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## Kraus To Perform With NC Orchestra

The North Carolina Symphony has announced that Mme. Lili Kraus will play with the orchestra in Durham, High Point, and Asheville in December 1975. The Asheville performance will be December 11th.

Reached at her home in Celo last night, Mme. Kraus expressed joy at playing with the orchestra of the state. She admires the energetic travel program of the Symphony and its ability to play in many towns and small communities.

Mme. Kraus is keenly interested in the Little Symphony's visit to Mitchell and Yancey Counties this spring. She is a donor for the May 13th concert to be given in the First Baptist Church in

Burnsville at 8:15 p.m. Expressing the hope that she would be able to attend the concert, she said, "It pleases me enormously that we are developing opportunities for our young people to play instruments and to listen to music. I have heard enthusiastic comments about the band concert that occurred here last week, and I hope that my contribution will enable some of these students to attend the May 13 concert."

Mme. Kraus expressed hope that others would join her in being patrons for the coming concert to insure the success of the North Carolina Symphony's first visit here in thirty years. A contribution of \$10 makes one a donor. Because the program soon goes to press, donors are urged to send checks (payable to the North Carolina Symphony) or to call Music in the Mountains, Burnsville, at 675-4060 or 675-4659 before May 1.

Since tickets for the concert must be sold by May 1st, it is also urged that interested persons buy them now through local clubs or at the Yancey County Country Store.

## Electric Co. To Bill Monthly

Superior Court Judge Harry C. Martin last Friday dismissed a ruling by the N.C. State Board of Dental Examiners in May of 1974 which revoked the license of Dr. J. G. Braswell, a Spruce Pine dentist.

Dr. Braswell, accused of improper conduct in dealing with five of his female patients has maintained his plea of innocence to the charges brought by the dental board. Judge Martin said the state law under which the dental board administered disciplinary proceedings against Braswell is unconstitutional.

An attorney for the state dental board, Thomas M. Starnes of Morganton, said Friday that he will recommend the board appeal Judge Martin's decision to the N.C. Court of Appeals.

## Spruce Pine Dentist Wins Appeal

Commencing with the bills rendered on April 1, 1975, all consumers served by French Broad Electric Membership Corporation will be placed on monthly billing.

For many years, the rural residential consumers (Farm and Home) of French Broad EMC have been billed bi-monthly.

Members will continue to receive meter reading cards bi-monthly as in the past. On the interim month, an estimated bill will be rendered and an adjustment made on the bill when a true reading is received the following month.

## Notice

The Yancey County Council will meet Monday, April 28th at 7:30 p.m. in room 3 of the courthouse. Everyone is urged to attend.



Renowned Pianist, Mme. Lili Kraus

## Swingers Finish Square Dance Course

Seventeen couples recently graduated after a 20-week course in Western Square Dancing. The graduation dance was held in the East Yancey gym on March 28th with numerous guests, dancers and spectators in attendance. During the evening each couple was recognized, given a diploma and Mt. Mitchell Swingers' badge, and welcomed into club membership.

The new members of the local square dance club are: Remelle and Ardell Sink, Ora Lee and C.C. Canipe, Virginia and J.C. Styles, Billy Jean and Phillip Styles, Mary Vance and Phillip Banks, Ginny and Bill Banks, Dallas Miller and Ann Agle, Henrietta and Ken Hilliard, Becky and Charles Gillespie, Myra and Charlie Hensley, Marj and Charles Gibbs, Jessie and Ralph Young, Wanda and Bob Proffitt, Raylene and Buster Stamey, Kaye and Roger Hemphill, The Bob Rhineharts and Mary and Carlyle Bledsoe.

At the present time, the club caller, Jerry Biggerstaff of Marion is conducting workshop classes at the Catholic Church, Burnsville for all club members. The remaining sessions are scheduled for April 28 and May 5.

A May Day Dance "under the stars" is planned for Thursday evening, May 1st, at the Banks Family Square Shopping Center, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission will be \$2.00 per couple for participating dancers, spectators are welcomed without charge. A refreshment booth will be sponsored by local troop 502, Boy Scouts of America.

Nolan Hess is serving as President of the Mt. Mitchell Swingers. Other officers serving with him are Dan Wilson, Vice President; Barbara McFee, Secretary; and Roy Ray, Treasurer.

The report of local one percent sales and use tax collections by county were reported recently for the month of March, 1975. This report, issued monthly by J. Howard Coble, Secretary, N.C. Dept. of Revenue, shows Yancey County collections in the amount of \$13,646.59 for this period. For the same period, Mitchell County collected just over \$17,000 and Madison County collections amounted to \$12,613.31. The amount of collections for Avery County was reported at \$16,456.13.



Members Of East Yancey Track Team

## Post Office Expansion Eyed Citizens Oppose Moving Site

BY CAROLYN YUZIUK

Nearly 500 Burnsville citizens signed a petition which was circulated last weekend by two local women, asking that the Burnsville Post Office not be moved from its present location on the town square.

The news that such a move was even being contemplated came as a surprise to many people, as discussions concerning the post office facility in Burnsville have not been widely aired.

Burnsville Post Office, according to reports received from present and former employees, is seriously inadequate for the volume of mail it handles as it now stands. Plans for remodeling and expansion have been under consideration for more than two years. More recently, however, moving the post office out to the Highway 19E Bypass, possibly to a shopping center, has been given consideration, and this suggestion has caused widespread consternation among townspeople.

"If the post office is moved away from the town square, which is the heart of Burnsville, the town will have lost a vital community service which it needs to keep its life and vigor," said one man who

signed the petition but asked not to be named.

