

Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

CHURCH NOTES

Highlands Methodist Church
Rev. J. S. Higgins, Pastor

Horse Cove:
10 a. m.—Preaching.

Highlands:
11 a. m.—Preaching.

Flats:
2:30 p. m.—Preaching.

Church of the Incarnation
Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Rector

10 a. m.—Church school.

11 a. m.—Holy Communion and sermon.

Highlands Presbyterian Church
10:15 a. m.—Church school.

11 a. m.—Worship.

8 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.

Highlands Baptist Church
Rev. J. G. Benfield, Pastor

10 a. m.—Sunday school.

11 a. m.—Sermon.

7 p. m.—B. T. U.

8 p. m.—Sermon.

GUEST SPEAKER TO TALK AT BAPTIST CHURCH SEPT. 17

The Hon. William D. Upshaw will speak at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, September 17 at 8 o'clock, it has been announced by Rev. J. G. Benfield, pastor of the church. Mr. Upshaw is a former Georgia Congressman and a nationally known lecturer.

BIRTHDAY PARTY GIVEN FOR MISS LINDA WATSON

Little Miss Linda Watson was honored with a party on her fourth birthday anniversary at the home of her aunt, Mrs. H. P. Thompson, last Saturday afternoon. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Watson of New Rochelle, N. Y., and with her mother and brother has been spending the summer here at the home of her grandfather, W. W. McKinney, on Chestnut street.

Margaret McDowell and Joan Calloway were prize winners in the games and contests enjoyed during the afternoon. A white birthday cake with ice cream and candy were the refreshments. Favors were candy dolls and colorful balloons.

Guests enjoying the occasion with Linda were Ben and Gale Edwards, George McDowell, Margaret McDowell, Joan Calloway, Anne Rideout, Mary Summer, Margaret Zoellner, Johnny Watson and Richard Thompson.

SMITH-CLEAVELAND MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Mary Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Walhalla, S. C., to W. P. Cleaveland, son of Mrs. H. P. P. Thompson of Highlands. The ceremony was performed in Clayton, Ga., on Sunday, August 31.

For her wedding the bride wore a two-piece suit of navy blue crepe with white accessories, and a corsage of sweetheart roses. A wedding supper was given at the home of the bridegroom's mother. A bowl of small white dahlias centered the table, and at each side of the centerpiece were white tapers in silver holders.

Mr. Cleaveland has been town clerk and tax collector here for the past two years. He and his bride are making their home for the present at the Cleaveland cottage on Fifth street.

Miss June Thompson left Tuesday for Cullowhee where she begins her freshman year at Western Carolina Teachers college.

Mrs. Barrett Curry and daughter, Barbara, returned this week to their home in Sarasota, Fla., after spending the summer here with Mrs. Curry's mother, Mrs. C. B. Boardman, at Restwood cabin on Mirror Lake.

Mrs. Duncan Dougall's friends are pleased to learn that she is resting comfortably at Angel hospital in Franklin where she has been a patient for several days. Mrs. Dougall is expected to return to her home here on Satulah Mountain next week.

Mary Bascom Cook and Beverly Cook, young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Cook, returned home Sunday after spending the summer with their grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Holbrook, in Akron, Ala. They were accompanied home by their aunt, Miss Eva Holbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Poggenpohl and James Reese of Atlanta were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilcox at Billy Cabin farm.

R. L. Potts left Tuesday to return to his work in the Franklin National Bank at Miami, after spending several weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Potts.

Mrs. Walker, who has been a season guest at the Potts House, and her daughter, Miss Mary Lou Walker, who spent her vacation of four weeks at the Potts House, have returned to their home in Miami.

Miss Maureen Davis and Mrs. Doris Abbott of Cullowhee were visitors in Highlands Saturday. Mrs. Abbott is one of the new teachers in Highlands school and Miss Davis a former teacher here.

Mrs. Abbott has rented one of the Davis cottages on West Main street for the winter.

Prof. O. F. Summer was called to Pomaria, S. C., last week where he attended the funeral of his aunt, Miss Lula Summer.

Mrs. E. T. Raines of Brevard was the week-end guest of her sister, Miss Jennie Burlingame. Another sister, Mrs. Daisy Miller, also of Brevard, who has been with Miss Burlingame for some time will remain for a longer visit.

