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## Oaky Art Show To Benefit School For Retarded Children

This was his Georgia, this his share  
Of pine and river and sleepy air--  
For, wherever the winds of Georgia run,  
It smells of peaches long in the sun--  
These famous words of Benet's in John Brown's Body clearly express the sentiments of Artist Philip Saraf as he describes his experiences in Effingham County--the county he has adopted and which has adopted him.  
Mr. Saraf has recorded on Canvas his impressions of lo-

cal scenes with a degree of sentiment rare in these times of "hello, goodbye and see ya'll". His paintings go back five years to the first show at Oaky Farms when he met Henry and Marie Burns of the Mizpah community.  
Henry with his basketmaking and Marie with her home-folk country know-how became an inspiration to him and soon he became a regular visitor. A familiar figure along the country roads or at the lake at Oaky, he paints our vanishing scenes that otherwise would be just a dimi-

nishing memory.  
An exhibition at Oaky Farms Arts and Crafts show on November 2nd and 3rd this year will gather together what is probably the largest collection of paintings depicting Effingham scenes anywhere. Mr. Saraf has planned this show as evidence of his gratitude to the Henry Burns family and to all of his other friends in Effingham who have shown him affection and hospitality. He has a warm regard for those less fortunate than he and has worked diligently to help put this show on the "map" for the

benefit of the Retarded School.  
Andrew Wyeth has his Brandywine; Philip Saraf has his Effingham and some of the scenes will show the old Reiser house, Joe and Alma Williams turkey yard, Longstreet (Mr. Smith was the grandfather of famous Savannah artist Sally Bostwick); the Mill Pond at Oaky Farms, the Perry and Inez Mingle-dorff home, the R.B. Mallory store in Clyo, the home of the Henry Burns' and their basket shed; the Johnnie Lovett house, the old store and antique shop at Oaky, the Guerry Burns commi-

sary; the old Trowell house the Dugger house (now demolished); the Rahn turpentine still and the Gillard store in Rincon and others.  
In addition to Mr. Saraf many other artists and craftsmen will be exhibiting and selling their work. There will also be a sale of country store items, honey, preserves, (items are being taken on consignment); plants of Edna Boyles nursery, pumpkins, baskets by Henry Burns, handwork by Marie Burns and others and so much more.

Puppet shows both days at about 2 p.m. Savannah Christian School's chorus will be singing and other groups will be adding their talents to make it a fun two days with all the proceeds going to the benefit of the Retarded Children's school in Clyo. Everyone's invited to participate so come along and do your thing.

A cake or two from each church would be great and together with individual contributions of sweets, the fund raising will be a fine success.

There will be several exhibitors from Effingham, Bulloch, and Chatham counties and out of state, but there's room for more. Write Oaky Farms Arts and Crafts Show, Springfield, Ga., 31329, send \$5. and say you want to show. If you don't show come on out and enjoy the day - visitors are very important people, in fact a show can do without them.