

## Highlands Highlights

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### AUXILIARY PLANS CHICKEN AND OYSTER DINNER

HIGHLANDS, Dec. 4.—An oyster and creamed chicken dinner for the benefit of the Highlands Episcopal church is being planned by the Woman's Auxiliary to be given at the home of Mrs. W. S. Davis on Thursday, December 12. A small admission will be charged, and every one is cordially invited to attend. Mrs. J. A. Hines is head of the committee in charge of the plans.

### WINTER COMES

With the thermometer at the government station three miles south of Highlands registering 14 degrees Monday, which until that time had been the lowest official record here this year, Highlands has had real winter weather this week. It is usually from one to three degrees colder in Highlands than at the station. The weather

has continued cold with very little change so far this week.

Dr. Clarence Mitchell was appointed this week as manager of the Highlands branch of the Jackson County Bank, replacing Norman Brown. Dr. Mitchell went to work in the bank Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jessup, of Delwood, N. C., were the guests of Mrs. J. Z. Gottwals Thanksgiving week.

Mrs. Ollie Rogers has gone to Houston, Texas, where she expects to find work for the winter. Mr. Arial, cashier of the Jackson County Bank of Sylva, spent several days in Highlands recently.

Betsy and Jack Potts were home from school for Thanksgiving.

Lieut. and Mrs. Thad D. Smith, of the CCC Camp in Horse Cove, are occupying Miss Nall's house for the winter.

## LETTER-PRESS

### AN APPEAL FOR ACTION

Editor:

Will you give me space in your paper to speak to the people of Macon county on a subject that is vital to our peace, purity and safety?

If there were no conflicts between God and the devil over man, then what I wish to say would be unnecessary.

The strife is on and is fierce and man's heart and will is the battle ground.

The world has to acknowledge that the devil holds great sway today. Even children recognize this fact in them and excessive wickedness is reaching down into the infantile age everywhere as is evidenced by their lives—cursing, stealing, drinking, having their own way with parents and all—no fear at God or man. Many parents are worse than many children because the responsibility rests on them. How many parents make criminals of their own children?

Think of the disregard for human life, the life of the body, to say nothing of the soul. One hundred and forty-four thousand more lives lost by auto accidents in the last fifteen years than in all our wars since 1776.

All this carelessness for the body and for God's sake, who really cares for the soul in a way to really get life into it? Let the world tell us. Where's the weeping over sin and souls? Where's the real praying? Where's the preaching that brings conviction, repentance, and life? Where's the holy power and conditions that cause God to be manifestly with us?

All this looms large before the good people who think and care and is a world challenge to the best that's in them. In the face of all this sin and discouragement, thank God there are good people and true preachers yet. These are the salt, the hope, the God-ordained and the only God-appointed means through which better times in economical, moral and spiritual sense can come.

My appeal is to you, Oh men and women of God. Let's not give up. All the infiniteness of God's power is at our command.

All that is lacking to bring the change so many of you have told me you wanted in regard to drunkenness, social and political sins and spirituality in the churches is for us to furnish the human active power to match God's against it and make His will ours in a way equal to the emergency.

The world and the devil say it can't be done; but we, as persuasive welfare workers, give both the lie and say it can and that in a large way.

We have a plan that will succeed where adopted and used just as sure as the gospel succeeds. This plan is described in a book which we hope to have ready for use soon.

As we come to you with our mass meetings and religious and temperance shows, join hearts and hands with us, as those have whom we have seen.

—Geo. W. Seay.

### REGARDING OUR DEBT TO THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

As the Yuletide approaches—a time in which love and kindness is extended to all: Did I say "all," or have we perhaps forgotten the tender appreciation due the animal kingdom; their necessary service so willingly rendered us? Their love and loyalty? The cheer and beauty brought by them into our lives?