Lieutenant Wallace Cochran of Kuskukwim, Alaska, was the recent guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Edwards. Lieutenant Cochran has taught science for a number of years in Alaska, and since his entrance into the U. S. Army is stationed at Haines, Alaska.

Miss Sarah Gilder has as her guests this week Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cole of Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. C. P. Rochfort of Goldsboro, is the house guest of Mrs. P. J. Carlin and family at "Cabin Springs" this week.

Guest preacher at the Presbyterian church here last Sunday was Rev. H. L. Bridgman, a returned missionary from China.

Silver Fox Farm

Near Highlands Has Had Rapid Growth

The Highlands Silver Fox farm, located on Bowers road about two miles east of Highlands, is an unusual enterprise for this section. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney McCarty, managers of the farm, tell an interesting story of the development of their successful business, which has demanded scientific knowledge, painstaking hard work and much patience.

Beginning in 1937 with eight pairs of foxes, today there are 250 animals on the farm, which has been producing pelts for two years for the Northern markets and also for sale to summer visitors through Mrs. Root's Gift shop here.

Climate Adapted
In explaining to the visitor the peculiar nature and habits of the foxes, Mr. McCarty said that a fox is mature at nine months of age and that pelts, which are prime only 10 days during the year, must be taken exactly at their peak or they begin to fade.

The visitor learns that the breeders are kept in pens and the pelts in open runways, enclosed with double wire fences. Here they can run for miles, through densely shaded woods, supplied with an abundance of water.

Mr. McCarty said that the Highlands climate is well adapted to fox raising. The early spring weather prevents loss from cold and the cool summers allow rapid growth of the puppies without danger of heat strokes, both of which are sometimes experienced by fox raisers in the west and north. The cool fall weather with the early winter cold and moisture gives the pelts a sheen and density which make exceptionally fine furs that compare favorably with the best silver fox furs in the world.

In this climate the puppies have a tendency to be born a little early in the spring, giving them a longer growing period before the pelts become prime and making larger and more luxurious furs. Foxes are temperamental animals and any excitement during the breeding season, from December to June, is certain to cut down production.

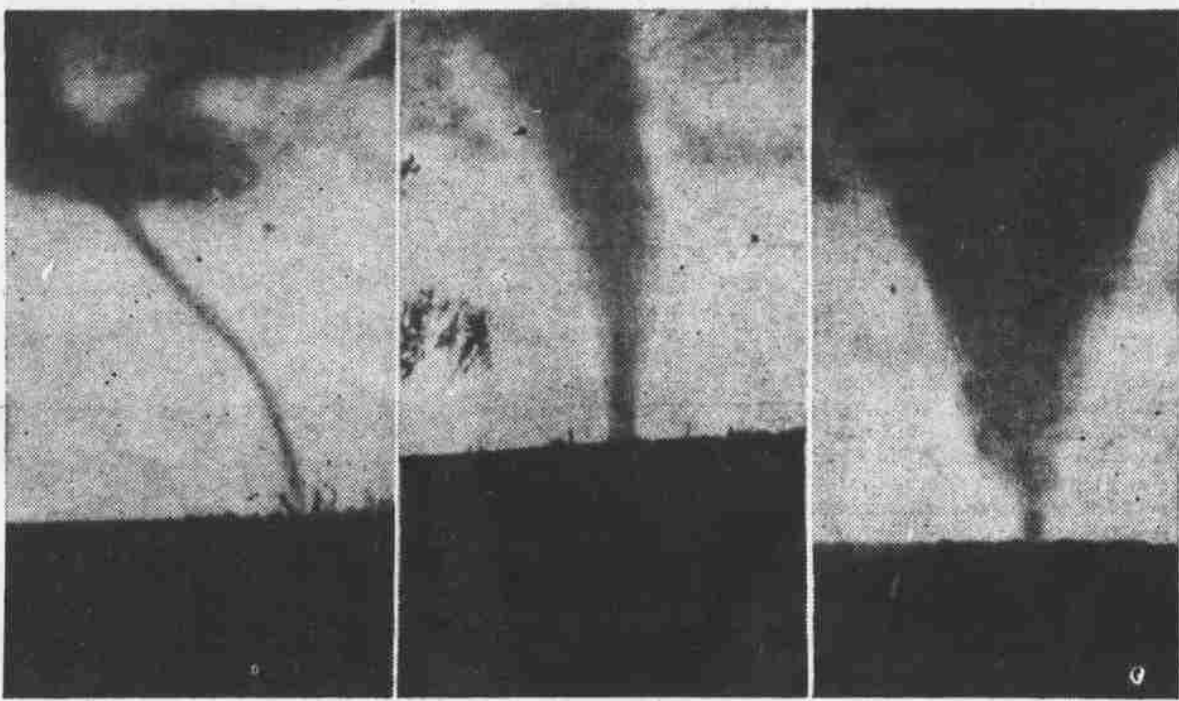
Characteristics Of Foxes
On various occasions the McCartys have taken puppies into their home before their eyes were open and have raised them artificially with bottles, eye-droppers, and house-cats and have tamed them to make good pets. But puppies taken after their eyes are open and after training has begun by the parent foxes always remain wild, since the first thing parent foxes teach their young is to be suspicious of man. The foxes have five or six different barks or calls and the men who care for them have studied them so closely that by listening carefully and without even going into the lot they can tell what the animals are doing and can distinguish the barks of different ones.

