

Pick-up to be raffled by Skills

If you would be willing to spend a couple of bucks on a chance to win a truck and help some unfor-tunate people at the same time, read on.

Skills, Inc., a sheltered workshop that trains handicapped people with job skills, is raffling off a 1983 Toyota longbed pickup truck for \$2 a chance. Profits from the raffle will be used to buy much-needed equipment for the three-year-old workshop.

Located in Pasquotank County, Skills serves Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck counties. Within the last 15 months, Skills has placed 23 handicapped people into private jobs. "It costs a county \$13,000 a year to keep people on welfare, and these pople would still be on the welfare role if not for us," said Director Max Mercer. "But because of the training and the job placement they got here, they're now eartning their money, paying their taxes, and they're also putting money back into the community," he said.

But unless the private, nonprofit organization has a succedssful raffle, Mercer is concerned that the good results of the workshop will be dampened if not completely snuffed out. Profits from the raffle will be used to buy a dust-removal system and a heavy-duty table saw.

The dust removal system is be-ing mandated by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the table saw, Mercer hopes, will help the workshop to eventually become financially self-sufficient. The workshop makes money by fulfilling contracts with private companies for jobs such as cut lumber. The Weyerhaeuser Company has given Skills some of its most lucritive contracts, and they are offering the workshop even more work cutting deck posts, step stringers, and patio blocks. But the single table saw that Skills has canot handle the demand. "The saw we have now can only be used a few minutes an hour. The rest of the time it's overheated,"said Mercer.

Mercer says that ticket sales must pick up if the workshop's goal of selling 5,000 tickets is

met. He and members of Skill's Board of Directors have taken the truck, which has a \$7,900 retail value, to county fairs, fall festivals, club meetings, and most anywhere else where they could sell some tickets. But only about 1,000 tickets have been sold, and Mercer is hoping that businesses and more private citizens will become interested in winning the truck and making a tax-deductible donation at the same time.

The drawing for the truck will be held Nov. 16 at Perry Toyota. Wayne Perry, who owns the Elizabeth City dealership, donated a portion of the truck to Skills. He is on the Board of Directors.

Tickets are available by mail, or a member of the Skills family will deliver the tickets if more than 20 are bought. To purchase a ticket, contact Skills at Rt. 2, Box 362 or call 264-3377.

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Rehearsing a scene from the ECSU University Players' production of "A Raisin in the Sun" are (left to right)

Dwight Sharpless, Angelo vember 6 through 9, at 8:00 Speller, and Jacqueline Weddington. The award-winning play will be presented on No-

p.m. in the school's Little Theatre in Elizabeth City.

Hertford student gains role in ECSU stage production

Angelo Wilson Speller, an Eliz-abeth City State University stu-

Hospital to

x-ray treats

Trick or treaters are invited to Chowan Hospital on Halloween from 5-8 p.m. Treats will be xrayed free of charge to determine if any foreign metal objects are present.

Nothing suspicious has been found during the first two years of the hospital's Halloween safety program.

Johnny Bryan, Hospital Director, stated recently, "A couple of bags were emptied and checked thoroughly last year when a suspicious object showed up on the x-ray. We were glad it turned out to be a penny and thankful for the alertness of the x-ray technician who spotted the suspicious object. We invite children to again participate in our Halloween safety program by allowing us to help protect you.'

dent from Hertford, has been cast in a featured role in the University Players' production of Lorraine Hansberry's awardwinning drama "A Raisin in the Sun." Speller will appear in the role of the Moving Man in the play, which will be performed on November 6, 7, 8, 9, at 8:00 p.m. in the university's Little Theatre in Elizabeth City.

A graduate of Perquimans County High School, Speller is a freshman English-drama major at ECSU. Previous acting experience includes roles in several Off-Broadway plays.

Opening on Broadway in 1959, "A Raisin in the Sun" was hailed as a landmark in American theatre. Filled with laughter and human drama, the play captured the New York Critics' Circle Award as best play of the year. An acclaimed film version starred Sidney Poiter and Ruby Dee, repeating their original Broadway roles.

The University Players' production is being directed by Shawn Smith, an assistant pro-

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fessor of theatre at ECSU. For additional information regarding the play, phone the Players' office at 335-3436 in Elizabeth City.

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