# THE GALAX NEWS

# FOREST SERVICE PLANS EXPLAINED

Clifton Wilson, Assistant Ranger here for the past four years, told Rotarians and guests about the program of the Forest Service in the Highlands District for the next few years. The luncheon meeting at Phelps House last Tuesday was attended by some 70 local Rotarians, visiting Rotarians, and guests, the largest crowd on record except for Ladies Nights.

According to Ranger Wilson the aim of the Forest Service is to use its land (64,678 acres in the Highlands District alone) in such a manner as to provide the greatest good for the greatest number of people in the long run. The Service is obligated by law to sell timber each year and to turn over 25% of the proceeds to the County to be used for schools and roads. He estimated that Macon County would receive approximately \$100,000 from this source in 1971 thus substantially reducing the amount of property tax each resident must pay to the county. An additional 10% goes to the Federal Government for use in building highways.

In the Highlands area 3220 acres have been designated as "Special Areas" set aside due to their outstanding value as recreation spots-among these are Dry Falls, Glen Falls, Whitewater Falls, and Ellicott's Rock-which are reserved for outdoor enjoyment by the public.

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# FESTIVAL OF GOSPEL SONGS

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Members of the afternoon congregation of the Highlands United Methodist Church will present a program of gospel music in the sanctuary of the Church on Sunday, August 22, from 3 until 5 o'clock The public is extended a cordial invitation to this festival of song.

Special groups of singers will be coming to Highlands to participate in this event; The Faithful Five of Pendleton, South Carolina; the Faithful Gospel Singers of Seneca, South Carolina; the Spiritualaires of Seneca, South Carolina; and the Spiritualettes of Seneca, South Carolina.

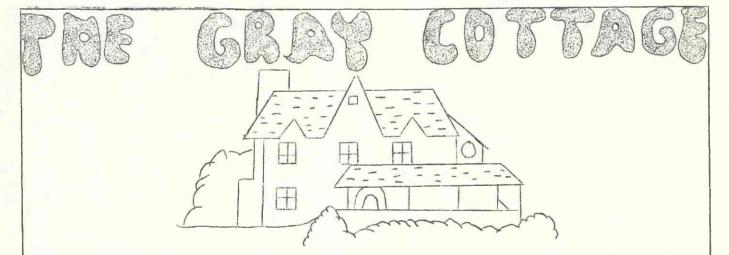
Mrs. Martha Nicholson of Jacksonville, Florida, will be mistress of ceremonies and Mrs. Agnes Hartsfield, Deerfield Beach, Florida, will be director and general promoter of the program.

Following the music, a covered dish dinner will be served in the fellowship hall of the church to which the public is extended a cordial invitation.

#### SHORTCFF BAPTIST NEWS

Sunday, Aug. 22 will be the day for the annual Homecoming. Everyone is invited to come enjoy lunch and afternoon singing.

Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. a revival will begin. Rev. Howard Southard will be sneaking. Everyone is invited.



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