Routine trips are made through the pens each day and any diversion from the regular routine will immediately set the foxes astir, instantly making the owners aware of the approach of strangers.

"Sly as a fox" is certainly applicable to these animals. When a fox knows he is being watched, he will not act in a natural manner, and if he is sick he has to be caught off guard to find it out. For this reason a tower has been built at one end of the farm from which the foxes may be studied, all un-mindful of human presence. A new litter of puppies which the mother fox had been hiding in the pen was discovered by this method.

Mr. McCarty tells of a male fox which lost its eyesight for a few weeks. This loss was soon detected by the mate, who acted as guard-

Get Going, Boys and Girls, Here She Comes!



This sequence of pictures is said to be among the finest ever made of a tornado. They were made by Mrs. Omar Shields as the writhing funnel-shaped cloud neared her home at Lincolnton, Kan. The first photo, taken from a distance of approximately three miles, shows the dark, twisting menace as it first struck the ground. The second picture (center) taken when the twister was but a mile away, shows the tornado at the height of its fury as it rushed towards Lincolnton. The third picture (right) was taken after the gale had leveled Lincolnton. The tornado is seen swerving from its path as it began to disintegrate. An instant after first picture was made the twister ripped through the Highland rural school and demolished it.

J. J. SMITH'S LIFE SKETCHED

Served Town As Mayor; Road Builder; Artist And Craftsman

In the death of John Jay Smith at his home in Highlands on September 2, the town lost one of its oldest citizens and co-developers.

Mr. Smith was born in Warren county, Pa., in 1863 and moved to Highlands in 1878. He served as postmaster here a number of years, was several times mayor of the town, and otherwise identified with its political and social history. In the position of mayor, Mr. Smith at one time had the unusual distinction of receiving every vote cast. His was the first sawmill and woodwork shop in this section, and his mill furnished all material used in building Highlands houses for 30 years after his arrival here.

What is now Highlands Inn was a wedding present to him and Mrs. Smith from Mrs. Smith's aunt and the place was operated by them as the Smith House for almost 50 years.

One of Mr. Smith's hobbies was wood carving. His vases, bowls, trays, lampshades, etc., as well as furniture made of native woods from his own original designs were very beautiful. A hobby of Mr. Smith's latter years, and one that perhaps gave him the most pleasure, was his pictures portraying the scenery of the mountains. These pictures are made of mosses, ferns and bark with delicately tinted bits of cotton, and on first glance give the effect of oil paintings, but on closer inspection prove to have more depth. In fact his landscapes are so realistic that one seems to be looking through an open window upon the actual scene.

When Highlands was in the making, Mr. Smith did the road surveying and spent two years in locating the winding road from here to Dillard. This road was for many years known to older residents as "Smith's Road." His name will ever figure prominently on the roll of those who have aided in the development of the town.

R. L. Dekle Taken By Death September 6

The death of R. L. Dekle at his home in Thomasville, Ga., on Saturday morning, followed a second stroke of paralysis. Mr. Dekle was the father of Mrs. Harvey Trice and, with Mrs. Dekle, had been spending the summer here with Mr. and Mrs. Trice at Tricemont Terrace, when he was taken ill three weeks ago. He was in Angel hospital at Franklin until a few days before his death, when, accompanied by his family, he was taken by ambulance to his home in Thomasville.

