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Good Way To 'Beat The Heat'

The customer was hot and a good cooling shower was in order. The men at D & R Service Station on the town square proved themselves agreeable and adaptable as they bathed a Bassett Hound who had lost his owners last week. The dog was short on money, but long on appreciation.

Mack Ray Appointed Co-Chairman Of Hospital Fund Public Gifts Division

Garrett Dixon Bailey, Co-Chairman for the Blue Ridge Hospital Development Fund campaign, announced today the appointment of Mack B. Ray as Co-Chairman for the Public Gifts Division.

Mr. Ray is a resident of Burnsville having retired from the United States Department of Agriculture after 31 years of service. His retirement activities include being a real estate broker and a part time farmer. Mr. Ray's interests are widespread and span many years of civic, military, and professional backgrounds. He is past president of the Burnsville Men's Club, Former Commander of the Earl Horton Post of the American Legion and is currently the President of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ray graduated from Berea College in Berea, Kentucky with a degree in Agriculture. A veteran of World War II and a former member of the 183rd Infantry Division, he holds the Carnegie Award for Heroism and the Purple Heart having served in the European Theater of Operations.

Gospel Sing

The Middle Fork Independent Baptist Church, which is located four miles North of Mars Hill on U.S. 19 (Burnsville Highway), is having a gospel singing on Saturday night, July 29th, at 7:30 p. m.

Several groups of singers from the Western North Carolina area are expected to take part. The Joyfulaires, the Big Creek Trio and the Cavaliers are among those who will be singing on this program.

Late Bulletin

Anti-union workers at Glen Raven Mills were defeated by a slim margin of 9 votes in an election held Tuesday, July 25. The actual vote count was 115 for and 106 against joining the Textile Workers Union.



Mack B. Ray

His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Ray, is a home economics teacher at East Yancey High School. Their daughter, Dr. Carolyn Cort, is a second year resident at the University of Virginia Hospital in Richmond in Pediatrics and their son-in-law, Dr. David Cort, is also a second year resident at the same hospital specializing in Family Practice and Internal Medicine.

James Anglin, Vice-Chairman of the Blue Ridge Hospital System commented that "Mack Ray's acceptance of this key campaign position will add to the leadership we need in order to provide better health care to the people of the Tri-County area. His background in civic affairs and the success of his Public Gifts Division will make the proposed new Yancey Hospital a reality."

The target objective for the public phase of the Blue Ridge Hospitals Development Fund has been set at \$1,000,000. "The bargain of this campaign goal can be seen in the mathematics of the matching gifts and endowments from other sources," observed James Anglin, "as we will receive five dollars in return for every dollar pledged to this important campaign. Furthermore, with the challenge gift already given, and the anticipated \$4,000,000 from Duke Endowment, Appalachian Regional Commis-

sion, and Hill-Burton funds, the people would be supplying less than one dollar out of every ten dollars to be spent for the construction and expansion of new health facilities. Just as important is the fact that a new hospital attracts more physicians to the area which is progressive enough to support such a vital health program."

Renewal Grant Ok'd

Official word has been received from Congressman Roy A. Taylor that Music in the Mountains has received a renewal grant of \$9,400 from the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C., for its summer music program of workshops and concerts.

The grant was ceremonially accepted from Congressman Taylor by Mrs. Lili Kraus, Honorary Director of Music in the Mountains. A condition of the award is that it must be matched by funds from other sources, local and state. This will be accomplished through workshop fees, ticket sales to the concert series, the benefit recital by Mme. Kraus this coming Friday evening in Burnsville, and the generosity of local residents, businesses, and friends of the program.

Of special help this year has been a \$2,000 grant from the North Carolina Arts Council for scholarships to young people participating in the workshops and residing within North Carolina. Three of these scholarships were given to students from Yancey County.

The grant represents a triumph of dedication on the part of many people and an affirmation of the purposes behind the festival.

Mme. Kraus To Perform

The internationally renowned pianist, Lili Kraus, will present her second annual benefit recital for Music in the Mountains on Friday, July 28, at 8:00 p. m. in the First Baptist Church on the town square.

Mme. Kraus has been Honorary Director and spiritual patroness of this month-long chamber music festival of concerts and workshops since its inception in 1970, and last year gave a standing-room-only audience a unique opportunity to enjoy her incomparable artistry in an intimate setting.

Her program this year will include two works by Franz Schubert, the Mozart Sonata in E-flat Major (K. 282), and Three Rondos on Folk Tunes by Bela Bartok with whom she studied in Vienna.

One of the foremost classical pianists in the world, Mme. Kraus through her presence, personal magnetism, and vocal comments on the pieces she is playing, evinces an obvious love for her music and seems to offer that love to her audience as a humble gift. It is as though she were inviting her listeners to do something more active: to participate with her in a celebration of superb music, superbly played.

