

# Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

## CHURCH NOTES

**Highlands Baptist Church**  
 Rev. J. C. Benfield, Pastor  
 10 a. m.—Sunday School.  
 11 a. m.—Sermon.  
 7:30 p. m.—B. T. U.  
 8 p. m.—Sermon.

**Episcopal**  
**Church of the Incarnation**  
 Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Rector  
 10 a. m.—Sunday School.  
 11:00 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.

**Highlands Presbyterian Church**  
 Rev. H. T. Bridgman, Minister  
 10 a. m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.  
 11 a. m.—Worship Service and Sermon.  
 7:30 p. m.—Christian Young Peoples' League.

**Highlands Methodist Church**  
 Rev. J. S. Higgins, Pastor  
 10:00 a. m.—Sunday school.  
 11:00 a. m.—Sermon.  
 10 a. m.—Preaching at Horse Cove.  
 2:30 p. m.—Preaching at Clear Creek.

**Christian Science**  
 11 a. m.—Services every Sunday.  
 Postoffice Building.

## CASHIERS

**Church of the Good Shepherd**  
 Rev. Milton Sackett, Vicar  
 7:45 a. m.—Holy Communion every Sunday.  
 4:15 p. m.—Church School.  
 5 p. m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
 9 p. m.—Wednesdays—Vespers...

## SOLLENBERGER-SMITH

Mrs. Margaret Morton Smith of Highlands and Sebring, Fla., and John C. Sollenberger of Miami, Fla., were married at the Methodist parsonage in Clayton, Ga., on August 11, with the Rev. Henry, pastor of the church, officiating. Accompanying the couple to Clayton were Mrs. Sollenberger's two daughters, the Misses Virginia and Kathleen Smith, and her two aunts, Mrs. Lena L. Groover of New York City, and Mrs. Mary L. Groover of Columbus, Ga. Mrs. Daisy Talmadge Pitts of Athens, Ga., was also a member of the wedding party. Mrs. Sollenberger is continuing the management of Pierson Inn since the death of her mother, Mrs. Roberta L. Morton, who operated the Inn for many years as a summer hotel.

## MISS MCKINNEY BRIDE OF SGT. OSCAR CHASTEAIN

Miss Imogene McKinney of Highlands and Columbia, S. C., was married to Sergeant Oscar Chasteain of Fort Jackson, S. C., on August 5. The wedding took place in Lexington at the home of Miss Sara Boozer. The bride wore a dress of yellow lace with matching hat.

Mrs. Chasteain is the daughter of Mrs. Florence McKinney and the late T. G. McKinney, and a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McKinney. Mr. Chasteain is the son of Mrs. E. F. Chasteain of Highlands. He has been in service at Fort Jackson for the past 18 months.

## SILVER TEA FOR LIBRARY

Over \$75 was realized from the silver tea given at the library annex on the afternoon of August 11, with approximately 45 persons in attendance.

Miss Clarissa Ravenel arranged the beautiful centerpiece of garden flowers for the lace-covered tea table, where Miss Rebecca Nall poured. Assisting in entertaining and serving were Miss Marguerite Ravenel, Mrs. J. A. Hines, Mrs. Arthur L. Bliss, Mrs. F. H. Potts, the Misses Gertrude and Dorothea Harbison, Miss Marion Norton and Miss Jessie Potts.

## MISS NALL ELECTED LIBRARY PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting of the Hudson Library association, Miss Rebecca Nall was elected president of the association to succeed Miss Marguerite Ravenel, who asked to be relieved of the duties as president. The meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mrs. Frank H. Potts.

Officers serving with Miss Nall are: Mrs. J. A. Hines, first vice-president; Miss Mary J. Crosby, second vice-president (re-elected); secretary and treasurer, Miss Cora Miltmore and Miss Dorothea Harbison, re-elected. Mrs. Arthur L. Bliss and Mrs. Ralph M. Sargeant were re-elected on the board of trustees. New trustees are Mrs. Frank H. Potts and Miss Minnie D. Warren. The Misses Gertrude and Dorothea Harbison were reappointed co-librarians.

# CAST OF PLAY NEXT WEEK

## "Gold In The Hills" To Star Peggy Polhill As Heroine

A part of the prologue of "Gold in the Hills," or "The Dead Sister's Secret," which the Highlands Community theatre is presenting at the Museum Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 25, 26 and 27, says:

"Our little play will bring to you The kind of plots our fathers knew,  
 When good and evil never were diluted;  
 When heroes were 'all white' within,  
 And villains all black as sin—  
 And heroines were always persecuted."

The play is an old-fashioned melodrama, with a beautiful innocent heroine, a stalwart hero, a villain full of villainous deeds and intentions, and virtuous triumph at the final curtain. The play will bring before its audience many actors familiar to Highlands from the previous seasons' performances of the Community theatre, and several new talents.

