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Mme. Kraus Benefit Recital Planned

Music in the Mountains will present piano virtuoso Lili Kraus in a solo benefit recital on Sunday, June 19, at 3:30 in Burnsville, N.C. The recital will be held in Mountain Heritage High School. Tickets will be available at the door.

Mme. Kraus, who makes her home in Celso, is perhaps best known for her interpretations of Mozart, including appearances with the Mostly Mozart Festival in New York

City and extensive recordings of Mozart concertos and sonatas for many recording companies such as Vox Epic, Vanguard and Odyssey.

Her concert schedule includes frequent tours to Europe, South America, Australia, New Zealand and Japan as well as performances on major American concert series and with orchestras throughout the United States. In addition to

her demanding performance schedule, Mme. Kraus is an artist-in-residence at Texas Christian University.

Born in Budapest, Hungary, to a Czech father and a Hungarian mother, Lili Kraus began her piano studies at six. At seventeen, she received her degree from the Budapest Royal Academy where she studied with Zoltan Kodaly and Bela Bartok. She also studied with Eduard Steuermann and Artur Schnabel in Vienna, where she was a full professor at Vienna Academy by the age of twenty.

Her annual benefit recital helps to underwrite the professional concert series presented each summer by Music in the Mountains. This year the Celso Chamber Players will present six separate concerts in Burnsville and Swannanoa and four in Hendersonville.

For information and tickets for the Lili Kraus recital and the concert, write Music in the Mountains, Burnsville, N.C. 28714.



Robert Scott

Scott Gets ARC Position

The White House announced today that President Carter has sent to the U.S. Senate for confirmation the nomination of Robert W. Scott, former Governor of North Carolina, for the post of Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Governor Scott will replace Donald W. Whitehead, who was appointed by President Nixon in March of 1971.

Upon receiving notification of his nomination, Governor Scott said, "I am pleased that President Carter has given me the opportunity to be a part of his administration as Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission. This is a challenging assignment that I accept with enthusiasm."

The federal-state partnership is a sound concept I strongly endorse. The Appalachian Regional Development Act is an excellent example of this principle, and I look forward to working with the President, the Congress and the Governors of the 13-member states in improving the well-being of our citizens in the Appalachian Region."

In congratulating Governor Scott on his nomination, Mr. Whitehead said, "As a former Appalachian Governor, Governor Scott can contribute very useful insights and an informed point of view."

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Prevention Tips For 'Tick' Fever

BY SUSAN PEARCE
Yancey Health Department
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is an infectious disease passed on to man through the bite of an infected tick. However, it cannot be spread from one person to another. The disease occurs in the East as well as the West and not just in the Rocky Mountain region of the United States. Western North Carolina is an ideal area for ticks, so we should be aware of their presence and their effect on us.

Although all ticks are not infected, a tick on the body should be removed carefully. Ticks are best removed with tweezers or a piece of paper. Do not jerk it as this may leave the mouth parts in. If it

clings, hold a heated needle or lit cigarette to the tick until it lets go. Do not crush the tick between your fingers. Paint the bite with alcohol or mercuric iodine. Sometimes a tick gets so deep into the skin that it is best to have a doctor remove it.

If the tick was infected, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever symptoms may occur within two weeks. These may involve fever, chills, headache, pains in the joints, and a rash. Nervous symptoms, such as restlessness and sleeplessness, may also occur. In severe cases, the victim may go into a coma. Death may occur without proper early treatment. Only a doctor can give proper

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Yancey Man Drowns While Swimming

Clinton Metcalf, 23, of Horton Creek Community drowned on Monday, May 30, while swimming in a recreational lake in Buncombe County.

He was the son of Coy and Lina Penland Metcalf of route 3 Burnsville and was recently employed by Juno Construction Co.

Surviving in addition to

the parents are three brothers, Clifford Metcalf of Burnsville, J.R. of Del Rio, Tennessee and Hall Metcalf of Spruce Pine.

Also surviving are grandparents, Dewey Metcalf of Canan and Mrs. Beulah Brown of Asheville and Fred Penland of Burnsville.

Holcombe Brothers are in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Ernest Briggs, 74, mountain lawyer, land dealer from Burnsville.

Big Land Sale Flops High Rollers Fail To Show Up

By HAROLD WARREN
Observer Staff Writer

Ernest L. Briggs, a 74-year-old mountain lawyer and land dealer from Burnsville, came to Charlotte's Radisson Plaza Hotel Wednesday. He was dressed fit to kill in his pin-striped suit with a pink rosebud on the lapel, white shoes and belt and panama straw hat.

No wonder. He was feeling fine, enjoying his sojourn and expecting at least \$6 million, and maybe much more, from an uptown auction of 29 parcels of land totaling about 10,000 acres, mostly in the North Carolina mountains.