In the midst of a heavy schedule of concert appearances and teaching, her benefit performance comes as part of a summer respite spent at her home in Yancey County. Shortly after the recital on the 28th, Mme. Kraus will leave the United States for an extended series of concerts in Brazil before embarking on her usual fall and winter concert tours. Almost as famous a teacher as she is a concert pianist, Mme. Kraus will also continue her master classes in leading cities and universities throughout the United States.

Tickets for the benefit may be reserved by mail (\$5.00) or by telephoning Music in the Mountains, Burnsville, 682-2578.

Audition Is Scheduled

The audition for the fifth annual Yancey Youth Jamboree has been scheduled for Saturday, July 29, beginning at 9:00 a. m. in the auditorium of East Yancey High School.

The audition provides an opportunity for the performers to rehearse their numbers for the jamboree, which is scheduled for Thursday and Friday nights, August 3rd and 4th, at 7:00 p. m., and to give the directors and performers time to get to know each other better.

At the audition, there will be performers in eight different categories: Folk Song - Folk Ballad, Religious, Patriotic, Clogging, Bucking, Smooth Square, and Western Square. All entries will be classified into two divisions, Class I which includes Grades 1-6, and Class II which is made up of Grades 7-12. Trophies will be awarded to the Grand Champions and winners in each category of both divisions at the end of the Jamboree on Friday night.



Drug Raid Gets Results

Several weeks of intensive investigation by the S. B. I. and the Yancey County Sheriff's Department led to the arrest of four persons Friday afternoon. Arrested in the late afternoon raid by County and State officials were Garret G. Whitney, James S. Sisking, and Katharine D. Warren all giving their address to be Route 1, Relief and Ramseytown Community. They gave former addresses as Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Northfield, Illinois; and Cummaquid, Mass. Also arrested was Richard B. Studley who gave his address

as Hingham, Mass. A large amount of marijuana was confiscated which was being grown near the home of the four. The plants ranged in size from 4 inches tall to 5 feet. Marijuana was also taken from the house and barn. Each of the four was charged the manufacturing, distributing and simple possession of Marijuana. Bail was set at \$5500 each for their appearance in District Court September 6 for preliminary hearing. Special Agent Ben Wade and Sheriff Kermit Banks were in charge of the investigation.



Gloria Shott And "Mutt" Burton in Plaza Suite

Library Needs Yearbooks

As part of its continuing effort to collect and preserve local history, the Yancey County Public Library in Burnsville is interested in acquiring any High School annuals that have ever been published by any High Schools in the area.

These publications are excellent source materials for persons and events in the area that otherwise are not available.

The Library is especially interested in acquiring the very

oldest of these annuals. After they are placed in the library and properly catalogued, they will be made available to any interested patron.

Please search your attics or any other place where these annuals may have been stored and bring them to your library. In the event that the Library already has a copy and if you want the same returned to you, arrangements to that effect will be made.

'Plaza Suite' Billed As Hit Comedy At Playhouse

By Harry Maussen
"Plaza Suite", Neil Simon's hit Broadway comedy is Parkway Playhouse's fifth attraction of the season this week, and it is a very enjoyable evening of theater.

The comedy is a set of three playlets, each dealing with different people staying in suite 719 of the Plaza Hotel in New York.

Act One deals with Sam and Karen Nash, a middle-aged couple who's marriage is crumbling. James Anderson and Sue Cottrell ably portray the poignancy of the situation, but a good deal of Mr. Simon's intended humor is lost. However, this is probably the evening's only weakness. Sue Lottes as Sam's secretary plays her role with pertness.

The second act is about Jesse Kiplinger, famed Hollywood producer, who is being visited by his old high school sweetheart, Muriel Tate. J. Gordon Greene, Managing Director of the Playhouse, takes to the boards as Jesse and gives a fine performance as a man searching for one uncorrupted woman. Chris Moranda plays Muriel with a giggly warmth and she and Greene perform well together.

Act three is the high spot of the evening. Besides being the funniest of the three playlets, it also has the added bonus of guest artist W. C. "Mutt" Burton, who appeared last week as Uncle Chris in "I Remember Mama". The play deals with father and mother of the bride trying to get their panic stricken daughter

out of a locked bathroom and down to her wedding. Burton gives a superb comic performance as the harried father who goes through all sorts of torture to get his daughter out of the locked bathroom. Gloria Shott, as the hysterical mother, is quite good and she and Burton give it all they've got with hilarious results. Sue Dilbeck and Steve Carlson add cute moments as the bride and groom. Parkway's fifth attraction is a fun evening and will play through Saturday with an 8:30 curtain time. The sixth and final production of the season is to be the musical hit about baseball, "Damn Yankees", which ran two and a half years on Broadway.

Sales And Use Tax Report

Local 1% Sales and Use Tax Collections by County were issued in a statement by C. A. Jones, Jr., Commissioner State Department of Revenue for June, 1972.

The collection list showed Yancey County totaled \$11,491.57 for the month, comparing favorably to Mitchell County which totaled \$15,697.92 and passing Madison County collections of \$7,997.19.

The report of the 1% Sales Tax collections is issued on a monthly basis from the State Dept. of Revenue, Raleigh.