

Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

Tour Of School Reveals Splendid Work Being Done Under Adverse Conditions

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article describes last week's unusual program at the Highlands Parent-Teacher association meeting, presented under the direction of the program committee, headed by Mrs. Tudor N. Hall. Louis A. Edwards, vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. W. C. Newton. A committee made up of Mrs. Manilla Krug, Mrs. J. D. Burnette, and Mrs. Roy Phillips served refreshments.

By **ELIZABETH HARBISON**
(PTA Publicity Chairman)

The first of a series of P. T. A. programs designed to cover a three months' period was presented at the school here at the November meeting last week. This program shows promise of becoming an outstanding plan to further the cooperative understanding between the teachers and parents in their efforts to obtain higher advantages for Highlands children.

The program committee announced that special features of an over-all program theme,

"Your Child and the School", would take the following form here. In November, "Our School As It Is Today"; December, "Our School As It Used To Be"; and January, "Our School As We Hope It To Be". An alert citizen will at once see the possibilities of constructive achievement in better teacher-parent-student relationships which could be brought about by such a program in our community.

The program, just presented, "Our School As It Is Today", was a tour of the school's classrooms by the P. T. A. members. At the request of the program committee chairman, Mrs. Tudor Hall, the tour was conducted by O. F. Summer, principal.

Since Highlands people are looking forward to the time when a new school building will be a reality, there is one particular group which deserves to have their wish for a new building come true, and that is the group of Highlands teachers and students which put on such excellent and attractive displays of good work in an old building here last week. In this building, as is well known, overcrowding is a major problem.

Minor problems include broken window panes, difficult lighting, outmoded heating, and ceilings ruined by leaks.

The P. T. A. knew of these circumstances, and expected them. But the general opinion of those on the tour seemed to be that any extensive expenditures for repairs to the present building would be unwarranted. No excessive criticism of the building was heard at this time. Rather, the group seemed so impressed with the work of the students and teachers to make their rooms attractive that individual efforts will be made by room-mothers and other committee members to help. It was and is a good example of American "make-do-with-what-you-have".

From the first grade through high school, old desks and chairs were in neat, even rows. Curtains were at windows. The hand stenciled curtains in the first grade room caused a lot of comment, and deserve special mention. There were, throughout the building, student posters, leaf cut-outs, Indian sand table displays, hand-made vitamin posters, neat charts, interesting notebooks, maps, geographical displays, potted plants, the especially interesting ivy bower in the sixth grade room, samples of good handwriting, drawings, gay magazine pictures, new paint (the latter done by some parents), and many other evidences of interest in teaching and interest in learning.

The science room had on display, along with many samples of soil, minerals, reptiles, etc., an original history of Highlands and its periods of growth. This history project will be used in connection with next month's program, "Our School As It Used To Be".

The tour was particularly interesting in its outcome, since remarks overheard expressed surprise, extreme interest, and a determination to give aid in improving appearances where expense is not prohibitive. Parents seemed to obtain a better understanding of present-day teaching and learning under difficult conditions. And as a final result of the tour, a vote of thanks and appreciation was given the student body and the teachers by the PTA.

A detailed description might have been given here, naming teachers and mentioning special achievements, but it is believed that any mother or father in our community not present at the November meeting of the PTA would benefit much by going to see for themselves the work being done in our school, rather than read about it. Those parents are hereby invited to visit the school and make the tour they missed.

As for next month's program, "Our School As It Used To Be", this may be said: A chance for an evening's entertainment, as well as a chance to see your school in action, will be missed by those who are unable or who are not sufficiently interested to attend. Comparisons will be inevitable, and some forgotten facts may be re-learned by adults who sat in these same rooms and at these same desks 25 or 30 years ago, entertaining some of the same hopes as the children who are studying there today. These children are hoping that their efforts will be noted by the grown-ups who are supposed to give them security. They are noted. The Highlands Parent Teacher association has gone on record officially as giving the children and their teachers the praise they deserve, and unofficially it hopes that in the near future such efforts as put forth by our school may be rewarded with less venerable but more worthy housing.

"Our School As It Used To Be", to be presented in December, should give citizens some ideas. It should achieve a better relationship and understanding by all concerned. And the January program, "Our School as We Hope It Will Be",

BAND TO PLAY AT HIGHLANDS

'Phantom Voices' To Be Featured On Special PTA Program

Music for the "phantom voices" number on a special P. T. A. program to be presented at the Highlands school theatre at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening of next week, will be furnished by the Franklin school band under the direction of S. F. Beck, it has been announced by Mrs. Louis A. Edwards, chairman of the finance and entertainment committee.

For this part of the program the stage will be dimly lighted and those taking part in the "phantom voices" will be disguised. Prizes will be given for identifying the "phantoms". Mrs. Edwards said that even close friends of many who will take part in "phantom voices" are unaware of their musical talent.

