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SEVERAL
SPECIAL
SALE RACKS

Main Street

Highlands

(BODIES OF TEENAGERS FOUND, FROM PAGE 1)
Wilson said the only injuries he could find on the boy were what appeared to be slight head concussions.

However, Miss Nicholson apparently suffered a harder fall than the boy. According to Transylvania County Deput Sheriff Edwin Owen, who was at the scene when the body was recovered, one leg suffered compound fractures. She suffered concussions also, he said.

Rescue workers at the scene theorized that the couple felt themselves being swept over and young Miller leaped clear of the worst of the crags jutting out as he fell.

Miss Nicholson was wearing Bermuda shorts and a swimming halter when found.

James Brown, U. S. Forest Service District Ranger of Highlands, said the river is swift at its best, and recent rains had raised the level several inches. He said that a person could stand up in the flow of water at the head of the falls, but it would be dangerous.

Miss Nicholson's body was reportedly spotted by Dick Jennings of the Cashiers Valley Rescue Squad, who saw only her arm out of the water as he looked down to the pool with binoculars from a high rim above it.

The falls are about two miles off U. S. 64, and the terrain is as harsh as any found in the Linville Gorge, reputed the most rugged terrain in the eastern U. S.

According to Ranger Brown and other sources, the two traveled to the area early Sunday afternoon with William Tench Jackson, 18, and Christine Cogburn Crisp, 16, both of Arden.

According to the investigation re-

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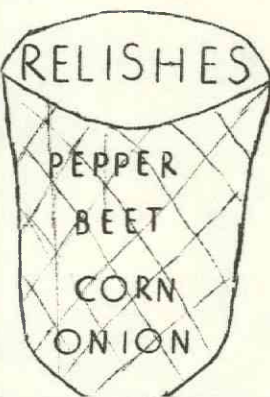
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ports, the four had come to "swim and slide" in the river.

At about 4:30 p.m., the couples separated at "Drift Falls", a swimming hole about one-half mile above Rainbow Falls.

The two whose bodies were recovered changed from hiking clothing to swimming clothes and said they would go down to Rainbow Falls.

In the meantime, young Jackson and Miss Crisp remained where they were.

When the couple failed to return by 7 p.m., the others got alarmed and went looking for them. They told investigators they made three trips down the muddy laurel-vaulted trail toward Rainbow Falls.

The couple then returned to the car and waited a short time. Then they called the Rosman Rescue Squad and Transylvania County Sheriff's Department. (CON'T P. 20)

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