Peggy Polhill, whose dramatic talent is not unknown to Highlands, has never before appeared in a local play. As Little Nell, the heroine, she gives appealing proof of the excellence of her training in the department of speech at Brenau college in Gainesville, Ga., and of the natural talent and flair for the stage that her graduating recital at Brenau so well indicated. Ann Edison, who appears as Barbara, Little Nell's sister, is also a newcomer to the Community theatre. As a Junior in the Thomasville, Ga. High school this year she won the Georgia State meet first prize in interpretive reading.

As Lizzie, the housekeeper, Eileen Ewart brings to our local stage one of the most versatile talents the Little Theatre has so far had an opportunity to enjoy. She received her degree in drama at the University of North Carolina. Miss Ewart has given exhibition dances in Florida and New York, and for the past several years has combined her interests in Actors' Service in New York City with her teaching of dance exercises.

Hampton Saussy, who plays Slade, the villain's servant, is another newcomer to the local theatre. He is from Columbia, S. C., where he has appeared in High school productions. Ann Little has worked in all other departments of the theatre for the past three years, and is appearing as an actress for the first time this season.

Jame Reese, who is active in the Atlanta theatre, will play the part of the villain, Ralph Mowbray, who plays the father, Jack Wilcox, who is the Bowery dance all proprietor. Harriet Zahner, as Mamie, the queen of the Bowery, and Freddy Allen, the hero, will all be remembered for their contributions to former plays.

The entire production is one of the most genuinely cooperative ventures Highlands has ever entered into. The Community theatre is donating its talent for the benefit of the Museum; the Museum is giving its building for the performances as well as for the rehearsals, the building of scenery and poster work; Highlands school, the Presbyterian church and the Masonic lodge are donating the use of chairs for the auditorium, and very few helping with the ticket sales in persons have been exempt from one way or another.

The consensus is that, particularly at a time like this, such an exhibition of democratic cooperative group activity merits the success hoped for it.

## CAZIARCS HOSTS AT DINNER PARTY

Colonel and Mrs. Elliott Caziarc were hosts at a dinner party Tuesday evening honoring Dr. and Mrs. Warner P. Davis of Lexington, Ky. Other guests were Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Bridgman, Mrs. John Deadwyler and Harley Smith of the U. S. Navy at Norfolk, Va. A flower arrangement in pastel shades of blue and pink formed the table centerpiece, and vases of white gladioli decorated the rooms.

Ten thousand acres of raw but rich Mississippi Delta land in southeastern Arkansas will be cleared, drained, and put into cultivation by Japanese evacuees from Pacific Coast states.

The meat production in the United States during 1942 is expected to be the largest on record, and the national goal of 21,700,000,000 pounds may be reached.

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## PERSONALS

Miss Anise Strain of Cullasaja has returned home after spending several days with Mrs. T. C. Harbison and her daughters at their home on the Walhalla road.

Miss Florence Waller is visiting relatives in St. Louis, Mo., and plans to take a business course while there.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jackson have announced the birth of a son on August 10 at Angel's clinic, who has been named Jonathan William.

Mrs. Harry R. Yarborough has returned to her home in West Palm Beach, Fla., after a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Sutton, at their summer place in Webbmont.

Mrs. Gaston Torrance of Birmingham, Ala., who is the guest of Mrs. J. K. Stoddard in Cashiers, is being honored with many social affairs here. Mrs. Torrance plans to visit friends in Highlands before returning to Birmingham.

Howard Pierson of Springfield, Mass., is visiting his mother, Mrs. A. R. Nall, and Mr. Nall at their home in Shortoff. Another son, Billy Nall, who enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps in the late Spring, is stationed at Douglas, Ga., where he is making daily flights.

Miss Louise Hunter, assistant postmaster at Pendleton, S. C., is spending her vacation here with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis. Tuesday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Davis were Mrs. M. M. Hunter and daughter, Miss Sallie Hunter, of Pendleton, and Mrs. W. L. Califf and two daughters, the Misses Virginia and Mary Lou Califf of North Charleston.

Mrs. J. E. Jussely and Mrs. David Lyle and small daughter, Nancy, of Charleston, arrived on Wednesday for a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Jussely's sisters, Mr. J. A. Hine and Miss Lula Hinson, at Chestnut Burr cottage.

The new school principal, W. C. Newton, and Mrs. Newton, with their two children, will occupy the former J. J. Smith cottage on East Main street. Mr. Newton was educated at Lenoir-Rhyne college at Hickory, his former home, and has been a teacher in the Franklin High school for the past three years.

Mrs. D. L. Tarry and Mrs. George Saussy entertained the Wednesday Card club last week at the home of Mrs. Tarry's uncle, Henry W. Sloan. A profusion of garden flowers decorated the home. Table prize winners were Mrs. Elliott Caziarc, Mrs. Tudor N. Hall, Mrs. G. B. Humphrey and Miss Sara Gilder.

Highlands friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. DuPree are advised that both Mr. and Mrs. DuPree have accepted teaching positions in the Tomasse Industrial school near Walhalla, S. C. Mr. DuPree has been pastor of the Coveille, Va. Presbyterian church since the resignation of his pastorate about 18 months ago.

Courtney Bateman of Columbia, S. C., is the guest of Hamp-

ton Saussy at the Saussy summer home on the Walhalla road.