Most of the people who voiced their opposition to the idea of moving the post office pointed out the fact that the "heart of Burnsville" which has the square as its focal point, should and does contain nearly every public facility necessary to the town and county, and these services should be kept separate from commercial enterprises. The county courthouse, chamber of commerce, post office, county library (in progress), a bank, newspaper and church all encircle the square in Burnsville, county seat of Yancey. Ironically, the idea of moving the post office, which at present is only a thought, comes at time when every effort is being made to keep the center of town a vital and beautiful place for conducting town and county affairs. The old derelict courthouse will soon be an object of pride to Yancey Countians as its renovation nears completion, the Yancey County Library will shortly be moved into the remodeled old Northwestern Bank Building, and the town square beautification project, undertaken by the chamber of commerce, will soon delight the eyes of Yancey Countians

when the project is finished. "Parking is a disaster at the present location," was most often heard from Burnsville citizens who were for moving the post office. "Why not build an entirely new facility in a location more accessible by car?"

"There's plenty of space for parking where there are now vacant lots around the post office," is the reply from petitioners. "If money can be made available to build a new facility, certainly it can be used to better advantage in planning the complete overhaul of the present post office, including remodeling, expansion, and the provision for plenty of paved parking space."

As the situation now stands, the one undeniable fact is that the Burnsville Post Office needs to be completely updated to keep pace with progress, and for postal employees to be able to handle the mail with greater efficiency. Important steps are being taken in this direction, and every citizen should be informed of decisions that are being made and aware of the effect these decisions may have on their town and county.



Mr. Jung-huei Chen

## Extension Has Visitor From China

Many Yancey County people are meeting a new face at Agricultural Extension activities. He is Mr. Jung-huei Chen, Chief of the Agricultural Extension, from the Republic of China (Taiwan). Mr. Chen is visiting research institutes, state and county Agricultural Extension offices and farms in different parts of the U.S. to observe extension activities relating to the production of food crops, fruits, flowers, livestock, home economics and 4-H.

Yancey is the fifth and last county in North Carolina to host Mr. Chen. He has already visited Texas, will continue to Arkansas, Michigan, Wisconsin and Hawaii. Mr. Chen is a pleasant and personable person who is making many friends during his seven day visit to Yancey.

## East Yancey Track Team Wins Field Events In Area Meet

Last Thursday, April 17, East Yancey's Track Team traveled to Mars Hill College field for a meet with Harris High, Bowman High, Cane River, North Buncombe and Madison County High School.

East Yancey's team accumulated 108 points during the meet while finishing first in eight events. The other team finishing closest to East Yancey was North Buncombe with 54½ points.

First place men for EY in field events were Danny Bledsoe, winning the high jump with a jump of 5 ft. 11 inches, Jimmy Hughes in the triple jump with a jump of 39 ft. 6 inches, and Tim Parker in the broadjump with a distance of 20 ft. 7 inches.

East Yancey men also won the 100 yard dash with a time of 10.5 by Ronnie Wyatt, Milton Higgins in the 880 with a time of 2:13.1, and Jeff Bailey in the mile run with a time of 4:57.4. East Yancey's 880 relay team consisting of first leg by Jeff Harding, second leg by Ronnie Wyatt, third leg by Jimmy Hughes and fourth leg by Tim Parker,

won first place with a time of 1:37.0.

The mile relay team also placed first followed by Madison County High School men. East Yancey's time was 3:44.0. The mile relay team consists of first leg, Danny Bledsoe; second leg, Jeff Bailey; third leg, Darrell Huskins and fourth leg, Jimmy Hughes.

The following men scored the total number of points given: Jeff Bailey-9 points, Danny Bledsoe-14 points, Jeff Harding-5 points, Milton Higgins-9 points, Jimmy Hughes-16 points, Darrell Huskins-7 points, Tim Parker-14½ points, Paul Robinson-3 points, Tony Tipton-1 point, Ray Troxell-2 points, Gary Winters-3 points, Ricky Woody-3 points and Ronnie Wyatt-14½ points.

The accompanying picture shows East Yancey's Track Team with the exception of Gary Winters, Eddie Burns, Milton Higgins, Jr. Burke, Darrell Woody, and Ricky Thomas. Also Jimmy Hughes who is pictured individually with this article was chosen as EY track man of the week for

his high score of 16 points and a very outstanding performance.

East Yancey's team will travel again to Tryon High School on Tuesday, April 22 for a 6-way meet, and again



Jimmy Hughes

on Thursday, April 24 to NCSD at Morganton.

These will be the last 2 regular season track meets before the conference meet to be held at West Henderson on May 1st.

## Hearings Continue On Power Rate Increase

The wholesale power rate increase that was initiated by Carolina Power & Light Company on the electric membership corporations have petitioned that Phase 2 commence immediately upon the completion of Phase 1 in an effort to expedite the completion of the hearing as an effort to hopefully receive relief in behalf of the Cooperatives' consumers who are served in North Carolina and Tennessee that were affected by the rate increase initiated by Carolina Power & Light Company.

Administrative Law Judge William Jensen of the Federal Power Commission has been assigned this case under Docket No. e-8884. At this time testimonies are being given in relationship to Phase 1 of the hearing. Phase 2 of the hearing is scheduled to

commence on May 19, 1975. However, the attorneys representing the electric membership corporations have petitioned that Phase 2 commence immediately upon the completion of Phase 1 in an effort to expedite the completion of the hearing as an effort to hopefully receive relief in behalf of the Cooperatives' consumers who are served in North Carolina and Tennessee that were affected by the rate increase initiated by Carolina Power & Light Company.



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