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Britton Plays Renaissance Lute With Flute Accompaniment

Folk Ecology Service Wins Ovation From Audience

By Ernest Morgan
The Methodist Church was packed Sunday, as it was last year, by participants in the Interdenominational Folk Ecology Service conducted by poet-folk singer George Britton.
Assisted by a group of young people, with the audience frequently joining in, Britton sang of trees and rivers and oceans; of birds and crops and little children. With vigorous guitar accompaniment and with his warm personality and rich bass voice he carried the audience

Support For Hospitals

The Board of Directors of the Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to support the Blue Ridge Hospitals Development Fund which is now underway in the Mayland area.
The decision was made at a meeting held on June 26, 1972, and carried a motion made by John Wellborn that the Chamber of Commerce "wholeheartedly support the project in any way possible."
Milton Burleson, Chairman of the Board of the Blue Ridge Hospital System emphasized that \$1,000,000 is being sought from the public as part of the overall \$5,000,000 projected cost of the planned modernization and expansion program of the Blue Ridge Hospital System.
The construction phase will include a three floor addition to the Spruce Pine Hospital and will provide 58 new beds, including a six bed Intensive-Coronary Care Unit thus bringing the total bed capacity to 108.
In Burnsville, a 12-acre site has been purchased for the location of an Extended Care Facility which will consist of 50 extended care beds, 10 acute care beds, emergency room, laboratory, and X-ray dept.

Lion's Club Offers Prize For Signed Junk Car Releases

The junk car disposal program is now in full swing. The special truck loaned by the TVA started hauling junk cars to the county's tow collection sites last Monday.
Keith Masters, Yancey County Sanitarian, who is supervising the project, reports that he has already received well over two hundred signed releases, and that the truck can now operate steadily. In the meantime many workers are obtaining additional releases.
The project appears clearly to be getting wholehearted support throughout the county. Two prizes have been announced, to go to organizations such as community clubs or churches obtaining the most signed releases. \$100 is being offered as first prize and the Lions are offering a \$50 second prize.
Donald Westall of the Western Auto Store has been designated to coordinate the obtaining of releases by organizations. He will keep track of areas covered, and the assigning of specific areas where such assignment is desired.
The Jaycees, Lions, Burnsville Men's Club, and WAMY, as well as the Chamber of Commerce are all now engaged in getting releases. The Chamber has announced that it, as an organization, is not competing for the prizes, since it will act as the judge of the contest.
It is stressed again that releases should clearly identify and describe the location of the junk cars. This is to save the time of the truck driver.

Burnsville Men's Club Plans Annual Barbecue

The Burnsville Men's Club will hold its annual Barbecue Dinner on July 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building.
This event is open to the public with emphasis being placed on a large turnout of our visitors and relatives in addition to the Men's Club families.
Highlighting the event will be the serving of barbecued

chicken from the open charcoal fire. Entertainment will replace business and will be furnished by the finest talents in Yancey County. This group includes Tommy Ray, Mike Loftis, Tom Eubanks, Lanny Silvers and Dale Osborne.
Tickets are available from Frank Deyton, Mack Ray, Os Deyton and Reece McIntosh.

Parkway Presents 'I Remember Mama'-- A Heartwarming Play For Everyone

By Carolyn Yuziuk
Parkway Playhouse is presenting the tender, memorable drama, "I Remember Mama" as their current production. Those of us who were privileged to view episodes of the TV series by that name (how many years ago?) will find "Mama" virtually unchanged. She and her tribe can still tug on the heartstrings with the narrative of every day happenings as well as special events in the lives of the Hansen family.
"Mutt" Burton, well known veteran actor--and known and loved by Yancey Countians for many years--gives his eagerly awaited annual performance in "I Remember Mama" as Uncle Chris--a role, we understand, that he performed 25 years ago in 1948.
The role of Mama is performed by Miriam Williams who does a superb job. She lends great credibility to the role--and Jim Fisher as Papa is likewise believable.
Carol Randolph is cast as Katrina--the middle sister. She

narrates the story skillfully as well as acting her role. A very able performance.
Sharon Hamor (seen as Lucy in Charlie Brown) is a cute and pugnacious Dagmar. And Greg France plays the lovable Nels.
Although I cannot mention all of the characters in this poignant and humorous production who deserve credit, special notice must be given to the "funny" Trina, Sigrid and Jenny, played by Teri Lyon, Pam Shook and Toni Hoffman, respectively.
Also Dr. Johnson, played by Don Treat, is well acted.
Lauren K. Woods is director. James Parker as set designer and Ronald Burns as technical director outdo themselves with 18 different sets and 21 scenes in this production.
For a genuinely heartwarming experience, be sure to see "I Remember Mama" at Parkway Playhouse this week. The production runs Wednesday thru Saturday with curtain each night at 8:30 p.m.



