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Betty Silverman, Don Treat in 'Doctor In Spite Of Himself'

Playhouse Offers Lively Comedy By Moliere

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A delightful comedy by Moliere is the Parkway Playhouse company's 3rd production of the season. Written by Moliere in 1663, the play is taken from a farce he had written earlier on Commedia Dell'Arte of Italy.

"The Doctor In Spite Of Himself" is performed in bigger-than-life style. Much of the contrivances which make this production unique have been instituted by R. Lee Alpaugh, director, and James Parker, who designed the sets, costumes and lighting. The sets are deliberately used by the actors; the scenes obviously painted and the actors given to including the audience with verbal asides of an amusing nature.

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As the well-endowed nurse, Jacqueline, Betsy Silverman is believable (and well-endowed). She adds a liberal dollop of spice to this bawdy comedy.

Other members of the cast are Laurie Conway as Mrs. Roberts who ably introduces the play. Mark Herb as Lucas and Chuck Stanley as Valere portray the duo who "beat the woodcutter into a doctor".

Leander, who loves the patient, Lucinda, is performed by Jerry Colbert (last week's Schroeder"). Lucinda herself is Miriam Williams.

James Anderson as Geronte, Lucinda's father, gives a good account of himself. A nonsensical, bawdy, rollicking comedy is "A Doctor In Spite Of Himself". Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to see a fine example of 17th century theater—ably acted by the Playhouse crew.

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Junk Car Project Begins In Yancey

Are there any junk cars lying around your neighborhood that you would like to see hauled off? If so, now is the time you can do something about it. It will cost just a little effort, but no money.

The long awaited junk car removal project starts this week, when a specially built truck gets into action, hauling cars to collection sites. Later they will be crushed and shipped off. But for every car to be picked up, a release form must be signed, authorizing the removal. This is in accordance with state law, which requires the signature of either the car owner, or the owner of the land on which the car sits.

The many people in Yancey County, who for years have complained that the junk cars disfigure the county's natural beauty, can now do something to help in the clean up project. They can help by getting release forms signed. Blank forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office in Burnsville, Station WKYK, The Yancey Journal Office, or the Yancey County Health Department.

The completed forms should be sent or brought to the Chamber of Commerce office or the Health Department. Of utmost importance is to describe the identification and precise location of the junk car on the release form, so the truck driver can find it without delay. If possible, paint an identification mark on the car in some bright color, and include this mark on the bottom or back of the release form. Men's Club members and Jaycees are taking cans of bright colored spray paint with them when they canvass to get releases.

The special truck furnished by the TVA for hauling the junk cars, is equipped with a winch with 700 feet of cable. Wrecks lying a considerable distance from the road can thus be picked up. This truck will work in Yancey and Mitchell Counties for the next six months. It will be assigned first to work in areas where most signed releases have been turned in.

This long-awaited program is being enthusiastically supported by several organizations in the county, including the Jaycees, Men's Club and Chamber of Commerce. The success of

certifies eligibility of applicants for Farmers Home Administration loans and recommends action in making and servicing loans to the FHA County Supervisor. The Committee also advises on other activities connected with the varied programs offered by Farmers Home Administration.

Mr. Austin lives in Prices Creek Community of Yancey County and is engaged in general farming. He is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, Co. E, 1/518 Regiment.

He is married to the former Polly Webb and they have one son, Barry, age 4.

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the project is going to depend very largely on public support in getting releases signed and turned in without delay.

No full census of junk cars has been made, but Keith Masters, Yancey County Sanitarian, who is supervising the project estimates that there are about 2,500. This figure is close to TVA experience in counties of this size. Yancey County will look a lot better if they can all be removed.

Man Drowns In Accident

Eddie Edwards, 21-year-old son of Edd and Margie Honeycutt Edwards, was drowned in Lake James Thursday afternoon when he fell from a motorboat.

According to Dean Wall of the McDowell County Res.



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Squad, Edwards fell from the boat at 4:55 p. m. and dragging operations to recover the body were started Thursday evening and were continued until 11:00 p. m. that night. Sixteen men from the McDowell County Rescue Squad and six from the Burke County Rescue Squad took part in the dragging operations.

A total of nine rescue squads were involved in recovery operations Friday, in addition to the Civil Air Patrol, the Alert Team, and the Radio Patrol. Edward's body was finally located by the rescue squad at 8:50 p. m.

One of the companions, Charles Robinson, 32 of Rt. 5, Burnsville, said that they had been on the lake skiing since 11:30 a. m. and Edwards had been skiing for about an hour or so just prior to stopping for sandwiches at a nearby landing around 4 p. m.

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Burnsville Lions Install Officers

The Burnsville Lions Club recently held its annual officer installation night. The following officers were installed: President, Johnny C. McLain; first Vice-President, B. T. Howell; second Vice-President, Paul Wooten; third Vice-President, Bob Thomas; Secretary, Yates Bailey;

Treasurer, D. C. McClure; Tail Twister, Edgar Hunter and Lion Tamer, John Ollis. Members of the Board of Directors are Arney Fox, Lee Thompson, John Ollis and Jack Kelly. 10-Year Membership Awards were presented to Paul Wooten and Arney Fox.

Yancey Commissioners Announce Final Payment On 40-Year-Old County Debt

The Board of County Commissioners have announced a momentous event in the financial history of Yancey County. They are calling for retirement \$181,500 of county debt, which is all that remains of \$780,500 debt issued in 1938.

The paying off of this debt relieves the county of a mill-stone that has hung around its neck for a generation. Year after year when the commissioners have struggled to balance the county's budgets, the necessary interest and principal payments on this old debt have restricted expenditures

for schools and other needed projects.

This old debt was originally incurred back before the depression for acquiring schools and other real property, but principally for building roads in the county. (This was before the State Highway Department took over the building and maintenance of roads.) When the depression struck in the 1930's, the debt proved too much for the county, and along with many other counties and towns, Yancey County defaulted. Then in 1938 the old debt was consolidated into a new refunding bond issue, which the

county, ever since has been struggling to pay off.

The final payment of the refunded debt was set for July 1, 1973. With the approach of this deadline, the pressure on other expenditures has grown more severe. Always the necessity of meeting the bond payments has entered into consideration of county expenditures for schools, welfare, law enforcement, etc. The commissioners have been obliged to run a very "tight ship". In the 1971 fiscal year they managed to pay off \$51,000 of outstanding debt. Now the commissioners have

beat the final deadline by six months. Calling the remaining bonds at this time will stop interest payments as of December 31.

The remaining county debt, which was incurred for building the high schools and courthouse, now stands at less than \$300,000. This is generally considered a modest debt for Yancey County, leaving open the possibility of issuing new bonds to finance a new school building program. Any new issue of bonds, under North Carolina law, requires voter approval.

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Forest Service Gives Course

The Forest Service will be sponsoring a Red Cross Lifesaving Course, to be given at the Carolina Hemlock Campground this summer.

The time period in which it will be given will be from 10 a. m. until 12 noon on Wednesday and Thursday. The course will begin on July 20 and will last four weeks.

To qualify for the course you will be required to exhibit the following skills: swim 140 yards, float on back for one minute and tread water for one minute. There will be no charge for the course other than supplies.

If you feel you qualify and wish to take the course, please inquire at the Forest Service office in Burnsville or at Carolina Hemlock Campground.

Solution In Sight

A tremendous response by Yancey Countians in using the new dumpsters has created a problem for Sanitarian Keith Masters. He reports that another truck will soon be at work, however, and the trash collections stepped up to meet the need which is evidenced by unsightly, unsanitary, overflowing dumpsters all over the County.