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Fair Visitors Relax On Town Square To Eat Delicious Barbecued Chicken

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Craftsmen, Visitors Praise Planning:

Thousands At Crafts Fair

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The town square in Burnsville was the center of activity for seven to eight thousand people during the 21st Annual Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair last Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6, according to a police estimate. This made Yancey County's 1977 Festival the best ever, with sales up all around—from the craftsmen's booths and concession stand to the chicken barbecue which served 2,000 dinners to the hungry crowd. Barbecue receipts alone totalled nearly \$5,000, which was \$1,500 more than last year; while the concession stand made twice as much as in 1976, with \$1,500 to their credit.

The success of the fair was never in question, however, as long as mother nature helped with the weather. Hard work and serious planning by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, plus many volunteer man-hours contributed by year-round and summer residents of the county, has caused our annual "big event" to blossom into a beautiful promotion for the mountain way of life.

The craftsmen who demonstrated, displayed, and sold their wares on the Burnsville Town Square this year were selected with care and consideration by a Chamber committee to assure Fair visitors of variety and authen-

ticity. One hundred and seventy five crafts booths featured needlework, stained glass, metal sculptures, paintings, weaving, leatherwork, pottery, wooden toys, hand-made furniture, dolls, jewelry and even brooms and apple butter to sell. It was a delightful experience just making the round of the booths to see the items which the skill and talent of the craftspeople produced.

The South Toe Stompers gave a clogging exhibition

during the Fair this year; the Parkway Playhouse crew performed occasional skits, and Campers in the Forest, a local folk music group, provided all kinds of music to add to the festive atmosphere.

The town square was spruced up for the occasion with flowers all in bloom, the weather was made-to-order, entertainment was mountain-style fun, the chicken smelled and tasted delicious—in short, everything man could do was

done well and with mother nature doing her part, the 21st Annual Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair rose to new heights in 1977. It will be a hard act to follow!

"There's No Coffee" is one of the songs in the musical comedy HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING at Parkway Playhouse, August 10-13 at 8:30 p.m. in Burnsville.

The plot centers around the schemes of a young businessman, J. Pierrepont Finch (Steve Washer) to become an executive at the World Wide Wicket Company. Pretty secretary Rosemary, played by Kat Dobson, falls in love with Finch and decides that she would be

"Happy to Keep His Dinner Warm." Bud Frump (Paul Webb) is the boss's nephew who tries to get Finch fired, and Smitty, played by Emily Green, is Rosemary's confidante.

Guest artist Garth Schumacher, seen last summer in Parkway's SOUTH PACIFIC will play the part of J.B. Biggley, the company's boss. Biggley's interest in Hedy La Rue (Deborah Kintzing) adds a spicy complication to the show. Hedy's arrival into the action prompts the musical number of "A Secretary is not a Toy."

HOW TO SUCCEED, with fourteen musical numbers, is intended purely for entertainment. Choreographers for the show are Dr. John Joy, former Broadway performer, and Keith Martin, theatre student at UNC-Greensboro from Hickory, North Carolina.

Teresa Keller from Abingdon, Virginia, is director of the production; Nathan Matthews is musical director; James Parker is set designer, and costumes are designed by Del Risberg and Dru Minton-Clark.

The musical closes Parkway's 31st season which began with the critically acclaimed MAN OF LA MANCHA and included CACTUS FLOWER, ROYAL FAMILY, and TEN LITTLE INDIANS, all under the leadership of Dr. John Joy, Managing Director.

Reservations for HOW TO SUCCEED may be made by calling 682-6151 or tickets may be purchased at the door.

High School Registration

Freshmen and transfer students will register at Mountain Heritage High School between 8:30 and 11:30 on Tuesday, August 16. Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 who pre-registered before school closed in June should not report to the school until Thursday, August 18. All requests for schedule changes will be considered on that date.

Power Outage Set

There will be a scheduled power interruption Sunday, August 13, weather permitting, from 1:00 to approximately 4:00 p.m. which will affect the following areas: Jacks Creek, Cane River, Bee Log, Ramseytown, Green Mountain, Poplar, Pigeon Roost, Tipton Hill, Red Hill, Buladean, Bakersville, Little Rock Creek, Bear Creek, and Bandana.

This outage is necessary to replace bad poles in our transmission lines.

Horseshoe Champs!

Eleven teams of two men each competed at the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair for the Horseshoe Pitching Championship. The event was held on Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. on the Courthouse lawn.

Hundreds of spectators cheered on their favorites as the men threw their ringers—or didn't! Of the competitors, three teams were from Buncombe or Madison County; the other eight teams were Yancey County's finest.

The Yancey County Recreation Commission sponsored the horseshoe tournament in conjunction with the Crafts Fair, as it does each year. Trophies are presented to the First Place Winners.

