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MISS SARA GILDER WITHDRAWS FROM GROCERY BUSINESS

Miss Sara Gilder, beloved woman of both local people and summer visitors, withdrew from her grocery business this summer season selling to Mr. Phil Tate, who formerly ran the Highlander Cafe. Miss Gilder was at first unwilling to give her long-established store up but decided she would let Mr. Tate buy it.

In 1932, Miss Gilder spent her first summer in Highlands. She occupied other buildings with her grocery business before her final buy in 1937 of the recently sold building, but is continuing to reside in her cute, neat little apartment above the store.

Her own pet name of Sara Gilder's store was "old-fashioned." She expressed the reason for her windows always being full of very choice pot plants such as azaleas, geraniums, gardenias, fuschia, and many other colorful flowers, was for the sole enjoyment of "people's pleasure." Also, for added attractions for masculine friends she had "only very pretty girls" working in the store.

Being very active in Highlands' clubs and activities, Miss Gilder has been either chairman or vice-chairman of the Red Cross for a number of years, and has taught Sunday School in the Presbyterian Church in the Beginners' Department for fifteen years. She was one of the original Highlands Bridge Club members, a charter member of the Garden Club and is a trustee of the Highlands Community Hospital.

Before making her home in Highlands, Miss Gilder lived at Birmingham, Alabama where she worked for the U. S. Steel Corporation in the Welfare Department.

Visitors and local buyers of Miss Gilder's store shall never forget "Felix," the black cat which was named from the cat in the funny paper, walking and purring around the store as if he owned it himself. The Christmas decoration prize given by the Little Theatre was won by Miss Gilder's window decoration several years ago. She had a black tom cat lying on a red cushion in front of a make believe fire place of red tissue paper and black andirons.

In her own words, Miss Gilder expressed her sorrow in withdrawing from the store as follows. "A great many friends have expressed their regret of not having a place to gather and to gossip, where we did so by the window in the summer and by the wood stove, at the back of the store, in the winter. She also said that she missed her friends' closeness in the store.

The Galax News takes both pleasure and pride in having this feature article on Miss Gilder, and thanks her for the interview with her. Also, we wish to thank you, Miss Gilder, for the help you have given us by sending in numerous news items for our paper.

**FLOWER SHOW MEETING
TO BE HELD**

All members of the Highlands Garden Club, and anyone interested in the coming Flower Show, is urged to attend the meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. J. Manson Valentine, Thursday, June 28, at 2:30. After a short business session, plans for the Flower Show will be discussed.

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