

16th ANNUAL MT. MITCHELL CRAFTS FESTIVAL AND YOUTH JAMBOREE

A blending of the present and past in a county which possesses a way of life largely its own will culminate in the 16th annual Mt. Mitchell Arts and Crafts Festival which will open on Friday morning, August 4th on the Town Square, Burnsville.

To mark the official opening of the event at 10:00 a.m. will be a welcome by Mr. O. W. Dayton, chairman of the Yancey

County Board of Commissioners, and James A. Anglin, Mayor of the Town of Burnsville, and Mack B. Ray, President of Yancey County Chamber of Commerce.

The greatest number of craftsmen ever registered for the annual Festival will display and sell from their booths, racks, and tables in the traditional manner of a true mountain festival of crafts. Fond memories of other years bring established craftsmen back. Others will be coming for the first time in anticipation of the excitement that comes from being a part of the festival that is so rich in meaning.

At various times during both days of the Festival, different craftsmen will give demonstrations of how their crafts are made. This will give many people an opportunity to see for the first time how a particular craft is made with the skilled hands of an artist.

Among the craftsmen who are coming to the Festival for the first time are Mrs. Agnes Hensley of Burnsville with hand-made ties; George and Patricia Murlock of Bakersville with woodcarving and pen-and-ink

drawings; Robert Brunk of Weaverville with woodwork; Clyde Hollifield of Old Fort with dulcimers; Mrs. Billie Stout of Mountain Home, Tenn. with decoupage; Gene Eaker of Columbia, S.C. with leather goods; Mrs. Mary Lowrimore of Easley, S.C. with Ceramics; and Brad Wastler of Franklin, N.C. with woodwork.

Returning craftsmen include Belle Boger of Mocksville, N.C. with ceramics, decoupage and needlework; Earl McInruff of Unicoi, Tenn. with mountain toys; Ed Greene of Bakersville with woodwork; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brotchi of Cattail with handcrafts; and Mrs. Robert McMahan of Little Switzerland with quilts.

A concession stand will be open on both days. On Friday, Mr. Ed Yuziuk, local newspaperman will sell hot dogs with sauerkraut and childdogs with onions with proceeds going to the Chamber of Commerce. On Saturday 750 chickens will be barbecued over an open charcoal pit and the dinners sold.

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Once again it is that special time of year, a festive occasion when local people and visitors come together on the Town Square for a crafts fair which has come to be recognized as an outstanding event for miles around.

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Eliminating The Eyesores In Yancey County

The junk car eyesores littering Yancey County roadsides are being eliminated at the rate of eight to ten a day under the disposal program now in full swing. The cars are being hauled off to a collection point on Blue Rock Road, where they will later be crushed and shipped off. Kieth Masters, supervisor of the project, reports that well over 300 signed releases, authorizing disposal of the cars, are now in his hands. Competition of clubs, churches and other groups for the two prizes, one for \$100 and another for \$50, for turning

in the most signed releases, gives promise of a rapidly rising number. Releases being entered in the competition should be turned in to the Chamber of Commerce which is supervising the awarding of the prizes. Other releases may be turned in at the Chamber office, or may be given directly to the Health Dept. Again it is stressed that the releases should clearly identify the car and carefully describe its location. Blank release forms may be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce office in Burnsville, Station WKYK, The Yancey Journal office, or at the County Health Dept.

Golf Architect Meets Area Residents

Fred W. Hawtree, famed English golf architect, who is designing Mt. Mitchell Golf Club, was introduced to a group of area residents at the Amberjack Restaurant Tuesday, July 24th.

J. Harold King and Verne Floyd, who are co-owners with their sons of a 500-acre development in the South Toe area, presented Hawtree and his partner A. H. F. Jiggins, who will be assisting with this project.

Hawtree discussed the plans for the golf course with County Commissioner O. W. Dayton, Dover Fouts, Grace Banks, Jay Edge, and Terry Shankle of the N. C. Wildlife Commission and Harold Rivers of the U. S. Forestry Service.

The Mt. Mitchell course is the first venture for Hawtree in the United States. However, he has designed courses in almost every country in Europe, and several in Asia and Africa, one in Central America.

Concerning the Mt. Mitchell project, Hawtree said that this area of Yancey County "has the potential of being one of the most beautiful golf layouts anywhere." The develop-

ment lies below 1 ft. Mitchell, the highest point in eastern America, and miles of boundary land belongs to the U. S. Forest Service. Developers King and Floyd plan to maintain the natural beauty and the wildlife in the area of the development.

On this trip, Hawtree and Jiggins completed the layout of the course. Hawtree plans to return in the fall to see the progress being made in clearing and preparing the course. Developer E. Verne Floyd adds that the actual building of the course will begin in a few weeks. Most of the area has already been cleared, seeded and mowed. The 18-hole course should be completed within two years.

Hawtree structures his golf courses around the area, rather than going there with a particular plan in mind. He is pleased with this area for designing his first U. S. course because of its beauty and the challenge it offers. However, this is not the firm's first mountain course. They have designed two courses in Switzerland, one in Italy under the Matter-

horn and one in Spain. The championship course, according to Hawtree, will be 6,500 yards from the back tees, with the regular course being 6,100 yards. The distance for women will be 5,600 yards. The central holes will run along South Toe River, with two holes playing across the river.

"The big advantage of this course," said Hawtree, "is that the area is relatively flat except for the mountains." Consequently, playing the course will not be too tiring for the amateur golfer. It is the amateur golfer that Hawtree keeps in mind when designing golf courses all over the world.