CARD OF THANKS

To the friends who so kindly helped during the illness and death of Mr. John Jay Smith, and for the beautiful flowers, I extend sincere thanks and appreciation.
Jennie Burlingame

ian until sight was restored, leading the blind fox to food and water with certain barks, and always standing between it and anything considered harmful—even to shielding the fox when anyone came into the lot. The mate would give a bark which meant seek safety, and the fox would be off at a slow high-stepping trot, never once falling.

Paying Industry

"The fact has been proven that silver foxes not only can be raised successfully in this climate, but that the animals grow an exceptionally beautiful fur," Mr. McCarty said. He sees no reason why the production of silver fox furs cannot become one of the substantial industries of this section.

Birthday Of N. H. McKinney, 93, Celebrated At Cashiers

Stories Of Long Ago Are Recalled By Guests At Gathering

The 93rd birthday of Nathan H. McKinney of Highlands, was celebrated at Cashiers last week by an unusual and interesting gathering.

Arranged by his brother, Zebulon Vance McKinney, well known citizen of Turtle Pond, a group of friends and relatives, hale and hearty in spite of their more than "three score years and ten" gathered to felicitate the oldest living member of the first family ever to live in Cashiers Valley.

List Of Guests
Honor guests included Mr. McKinney's brother and sister, Zebulon Vance McKinney, 81, of Turtle Pond, and Caroline McKinney Cabe, 85, also of Turtle Pond. Mrs. Martha Gottwalls, 87, of Highlands, and Frank Hill, 89, of Horse Cove, also were honor guests since they attended school in Cashiers Valley with the McKinney children during their childhood and have been life-long friends.

Other guests were Mrs. Edna McKinney Smith, daughter of N. H. McKinney; Miss Lillie Cabe—and Mrs. Sam Wilson, daughters of Mrs. Cabe; and Allison D. McKinney, 65, of Birmingham, Ala., formerly of Highlands, who is a nephew of the two McKinney brothers, and Mrs. Cabe, who was host.

Pioneer Days
Nathan H. and Zebulon Vance McKinney and their sister, Mrs. Caroline McKinney Cabe, were the children of Allison Dickinson McKinney, son of James McKinney, the first white man to settle in Cashiers Valley. He moved his family from Little River settlement, Pickens district, S. C., in the early 1830's and settled near the present site of the Cashiers Valley post office and here Allison Dickinson McKinney grew up and was married and the above children were born and reared. Other children in the family were James McKinney, Katherine McKinney Carpenter, John Palmer McKinney, Miss Harriet McKinney, Sarah McKinney Messer, Ruthie McKinney Ford, and Virginia McKinney Adams, all of whom are now deceased.

Interesting facts about the history of the family and the community were related by members of the group. It was recalled that many people enjoyed the hospitality of the McKinney home in the early days, especially during the summer months, and there was never any charge made for board, the only requirement being that all guests register by carving their names on the posts or walls of the front porch.

Governors Of Carolina
It was recalled by Frank Hill that Col. John H. Alley, father of Judge Felix E. Alley, was present at the McKinney home when the governor of North Carolina met the governor of South Carolina over a keg of "mountain dew" and a barrel of brandy. The governor of North Carolina wanted the Turnpike road from Walhalla to go down the Tuckaseegee river, and the governor of South Carolina wanted the road to go via Brevard and the French Broad valley, as it would greatly increase the trade with his state.

Both states had issued joint bonds to build this road and therefore each man was striving to gain the most for his state. The governor of North Carolina had his way and the governor of South Carolina, feeling insulted, turned his face to the wall, which was equivalent to a challenge to a duel. After a few seconds the governor of North Carolina said, "It's a H— of a long time between drinks!"

Thus, some say, originated the famous question, "What did the governor of North Carolina say to the governor of South Carolina?"

Taught By Yale Dean
The McKinney children were fortunate in having as their teacher, a dean of Yale university, who had come to the Cashiers Valley region because of ill health, and after regaining his health under the efficient care and nursing of Mrs. McKinney, finding the climate and country invigorating, and the people congenial, decided to remain.

Nathan McKinney was a great friend of General Wade Hampton and on several occasions he accompanied the general on hunting trips in the valley which teemed with deer and wild turkey.

Zebulon Vance McKinney cast his first vote in the year of 1894, for Grover Cleveland, and has always remained a staunch Democrat.

