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## Farm-Home Tour Expands Field

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The annual Farm and Home tour will be expanding this year. The tour will take a new title called "The Agricultural, Industry, Home Tour." The tour is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 1975. The day's activities is a combined effort of the Yancey County Agricultural Extension Service, the North Carolina Forest Service, the County ASCS Personnel, Soil and Water Conservation Service and Farmers' Home Administration.

Soil Conservation practices, Lime study on burley tobacco, Burley tobacco Sucker Control demonstration and a tree planting.

Lunch will be served at Carolina Hemlocks. A menu of smoked or fried mountain trout, beans, slaw, rolls, drink and dessert will be provided by Troxells Farms for \$2.50 per plate.

Entertainment during lunch will be provided by Yancey County 4-H Club members. After lunch, Johnny McLain will talk briefly about Carolina Hemlock and Pisgah National Forest. The afternoon activities will include stops at Mt. Mitchell Lands, Deneen Mica Reclamation Project, a Summer Home Project and other agricultural activities. Everyone is invited to attend.



Wizard Of Oz Production Staged

The Wizard of Oz will be presented to the public in a free performance on Monday evening, August 11, at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Burnsville First Baptist Church. The Wizard of Oz is a summer program for boys and girls ages 9 through 12 sponsored by the Yancey Public Library. Pictured

above [left to right, back row] are some of the cast of 17 young people: Bill Koch as the Cowardly Lion, Cindy Higgins as the Tin Man, Charles Gilbert as King of the Winged Monkeys, Marty Walker as the Scarecrow; [front row] Linda Hess as the Wizard of Oz and Sharon McClure as Dorothy.

## Yancey Jamboree Winners Announced

The 8th annual Yancey Jamboree was staged last week on Thursday and Friday at the East Yancey High School. This annual event, sponsored by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, is designed to promote interest and recognize talent among Yancey County school pupils in traditional folk singing and dancing.

The Grand Champion winners this year were the Micaville Elementary Cloggers and Phillip Simmons, in Class I and Class II, respectively.

The event this year was fully up to its usual standard. Some changes were introduced to increase audience appeal, particularly a greater proportion of the entertainment consisted of non-competing exhibition numbers. Also, the competition was extended to include adult performances, although this first year there was only a single entry in this category.

An important incidental benefit deriving from the Jamboree is that the proceeds are used to help provide two \$300 scholarships awarded by the Chamber of Commerce for seniors at the two high schools.

The judges of the com-

petition were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hart of Arden and Professors Betty Jolley and Dorothy Roberts of Mars Hill College. Bill Hart is with the Asheville Citizen.

The competition is divided [Cont'd on page 2]

## Festival Termed Success:

# Fair Breaks Records

The Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair, annual midsummer project of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, was held in Burnsville last Friday and Saturday, breaking all previous records. More craftsmen displayed their wares than ever before, attendance set a new record, and sales of crafts surpassed the highest previous year by over 25 percent.

The high quality of the crafts displayed by 180 exhibitors clearly appealed to the visitors, as evidenced by the record sales of over \$19,000. This figure excludes the revenue from the sale of 1,500 barbecue chicken dinners sold on Saturday.

An appreciable part of the regular business of Burnsville

is suspended during the two day event, which attracts a throng of summer tourists. Compensating for the interruption of the town's regular business is the important publicity given by the fair to Burnsville and Yancey County. This year, the Educational Television Channel from Charlotte photographed the fair and gathered supporting program material. Station WLOS from Asheville likewise covered the activities.

The magazine Southern Living sent one of their vice-presidents to gather material for a forthcoming article on Yancey County summer attractions, including the Crafts Fair, the Parkway Playhouse, Painting in the Mountains and Music in the

Mountains.

The entire festival is an outstanding example of successful cooperation and hard work, much of it furnished by unpaid volunteers. From volunteer barbecuers of chickens, breathing smoke and sweating in the intense heat, to the emcees at their microphones furnishing information and entertainment, the dedication of local citizens was apparent on every hand.

At intervals throughout the day entertainment was furnished. On Saturday, winners of the Yancey Youth Jamboree, held on Thursday and Friday nights, contributed to the entertainment. All the winners of the Jamboree were invited to participate, and most contributed their talents.

Appetites of the visitors for refreshment were well satisfied. The traditional chicken barbecue, prepared by the expert chefs of the Chamber of Commerce, was up to its usual high standard.

The success of the fair was achieved despite the handicap of having to spare the recently replanted grass on the town square. Inability to utilize the square as in previous years necessitated an entirely new layout of the booths and the incidental activities. The booths, this year, extended from the square east, along Main Street to the vacant lot below the Courthouse, where much of the activity was concentrated.

The necessary diversion of traffic through town worked admirably, as did the other administrative arrangements. The smooth operation of the event reflects great credit on the careful advance planning. As in previous years, important credit goes to James Byrd, who, together with Mrs. Byrd, carry much of the administrative load of this event for the Chamber of Commerce.



## Karen Lingo Magazine To Feature Articles On Yancey

Karen Lingo, Assistant Travel Editor of Southern Living magazine, visited Burnsville on Thursday and Friday, July 31 and August 1 to cover the 19th Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair. During her visit, Ms. Lingo took over 150 photographs as she covered the Crafts Fair, the Parkway Playhouse, the studio and program of "Painting in the Mountains," and the 8th Yancey Jamboree. Due to the shortness of her visit, Ms. Lingo was unable to cover personally the "Music in the Mountains" program; however, this activity will be included in her article.

