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## Carnival Donations Needed

Donations of several kinds are needed for the Loaves and Fishes carnival to be held in Burnsville on Saturday, August 28.

Items are needed that can be sold at the auction to be held on Saturday afternoon. Any item is acceptable so long as it is in good condition. Cakes are also needed for the afternoon cakewalks.

One of the highlights of the carnival will be to crown a senior citizen king and queen. These two persons will be the oldest man and woman with the most descendants now living in Yancey County. Call the Senior Citizen Hotline if you know someone who may qualify.

Persons who have items for the auction or who will donate a cake should call the Hotline at once. The number is 682-6011.

For every dollar that is raised at the carnival the Federal Government will give three dollars for Yancey County's elderly citizens. Please help with this extremely worthwhile project sponsored by the Yancey County Committee on Aging.

## 'Spoon River' Auditions

Burnsville Little Theatre announces auditions for Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology". They will be held from 7-9 on August 23, 24, and 26 at the Parkway Playhouse. The play requires a cast of at least three men and two women, although more people will be used if sufficient interest is shown. Also needed are two musicians who play (guitar, banjo, fiddle) and sing.

"Spoon River Anthology" is a mixture of humor and drama presented in a monologue and choral speaking style. It has received acclaim as both literature and drama for its careful examination of people in the town of Spoon River, Illinois.

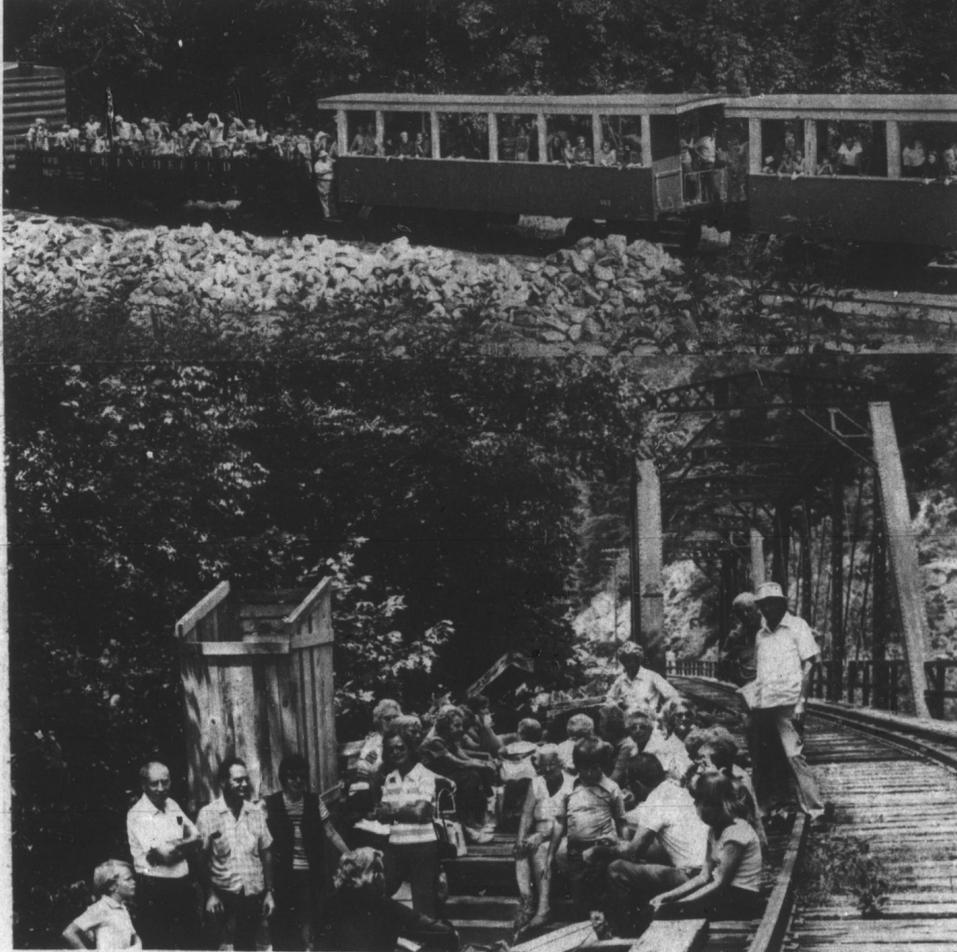
Everyone is welcome to try out. If you wish to audition as a musician, please bring your instrument. Ability at sight reading will be helpful. Scripts will be provided for those auditioning as actors. No advance preparation is required. Those who want to work backstage should come also. And if you don't want to be a part of the production, make plans now to attend the performances currently scheduled for September 30, October 1 and 2.

## Rummage Sale Set

Women of the Green Mountain Free Will Baptist Church will hold a rummage sale Saturday, August 21, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the farm of Craig Deyton on the Mine Fork Highway. Proceeds go to Brother Arthur Billows, Missionary to Mexico.

## Meeting Of Democrats

The Young Democrats will meet Thursday night at 7:30 at the Democratic Headquarters. All Young Democrats are urged to attend.



## Cattail Creek To Kona

The Cattail Creek Community Association enjoyed a Spruce Pine Junior Woman's Club Charter on the Yancey Railroad on Saturday. Mrs. Agnes Dolle gathered about 150 local residents for the five hour trip from Burnsville to Kona and return.

At Kona the younger set enjoyed the water and rode the rapids at the confluence of the North and South Toe Rivers. The senior set ate picnic lunches on the island and waited

patiently for the train crew to add the open gondola car for the return trip.

