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Production Staged At Local Church:

'Godspell' Retells Parables

Godspell is here!! You have heard about it, and now is your chance to bask in its glory as thousands before you have. Godspell has been called wonderfully refreshing, happy and bright, and delightfully exciting. It is all this and more. Brad Munson of

"Dramatics" magazine sums it up like this: "How do you explain Godspell? Simply put, it is a modern musical retelling of the story of Christ and His parables, taken from the Gospel of St. Matthew. It is neither a revival meeting or a pitch for Christian conver-

sion; by using outrageous staging techniques Godspell's message of love and happiness denies any real sectarian boundaries that might be expected in a play about Christ and His teachings. During its incredibly successful professional run, it was

applauded by all denominations—not just Christians—for it brings life and beauty to some powerful ideas. Live, don't merely survive. Love yourself and love your neighbors, friends and enemies alike. And be joyful—above all things, be joyful."

Godspell, a self-supported production sponsored by the Mayland Technical Institute and the newly formed Toe River Arts Council, will be appearing throughout the Tri-County area this summer. The company of performers is composed of actors, actresses and musicians and technicians from Mitchell, Avery and Yancey counties. The music and lyrics of Godspell are by Stephen Schwartz, and the show was originally conceived and directed by Michael Tebelak. Information concerning performance dates and sites may be obtained by watching area newspapers or by calling Mayland Tech in Spruce Pine.

After two gratis performances at the Yancey County Correction Center on Wednesday and Thursday, July 9 and 10, Godspell will be presented to the public at the First Presbyterian Church in Burnsville. Curtain is at 8:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 13. Admission is by contribution.

What more can be said? Just come....and enjoy Godspell.



'Godspell' Actress Part Of Dramatic Production

Bach's Wedding Cantata On Concert Program

Julie Fortney, soprano, will be the featured guest soloist in a performance of Bach's Wedding Cantata in the second group of concerts presented this weekend by Music in the Mountains. The program will also include Bach's Sonata in B minor played by Benjamin Hudson, violinist, and Ruth Geiger, pianist. The Cantata will also include the Cello Chamber Players, with Benjamin Hudson as violin soloist and Basil Reeve, oboe soloist.

The program will be presented in Burnsville at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 13 at the Presbyterian Church, as well as at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa at 8:00

p.m. on Saturday, July 12. Julie Fortney, a native of Washington, D.C., holds a Master of Music degree from Indiana University, and a Doctor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Colorado. She is presently an assistant professor of music at Mars Hill College and soloist at All Souls Episcopal Church in Asheville.

Music in the Mountains is a non-profit organization headed by a board of local citizens. Proceeds are used to promote interest in chamber music in this area, and to provide instruction and scholarships in addition to the annual series of concerts. Single tickets are \$2.50

(students under 18: \$1.00) They may be obtained at the door, or, in Spruce Pine at the Wilma Eloise Shop or the Office Supply and Equipment Company. More information may be obtained from Music in the Mountains, Burnsville, N.C. or by calling 675-4060 or 675-4659.

Dividend Declared

The Board of Directors of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company have declared a common stock dividend of \$1.25 per share payable October 2, 1975 to shareholders of record Sept. 1975.

