

Highlands Highlights

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BILLY CROSBY HONORED BY SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Billy Crosby, 13-year-old nephew of Miss May Crosby, was singularly honored last week by the American Malacological Union. He was proposed and accepted as a member of the Union at the annual meeting in Ann Arbor, Mich. Billy attended the meeting with H. E. Wheeler. At Ann Arbor, as the youngest member of the Union, he was photographed with Dr. Carlos de la Torre, of Havana, Cuba, who is the oldest member. Dr. de la Torre is now 82 years old.

MRS. DECAMERA INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

Word has been received here of the serious injury of Mrs. W. H. Decamera. Mrs. Decamera was en route to Chattanooga, Tenn., with her daughter, Mrs. Morrison, and her grandchildren, when their car skidded on a wet pavement and crashed into a telephone pole. Mrs. Decamera was taken to a Cleveland, Tenn., hospital with a broken collar bone and a punctured lung. None of the others were injured.

LECTURE ON NORTH CAROLINA MINERALS

An event of special interest this week is the lecture on the minerals of North Carolina by Burnham Standish Colburn, president of the North Carolina Mineralogical Society, and an outstanding authority. This lecture will be given on the afternoon of August 15, at 4 o'clock, in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Colburn will have with him for exhibition magnificent examples of the rare hiddenite, rhodolite, garnets, and various other rare minerals from his extensive collection.

OLD MUSIC BOX DISPLAYED HERE

On exhibition at Mrs. Root's Gift shop is an interesting old music box which Mr. Root located somewhere in the country surrounding Highlands. It is a small box, the case of which had been painted, and which Mr. Root plans to re-finish. The mechanical parts of the box are in excellent condition and tinkle sweetly a familiar little tune with several variations. It is estimated that the music box is 75 or more years old.

WORK STARTED ON NEW TRANSMISSION LINE

Construction was started this week on a new transmission line from the main city distribution line to the Highlands Country club. This new line has been necessary for the last five or six years, due to increased building in the Club section, and will improve the service both there and in the city. Sixty-nine hundred volts will be carried from the main line to a sub-station at the Club where it will be reduced to 2,300 volts. The estimated cost of the new line is around \$2,500.

ENGINEERS START WORK ON NEW ROAD

State highway engineers started work on Monday surveying and locating the road from the Highlands Country club to the town of Highlands. The contract for the building of this section of road will be let immediately upon the completion of the survey. This section of road connects with the Dillard road, which has been under construction by the federal government as a forest service project for the last two years. The entire road from Highlands to Dillard will be surfaced and renumbered as a part of the state road system.

E. L. McKee, road commissioner from this district, said on a recent visit to Highlands that this road was the finest location and construction of any road in North Carolina, with the exception of Route 107 from Whittier into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 13

The Highlands school will open this year on Monday, September 13, it was announced today by O. F. Summer, principal of the school. The other schools in the county will be open before that date, but by delaying the opening of the school here, it gives the students who are working an opportunity to continue their work until nearer

the close of the tourist season. The teachers for the coming year are the same as last year: Prof. O. F. Summer, Clyde Hentz, Mesdames Reinhardt, Hall, and Brown, and Misses Howard, Jamison, Calloway, and Davis.

LOCKWOOD RIANHARD MAKES HOLE-IN-ONE

Lockwood Rianhard, of Atlanta, Ga., joined the Hole-In-One Club last Thursday. Mr. Rianhard played the first hole-in-one of the season at the Highlands Country club. Mr. and Mrs. Rianhard, who were guests at the Pierson Inn, left on Monday morning for Atlanta, after spending some time here. They plan to return to Highlands later in the season.

INTERESTING DISPLAY OF NEWSPAPERS

On display at the Hudson library is a file of newspapers which is of interest to all visitors and residents of Highlands. In this file, which has been loaned to the library for exhibition, are newspapers representing almost every country in the world, written in their native languages. The papers afford an interesting opportunity for comparison of the methods of presenting news to the peoples of the world.