Mother Cleared Land
Martha Norton Gottwalls was born and reared in Whitesides Cove and moved to the wilderness of Shortoff in August, 1865. She recalls how her mother had to clear the land after her husband's death, and how she had to fight off wolves that roamed Cowee and Shortoff mountains. She is one of the most loved women in Highlands.

Caroline McKinney married and went to live at Turtle Pond in 1871, and last Wednesday was the first time she had ever been back to Cashiers Valley. She can still card, spin, and weave cloth.

Frank Hill, 89, has the distinction of being the only college graduate from Macon county in the year 1876. He rode horseback from his home in Horse Cove and attended Brevard academy.

Allison D. McKinney is greatly interested in the history of Macon and Jackson counties and hopes to write a history of Cashiers and Highlands during the next few years.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Henry W. Sloan

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Henry W. Sloan on Saturday afternoon, September 6. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. G. Benfield at the Sloan summer home on Satulah Mountain and burial was in the family lot. Mrs. Sloan died early Friday morning following a lengthy illness.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Sloan is survived by two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones of Atlanta, and Miss Jessie Moody of Birmingham, Ala., who returned to their homes Saturday afternoon.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Dundinah J. Sellers, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of September, 1941, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 5th day of September, 1941.
LESTER L. ARNOLD,
Administrator

S11-6tc—O16

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

North Carolina,
Macon County.
In The Superior Court
Macon County

vs.
I. T. Peek and wife, Charlotte Peek; W. P. Peek and wife, Mary Peek; Beatrice Witte Ravenel, executrix under the will of S. P.

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Ravenel, and Beatrice Witte Ravenel, individually, et al.

The defendants, Beatrice Witte Ravenel, executrix under the last will and testament of S. P. Ravenel, and Beatrice Witte Ravenel, individually, widow and sole devisee of S. P. Ravenel, will take notice that an action entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, for the purpose of foreclosing a tax lien on property in Macon County, North Carolina, and in which the defendants have an interest, and are proper parties thereto.

It is further ordered by the court that the defendants, Beatrice Witte Ravenel, executrix under the last will and testament of S. P. Ravenel, and Beatrice Witte Ravenel, individually, widow and sole devisee of S. P. Ravenel, are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, at his office in Franklin, on the 13 day of October, 1941, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, or the relief demanded in said complaint will be granted.

This 9th day of September, 1941.

HARLEY R. CABE,
Clerk, Superior Court
S11-4tc—S25—Mac. Co.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina
Macon County

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed by J. M. Moore and wife Ida E. Moore to N. L. Jolly, trustee, on the 5th day of April, 1937, said deed of trust being recorded in Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 35, page 338, 1, the undersigned administratrix of the estate of N. L. Jolly, trustee, will at 12 o'clock noon at the Courthouse door in Franklin, North Carolina, on Tuesday, October 7, 1941, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

Lot No. 4 in J. M. Moore's Subdivision, recorded in Plat Book, Register of Deeds Office, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake on west side of Riverview Street; runs W 144 feet to a stake; then N 50 feet to a stake; then E 144 feet to a stake; west side of Riverview Street; then with the west side of Riverview street 50 feet to the BEGINNING.

This 4th day of September, 1941.

MRS. BEULAH PARRISH,
Administratrix of the estate of
N. L. Jolly, trustee.
S11-4tc—O2—J&J

National Forest Timber for Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, N. C., up to and including September 29, 1941, for all merchantable dead chestnut timber located on an area embracing about 800 acres on Mulberry Creek, 75 acres on Evans Creek above Charlie Dryman's residence, 15 on Evans Creek above J. H. Rogers' residence, 100 on Buckeye Branch, 50 on Hannah Mountain, 25 on Cedar Cliff Mountain, and 30 on Middle Creek, Franklin Working Circle, Macon County, Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, estimated to be 2625 units, more or less, of chestnut extractwood. No bid of less than \$0.86 per unit of 160 cubic feet for chestnut extractwood will be accepted. \$150 must be deposited with each bid to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, N. C. A28-2tc—S11

National Forest Timber for Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina, up to and including September 29, 1941, for all merchantable live and dead chestnut located on an area embracing about 160 acres within the Coweeta Unit, Little Tennessee River drainage, Macon County, Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, estimated to be 480 units (160 cubic feet per unit) of chestnut extractwood, more or less. No bid of less than \$1.15 per unit will be considered. \$100 must be deposited with each bid to be applied on the purchase price, refunded or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina. A28-2tc—S11