

HIGHLANDS HAS MODERN ROADS

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be built up the Cullasaja gorge. Others, including Doctor Lucas, who once operated the Corundum Hill mines, and Joan Corbin, of Gneiss, wanted a road built up the Cullasaja river to Highlands. But few took the suggestions seriously.

Three-States Highway

Originally the outlet to South Carolina was by way of Horse Cove, dropping steeply from the Blue Ridge divide, and was hardly more than a trail. Today a well graded highway descends the slopes of Satulah mountain. It has just been surfaced with traffic bound macadam to the Georgia line, seven miles away. This is the beginning of the Three-States highway, leading to Walhalla, S. C., 32 miles distant. With the exception of nine miles of improved dirt road in Georgia, the route is entirely surfaced.

A 17-mile motor trip through a portion of the Nantahala National forest carries a traveler from Highlands to Dillard, Ga. The route is always smooth and is easily traveled in dry weather, but is undependable in rainy weather or in winter. The first three miles from Dillard are surfaced, and also the first one and a half miles from Highlands. The latter link leads to the Highlands Country club, and has just been surfaced with traffic-bound macadam.

Probably the logical outlet into Georgia is over the Three-States highway to Pine Mountain, Ga., from where an improved forest service road leads to Clayton. Surfacing of the link from Pine Mountain to Clayton has been under consideration for several

months.

An improved road to Horse Cove was constructed by the Forest service a few years ago. Since then the state has taken over the road, and surfaced it with rock screenings.

From Horse Cove the road leads to Cashiers, where it joins the main highway. This portion has also recently been improved by the highway department, and offers a delightful scenic drive. Beyond Horse Cove, in Whitesides cove, unusual views of the face of Whitesides mountain can be obtained. Nearer Cashiers the route passes Grimshawes, the smallest post office in the United States.

For years progressive Highlanders have talked of good roads, and some had come to believe that the only roads Highlands was ever to have were those constructed in the air castles of talkative citizens beside a grocery store stove. Highlands, with ideal outlets east and west in North Carolina, now is looking to the completion of the surfacing on Three-States route, and to the opening of a surfaced outlet into Georgia.

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for miles over vast mountains and valleys.

The first step of these two explorers was to purchase 800 acres on the west plateau of Satulah Mountain. It was from the top of Satulah that they got their bearings in order to survey the town, which was accomplished with a pocket compass. This was done with the aid of Charles N. Jenks, noted miner and explorer, who was here at that time. A street was then cut through the center of the

future town, running almost due east and west. This street was then merely a path in the dense virgin forest. It is now Main Street and one section now includes Highway 28.

Homes Erected

The next task to be performed was to build homes for themselves and their families. Hutchinson was given the choice of a 42-acre tract on either side of Main street and he selected the side on which "Corrymeela," the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Farnsworth, now stands. Captain Kelsey took the opposite side. These pioneers then, with the aid of some of the men who are yet living here, built sturdy homes, using massive, hand-squared, white pine logs, placed upright in the way that the old-time stockades were built. But to avoid the rough appearance of a stockade, the walls were weatherboarded on the inside and clap-boarded on the outside.

Kanonah Lodge, which has since been remodeled and is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harris, of Cuba, was the house built by Kelsey in which he and his family lived. This house is near the base of Satulah, while Sunset mountain rises above it to the east. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Farnsworth now own and occupy "Corrymeela," Hutchinson's former home, which still stands just as it was when built by those early settlers.

From its earliest days, Highlands was known as a health resort. The founders then prepared circulars and advertisements which they sent to the ague shaken people of Kansas and adjacent states, and within two years quite a number of people were living in the little settlement of Highlands.

Some of the first settlers who brought their families and built homes here were Mr. and Mrs. T. Baxter White, who came from Massachusetts. Mr. White was the

first postmaster here. J. Jay Smith came here in 1878 from Indiana. He owned and operated the first saw mill here. His is the distinction of manufacturing the first doors and sashes used in Highlands. Dr. H. T. O'Farrell journeyed to Highlands from Kansas, and a Mr. Blanchard from New Hampshire, whose home was on the site of the present Methodist parsonage. Mr. William Munger of New York State came here, and Chestnut Burr Cottage, which is still standing and occupied, was built by Dr. Kibbie, of Kansas. Wiley Smith still living here, also came from Georgia a few years after the founding of Highlands. John Durgin, also still here, of Massachusetts, settled in the new town. H. M. Bascom, of Iowa, and J. Heacock, of Kansas, were also among the pioneers. S. P. Ravencel, summering here with his family, built the first summer home to be erected in Highlands. Judson M. Cobb came with his family from Wisconsin and brought with him the first Jersey cattle that came to the town. W. B. Cleveland, of Connecticut, was also one of the first settlers and gathered one of the finest collections of Indian relics in the states, which can now be seen in the Highlands museum. The people lived an ideal pioneer life. Lumbering was among the chief occupations.

School Established

The trip to Walhalla, which is now made in an hour and a half, was made in those days over a rough road, the only exit from Highlands, which ran through Horse Cove and Franklin. This was a full day's journey.

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Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.

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Highlands Country Club

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