## Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Hopper of Highlands, North Carolina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wanda Jean, to Mr. George Donald Ragan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ragan, of Chamblee, Georgia. Miss Hopper is employed by General Motors Assembly Division in Atlanta. Mr. Ragan is employed by Lockheed-Georgia Company in Marietta.

The wedding will be September 21st at the Highlands United Methodist Church,

Highlands, North Carolina.

DISTINGUISHED GEORGIA BOTANIST TO SPEAK

On Tuesday, August 19, at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Marie Mellinger will speak at the Museum of Natural History. The lecture, entitled "Non-Flowering Plants of the Area," will be illustrated with live specimens. Mrs. Mellinger, of Tiger, Georgia, is a distinguised naturalist, free-lance author, and photographer.

She is the author of Fun With Nature and The Island Wildlife Reserve (Hilton Head) and co-author of Plants of the Savannah River Refuge. Mrs. Mellinger is a frequent contributor to the South Carolina Magazine and the Savannah Sunday News; her most recent article, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," appeared in Foxfire Magazine of Rabun Gap,

Georgia. She also writes a column entitled "Under the North Georgia Grapevine." At the present time, Mrs. Mellinger is working on an Atlas of Georgia Range Records and a biography of Dr. J. K. Small.

All visitors and residents of Highlands are invited to hear Mrs. Mellinger's

talk.

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL OPENS FOR REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 2ND

Mr. Stoney G. Hinkle, new principal for the 1969-1970 school term, has announced that school will open for student registration on Tuesday, September 2nd and will be for a half-day only. The regular school term will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd. Teachers are scheduled to begin work on Thursday, August 28, with their first holdiday being Monday (Labor Day) September 1st.

Mr. Hinkle graduated from Western Carolina University in 1961; he also attended the University of North Carolina After his graduation he worked for two years for an oil company, Sesmic Explorations, Inc., in Wyoming. He returned to Western Carolina University in 1963-1964 to earn teacher certification. He then served in the U. S. Army for two years, 61st Chemical Company, Ft. Bragg, N. C. Mr. Hinkle is a native of Winston-Salem, N. C. (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIFTEEN)

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