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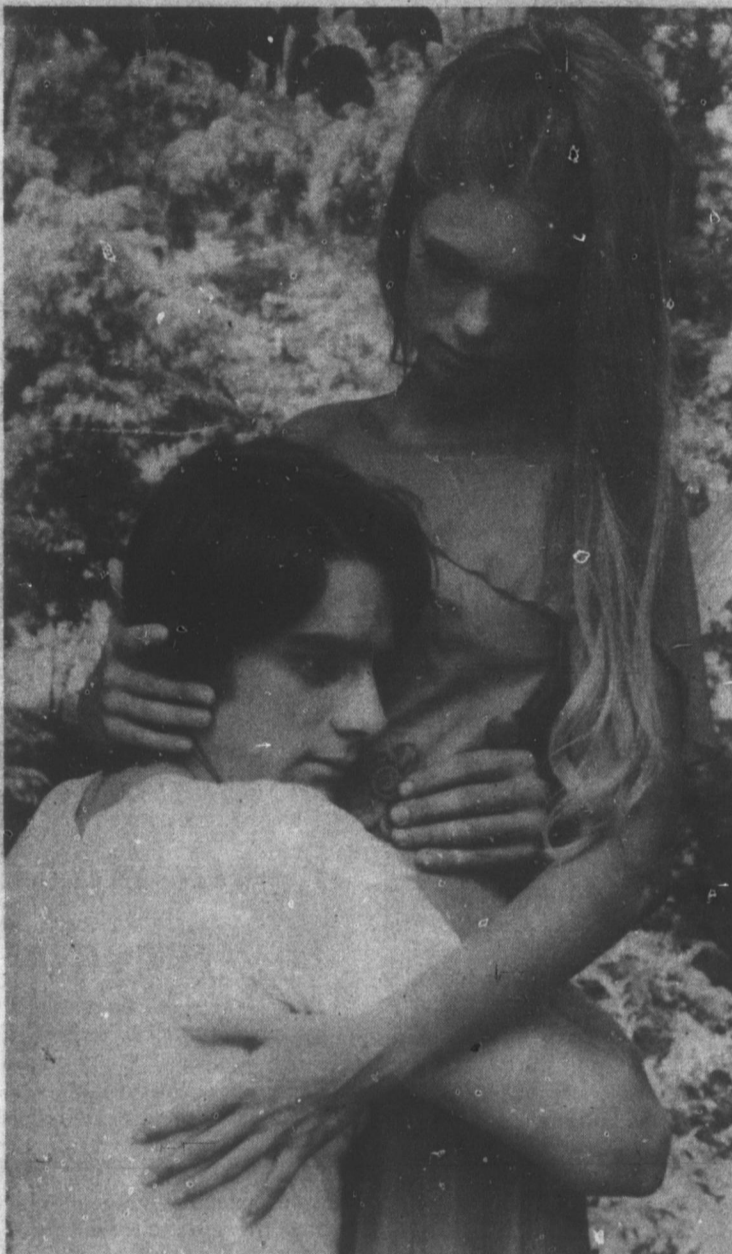
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Train Wreck At Green Mountain

Twenty-five cars from a Clinchfield Railroad Freight Train jumped a main line track at Green Mountain on Wednesday, July 3, at about 7:30 p.m. No one was injured in the wreck, which littered the area along the Toe River with huge chunks of mangled and

twisted steel from the derailed cars. No cause has been reported for the accident, and workers were busy during the past week trying to reopen the line. Two Clinchfield engines were among the derailed and damaged cars.



John Fahnestock, Darian Harris in 'Picnic'

Horse Show To Begin Saturday At Windom

The Mt. Mitchell Bridle and Saddle Club Horse Show is slated for Saturday, July 13 at the Lee Slagle Farm at Windom. The afternoon show will begin at 1:00 p.m. and an evening show will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Horse Show is sponsored by the Yancey County Rescue Squad and a rain date has been set for July 20.

The Show Committee for this event includes Dan Wilson, Phil Styles, Lee Slagle, Bill Simmons and Farrell Hughes. Ring Masters are Lee Slagle and Dan Wilson and Emcee is Lloyd Thompson. One Judge has been announced, F. A. Henry. The other Judge has yet to be chosen. Ralph Tomberlin is

president of the Mt. Mitchell Bridle and Saddle Club and M. Bryant is secretary.