The high-powered auction was billed on glossy brochures as "North Carolina's Sale of the Century," produced by New York City marketing specialists, Niederhoffer, Cross and Zeckhauser Inc., and auctioned by Mid-America Auction and Realty of Rockford, Ill.

Just one thing went wrong. The high rollers, the big-money city slickers, the free-wheeling bidders, never showed up. Some choice, big tracts drew no bids. Others got top bids for so little that Briggs said he wouldn't accept most of them.

Nobody bid on the goldfields of Vein Mountain in Rutherford County or the Alaska oil and gas fields.

Nobody bucked a preauction offer of \$1,527,000 for the old, 2,385-acre Ray Boundary in Yancey County, an offer by The Trust for Public Lands, acting for the U.S. Forest Service, Briggs said. The acreage has mica, aquamarine and other mines, fine timber and spectacular views from Mt. Celso.

Even a 146-acre Mecklenburg County farm, the Price Estate on Yorkmont Road just southwest of the Charlotte city limit, drew only \$1,500 an acre, a value less than Briggs said he paid for it last June.

"I'll never go this way again," Briggs said. "Another auction? Never!" Briggs is a folksy, magnetic, man-to-man kind of fellow, accustomed to dealing for big stakes directly with a prospect and sealing the bargain with a gentlemanly handshake.

He's good at it. He grew up dirt-poor, he said, and made one fortune young. Lost \$3.5 million in the stock market crash of '29, he said. Was left without "a foot of land or a nickel to my name."

Briggs borrowed \$600 and started another fortune, operating from his cluttered little office over a sundries store on the Burnsville square. The office, heated with a chest-high, pot-bellied stove, has dingy windows that have not been cleaned since Briggs moved in in '36.

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MAYFEST At The Chalet

Chalet members celebrated MAYFEST last weekend, hosted by Chalet owner Bob Schwabke who also made this event a benefit for the Shriner's Crippled Children's Fund. Many Yancey and Mitchell residents were among those who enjoyed dancing, fine food, and great fellowship in the newly enlarged facilities. The event was "on the house" for club members and guests of the Chalet to mark the opening of the

second season since its renovation.

Pictured above, Dr. and Mrs. O.M. Blake, president of M.T.I., dance to live band music; host Bob Schwabke and wife at table with the Brad Ragans; and at bottom, Marty Kelly, Richard Montague, Larry Kelly, Mrs. Hugh Wiseman and Mr. Wiseman sample the delicious dinner served buffet-style by white capped chefs.

Photos by C.E. Westveer

Open House At Feldspar

One of the most sophisticated and advanced control and research facilities in the feldspar and related minerals industry has just been completed at The Feldspar Corporation, Spruce Pine, North Carolina.

To celebrate the operation of the complex, the corporation will have an Open House June 5 between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. so the public can see how modern technology is used in the industry. Guided Tours will be conducted all afternoon.

In the Quality Control Department, there is an Orion Research specific ion meter to determine the amount of sodium and potassium in feldspar and also to ascertain the fluoride level in effluent water; in other words, the purity of the water.

In the Research Department, there is a research laboratory and pilot plant. Here there is the evaluation of ores and ore dressing problems, either in a small batch operation or on a continuous basis in a pilot plant. The

public will see the steps taken in the operation of the big feldspar plant.

The Research Department also devotes time and consideration of environmental problems so as to assure water and air quality required by law. Another function of the Research Department is to improve present ore processing in terms of cost, recovery and quality.

In the Research Department, ore deposits are tested to determine if certain ore has sufficient feldspar to make mining profitable. Tests are made to evaluate flotation methods. Through flotation, four minerals are isolated - feldspar, mica, garnet and sand. Research determines how to recover more feldspar from the ore that is mined.

The Quality Control Laboratory is where analyses of day-to-day control on quality is achieved. Here each element in feldspar is isolated - potash, soda, alumina, silica, iron and calcium. The purpose is to assure a uniform product. There is a test for the

grind-or mesh-so proper sizes of feldspar are obtained for specific uses and specific customers.

Feldspar touches the lives of all of us. Besides its importance to the electrical energy and communication fields, which could not operate without feldspar, feldspar is used in making dinnerware, ceramic floor and wall tile, bathroom fixtures such as tubs, bowls, and sinks, ranges, refrigerators, washers, and dryers and enamel kitchen utensils. Glass products too depend on feldspar, including window glass, light bulbs, glass containers such as pop bottles and many glass grocery packages for catsup, coffee, mayonnaise, as well as canning jars.

The home office of The Feldspar Corporation and its new quality control and research complex is located at 530 Altapass Road, Spruce Pine, N.C.

The Research Department, in addition to serving the Spruce Pine operation, also serves facilities of The Feld-

spar Corporation in Monticello, Georgia; Montpelier, Virginia; and Middletown, Connecticut.

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