The Fall Color Runs on the Yancey are October 9 and 16. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Write: SPJWC, Box 444, 28777 for reservations. Last year, passengers came from fifteen states for this special run. Two hundred people requested tickets too late. Photos by Brian Westveer

## Ballet Program Previewed

BY SUSAN LARSON  
How does a sponsor write with conviction about a performance he has never seen? The Toe River Arts Council is cosponsoring the first performance of the North Carolina Dance Theatre's season. It wasn't possible to see a performance, but it was possible to see the troupe taking shape.

One week into rehearsal Leslie Greene (who'll be preparing school children for the Dance Theatre) and I visited the dance studio at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston Salem where the Dance Theatre is housed. I was excited to find them rehearsing "The Grey Goose of Silence," the main work to be presented in Burnsville. All fifteen dancers perform in

"Grey Goose," the story of a young woman who falls in love with a blind boy held captive by the town witch, called The Grey Goose. The young woman is married to a cold old man who brutally mistreats her; it is as difficult for her to escape from her husband as it is for the boy to escape from the witch. They dance a touching and sensuous love story against a background of indifference and brutality.

We saw most of "The Grey Goose of Silence," which the dancers had rehearsed for only a week. Ballet mistress Sandra Robinson leads them through the ballets, which they must learn before they go on tour. They have only the month of August in which to master them; they work intensively

from 9:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. daily in classes and rehearsals. Director Robert Lindgren supervises the instruction, amplifies on the ballet mistress's comments, and demonstrates what he wants from the group. He has a standard which he has developed in his six years with the Dance Theatre. He expects hard work from his dancers, but he also imbues them with his own sense of humor and fun. They work together; they must work together, he feels, so no stars are highlighted. The dancers vary in age and experience, but they are treated as equals.

The other ballet which we saw demonstrated this equality. Instead of telling a story, "Changes" develops abstract impressions of the elements, making the dancers into

visual forms rather than people. Set to the starkly modern music of Honegger, the dance depends on the coordination of movements rather than on emotion. On stage a beautiful metal sculpture rotates overhead, capturing and reflecting the light.

"Changes" and "The Grey Goose of Silence" are only two of the sixteen ballets in the North Carolina Dance Theatre's repertoire from which they will choose the September 4 program to be given at 8:00 p.m. at the new Mountain Heritage High School. Whatever they choose to dance, I'll be looking forward to seeing how they've developed since that seventh day of rehearsal. They were already very good.

## Yancey Youth Fatally Injured In Accident

Thomas Harold Harris, 22 years old, of Route 6, Burnsville died last Saturday night from massive brain injuries sustained in an automobile accident Friday, August 13, at 6:45 p.m.

Arnold Chandler, 21, of Route 3, Burnsville was driver of the 1970 Volkswagon in which Harris was a passenger.

The car was traveling east

on East Main Street in Burnsville when Chandler reportedly lost control of the vehicle and went off the road on the left side, striking a utility pole.

Both young men were taken to Yancey Hospital and then to Memorial Mission in Asheville where Chandler was treated and released. Harris died at 11:25 p.m. Saturday night.

Harris was the son of Harold and Wilma King Harris, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe King and Mrs. Lena Harris, all of Burnsville.

Burnsville Police Chief Joe Gillespie was in charge of the investigation.

## Summer Retreat At High Pastures

High Pastures' last summer retreat begins Thursday, August 19, and ends on the 22nd. Morning meetings start at 10:00 a.m.; evening meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Ray Baker, one of the guest speakers at this event, is a professor of Music at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. for five years and taught in the areas of Voice, Choral Conducting, Church Music Administration and Vocal Pedagogy. He also toured with singing groups. Ray served as Professor of Music at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for 8 years and toured with a male choir. God called Ray to the Melbourne, Florida area to minister both locally and to the Body of Christ at large. He is married to the former Wanda Mae Potts of St. Louis, Mo. and they have three children.

Dean Simpson is another guest speaker at this summer retreat. He has pastored Baptist churches; was ordained to the Baptist Ministry in 1954. In addition to his ministry in North Wilkesboro he travels extensively among

various church groups all over the Southeast United States as a guest speaker. From 1966 to the present time he is a Food and Environmental Science Instructor at Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, North Carolina. He is married to the former Margaret Steelman and they have five children.

Call High Pastures at 682-3138 for further information about the last summer retreat beginning August 19.



Dean Simpson

## Steer And Feeder Calf Sales Set

Dates of the state sponsored Yearling Steer and Feeder Calf Sales at Western North Carolina Livestock Market have been announced as follows:

Steer Sales will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 21, September 28, and October 19, 1976.

Feeder Calf Sales will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 5 and November 2.

In all cases cattle will be weighed in and graded on the preceding day. These sales are jointly sponsored by the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the North Carolina Extension Service.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Wm. C. Bledsoe, Agricultural Extension Chairman at 682-6186.

A new grading system, initiated last year in the yearling steer sales and used this spring in the stocker sales, will be used in all sales.



A. Ray Baker

## MTI Courses Planned For Transfer Credit

General Education at Mayland Technical Institute can now serve as a springboard for students planning further study at four-year colleges around North Carolina.

Arrangements between MTI and area senior colleges are being made whereby students' work at MTI will transfer into four year degree

programs with a minimum loss of credit.

Mars Hill College was one of the first colleges to make such an agreement with MTI. A student having earned the Associate degree in General Education from MTI may transfer all degree credits to Mars Hill.

Other colleges accepting [Cont'd on page 8]



Mountain Heritage Cougars Show Their Stuff

## Football Season Opens

The 1976 Cougar football team will scrimmage Enka High in the East Yancey stadium Friday night, August 20. The scrimmage is slated

for 7:00 p.m. with a "meet the squad" program beginning at 6:00 p.m. This program will introduce the varsity cheerleaders and varsity football

team. There is no charge and everyone is invited to come out and see the scrimmage.

This year's Cougar foot- [Cont'd on page 2]