Southern Living, a magazine of the modern South with a subscription list of over one million and a half subscribers, will carry Ms. Lingo's article in their August 1976 issue. Southern Living's coverage of these summer events was a Yancey Chamber of Commerce sponsored publicity project under the directorship of Ben Floyd, Chamber President, and Theresa Colletta, Chamber Publicity.

## Season Ends At Playhouse With 'Annie Get Your Gun'

The Parkway Playhouse wraps up its 29th season of theatrical production this week with Irving Berlin's beloved musical Annie Get Your Gun and the Playhouse production is a delightful evening. It will play through Saturday with curtain at 8:30 p.m. each evening.

Under the direction of Parkway veteran Lauren K. ("Woody") Woods, Annie Get Your Gun is theatrical dynamite and one of the major sparks is the excellent performance given by Jane Fesmire in the role of Annie Oakley, the backwoods woman who "cain't git a man with a gun". Miss Fesmire is charming as she sings of "Doin' What Comes Natur'lly" and how she got "Lost in His Arms". Her personal appeal and pizzazz carry the show along on a wave of infectious fun. John Dodie appears in the role of Frank Butler, the handsome sharpshooter from Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Mr. Dodie is a polished singer and his confrontations with Miss Fesmire especially in "Anything You Can Do" and "Old Fashioned Wedding" are among the production's high spots. Special guest artist W.C. "Mut" Burton appears as Buffalo Bill and is grand. Along with Miss Fesmire, Mr. Dodie and David Hart as Charlie, Mr. Burton sings the classic "There's No Business Like Show Business" to showstopping applause.

Other standout performances in Annie Get Your Gun are delivered by Mr. Hart as Charlie, Maria D'Amico as Dolly Tate, Jamey Reynolds as Pawnee Bill, Jim Fisher as Foster Wilson, and Jennifer Woods, Kenny Woods, Deirdre Parker, and Denise Stockert as Annie's little brothers and sisters. Director Woods appears in

## All-Star Teams To Compete Here

Gordon Banks, Recreation Director, announces the Fast-pitch All Star teams which will play Saturday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Burnsville field.

Coaches for the Burnsville Division of the 1975 All-Star team are Wilson Ray, Sam Styles and Don Miller. The team includes John Fisher and David Hall, Catchers; First Base--Roger Fox and Rich Thomas; Second Base--Chipper Banks and Charles Gardner; Third Base--Doc Young and Dean Gunner; Shortstop--Dennis Hefner and Tommy Fox; and Outfielders--Jeff Parker, David McCurry, Lonnie Speight, Max Allen, Billy Joe Brown, J.D. Laws, "Flap" Thomas; Pitcher--Delmar Goins and Leonard Laws.

The 1975 All Star Team, Micaville Division is coached by Ray Robinson and Larry Dayton. Other players are

Catcher--Ken Winters and Catfish Hall; First Base--Gary Robinson and Bill Thacker; Second Base--Roger Young and Keith Chrisawn; Third Base--Don Peterson, Worth Crow; Shortstop--Wade Tipton, Stanley Ray; Outfielders--Gary Gibbs, Charles Hamby, Mose Murphy, Alan Black, Jeff Bailey and David Robinson; Pitcher--Terry Murphy and Gary Penland.

## Winners Picked In Drawing

The winners in the Drawing held by the Yancey County Rescue Squad at the Squad Hall last Saturday afternoon were Mr. Goodman of Boone, N.C., who won the deep freezer; The Yancey Journal held the winning ticket for the portable TV and stand; and Master Randy Hensley of Greenville, S.C. won the shotgun.

The Rescue Squad wishes to thank all the people who had a part in the sale of the tickets for the drawing. A special thanks to those who bought tickets for the prizes. All the proceeds will be used toward the improvement of the equipment of the squad.

## Democrats Set Meeting

Yancey County Democrats will have a meeting in Crabtree Township on Tuesday night, August 12, at 7:30 p.m. Location of the meeting is Micaville School. All registered Democrats are urged to attend.

the role of Sitting Bull and gives a hilarious performance. His tribal dance with Miss Fesmire is one of the production's funnier moments. Woods has directed Annie in the style of P.T. Barnum and the "greatest show on earth" with each scene topping the one preceding it.

Scenic designer James Parker has done his usual outstanding job in creating

the atmosphere for the production. Kaye Brown's costumes are colorful and attractive with props by Leslie Knox and lights by David Hart. Choreography for the production has been done by John Joy with assistance from Susan E. Mickey and Kim Hanabergh.

All in all, Parkway's final production is one of its finest. It is a lot of fun. For reservations call 682-6151.



Jane Fesmire Plays 'Annie'



## Gift For Rescue Squad

Blue Bell gave the first \$500.00 to start the Yancey County Rescue Squad. They also donated their white coveralls. Now the employees of Blue Bell have presented the Rescue Squad with a gift of \$100.00 to help pay for the new emergency equipment; they also express sincere appreciation to the members of the Yancey County Rescue Squad for the work and time donated by them for the welfare of all the citizens of Yancey County.