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(WEEKLY COMMENTS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6) snakes are not poisonous and fulfill desirable functions. However, there are also rattlers, cottonmouth moccasins, and copperheads. The Highlands Biological Station, which is the parent organization of the Highlands Museum, conducts Nature Study classes for children, through the Museum. These classes, which started on Tuesday, June 21, instruct the children on such subjects as this. The instructor takes them walking and shows them typical danger spots, as well as teaching them where to look for birds' nests and rabbit warrens and chipmunk houses. It's fun, and it's also a very sound form of insurance.

The Hudson Library, which is next to the Episcopal Church and across from Potts Market, makes a point of buying bestsellers. However, the budget does not stretch to several copies of each smash hit. A lot of our summer residents bring books with them, so we wondered whether, when the books have been read, they might like to donate them to the Library, for the future consumption and pleasure of others.

The Highlands Town Council meets every first and third Monday at Town Hall. These meetings are not only open to the public, but the Council would welcome the attendance of property owners, therefore taxpayers. The Council works to make Highlands better and more pleasant for its residents, and it is a sad fact that most of our summer residents are not even aware of the names of our town governors, much less the way in which they work. Having attended a recent meeting, we recommend that those who are truly interested in Highlands do the same.

Speaking of the Town Council, and reflecting the comments of our readers, wouldn't it be nice if there were sidewalks on the approaches to the Post Office? The new Post Office is a real pleasure (in dry weather). However, when it rains, and one is walking to and from the Mail, it is necessary to walk either in the street or in mud. Even a truckload of crushed rock on either side of Fifth Street, as a temporary measure, would pleasure the increasing number of mailreceivers.

Highlands is a town of some 500 plus souls, year-round-wise. In view of this, it is almost incredible that we have a po-

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lice force which covers 24 hours a day. At any hour of the day or night, there is a police car on alert at the center of town. One citizen answered his telephone at a beyond-midnight hour, and heard the voice of the patrolman on duty "Sorry to disturb you, but the saying: lights of your car are on, and if you don't turn them off, your battery will be pretty dead in the morning." It's very reassuring to feel so well cared * * * * * * * * * * *

The Crane Riding Stable is again open, at the corner of Fifth Street and Bearpen Road. As we gave you the rule of the road for cars, we give you the rule of the road for horses: First, the main passengers on horses are children, therefore, proceed with caution in any case. Next: Horses (with passengers) always veer to the right when cars come into sight. Give them time to align themselves, NEVER race your motor when (Cont'd. on Page 25)

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