Christian Growth Fellowship

Christian Growth Fellowship will begin August 13, Sunday evening, and continue through August 19 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. each day. The Daily Sessions will be held in the Red Barn at the head of Georges Fork Road near Burnsville.

The Christian Growth Fellowship, sponsored by High Pastures, is for local and out-of-town people. There will be prayer, praise, preaching, sharing, singing, and teaching fellowship with leadership as the Holy Spirit directs. Prayer groups will be arranged for the afternoons following morning fellowship in the Red Barn. Sleeping arrangements may

be made at High Pastures for quite a number of people who need them. Some specially invited guests from a distance will be staying in the main house. Others will be accommodated as long as there is room. A few cottages are available for overflow and there are motels in Burnsville.

There will be a noon, picnic-type meal served at the barn for those who would like to stay for fellowship. "On campus" guests will have the opportunity to help with the other meals in the main house. Bring sweater, rough shoes, rain gear, camera, your Bible, and high expectancy.

Parkway Playhouse Presents 'Damn Yankees' As Final Production Of 26th Season In Burnsville

Damn Yankees is a musical comedy about baseball! And that's just where the fun begins, as this rollicking, tuneful romp through the American League takes the Parkway Playhouse stage August 2-5.

This is the fun-filled story of an aging Washington Senator's fan who leases his soul to the devil for a chance to help his team beat the Yankees and win the championship. There's more at stake than just a pennant though, and the winner is (who else?) the audience!

Lauren K. Woods, who has directed this season's productions of *Auntie Mame* and *I Remember Mama*, is once again in charge. His directorial duties extend onto the stage for *Damn Yankees*, as he also plays the manager of the

luckless Washington Senators. Steve Seyfried, in his third year at Parkway, plays the role of Mr. Applegate, the conniving devil who brightens the play by trying to make everyone unhappy. Sue Atherton portrays Applegate's talented temptress, Lola, who dances up a story herself along with choreographing the rest of the show.

Gloria Shott, seen last week with Mutt Burton in *Plaza Suite*,

plays Meg Boyd, the ultimate baseball widow. James Parker, the Parkway designer for the past two seasons, takes to the stage in the role of Joe Byrd, Meg's super-fan husband.

Jerry Colbert plays young Joe after he has been transformed into a fantastic baseball player by Mr. Applegate. Toni Hoffman is Gloria Thorpe, the inquisitive female sports reporter who tries to separate the

natural from the supernatural.

Damn Yankees is an entertaining musical from start to finish, and talk about a winning score-- "You've Gotta Have Heart," "Whatever Lola Wants," "Two Lost Souls," and many others.

The fun of a whole baseball season is crammed into the script of *Damn Yankees*, and the Parkway Playhouse brings it all to life Wednesday through Saturday, August 2-5. Curtain is at 8:30 p.m. Due to the demand for tickets, a special Matinee is scheduled for Saturday, August 5 at 3:00 p.m.

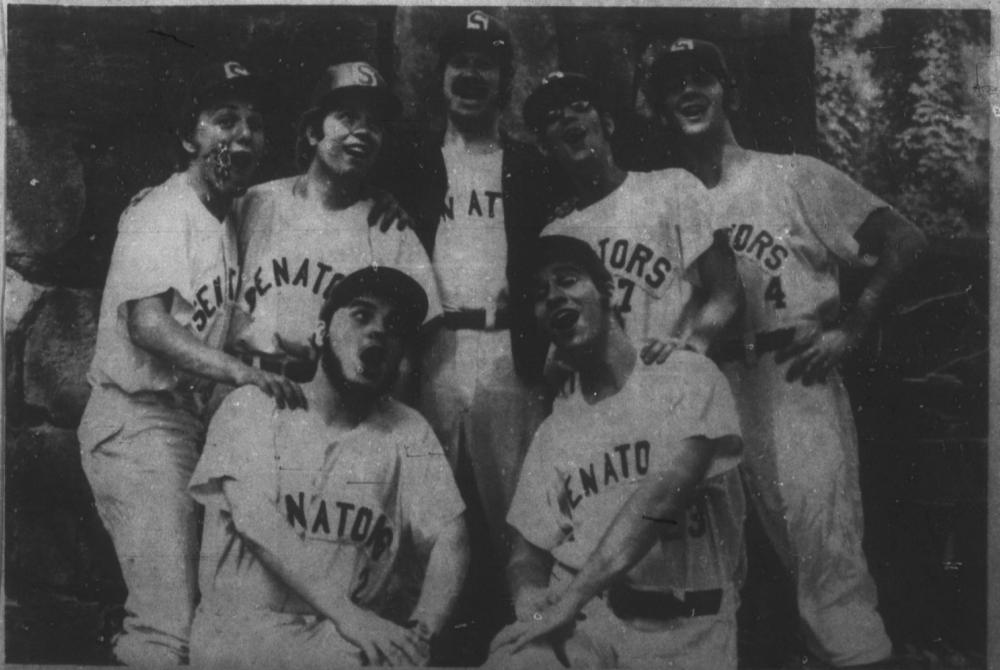
The Parkway Playhouse presents *Damn Yankees* as the final show of the six play schedule, and closes out the twenty-sixth consecutive Parkway season. For reservations, call 682-6141.

Y.C.I. Association To Meet

The Y.C.I. Association will hold the annual meeting in the Burnsville Elementary School building Saturday, August 5th, 1972. The meeting will begin

at 10:30 a.m. and run until 12 noon.

All former teachers and students are invited to bring their families and a picnic lunch.



"Washington Senators" Fascinate Audience in Parkway Production, *Damn Yankees!*