Classes for the Horse Show include Pleasure Ponies, Halter Class, Open Beginners Class, English Pleasure, Appaloosa Western Pleasure, Racking Class, Western Pleasure, Pick-Up Race, Open Saddle Seat Equitation, Barrell Race, Boot Race, Open Western Pleasure, Ladies Western Pleasure, Open Walking Horses and Pole Bending among several others. Three entries constitute a class.

The public is invited to attend or take part in the Horse Show. There will be fun for all ages so bring your family for an enjoyable experience.

Parkway Presents Comedy-Drama

By Cary Easley

After a very exciting opening with *Tom Jones*, the Parkway Playhouse company has come back in its second week with a powerful comedy-drama in tribute to the late playwright William Inge, *Picnic*.

Under the careful direction of Stan Dean, who staged last season's *The Crucible* and *My Three Angels*, the cast of *Picnic* brings this touching play to the stage with great flair. Dean displays great taste and polish in his direction of this Pulitzer Prize-winning play.

Picnic is the story of Midge Owens, the best looking girl in town; her mother, Flo, a deserted wife struggling for better things for her daughters; Millie, Midge's tomboy sister; Rosemary Sydney, a frustrated old maid schoolteacher; and Helen Potts, a neighbor saddled with caring for her elderly mother. All of their lives are upset by the arrival of Hal Carter, a handsome drifter looking for his only friend, Allen, Midge's boyfriend.

Among the many strengths of *Picnic* is the fine script by Inge, who died last year and who also authored *Bus Stop*, *The Dark At The Top Of The Stairs*, and *Come Back, Little Sheba*. Another strength is the exceptionally strong acting by the ensemble cast. Darian Harris plays Midge with a winning vulnerability and convinces us that she wants to be more than just pretty. John Fahnestock displays great arrogance and bluster as Hal, but he, too, brings forth a powerful vulnerability.

Three of the best performances of the evening come from Barbara Bridgers as Flo, Jo Anne Aceto as Millie, and Gloria Shott as Helen Potts. Miss Bridgers has a warmth and inner strength that is quite unique. Miss Aceto is a very believable and instinctive actress, and Gloria Shott, a familiar face at Parkway, is a delight.

Jerry Longe plays Howard Bevans, a "friend-boy" of Rosemary's and turns in a strong performance. Van Cle-

mons as Rosemary also stands out. Other good performances are by Gray Basnight as Allen Marcus Wiggins as the paper boy and Karen Rose and Patricia Carter as two school teacher friends of Rosemary.

The atmospheric set is by Stephen Edelstein and the beautiful lighting is by Michael Castania. The appropriate 1950s costumes are by D.R. Edwards.

Picnic is an extraordinary evening of theatre and the Parkway Players are to be commended for maintaining their high grade of theatrical quality.

Next week the Playhouse will present the hit Broadway thriller *Night Watch*, and it weeks to come *Ah, Wilderness!*, *Arsenic And Old Lace*, and *My Fair Lady*. Tickets are available at the box office or by calling 682-6151. Curtain time 8:30 p.m. each night.

Fire Dept. Sponsors Auto Show

The Mars Hill Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor the Third Annual Mars Hill Auto Show on July 27 and 28 at the Mars Hill High School Stadium.

The Show will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 9:00 a.m. until awards are presented at about 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

This year there will be twenty or more classes of cars, trucks and cycles, with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophy for each class. A field of 75 cars is expected this year. There will also be an automotive flea market, a chicken supper on Saturday night and a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. Admission for everyone is only \$1.00 per person.

Proceeds from the show go to the Fire Department, to help pay for the new pumper truck recently purchased.

For more information contact Dennis McCarry at East End Motors 682-3540.

Water Rate Increase Set For Burnsville

The Burnsville town board has ordered an increase in water rates, amounting to approximately twenty five per cent, to go into effect with the billing on August first.

The present water rates have remained unchanged for ten years, a period during which inflation has steadily increased the cost of virtually every item involved in operating the town's water system. Inflation, according to Mayor Jim Anglin, is the chief culprit responsible for the rate increase. At the same time he points out that several other factors have also contributed to the need for additional revenue.

The minimum rate applying for water usage of up to 3,000 gallons per month will be raised from \$3.00 to \$3.60, or an increase of 20 per cent. Water usage between 3,000 gallons and 10,000 gallons a month will cost \$65 per thousand instead of \$50 as at present. Steps in the sliding scale of charges for usage above 10,000 gallons are being increased generally between 22 and 33 per cent.

Charges for customers located outside the town limits will continue, as at present, at 150 per cent of the charges applying within the town. Also the charge for sewer service will remain at one third of the charge for water. Complete details regarding the new rates may be obtained at the town office.