Chamber Concerts End With Octet

The final concert of the Music in the Mountains 1977 summer series will be held Sunday, August 14 at 3:30 in the Spruce Pine Methodist Church. The final concert is held in Spruce Pine each year since many of the season ticket holders live in that area.

Featured on the program is the Schubert Octet for

ment in conjunction with the Crafts Fair, as it does each year. Trophies are presented to the First Place Winners.

This year the First Place Trophies and Horseshoe Pitching Championship went to the Yancey County team of Freddie Penland, Burnsville and Randy Buckner, Bald Creek. Runners-up were J.B. Fuller and Roy Littrell from Madison and Buncombe.

The Yancey County Recreation Commission would like to express their thanks to Sam Styles and Jackie Mathis for their help in putting on this event.

Strings and Winds with Ralph Evans, violin; Ann Leathers, violin; Jane Grimaldi, Viola; Dana Rusinak, cello; Michael Goldring, bass; Frank Ell, clarinet; Robert Barris, bassoon and Bruce McLellan, horn.

Other works on the program are the Mozart Duo for [Cont'd on page 2]

Social Security Forum Is Slated

Congressman Lamar Gudger said today that he has scheduled a Social Security Forum to be held Monday, August 22, in the courthouse at Bakersville, North Carolina. The forum will begin at 2:15 p.m.

"This forum, which is the first such meeting in the area," the Congressman said, "will give an individual from the Mitchell, Avery and Yancey areas the opportunity to discuss their needs and concerns in person with representatives of the Social Security Administration."

The forum will open with comments from Congressman Gudger and an explanation of the program by the Social Security representative. A question and answer period will follow. Time will not permit the discussion of all individual cases, but the names and addresses will be taken and a follow-up will be made on each case.

"I hope each and every citizen of the Mitchell-Avery-Yancey area who has a concern about Social Security will attend the forum," the

Congressman said. "It is my hope that the discussion will help each to better understand the program of the Social Security Administration."

Public Meeting For Highway Planning

North Carolina Department of Transportation officials will conduct a public meeting in Asheville to provide area residents with an opportunity to participate in the annual update of the State's Highway Improvement Program.

Scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, the meeting will be held in the Carmichael Humanities Building, UNCA, in Asheville.

The meeting will be chaired by John M. Gilkey of

Marion, Gilkey was appointed to the Board by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. last month to represent NCDOT's Highway Division 13, which encompasses Buncombe, Madison, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford and Yancey Counties.

The Highway Improvement Program is a planned and programmed course for highway construction that balances anticipated revenues against estimated highway [Cont'd on page 2]

Parkway's Final Play Is Smash-Hit Musical

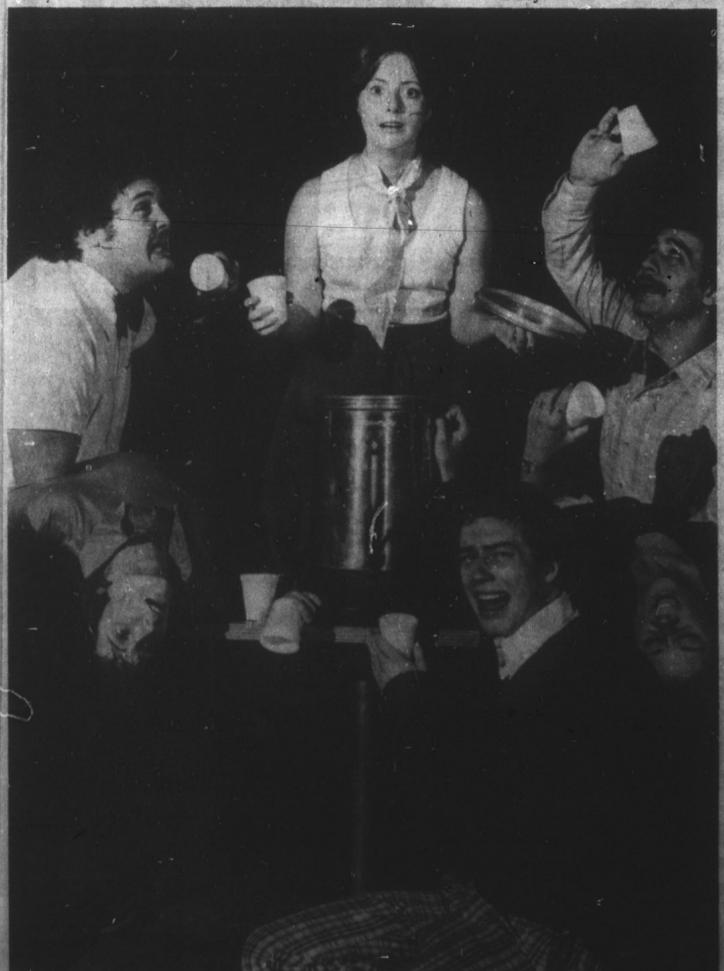


Photo by Joe Moody

Fun And Frolics In 'How To Succeed'