Don Treat, Miriam Williams, Mutt Burton, Greg France, Fran Adams, Carol Randolph



Peg Lo Piccolo Exhibits Crafts

Peg Lo Piccolo will be welcomed as she returns to the 16th Annual Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival in Burnsville August 4th and 5th to display and sell her woodcarvings, pictures, jewelry, and other crafts. On exhibition will be a project of Mrs. Lo Piccolo's, the carving and hand painting of the state bird of each of our 50 states in miniature. A craftsman of five years, who has studied for several years, Mrs. Lo Piccolo is a member of the National Woodcarvers Assoc. and the Blue Ridge Heartside Crafts Assoc. and has displayed crafts at many shows and organizations. Unique ideas that take shape during the world travels of Mrs. Peg Lo Piccolo are seen in her creative craftsmanship, a highlight of the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival.

Yancey Chamber Of Commerce Members Discuss Current Community Projects

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce held a two hour round table discussion over Station WKYK last Thursday afternoon aimed at informing county citizens with the work of the Chamber. The program was a highlight of this year's annual drive for membership, and stressed the contributions the organization has made toward improving Yancey County.
The role of master of ceremonies was shared jointly by Ardell Sink of Station WKYK and Mack E. Ray, president of the Chamber. A dozen or more Chamber members were introduced, who in turn discussed the role the Chamber has played in a variety of community projects. Mack Ray, in particular, reiterated that the purpose of the Chamber is to make Yancey County a better place in which to live.
By the end of the program

Another Crucial Election

The union election next Tuesday by employees of Glen Raven is the second crucial labor election for Yancey County. The considerations in this election, as we see it, are much the same as with the Pam election two months ago.
More is at stake than the fate of a single company and its employees. All of us are concerned, and we believe, as before, that a victory for the union would be a major setback for the county. Much thought, money and work has been contributed by our citizens to make Yancey County attractive to industry. And, as pointed out regarding the Pam election, the establishment of a union in the county would throw a monkey wrench in all this.
At the same time, in opposing a union, we hate to give the impression--as we may to some--of being callous regarding employees' fair compensation, working conditions, retirement plans and the like. We are not complacent about these things.
It is highly significant that improvements have been made at Pam since their election, even though the outcome was a lopsided defeat for the union. And we understand that further changes are in the making.
No company management faces one of these union elections without some serious soul-searching regarding employee relations--the whole field of wage rates, working conditions and fringe benefits. The Pam management frankly admitted mistakes, and have gone about trying to remedy them. We know that this impending election has brought about some serious soul-searching at Glen Raven. Although we have no inside information we would be happy to wager that changes will be made there also.
So a defeat of the union, which will be best for the future of the county, is not to be viewed as a defeat for Glen Raven employees who are striving for better days ahead.

School Buses Change Color

Come August 21st when the school buses start rolling again for the new school year, local school authorities warn that we will have to be on the alert for two colors of school buses.
Yancey County buses, along with others over the state, are being painted a chrome yellow color, the colors now being used nationally for school buses. The change in color will take four years to complete with eight to ten buses being painted each summer. This is done at an approximate cost of \$50, per bus. Yancey County will have three buses replaced with new buses this year. These will come already painted the new color.
Yancey County school system operates forty-six buses which travel over 300,000 miles each school year in transporting its students to school.

Homemakers Club To Meet

A special interest meeting has been planned for the Burnsville Homemakers Club for July 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Room of the Burnsville Methodist Church.
Mrs. Piercy Carter of Asheville will conduct the Physical Fitness Institute entitled "Live Lively With Exercise".
Hostesses will be Mary Gillespie, Miss Theresa McClellan and Ms. Mary Lou Edwards.