When the town embarked three years ago on the major improvement of the water system (now nearing completion after three years of work and the expenditure of close to half a million dollars) it was apparent that increased rates would be required. In negotiating for the grants and loans to finance the project, the town board made a commitment to impose increased rates when the project was completed. The present rate increase is in compliance with this commitment.

Mayor Anglin points out that

Democrat Meeting Set

There will be a Young Democratic Meeting Monday night, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Yancey County Courthouse.

the town's citizens are gaining major benefits from the many improvements in the water system. The quality of water supplied, and the reliability of service have both been improved. The completely rebuilt filter plant from now on will produce consistently purer water than heretofore. The new 2,000,000 gallon reservoir, together with the reconstructed intake dams on the watershed, give added protection against water shortage in the event of drought. New distribution lines furnish protection against interruption of service, and together with new fire hydrants, improve the town's fire protection.

A further cause of the rising costs of operating the town's water system, is the continuing application of more stringent requirements imposed by the State health and environmental authorities in Raleigh. A long list of these required improvements has been incorporated into the system, some of which assure better quality of water, while others serve simply to protect the environment. But in every case, meeting these requirements adds to the costs.

Among these requirements are the employment of thoroughly trained personnel who meet State standards, the continual monitoring of the quality of water, the protection of the waterworks by an approved chain-link fence, the use of chlorinated water to wash

the filters instead of raw water, and the filtering of the water used in washing the filters before it is discharged. The latest of these requirements to be imposed on the town is the monitoring and chlorination of the effluent from the town's sewerage treatment plant before it is discharged into the Cane River.

The town board recognizes that all these new requirements are beneficial to the extent that they safeguard the public health and improve the environment. At the same time it must be recognized that every one of these requirements adds to the cost of operating the town's water and sewer systems.

N.C. Crew Goes West

A 22 man crew from the N.C. Forest Service left July 1 from Asheville to assist in fighting wildfires presently raging out of control in the Southwest United States.

The crew is from the Mountain Region of the State and is made up of North Carolina Forest Service Rangers, many of whom are veterans of past fire campaigns in the western U.S. Bacchus Hensley of Burnsville was among the firefighters who left Asheville by charter jet to a destination at Boise, Idaho. From there the crew was dispatched to one of the southwestern states. Arizona currently has over 300 wildfires burning out of control, many caused by dry lightning storms. The U.S. Forest Service requested the assistance of the North Carolina Forest Service.

A second crew of N.C. Forest Rangers was placed on alert for possible dispatch. They are from the coastal plains region.

This is the first call for assistance from the U.S. Forest Service this year. In the past, the requests for help have come in late summer--August 1970 and again in August 1973. Both of these requests resulted in three N.C. Forest Service crews being sent to the Pacific Northwest where they fought wildfires on various National Forests for up to two weeks.



Phillip Banks

Post Office Celebrates

"Get Acquainted Day" will be held at the U.S. Post Office, Burnsville on Saturday, July 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. according to Burnsville Postmaster, Phillip Banks.

Mr. R. G. Wolfe will present a Certificate of Appointment to Mr. Banks at 11:00 a.m., following an introduction by Mayor Jim Anglin of Mr. Wolfe and the newly crowned Miss Rhododendron, Miss Betsy Jo McDonald of Fayetteville, and Tina Marie Banks, of Burnsville, the Jr. Rhododendron Queen.

Miss McDonald and Miss Banks will be hostesses for the occasion and will serve refreshments.

Tours of the Post Office will be conducted at this event by the post office employees and guests may see how mail is processed at this facility.

Mr. Banks extends an invitation to everyone to come and meet your postal personnel during this "Get Acquainted Day" celebration.

Dean's List Students

Four students from Yancey County have been named to the spring term Dean's List at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C., according to a news release by Robert R. Chapman, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. These students include Deborah Kay Higgins, Johnny Farrel Renfro, Barbara Holcombe Robinson and Grace Chandler Whitson.



Food Fun Program Features Creative Crafts

Creative Crafts is an enjoyable experience for boys and girls attending Food Fun Day Activities Program which is being conducted by the Extension Service Staff at Clearmont, Bee Log, Bald Creek and South Toe Schools through July 11. Nelle Johnson,

Program Aide, and Lydia Deyton, Volunteer, are shown instructing a group of boys and girls in a craft activity at Clearmont School. Activities include Food Fun Games, Songs and Workbook sessions, all designed to have impact on good nutrition for the boys and girls.