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Miss Kelly Was Pioneer In Adult Education

ADULT Education Week recalls a bit of history that should be of special interest to the people of Macon county.

In 1915, the Legislature, at the request of Dr. J. Y. Joyner, then state superintendent of public instruction, appropriated \$25,000 a year for adult education in North Carolina. Dr. Joyner appointed as State Supervisor Elizabeth Kelly, of Franklin, who had begun her teaching career in the rural schools of Macon county and who was then supervisor of rural schools in Johnston county.

With a breadth of understanding of the needs of those who had been deprived of opportunity in their youth, and with the vigor of a truly great personality, Elizabeth Kelly set about to establish schools for adult illiterates in the counties of the state, in the same direct, practical way that she had taught the parents of her pupils in her own county of Macon.

It is interesting to recall that Elizabeth C. Morris, now state director of adult education, began her work under Miss Kelly, as supervisor in Buncombe county.

As a pioneer in the field, Miss Kelly made a significant contribution to the progress of education in the state, laying the foundation for the work that is being carried on throughout the state today under WPA and state aid.

In Macon county today the work goes forward under the direction of Mrs. Leona P. Duncan, and her eight assistants in a creditable manner as demonstrated by Macon county's exhibit in Asheville this week. We earnestly hope that this work may soon receive the impetus that is enjoyed in Swain, Jackson and other western counties, whereby an amount allocated from the county educational fund is matched by the state and supplements the WPA funds now supporting the work.

Few realize the scope of adult education. Every agency for human betterment comes under this head. The very existence of our government is based on the education of adults. Even under most favorable circumstances one's education only begins in the brief days of youth. Progress is so rapid that changing conditions and thinking must be met by growing minds without regard to the age of the citizen.

Surely a government that depends upon the intelligence of its people should supply the insistent need for the education of its adult population.

Schools and Politics

WE are glad to learn from the chairman of the school board that probably the election of teachers for the Macon county schools will be held at the usual time, which would be some day during the coming week.

Many citizens have expressed justifiable dissatisfaction with the haphazard methods pursued by so important an agency as a board of education that does not know—or does not choose to tell—when they will meet to elect teachers for the coming year. Our teachers, our children and their parents deserve better treatment.

A persistent rumor—that the school board has not directly denied—that election of teachers would be postponed "until after the primaries" carries with it the sinister implication that our schools are mixed up in partisan politics.

When such a condition is allowed to exist the voters are consenting to their children's being used as pawns in a political game which is unworthy of free men and women.

Highlands Highlights

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Correction

Owing to a transposition when the Highlands page was made up last week, the pictures of two of the school students were incorrectly marked. The pictures are printed below as they should have appeared last week.



MARGARET CAROLYN POTTS
Valedictorian of the Highlands High School Graduating Class, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Potts



MARGARET ANGEL ROGERS
Salutatorian of the Seventh Grade, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Rogers

CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday, May 15

Highlands Presbyterian Church
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
7:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.
Highlands Baptist Church
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
7:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.
Church of the Incarnation
10 a. m.—Church school.
4 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

Methodist Circuit

Highlands
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
Cashiers
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
Horse Cove
3 p. m.—Preaching service.

The Rev. W. F. Beadle, pastor of the Highlands Methodist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the senior class at the school auditorium on Sunday, May 15, at 11 a. m. Everyone is invited to attend this service.

P.-T. A. ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF GRADUATES

The P.-T. A. entertained delightfully on Tuesday afternoon in honor of the high school graduates and the seventh grade graduates. A musical program was enjoyed during which pupils of Mrs. O. F. Sumner and Mrs. R. B. DuPree played the piano and sang. Mrs. A. C. Holt also entertained with a piano solo. Mrs. James Averell and Mrs. B. W. Woodruff, of Franklin, entertained with groups of selections, and Mrs. Bloxham concluded the program with a group of songs. The delicious refreshments consisted of chicken and ham sandwiches, many kinds of cake, tea, coffee, and lemonade.

Proceeding the program the P.-T. A. held its regular business session. The report of the nominating committee was accepted unanimously. The following officers will continue their terms of office next year: Mrs. F. H. Potts, president; Mrs. J. E. Brown, vice-president, and Mrs. W. H. Cobb, secretary.

Meetings of the P.-T. A. will continue through the summer and some effort will be made to raise funds for the use of the organization next fall.

As a final "spread" in the lunch room this term Mrs. Thompson and her staff of workers will serve a special lunch on Friday of this week. Contributions for this extra dinner will be gratefully received by those in charge.

HIGHLANDS TO OBSERVE AIR MAIL WEEK

Air Mail Week is being celebrated nationally next week, May 15 to 21. As it has been previously reported Highlands has set its goal at 1,000 letters mailed by air mail during the week. Special envelopes are available at the post-office for use during this drive. It is called to the attention of the public that these particular air mail envelopes may not be used at any other time. The envelopes are free to all who will use them. Individuals have made plans to send Highlands literature by air mail to

every Governor in the United States. The Chamber of Commerce will mail replies by air mail to every inquiry received during the week, and at least one hotel has promised to mail out 100 letters by air mail. By means of such fine cooperation the week is certain to be successful and the goal will be reached before the time is up. Do Your Part!

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SPONSOR SHOW

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a show called "Oh, Professor," on Thursday evening, May 26, at the school auditorium. Further announcements will be made in next week's Press.

