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Guild Play "Picnic" On Atlantic Side Fri.

The cast and crew of "Picnic", an Ancon Theatre Guild-Canal Zone College production, are packing up and taking their talents to the Atlantic Side this week. "Picnic" has had a successful two-week run at the Theatre Guild, and will be presented by special request at the Cristobal High School Auditorium on Friday, November 10. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

"Picnic" features a romantic plot with nostalgic overtones. Set in the 1950s, the story involves an appealing young man newly arrived in a small Kansas town, who falls in love with the local beauty. Reactions of the townspeople range from hostility and suspicion to warm affection and love. The William Inge play was originally presented on Broadway in 1953 and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Atlantic Siders may recognize several hometown faces in the cast. Ivonne Smith, as the beautiful and confused young woman, is a former Cristobal high school student. Rogelio Pretto, in the romantic lead, is an artist currently residing in Colon. Playing the part of Madge' precocious younger sister is Tami Planchon, form Margarita. Also featured in the cast are Virginia Shea, Ann Bennett, San Scribner,

Joan Manfredo, Jim Dunworth, Eugenia Bing, and Gail Goodrich Totten.

The majority of the cast and crew is participating in a Canal Zone College Drama Department class, whose term project is the current production of "Picnic". The course and the production are under the directorship of Bruce Quinn. Bill Gonzalez is co-director of the play.

"Picnic" will be presented as a benefit performance, with proceeds going to new outfits for the Cristobal High School Senior Band. Tickets will be on sale from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday at the Margarita Service Center and from 3-5 p.m. Thursday at the Coco Solo Commissary. Reservations may also be made by calling 43-6405 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

All Atlantic side residents are cordially invited to a warm and memorable evening at "Picnic" this Friday at 8 p.m.