


# "My Heart's in the Highlands"

Welcome to



in the heart of town

## Highlands, N.C.

YOUR HOSTS  
MR. & MRS. J. I. PARKER

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**OPEN YEAR ROUND**

**A GRANDFATHER WHO** can't stay retired because he "likes people too well" has found his life's happiest work on return to his great-grandfather's native highlands. In fact, the enthusiasm of Mr. and Mrs. J.I. Parker--hosts of the Town House Motel in Highlands, N. C. since January 1967--has proved so infectious that their two married daughters have recently joined them. Counting the Parkers' grandchildren, it was five generations ago that Mr. Parker's great-grandfather turned his back on the cold winters of the Western N. C. mountains and headed southward. According to family legend, he packed all his belongings into a barrel and rolled it all the way to Seminole County in South Georgia. There he fell in love with the warm lowlands, and settled down.

It was not until his grandson, J. I. Parker, tried unsuccessfully to retire from a highly successful hardware business in Donaldsville, Georgia--and again from a prospering cattle ranch and trading post in the outlying area--that the return journey was made.

It was a roundabout trip. Making an honest effort to "really retire this time", Mr. and Mrs. Parker travelled extensively. The fame of the fall color season brought them to Highlands, N. C. in the autumn of 1966. And the mountains claimed their own. The Parkers fell in love with Highlands.

Learning that the Town House Motel was for sale, they bought it. Although neither had had experience in this type of business, they felt it was an ideal way to combine their love of the mountains and of people. "I've never enjoyed anything so much in my life," Mr. Parker declared. "It's just like one big family."

Up to now, the only hostelry in the immediate area to stay open all year, the Town House has become home for numbers of people in all seasons. Skiers fill the motel every weekend during the winter. Highlands home-owners make the Town House their headquarters at all times of the year--while readying their homes for summertime living, closing them in the fall, tending to necessary off-season check-ups.

Summer vacation business is so heavy that the Parkers welcomed the offer of their older daughter, Mrs. Norma German, to join them last April. Their son, Elton L. Parker, an electrical engineer, is living in Charlotte, N. C., where he is southeastern manager of Westinghouse Textile.

Just last month, the return of the Parker clan became complete, when the younger daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Cummings, Jr., and their daughters, Carol and Ann, moved to Highlands. Carol will be going to vocational school in Atlanta, but Ann is now a student at Highlands High. Mrs. Cummings is with Cobb Realty, and her husband is with Reeves Hardware.

And why have they all so happily abandoned the lowlands for the highlands? Even in-law John Cummings, descendant of a long line of lowlanders (the first settlers of Seminole County, Ga.) joins in the answer that would make great-great-great-grandfather Parker shiver. They love the excitement of the cold snowy highland winters!

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## CLUB MEETINGS

### Kiwanis

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|---------------|------------|----------------------------|
| CANTON        | Mondays    | 7:00 PM YMCA               |
| Maggie Valley | Wednesdays | 6:30 PM M. V. Country Club |
| SYLVA         | Mondays    | 6:30 PM Jarrett House      |
| WAYNESVILLE   | Tuesdays   | 1:00 PM The Lodge          |



### Lions

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|--------------|------------------|---------|------------------------|
| ANDREWS      | 2nd & 4th Thurs. | 6:30 PM | Swain Hotel            |
| BRYSON CITY  | 1st & 3rd Thurs. | 7:15 PM | Fisgah H.S. Cafeteria  |
| CANTON       | 2nd & 4th Tues.  | 7:30 PM | (Pigeon Val.) YMCA     |
| CHEROKEE     | 1st & 3rd Thurs. | 7:00 PM | Methodist Church       |
| CULLOWHEE    | 2nd & 4th Tues.  | 6:30 PM | Cullowhee Cafe         |
| FRANKLIN     | 2nd & 4th Mon.   | 7:00 PM | Slagle Mem. Bldg.      |
| HAYESVILLE   | 1st & 3rd Thurs. | 7:00 PM | Hinton Rural Life Cen. |
| HIGHLANDS    | 1st & 3rd Thurs. | 7:00 PM | Highlander Rest.       |
| MURPHY       | 2nd & 4th Tues.  | 6:30 PM | O'Dell's Rest.         |
| ROBBINSVILLE | 1st & 3rd Thurs. |         |                        |
| SYLVA        | 1st & 3rd Tues.  | 7:00 PM | Farkway Rest.          |
| WAYNESVILLE  | Thursdays        | 7:00 PM | E. Waynesville Sch.    |