Or, do we sometimes repay these values in abuse, starvation, suffering? Oh, with what dread do some of us anticipate the boyish shotgun, the sling-shot, the huntsmen's vacation, now so near at hand! Of the boy, we say "childish pleasure;" of the huntsman, "sport." Oh, when shall we learn that these beautiful creatures—brilliant songsters, sportive squirrels, all in pursuit of their domestic happiness are just as entitled to

safety, freedom and life as we? Yet they are hunted down, possibly maimed and thus, hiding and bleeding, suffer perhaps days until the end. Does this appear humane and proper? We treat, I fear, the so-called instinct in animals too lightly. I am impelled here to relate a little story I read the other day, by E. Barrington, holding back the tears as I read.

"Once when I was sent on a mission to the Chi State, I saw a litter of young pigs trying to nourish themselves from their dead mother. After a little they looked at her with quick glances, and all left her and ran away. For she looked at them no more and seemed to be no longer akin to themselves. What they had loved was their mother—not her body, but that which made it live!" Social precedents still tolerate our so-called "sport." Fortunately we have outlawed the more brutal practices along these lines.

However, civilization, in this, has not yet arrived at the place where noble culture is founded upon tenderness of heart. So let us take our inspiration from the quick response all animals show to kindness and thus make this particular Christmas one in which all join in resolution to show more consideration to all animal life.

—Sophie Albert.

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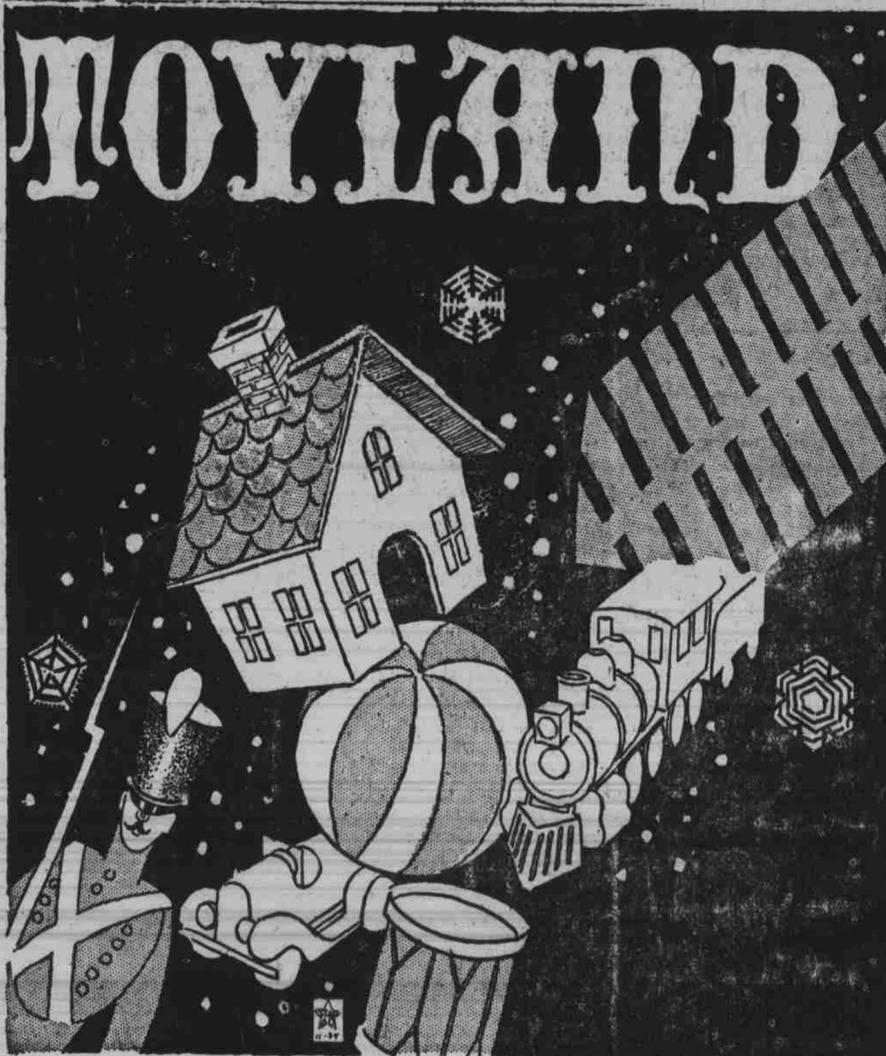
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