NOTED EDITOR VISITS MR. FARNSWORTH

Albert Gallatin Lanier, esquire, grandson of Sidney Lanier, the poet, was the guest last week of P. T. Farnsworth at his Highlands home, "Corrymeela." Mr. Lanier came to arrange for the publication in book form of the works of the late Mrs. Farnsworth, whose poems had appeared from time to time for a period of years in the leading magazines—Century, Scribner's, Atlantic, Harper's, St. Nicholas, Youth's Companion. It was while Mr. Lanier was editor of St. Nicholas that a bond of literary fraternity was established with Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth, and Mr. Lanier's visit is a tribute to his appreciation of Mrs. Farnsworth's genius.

SMITH-CAZIARC

The marriage of Miss Stella Smith, of Highlands and Lieutenant Colonel Elliott Caziarc, U. S. A. retired, of Miami, Fla., was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church in Gainesville, Ga. The Rev. Marshall Dendy performed the ceremony. The bride was attractively attired in a white alpaca suit with a navy blue blouse, a navy blue straw hat, and carried other blue accessories. She wore a shoulder bouquet of pink roses and lily of the valley.

Mrs. Caziarc is the daughter of Mrs. W. W. Smith and the late Wiley Smith, of Highlands. Colonel Caziarc and his bride will reside in Highlands after a short honeymoon.

ACTIVITIES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A meeting of the members of the Highlands Baptist Church was called last Sunday morning for the purpose of discussing the selection of a preacher to succeed the Rev. J. E. Brown who resigned his pastorate of the church several weeks ago. No decision was reached by the congregation, however.

In the evening the B. Y. P. U. lesson was presented by Group Captain Paul Waldon, assisted by Manilla Reese, Joe Baty, Carlton Cleveland, and Mrs. Pearl Potts. The Bible quiz included interesting questions on the "Life of Moses." Following the regular program the

group made a special observance of Mother's Day. Two chairs were decorated—one with red flowers, representing the living mothers, and occupied by Mrs. Eugene Potts, and the other with white flowers, representing the Heavenly mothers, and left unoccupied. Harold McConnell, standing by the vacant chair recited "The White Carnation" and Mattie Potts and Manilla Reese, standing by Mrs. Potts' chair recited "The Red Carnation."

A large bouquet of red roses was presented to Mrs. Eugene Potts. A trio was sung by Mrs. Lawrence Hicks, Mildred Littleton, and Mrs. Pearl Potts. In closing the entire congregation sang "God Be With You, Till We Meet Again", and the Rev. John Baty offered a prayer. Decorations for the occasion were in charge of Mildred Littleton and Doris Potts, and consisted of early spring flowers and evergreen. Over the pulpit a heart was formed with evergreen and red and white flowers, inscribed with the words "Mother's Day." Each person attending the program was given either a red or a white flower. The entire program was in charge of Mrs. Lawrence Hicks and Mrs. A. B. Potts.

FUNMAKERS SELECT JULY 15 AS ANNUAL PLAYDAY

Friday, July 15, has been designated for the second Highlands Playday. The Funmakers, with the cooperation of the townspeople, are already beginning plans for a fuller and more interesting day. Speakers are appearing within the next two weeks before every organization and club in town, to promote general interest and solicit suggestions before the final program is decided upon. The poster committee, Gene Paul and Charles McDowell, announce that they are putting up a suggestion-box outside the post-office and ask that anyone with an idea for the day's program, and who is willing to give his name as an active participant, use the box during the next two weeks, at the end of which time the Funmakers will consider all suggestions and use as many of them as possible in their plans.

The Funmakers are meeting regularly each Thursday night now in the Masonic hall. The meetings from now until Playday will be open to everyone who is interested in helping with the plans, and to all who want to become active members. At the last meeting, the following new officers were elected: Elmer McDowell, president; Mildred Littleton, vice-president; Margie Waller, secretary; Jessie Keener, treasurer; Doris Potts and Eugene Paul, business managers.

The following club members will be speaking before town organizations:

Town board, Elmer McDowell; chamber of commerce, Margie Waller; Lions, Elmer McDowell; P.-T. A., Marie Neely; Satula club, June Thompson; Christian Endeavor, Gene Paul; B. Y. P. U., Doris Potts; Methodist church, Margie Waller; Episcopal church, Jessie Keener; Baptist church, Mildred Littleton; Presbyterian church, Virginia Mae Edwards.

The Girls' basketball team of the Anderson, S. C., high school were entertained at King's Inn last week-end as guests of Miss Betty King who is a member of the team. The team has had a wonderful season, and the girls have covered themselves with glory, having won every game of the season. The team is said to have won the state championship.

Charles DuBignon will again operate the Highlands Inn for the summer. Mr. DuBignon plans to open the Inn in about 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rogers and their daughter, Flossie, of Jacksonville, Fla., were in Highlands last week.

Professor Hodges and his family, of Jasper, Fla., have arrived in Highlands for the summer. They are building a summer residence on the Franklin road, near Mirror lake.

Mrs. C. K. Wall, of Thomasville, Ga., is a guest at the Hotel Edwards.

E. P. Roberts, of Atlanta, is now occupying his cottage on Lake Sequoyah.

Miss Eva Cleveland, of Bridgeport, Conn., is visiting relatives and friends in Highlands. She plans to be here until after the commencement festivities are over.

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