Mrs. Edwards also announced that the school already has selected entrants for its "Mr. and Miss High School", and Mr. and Miss Grammar Grade", and that a number of babies have been registered for the baby contest. She urged all parents who wish to enter babies in this contest to register them with the committee as soon as possible.

Admission to this entertainment will be 50 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

BRIDGE-LUNCHEON GIVEN BY MRS. C. H. WITHERILL

Mrs. Clarke H. Witherill entertained with a bridge-luncheon last Thursday at the Potts house, beginning the winter activities of the Card club. Bronze and white chrysanthemums decorated the rooms, and favors were dainty leather book-markers lettered in gold.

The guest list included Mrs. C. O. Potts, Mrs. Frank H. Potts, Mrs. John H. C. Perry, Miss Sara Gilder, Mrs. William C. Nall, Mrs. Frank B. Cook, Mrs. W. H. Cobb, Mrs. Sam Baty, Mrs. H. D. Poterfield, Mrs. J. D. Harcombe, Mrs. Tudor N. Hall, Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, Mrs. J. E. Root, Mrs. Edythe Quinn, and Mrs. H. G. Story.

High score prizes were presented to Mrs. Porterfield and Mrs. Frank H. Potts. The low score prize went to Mrs. Baty, and the Bingo prize to Mrs. Story.

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Mr. Cunningham's mother is the former Miss Lucy Elliott, of Highlands. He is a nephew of Miss Minnie D. Warren, also of Highlands, and often has visited in her home, "The Hedges", on Satulah Mountain.

MRS. ANDERSON HOSTESS AT AUXILIARY MEETING

Mrs. Charles J. Anderson was hostess to the Women's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon, when the study book, "Missions at the Grass Roots", was reviewed by Mrs. Thomas Hunt. The special fall collection for home missions was taken at this meeting. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Sidney McCarty will be co-hostesses at the regular November meeting of the Auxiliary, Wednesday of next week at the home of the former on Fifth street.

Sees Great Changes In Highlands During Seven-Year Absence

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harley Smith at their Mirror Lake home is Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. G. W. Stanfield, of Alma, Ark. This is Mrs. Stanfield's first visit here in seven years, and she says the village has grown almost beyond recognition in that time.

Mrs. Stanfield was accompanied to Highlands by her son-in-law and daughter, Sgt. and Mrs. Joel H. Branan, and their daughter, Jo Ellen, of Fort Smith, Ark., who now are spending some time visiting relatives in Atlanta.

The Branans expect to return by way of Highlands for a short visit before going back to Arkansas.

Eastern Star Will Give Benefit Supper Tonight

A benefit supper will be given by the Highlands Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star,

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from 6 to 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) in the lobby of Kalm's court, it has been announced by Dr. Jessie Z. Moreland, worthy matron. Mrs. Carolyn Nall is chairman of the supper committee, and will be assisted by Mrs. Edna White-mire, Miss Ethel Calloway, Mrs. Elizabeth Harison, and Henry Cleave'and.

Personal Mention

Attending the annual district meeting of the Woman's auxiliary of the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina, held in Trinity church, Asheville, last Thursday, were Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, Mrs. Tudor N. Hall and Miss Rebecca Nall. At this meeting, Mrs. Thomas C. Harison, president of the Woman's auxiliary of the Highlands Episcopal church, was appointed on a committee of three to name a nominee for district director, to be voted on at the spring meeting.

Mrs. S. T. Marett left Thursday for an extended visit in Atlanta

with her niece, Miss Ruth Lewis, at her Peachtree street apartment.

James C. Mell left for Athens, Ga., Saturday, with his brother, E. B. Mell, and a nephew, Patrick Mell, where he expects to spend some time.

Tudor G. Hall, student at Darlington School, Rome, Ga., spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tudor N. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baty had as week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McConnell, who were en route from New York City to their winter home in Miami, Fla.

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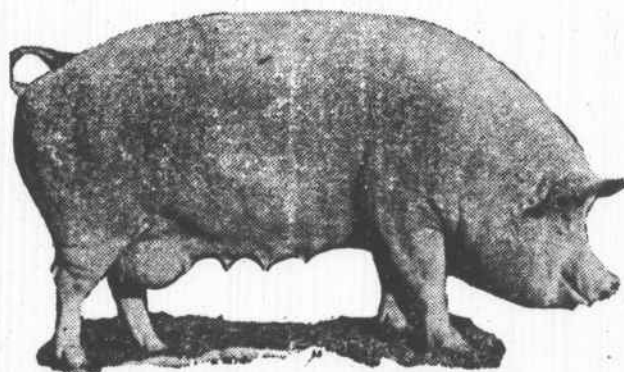
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