### Moose

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|-------------|--------------|---------|-------------|
| BRYSON CITY | 2nd Thursday | 7:30 PM | Moose Hall  |
| MURPHY      | Mondays      | 8:00 PM | Moose Lodge |



### Rotary

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|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| ANDREWS     | Tuesdays  | 12:30 PM | Masonic Hall      |
| BRYSON CITY | Thursdays | 6:45 PM  | Sneed's Rest.     |
| FRANKLIN    | Thursdays | 7:00 PM  | Slagle Mem. Bldg. |
| HIGHLANDS   | Tuesdays  | 1:15 PM  | Highlander Rest.  |
| SYLVA       | Tuesdays  | 6:30 PM  | Jarrett House     |
| WAYNESVILLE | Fridays   | 1:00 PM  | The Lodge         |

### Masons

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|--------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| ANDREWS      | 1st Monday      |         | Masonic Hall |
| BRYSON CITY  | 1st & 3rd Mon.  | 7:30 PM | Masonic Hall |
| FRANKLIN     | 1st & 3rd Tues. | 7:30 PM | Masonic Hall |
| HAYESVILLE   | 2nd Saturday    | 8:00 PM | Masonic Hall |
| HIGHLANDS    | 1st & 3rd Fri.  | 7:30 PM | Masonic Hall |
| ROBBINSVILLE | 2nd Tuesday     | 7:30 PM |              |
| WAYNESVILLE  | 1st Friday      | 8:00 PM | Masonic Hall |

### Eastern Star

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|--------------|------------------|---------|---------------|
| ANDREWS      | 2nd Monday       |         |               |
| BRYSON CITY  | 2nd Monday       | 7:30 PM | Masonic Hall  |
| FRANKLIN     | 1st & 3rd Thurs. | 8:00 PM | Masonic Hall  |
| HAYESVILLE   | 4th Saturday     | 7:30 PM | Masonic Bldg. |
| HIGHLANDS    | 2nd & 4th Mon.   | 7:30 PM | Masonic Hall  |
| ROBBINSVILLE | 1st Tuesday      |         |               |
| WAYNESVILLE  | 1st & 3rd Thurs. | 8:00 PM | Masonic Hall  |



### American Legion

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|--------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|
| CANTON       | 1st & 3rd Mon. | 7:30 PM | Legion Bldg.      |
| CHEROKEE     | 3rd Tuesday    | 7:30 PM | Council House     |
| FRANKLIN     | 3rd Friday     | 7:30 PM | Slagle Mem. Bldg. |
| ROBBINSVILLE | 2nd Thursday   |         |                   |



### American Legion Auxilliary

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|--------------|--------------|---------|---------------|
| CHEROKEE     | 1st Monday   | 7:30 PM | Council House |
| ROBBINSVILLE | Last Tuesday |         |               |



### VFW

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|-------------|------------------|---------|-----------------|
| BRYSON CITY | 4th Thursday     | 7:30 PM | Community Bldg. |
| CANTON      | Tuesdays         | 7:30 PM | VFW Post        |
| FRANKLIN    | 2nd & 4th Wed.   |         | VFW Post Home   |
| HAYESVILLE  | 2nd & 4th Thurs. | 7:30 PM | VFW Hut         |

### VFW Auxilliary

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| CANTON     | 1st Monday       | 7:30 PM | VFW Post |
| HAYESVILLE | 1st & 4th Thurs. | 7:30 PM |          |



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