investigate.

It had been reported that a large group of campers in the area were discharging fireworks, drinking and generally disturbing campers in the area. Numerous acts of vandalism were also reported at the campground which is located about 20 miles Southeast of Burnsville near the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Upon arriving at approximately 11:00 p.m. on Monday, July 3, members of the Sheriff's Department surrounded the group and all persons present were placed under arrest for disorderly conduct.

Several actively resisted and advanced upon the Sheriff, striking him and grabbing for his

weapon. In the ensuing struggle with them a shotgun was accidentally discharged, fatally wounding Stanley William Autland, a white male, 20 yrs. of age, whose address was given as Clearwater, Florida. He was pronounced dead on arrival to the Yancey Hospital in Burnsville by Medical Examiner Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent.

Warrants were issued for 24 other members of the group for disorderly conduct. All persons have been released on \$300 bond for their appearance in District Court in Burnsville on September 6.

Sheriff Banks immediately notified the State Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Solicitors Office and requested a thorough investigation. At this time the investigation is continuing.