MR. AND MRS. VINCENT CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Vincent, of Sebring, Fla., who are staying at Hall House, were honored by friends on last Friday evening. The occasion was the celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary. About 35 friends and guests at Hall House offered their felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent and later joined in games and square dancing for an evening's entertainment.

REVIVAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Highlands Baptist church will hold a protracted meeting at the church beginning on Sunday, August 15. Rev. Fred Forester will conduct the meeting and will hold two sessions daily, one at 10 a. m., and one at 8 p. m. Mr. Forester is the pastor of the First Baptist church of Cullowhee, and is professor of Bible study at Western Carolina Teachers' college. Everyone is invited to come and hear Mr. Forester's message.

HIGHLANDS MUSEUM NOTES

Mr. H. E. Wheeler, director of the museum, Mrs. Wheeler, Edith Wheeler, and Billy Crosby, have just returned from Ann Arbor, Mich., where they attended the meetings of the American Malacological Union. This group of men and women represent the scientific study of the mollusca, some being specialists on land shells, others on marine shells, while some devote their attention to fresh water species. The present-day students are more concerned with the habits and relations of the animals than with the mere collecting of shells.

Among the 50 or more members who came from various sections of the United States, Canada, and Cuba, were Dr. Carlos de la Torre, of Havana, Cuba, one of the best known of scientists, now 82 years old, but still very active and engaged in the writing of scientific monographs. Dr. H. A. Pilsbry, of the Academy of Natural Scientists, Philadelphia, is perhaps the most voluminous writer of all times, at least in his field. Dr. Paul Bartsch is the grand old man of the national museum. There were many women who find increasing inspiration in the study of shells.

The Highlands group made hurried visits to the museums in Toledo, Ohio, and Cincinnati, but found the University museums at Ann Arbor of great educational value and interest. The party stopped to do a little field work, bringing back some splendid specimens of celestite for exhibit, and a small collection of land shells.

Dr. Allan F. Archer, a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, took his doctor's degree on a thesis devoted largely to the study of a special group of Southern land shells, and will shortly be in Highlands for the continuation of his studies.

Through the generosity of some of the members of the museum a

wonderful exhibit of fluorescent minerals has been made possible. The ultra-violet lamp, and cabinet have been installed in a temporary dark room, and the fluorescent minerals from North Carolina, Georgia, and other sections of the world have been installed. Visitors are always welcome to come in and see the ever-changing exhibits at the museum.

It is hoped that later in the month a motorcade party will be organized to visit Asheville and under the personal guidance of Mr. B. S. Colburn, visit his great museum, which is located in Biltmore Forest.

Through the kindness of Dr. O. S. Gibbs, the museum has acquired a small collection of locally collected moths and butterflies, and these have been splendidly prepar-

ed. Several of the younger workers in the museum have been adding to this collection but many species known to inhabit this region are still lacking.

MANY GUESTS REGISTERED AT POTTS HOUSE

The following guests were registered at Potts House for the weekend: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Newberry, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Long, Miami, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Willingmoon, Anderson, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Dayton, Ohio; E. H. Young and R. B. Scarborough, Greensboro, N. C.; H. C. Sims, Rockville, Wash.; A. E. Shipman, Brevard, N. C.; Misses Eva and Lillie Shores, Cairo, Ga.; Miss Patricia Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Jatusner, Eatonton, Ga.; E. A. Kennell, Trenton, Ohio; Mr. and

Mrs. T. E. Storey, Palm Beach, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beck and family, Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. Jamelle Claxton, Walterboro, S. C. Guests who are continuing their stay include Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Couch, Atlanta; Mrs. Grace Black, Waycross, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. John Klotzbier, Jr., and family, Miami, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Nolen, Lincolnton, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Dillevig, and children, Lauderdale, Fla.; Frank Nieto, Cuba, and Tom Rambo, Atlanta.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Bloxham spent Thursday in Franklin as guests at the Siler family reunion. Mrs. D. M. Mischeaux returned to her home in Dillon, S. C., on Sunday, after spending a week with Mrs. J. E. Root.

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