

# Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

## Church Notes

### METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., Minister  
**First Sunday:**  
 11:00 a.m.—Cashiers  
 3: p.m.—Horse Cove  
**Second Sunday:**  
 11:00 a.m.—Highlands  
 3:00 p.m.—The Flats  
**Third Sunday:**  
 11:00 a.m.—Cashiers  
 3:00 p.m.—Norton  
**Fourth Sunday:**  
 11:00 a.m.—Highlands  
 3:00 p.m.—Clear Creek

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Rector  
**Second Sunday:**  
 11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and sermon.  
**Fourth Sunday:**  
 4:30 p.m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Thom Carter, Pastor  
 10 a.m.—Sunday school  
 11 a.m.—Sermon  
 7 p.m.—B.T.U.  
 8 p.m.—Sermon  
 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.—Prayer service

## Early Spring Flowers Blooming In Highlands

Highlands is enjoying unusually early spring weather. The maple trees, pear trees, forsythia, jonquils and other early flowers are in bloom. Peach-tree and dogwood blossom-buds are showing color and the thermometer registered summer temperatures over the past weekend.

## Large Crowd Attend Associational B. T. U.

The Associational B.T.U. conference at the Highlands Baptist church Friday night drew a good representation from Co-wee, Franklin and Ridgecrest. The devotional was conducted by the Rev. John Baty, deacon B.T.U. director. Miss Madge Lewis of the Haywood association was speaker of the evening. A buffet supper was served during the social hour with Mrs. Pearl Potts, B.T.U. director in charge, assisted by Mrs. J. L. Hicks and Mrs. Joe Baty.

## Highlands Red Cross Reports \$2,600 Collected

The total to date in the Highlands Red Cross War Fund drive is \$2600 according to figures given by Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., chairman. To this amount will be added the proceeds from the double feature movie this week at the School Theatre with Lum and Abner in "So This is Washington" and the Rough Riders in "Below the Border." Mr. Medlin said also that there are a few other collections yet to be turned in. On the committee with Mr. Medlin are Mayor W. H. Cobb, F. B. Cook, C. J. Anderson, Wade Sutton, W. R. Potts, O. F. Summer, Miss Marion Norton and Miss Ruth Carter

## Miss Norton Succeeds Mrs. Knight As Operator

Mrs. A. F. Knight, who has been manager of the Western Carolina telephone exchange here for the past year, tendered her resignation on March 15th and has been succeeded by Miss Marion Norton. Miss Norton will continue in her present position at the bank and will have night hours at the telephone exchange. Other operators in the Highlands office at present are Mrs. Manila Krug and Mrs. Winnie Littleton.

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## Highlands Citizens Sponsor Red Cross Dance

Local citizens sponsored a dance at Helen's Barn Saturday night for the benefit of the Highlands Branch of the Macon County Red Cross Chapter, which netted approximately \$80.00. Twenty overseas veterans who are taking special training at Clemson College were among those attending the dance. Fourteen of the soldiers were guests at the Potts House, the others returning to Clemson after the dance. Captain J. L. Shields was leader of the group.

## Special Services To Be Held at Episcopal Church

At the monthly supper meeting at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, held Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tudor N. Hall, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Rector, announced that the three-hour Good Friday service is to be held at the Highlands church this year. Mr. Morgan said also that a Maundy Thursday service will be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of March 29, and that Sunday morning Easter service will be held at 11 o'clock.

At the business session following the supper, the raising of funds for the purchase of a new organ was brought before the meeting by Mrs. W. S. Davis and a small beginning made in pledges. The April supper meeting will be held with Mrs. Elsie Tarry.

## Personal Mention

Mrs. W. L. Watson and two children, Linda and Johnny, of Mechanicville, N. Y., arrived last week to spend the season. At present they are visiting relatives and are looking for a suitable cottage to lease or buy. Mr. Watson is engaged in defense work in New York State for the duration. Mrs. Watson is the former Miss Mary McKinney.

W. S. Davis left Wednesday for a visit with his daughters in Commerce and Atlanta, and his grand-children in Hampton, Ga. Mr. Davis plans to be away for a week or ten days.

S. L. Stokes of Washington, D. C., was a weekend guest at Hotel Edwards looking after preparations for opening his summer home on the Brevard road. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes plan to spend a great deal of their time here after his retirement from business on the first of June. They bought the former summer home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Douglas a few years ago and have done extensive remodeling and relandscaping.