Yancey Jamboree Audition Slated

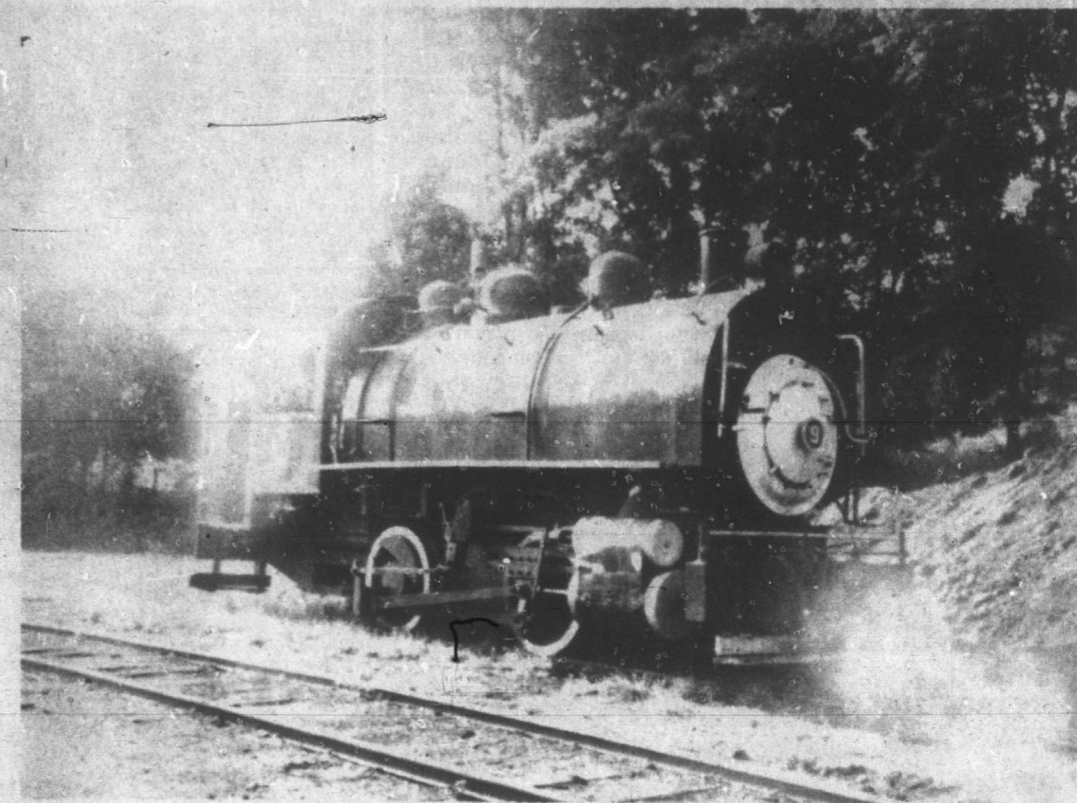
The audition, or rehearsal, for the eighth annual Yancey Jamboree, a local program of folk music, singing, and dancing, is scheduled for Saturday, July 19 at East Yancey High School. The purpose of the audition is to give participants an opportunity to rehearse on the stage at East Yancey and to help the participants and directors know each other better. It is emphasized that in order to perform in the Jamboree on July 31 and August 1, all entrants are to be present on July 19.

A schedule for rehearsing will be made, and all participants and directors will be contacted in the near future.

Crafts Fair Will Locate Off Square

For the first time since the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair began in 1956, it will not be located directly on the Town Square this year, but will surround the outer walkway of the Square, with the crafts booths facing outward and will extend out one of the streets leading from the center of town. This change has been made in order to give the new grass a chance to have continued growth and not be subjected to possible damage during the Fair.

Craftsmen from Yancey, Mitchell, other mountain counties; the piedmont section of North Carolina; and other states are to exhibit, demonstrate, and sell at the Fair on August 1 and 2. Among the craftsmen are: Samuel Smith, Greenville,



New Locomotive For Yancey RR

Numerous people celebrate the Fourth of July in various ways. Some watch sports, some shoot fireworks, some eat watermelon, some like barbecue, while others just screech tires on the highway. The Yancey Railroad had the good fortune this year to celebrate the 4th with the nostalgic sound of a 3-chime steam whistle from its newly acquired Locomotive #9. The Yancey Railroad #9 has the appearance to some people of being just another "Old" steam locomotive. Quite the contrary, as the age of steam locomotives go, she is still quite young for she was built by the H.K. Porter Company of Pittsburg, Pa., in 1941. In keeping with the Yancey RR slogan, "Always Customer Oriented", it is hopeful that the Yancey #9 steam locomotive will be placed in service in the future transversing the South Toe River pulling trainloads of happy rail enthusiasts.

Since the Yancey instituted its passenger service on a limited basis earlier this spring for the Yancey County school children, it is their desire to be able to further serve Yancey County with its own railroad tourist facility for friends both local as well as distant. Come to see us.

Game Technicians Thin Timber On Flat Top Mtn.

BY LARRY D. MORROW
Game Technician

The Burnsville Game Management crew led by Technician Joe McFee and two other members, Don Wilson and Larry Morrow, were aided by three Yancey County men from the emergency employment program, J.B. Fender, David Haney, and Mickey Gouge. These men have thinned fifty acres of timber in the White Creek section of Flat Top Mountain.

A crew of men from the United States Forest Service marked the timber to be left standing. All other timber and laurel and ivy were cut by the Game Management crew.

If you were told that the amount of light reaching the forest floor has a bearing on the number of deer an area can support, you might think this statement is far-fetched. The fact remains that light rigidly controls both the type and quantity of forage available to deer. More light means more forage. The

thinning of this area will produce more browse. The Oaks will produce more acorns. The deer will have more to eat. Through scientific stand management, the timber grower can look forward to a stand of healthy,

vigorous trees, and the wildlife manager can look forward to a healthy deer herd.

By letting a little light in on the forest floor it appears possible to achieve more of both.

