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BRIDE-ELECT HONORED

Miss Mary Summer, bride-elect of James W. Norman, was honored last Thursday night with a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. John Miller and Miss Jan Burnette at the the home of Mrs. Miller.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments. A lace cloth covered the table with a bride doll centering it. Arrangements of roses were placed around the room.

The honoree received many lovely and useful gifts.

HIGHLANDS AND ITS CHURCHES
BY Dr. H. Koeppe-Baker

One of the very satisfying features of life in Highlands is a special quality which its church-life provides. The sociology and economics of the community impose church problems that are not characteristic of strictly urban nor of wholly rural areas. For a few months of each year a cosmopolitan population worships here and participates in the activities and programs of the churches. For a larger part of the year a smaller group of people indigenous to this region, carry on a full life here - for them this is, and has been, home. The churches are expected to provide programs for both of these populations and the remarkable thing about them is that they do so with signal success. But it is not easy and produces considerable stress which may go unnoticed. These demands are not exclusively financial. They require a flexibility and a resiliency which organizations and agencies rarely possess.

The summer residents refer tenderly to the "sweet little churches" which they use, enjoy, and support generously. Yet

to serve adequately the larger congregations they can not function in a "little" way - they must operate as big churches. The year-around residents look to these same churches to provide them also with a full support of their religious life - not of what is "left over" from the summer but services and activities that take their own life, needs, and outlook into account.

One of the strengthening elements is the fine interdenominational cooperation which exists among the churches of Highlands. Both summer and winter finds joint activities among the churches broadening tolerances, widening outlooks, and stimulating energies of the Christian mission which, each church acting alone, would find difficult.

The Inter-Faith Fellowship of the Protestant Churches of Highlands serves as a common link and provides an agency through which each church may effectively address itself to the larger community of interest and need. The joint vacation bible school, the exchange of speakers among the churches for church meetings and adult education, (Con't. page 11)

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