A large congregation heard Dr. Warner P. Davis, guest preacher at the Methodist church Sunday morning, who spoke on "Life's Crisis," taking his text from Judges: 7:21. Dr. Davis is spending his vacation here with his father, W. S. Davis, and Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Jamie Wotton of Athens, Ga., is the guest of Miss Valerie Dougall at "Faraway" on Satulah mountain.

Miss Ethel Calloway, who has been working in Washington since the first of June, has returned home for a short vacation before resuming her teaching work in Highlands school.

A. F. Knight of Washington, D. C., has joined Mrs. Knight here for a visit with relatives.

## OFFICERS OF LEAGUE INSTALLED SUNDAY

Officers of the recently-organized Christian Young People's League were installed in a Sunday evening outdoor service by Dr. Dwight Winn of Korea, who told a beautiful Christian, Korean love story.

The fifteen charter members of the league are: Marie Neely, Margaret Neely, Jessie Potts, Edwin Shockey; Jack, Albert and Tom Bridgman; Buddy Thompson, Herbert Paul, Mack Neely, Maxie Wright, Charlie McDowell, June Thompson, Angela Anderson and Nancy Potts, with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney McCarty, adult advisors.

## MONROE REDDEN ELECTED

At the meeting of the State Democratic committee held in Raleigh on Tuesday, August 18, Monroe Redden of Hendersonville was elected state chairman of the Democratic committee, according to the recommendation of Governor Broughton. Mrs. B. B. Everett of Palmyra was elected vice-chairman and Arch T. Allen of Raleigh was reappointed secretary-treasurer.

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# Another Chapter Added To Early Highland Days

## Richard Harding Davis' Visit Recalled By Author

By ELIAS D. WHITE

In a letter to the editor, Elias D. White of La Verne, Calif., expresses the hope that the following sketch may be of interest to Franklin Press readers. He adds it to a valuable, historical article which was printed in the June 5, 1941, "Ten Years of Progress" edition of this newspaper, which was welcomed, especially by those whose forebears helped to make the history of those days. He lived in Highlands, and also his brother, Renwick White, who is now editor of the newspaper in Ajo, Ariz., and who likewise welcomes The Franklin Press.

The author writes: "Besides several members of my own family in this California town of 3,000, there is still another former citizen of old Macon. It is Mrs. Harrington, formerly Miss Laura Bryson, born and raised in Franklin. It is a growing cause of wonder to me how I got along without The Franklin Press for so many years. Truly, Macon county folks are scattered well nigh over the world. Do you not believe it would be of interest to Franklin Press readers generally to inform us how many subscribers you count West of the Mississippi?"

Across the meadow to the east of the S. T. Kelsey home, the land sloped downward to a creek. A hundred yards or more farther on stood a single-room log cabin, in which lived an old man (Huey Gibson) and his wife, Ann. The cabin was built previous to the arrival of Mr. Kelsey in 1875, but how long before is not known.

Neither Huey nor his wife could read or write. They were simple, friendly people who took kindly to the new settlers. Having knowledge of the country, they were able to be of assistance to their new neighbors in various ways. In turn, they were the recipients of many small kindnesses from the Kelsey family, which meant much to the old people who enjoyed no more than the stern necessities of life.

Characteristic of the people of the mountains, Ann kept her premises spotlessly clean. The

yard was scrupulously brushed, and he told my mother once she "got shot of the fleas by scalding the floor with cold water."

In the early Fall of 1876 Richard Harding Davis, journalist-novelist, was touring this mountain section for Harper's magazine. He needed a guide, and ran up on, or was directed to Huey Gibson for jaunts that were not too strenuous. The old man's services proved satisfactory—his homely speech and mannerisms equally so.

The great journalist spent some ten days in this vicinity, and very naturally fell in love with the wonderful mountain country. He was greatly enamored of the people, their greatheartedness and rugged, honest character. The material accumulated for his magazine pleased the man immensely, and the time came for his departure all too soon. He paid his friendly guide off in good, honest coin of the realm—probably more than the old man had ever seen in all his life before. How Huey must have opened his eyes!

Doubtless it will be guessed—and rightly so—that Huey and Ann Gibson should come in for some mention in the forthcoming production of Mr. Davis' pen. There was a character sketch of them containing fragments of conversation in their quaint vernacular. A picture, too; there was of the couple seated at the front of their cabin—Huey's chair tilted back against cabin wall—each with pipe in mouth.

When paying Huey for his services, Mr. Davis likewise presented the pair with a gift, the likes of which certainly they had not owned and probably had never seen—an alarm clock. That night the precious clock was placed on the ledge of rock over the fireplace, and the two retired. Some time between midnight and day, Old Ann suddenly sat bolt upright in bed—an unearthly noise such as she had never heard before sounding in her ears. Not another instant did she hesitate, but awoke her partner, dead to the world, with "Huey, Huey, get up and git yer gun!—thar's a varmint in the house!"

Mr. Davis had wound and set the alarm.

This tale, along with others, and included sketches, enlivened (Continued on Page Eight)

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