'Story Theatre' Is Fine Family Treat

The second production of the 1975 Parkway Playhouse season is the recent Broadway success *Story Theatre* and the Playhouse production is as delightful a family treat as you could find. It will play through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 682-6151.

Under the direction of James S. Reynolds a troupe of eight actors and two musicians weave an enchanting spell with their improvisatory version of Grimm's Fairy Tales and Aesop's Fables. The result is riotous fun. The ensemble cast includes: Jason Solomon who stands out with a hilarious Jerry Lewis impersonation in one sketch; Gene Stewart, fine as The Little Peasant and as "Dracula" in "The Miller's Daughter"; Pam Giannasio as Henny Penny in the well-known fable; Denise Stockert as The Miller's Daughter; Maria D'Amico as the donkey in "The Bremen Town Musicians"; Lea Batzold as several zany matron types; Ilana Bar-Levav; and John Giase.

Kris Anderson (who was last week's Maria in *The Sound of Music*) and Brian McPherson accompany the actors with guitar and flute respectively and do excellent work.

Scene Designer James Parker has created a charming patchwork atmosphere for the tales and fables of *Story Theatre* and Director Reynolds staged the production with verve and spirit. All in all, *Story Theatre* is pure entertainment that will please adults and children alike. The

Playhouse has a special offer for Friday night: each child accompanied by a parent will be admitted free (only one free child per parent). Don't miss *Story Theatre* now through Saturday at The Parkway Playhouse.

Future productions include: *Little Women* (July 16-19), *Come Blow Your Horn* (July 23-26), *Harvey* (July 30-Aug. 2), and *Annie Get Your Gun* (August 6-9).

Complete First Aid Courses

BY ASHTON CHAPMAN

Mrs. Lillian W. Hollifield, Executive Secretary of the Mayland Red Cross Chapter which serves Mitchell, Avery and Yancey Counties, reports that she recently mailed certificates to 47 persons who successfully completed First Aid Courses. Three different classes were conducted, with William H. Hall of Spruce Pine the instructor in each case.

Those completing the course in Standard First Aid and Personal Safety conducted at Mayland Tech in Spruce Pine included Kermit Banks, Roger Shepherd, Carroll Hensley and Erwin Higgins of the Yancey County Sheriff's Department; F.L. Adkins of the Burnsville Police Force; Lee Thompson of the U.S. Forest Service; Jack D. Young and Stokes W. Bailey of the Bakersville Police Force; Thomas Case, Burdell Richardson and Clinton Phillips of the Avery County Sheriff's Department; Ben Taylor and Sampson Gwyn of the Crossnore Police Force; Richard Buchanan of the Newland Police Force; Jerry A. Squires of the Marion Police Force; and Clyde E. Husted, Rodney Holloway and Emmett Buchanan of the McDowell County Sheriff's Department.

Those completing the course in Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care conducted at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Banner Elk included Frank A. Buchanan, Ruth Cayer, Denver Eggers, Agida Henderson, Kenneth Richardson, Wanda Hodges, Ernest Norwood, Sherry Perry, Donny Russell, Miriam Russell, the Rev. Ray Russell, Jim Sword and Lucy Sword.

Those who completed the course in Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care conducted in the Fire House of the Grassy Creek Fire Department on NC-226 near Spruce Pine included Hoyle Abernathy, Reid L. Duncan, Ronnie Presnell, Ralph Stamey, Phillip Trivett, Virgil Stafford, James Trivett, Reuben Trivett, Guy Shuford, Eugene Shuford, Richard Hollifield, Charles Wiseman, Douglas Wiseman, Donald Shuford, Nolan Shuford and Monroe Bridges.



License Bureau Moves Office

The Yancey County branch of the N.C. License Bureau recently moved to a new location. It is now operating from a new office in the renovated "old" courthouse building on the town square, according to Grace Banks, Branch Manager. The new location is not the only change made in 1975; legislation enacted by the 1975 General Assembly which became effective July 1, 1975, has increased Motor Vehicle Registration as follows: Application for Certificate of Title is now \$2, Application for duplicate or corrected title \$2, Application of repossessor for Cert. of Title \$2, Transfer of registration \$2, Replacement registration plates are \$5, Application for duplicate registration certificate is 50c, Application for recording supplementary lien \$2, Application for removing a lien from a Cert. of Title is \$2, Restoration Fee for a registration plate when revoked for lapse of insurance is now \$15. In addition, Driver Education on every passenger or property carrying vehicle is \$2 now, a certified copy of an Accident Report is \$2.50 and the Auto Inspection Fee is now \$3.10.



Cast Of Parkway's 'Story Theatre'