Corporal Lester Reed of Fort Sill, Okla., has been spending a furlough with his family at their home in the Broadway community.

Private First Class Harvey Green is at home for a furlough after 12 months of overseas service.

Mrs. O. E. Young left for New York Tuesday on a purchasing trip for "Witts' End", her Main Street gift shop.

Mrs. John Picklesimer has returned from West Palm Beach, Fla., where she has been visiting her two daughters since last October. Mrs. Picklesimer was accompanied to Highlands by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Will Crane, their daughter, Carol, and Mr. Crane's brothers, Irvin and Ab Crane who were called home because of the illness of their mother, Mrs. Betty Crane, whose condition is reported to be improved.

# AMERICAN HEROES

by JULIAN OLLENDORFF



WHEN a Jap 75-mm gun threatened to halt landing parties at Bougainville, Marine Sgt. Robert A. Owens placed four men to cover fire from adjacent bunkers and then charged into the mouth of the cannon. He entered the emplacement through the fire port, drove the gun crew out and insured their destruction before he himself was wounded. War Bonds helped pay for the guns with which his men covered his heroic feat. Sgt. Owens was awarded a Navy Cross.

AFTER DRAWING BY SGT. PAT DENMAN, IN 'THE LEATHERNECK'

## Atlanta Men Interview Farm Woodland Owners

W. G. Yarbrough and W. R. Barbour, of Atlanta, Ga., were in Macon county last week interviewing farm woodland owners as to an estimate of the chestnut extract wood production in Macon county.

Farm woodland owners in this county are being urged by the Government to increase production of chestnut extract wood in an effort to meet the mounting demand for tannin to process leather for military uses.

Tannin has been placed on the critical materials list of the Army and Navy Munitions Board, as its use is absolutely necessary in production of leather for shoes, gun scabbards, harness and many other military items.

Extract companies point out that imports of tanning materials ceased near the beginning of the war and that blight-killed chestnut trees are now the most important raw material for tannin. Further, no practical substitute for vegetable tannin has been developed for tanning leather for shoe soles, and the demand for this use in war is stupendous.

Most of the nation's chestnut wood is centered in the Southern Appalachians. During the continued winter rains many large timber operations in remote mountain areas have been forced to shut down. Unable to transport timber from these operations, extract plants are appealing to farmers to get out all the extract wood they can produce to help meet the war supply emergency.

Cutting and hauling wood during the weeks before spring plowing gives the farmers the opportunity to earn extra cash through his own labor, use of his team, truck or tractor, and the sale of dead chestnut trees that in time would become too rotten for marketing.

General specifications for marketing extract wood call for sticks to be cut to 60-inch lengths and measured in 160 cubic foot units. Sticks between 4 and 6 inches diameter at the small end should not be split; from 6 to 10 inches they should be halved, and above that diameter they should be quartered or split to comparable size. The wood must not be rotten.

Full information on marketing extract wood can be obtained by farmers and other woods workers through forestry representatives of the U. S. Forest Service, the State Division of Forestry, Extension Foresters and County Agents.

Farmers are advised to be assured of a buyer before harvesting any forest products for the market and to obtain specifications from the purchaser.

Mrs. Edgar Krug has returned from a four weeks' visit in Osprey, Fla., where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harold Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Blanchard, who spent the winter at their cottage in Pomona, Fla., are expected to return this week to "Snug Harbor", their home in Blanchard Court.

First Lieutenant James N. Penland writes his wife, Mrs. Mozelle Penland, that he is recuperating in a French hospital from slight wounds received in action in Germany on March 8.

Mr. Alec Edwards has returned to his home in Horse Cove after spending several months as a patient in the Angel hospital in Franklin.

## Apply Needed Lime But Not Too Much

"Get all the lime you need, but need all you use," is a slogan adopted for North Carolina farmers by the agronomy specialists of the Extension Service at State College.

In the "Agronomy Suggestions for February" there are three drawings which show why lime is applied to acid soils, how the proper amount of lime benefits the plant, and how too much lime may cause crop losses.

Where lime is not applied on acid soils, iron and aluminum go into solution and they keep the plant from getting sufficient phosphate, the agronomists explain.

Where the proper amount of lime is added to a soil, soil acids are neutralized, and calcium and magnesium are supplied the plant. Also, phosphate applied in fertilizers can be fully used by the plant.

Where too much lime is added, diseases may become worse and some plants may die. Also, such plant foods as manganese, boron, and iron cannot be used by the plant.

"Unless you have had a soil test made, do not apply more than one ton of lime per acre," say the agronomists.

Free soils tests may be obtained and growers can get help from the county agents and vocational agricultural teachers in taking soil samples and preparing them for shipment. Lime requirements for the various crops differ and, therefore, the grower should consider the rotation he is following in determining just how much lime to apply to a particular field.

In the "good old days" they watered the milk; today they water the cow at an automatic drinking fountain.

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## FAT NEEDED

"Fats and oils hold a key position among the world's important foodstuffs and industrial raw materials—in peace and in war," proclaims War Food Administration. They are the most concentrated form of energy-bearing foods, and indispensable raw materials for many wartime processes. After cooking fat has no further food use, government asks housewives to salvage every drop so that industry will have adequate fats and oils from which to make medicine, munitions, soaps, paints, varnishes, synthetic rubber, and hundreds of other wartime necessities.

## Good Care Of Bees Will Triple Honey

Get ready for the transfer of bees from old fashioned box and log gums to modern hives at the beginning of the first important early spring honey flow, says Prof. O. Stevens of the Zoology Department at State College.

He explains that one good colony is worth more than a half dozen mediocre colonies. One may get a start in bees either by buying complete colonies or by obtaining bees and placing them in modern hives. Swarms may be obtained in one of three ways, according to Stevens. Packages of bees may be bought from reliable bee raisers. Second, swarms may be obtained during the swarming season from other nearby beekeepers. Third, bees may be transferred from old fashioned gums to modern hives.

Stevens cites several advantages of the modern hive: with removable frames, it is possible to make sure that enough honey is left for the bees; to find old queens and replace them with vigorous queens; to regulate the brood chamber so as to produce more worker bees and fewer drones; to control swarming more effectively; and to take off surplus honey without the messy job of cutting it out.

With better management of bees, North Carolina should easily produce three times as much honey as at present, according to Stevens. Practical suggestions on improved beekeeping may be found in Extension Circular No. 274. A free copy of this publication may be obtained at the office of the county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh.

## Smoky Mountain District Hold Court of Honor

One of the largest Boy Scout meetings held in Franklin recently was that of the Smoky Mountain District Court of Honor held in the basement of the Franklin Methodist church, with John F. Corbin, advancement chairman, of Sylva, presiding.

The invocation was given by the Rev. W. T. Medlin, pastor of the Highlands Methodist church and "God Bless America" was sung by the group, led by the Franklin Boy Scouts.

Ten tenderfoot scouts were inducted by F. V. Smith, assistant Scout Executive of the Daniel Boone Council which comprises 14 counties. Those from Sylva Troop No. 1, included Robert J. Quigley, Billy A. Sutton, Dearl Monteith, James W. Ledford, Derl Monteith and Ben Sumner.

The tenderfoot Scouts from Franklin Troop No. 1, were Grady Greene, Floyd E. Cruse, Max Duane Cruse. The second class award was presented by John D. Alsop to the following boys: Lewis Penland of Franklin Troop No. 1, and Billy Barnes, William Holden, James Cunningham, R. L. Warren, Jr., and Robert Lee Madison, of

Dogwood trees of sufficient size can be cut and used in making shuttles. Ask your Extension farm forester or county agent about the dogwood market.

Squirting the first stream of milk on the floor, when milking a cow, may help to spread mastitis, says Dr. C. D. Grinnells, Agricultural Experiment Station veterinarian at State College.

Dairy production payments will be continued through June 30, according to a recent announcement. After that, it's up to the Congress.

With 300,000 less hogs on North Carolina farms, it is more important than ever to try to save an extra pig per litter, say Extension livestock specialists at State College.

Sylva Troop, No. 1.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, district chairman, presented the first class award to John D. Alsop, Jr. A merit badge for carpentry was presented to Carroll Ashe, of Sylva troop by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt. A training certificate was presented to James Hauser by F. V. Smith. He also recognized the new Scout troop No. 7, from Highlands. There were 14 members and their Scout Master, the Rev. W. T. Medlin in attendance from Highlands.

Scout Cullen Bryant, of the Franklin troop, served as Court Clerk.

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