

Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

MISS VIRGINIA WESTBROOK HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Virginia Westbrook entertained with a Valentine and birthday party Thursday night at the home of her parents, and Mrs. John B. Westbrook, on the Franklin road. Twelve guests enjoyed the evening of games. The white birthday cake with its 14 candles was a surprise gift from Mrs. Louis Edwards, who assisted Mrs. Westbrook in serving refreshments.

Personal Mention

Miss Marion Norton, her brother, Herman Norton, and Miss LaVerne Crisp returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Following a visit with their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Mitchell and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ryan left for their home in Hawkinsville, Ga., Saturday. They were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Mitchell, who returned to Highlands Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Potts left Sunday for a vacation trip to Melbourne and other Florida cities.

J. Harvey Trice and W. C. Ball, of Thomasville, Ga., are expected here on a business trip this week and will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Cook.

Theatre's Members Scattered

Friends here of the Highlands Community theatre group will be interested to know how some of the group's widely scattered members are occupying their time during the winter season.

Arthur Little, who has directed most of the productions here and who will be director for the 1948 summer season, is now directing "What Every Woman Knows" at Earlham college, Earlham, Ind., where he is professor of drama and speech. Mrs. Little is, as usual, assisting with costumes. It is understood that Jon Little made his first appearance on stage in the mob scene of "Androcles and the Lion", the Shaw play which Mr. Little directed at the college before Christmas.

James Reese, director for the HCT production of 1946 and previously known to Highlands as a character actor of professional ability, is now with the Barten theatre, touring the Southern states in "The Importance of Being Earnest", in which he plays the part of the rector, and in "Candida", in which he appears as "Burgess", the role which he took in the HCT production of the same play in 1941.

Mrs. Thomas Fitz Patrick, member of the HCT board, is chairman of the faculty wives' drama group for the year at Iowa State, where Mr. Fitz Patrick is head of the department of architecture.

Miss Winifried Eskridge, another board member, is spending the winter with her mother, Mrs. Robert Eskridge, in New Orleans, La. Col. Ralph H. Mowbray, president of the Theatre, is touring the South before visiting his sisters in Memphis, Tenn. Col. Mowbray plans to return to Highlands shortly after the first of March to help make plans for the Theatre's spring production.

The board of the HCT has announced the addition of the following active members: Doug-

LEGION PLANS ORATORY MEET

Highlands Post Offers Prizes In National Contest

The Americanism activity of the American Legion will be carried to the high schools again this year in the eleventh annual oratorical contest. It was announced here. First prize for the national winner will be a \$4,000 scholarship to the college or university of the winner's choice. Smaller scholarships will be awarded to the three next highest.

Highlands Memorial Post 370 is sponsoring the local contest and will award the winner a \$25 bond and the runner-up, \$10 in cash, with certificates of award. The winner will compete in county, district, state and national contests until final winner or until eliminated.

The subject of the contest is "The United States Constitution", to be divided into two parts, a 10-minute prepared oration, and a four-minute extemporaneous talk on the Bill of Rights, which is the first 10 amendments to the Constitution.

Contestants at Highlands high school have been divided into two groups, two winners in each group to compete in the high school finals March 10 at the school auditorium. Eliminations will be held March 4 and 5.

The 10 contestants are: Group one, Vic Wood, twelfth grade, Joyce Burnette, tenth grade, John (Bud) Houston, eleventh grade, Paul Price, eleventh grade, and Marie Talley, ninth grade; in group two are Ann Anderson, twelfth grade, Charlie Norton, tenth grade, Mack Hopper, tenth grade, Arnold Keener, eleventh grade, and Kathleen Potts, ninth grade.

Remembers Month When Temperature Averaged 24 Below

While Highlands has shivered in one of its worst winters for cold, snow and ice in many years, J. Walter Reese recalls that in 1888 the average temperature for one entire month was 24 degrees below zero, and that the winter's snow and ice that year did not disappear until the last of May.

Mr. Reese also recalled that 20 degrees below zero was not uncommon winter weather in the early 1890's which he said was money-making time for himself and other ice-cutters, since ice-cutters were paid 25 cents an hour while regular labor was paid for at the rate of 75 cents a day. The ice was stored in specially-built houses, lasting through the following summer and sometimes into late September.

Mr. Reese was born in Staunton, Va. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Reese, were among the first Southern families to settle in Highlands, coming here in 1885 in answer to Mrs. S. P. Ravenel's advertisement in "The Eagle" (Highlands' first newspaper), for a painter to paint the Highlands Presbyterian church. The advertisement

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Valentine Carnival Nets \$590 For Hospital Fund

Saturday night's Valentine carnival, sponsored by the Satulah club and the Rotary club, netted \$590.41 for the Highlands Community hospital fund.

Under the clever salesmanship of Auctioneer Benny McGlamery, of Franklin, ably assisted by Ross Zachary, also of Franklin, one cake sold for \$125, and others were auctioned for tidy sums. The circle around the entire Helen's Barn dance floor was jammed with cake-walkers each time a walk was called until the 40 or more cakes were sold.

After the cake walks, games and square dancing began. A source of much attraction to the children was the fish pond. The refreshment room where sandwiches and coffee were served was well patronized, and Dr. J. M. Valentine, dressed as a French chef, dispensed "hot-dogs".

The country ham was won by A. B. Potts. Miss Mary Lou Hedden was voted the prettiest girl and Earle Crunkleton the ugliest man.

In the prettiest girl contest, (Miss) Willie Hays was a striking figure, dressed as a lady, with plenty of rouge and lipstick, though his shoes were slightly conspicuous! Others festive in carnival regalia were John H. C. Perry, the bouncer; Mrs. Tom Harbison, Gypsy fortune teller; Mrs. Valentine, Gypsy fiddler; Mr. and Mrs. Tudor N. Hall, Henry Cleaveland and Mrs. Wm. A. Matthews, booth attendants.

The use of the dance hall was given by Mrs. Helen Wilson, and the musicians, who gave their services for the entertainment, were Mr. and Mrs. Mell Keener and their son, Donald

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S. C. Russell, treasurer of the Highlands Community hospital, announced the following summary of receipts: Cash in bank, \$2,590.25; cash pledged \$3,503; material and equipment pledged, \$4,079; labor and services pledged, \$4,859.50; present value of bond, donated by Satulah club, \$380; making a total of \$16,402.75, exclusive of the land given by Miss Eva G. Cleaveland, which has a present value of approximately \$12,000.

Mrs. Cobb

Heads Presbyterian Auxiliary

Mrs. W. H. Cobb was elected president of the Woman's auxiliary of the Highlands Presbyterian church at the February meeting, held at Hotel Edwards Wednesday, with Mrs. Louis Edwards as hostess. Mrs. R. B. DuPree was program leader, using the topic "One God, One World".

Other officers elected at the meeting include Mrs. Helen Thompson, vice-president; Mrs. O. F. Summer, secretary; and Mrs. C. J. Anderson, treasurer. Miss Dorothea Harbison was re-elected historian.

Cause secretaries are: Spiritual life and evangelism, Mrs. Jack B. Davidson; foreign missions, Mrs. Louis Rice; synods and Presbytery's home missions, Mrs. Sidney McCarty; Christian education, Mrs. R. B. Dupree; literature, Miss Dorothea Harbison; social service, Mrs. Harry Holt; assembly's home missions, Mrs. Tommy Hunt; social activities, Mrs. Louis Edwards; pastor's aid, Mrs. O. F. Summer.

The new officers will be installed at the March meeting, scheduled to be held with Mrs. J. B. Davidson at the manse.

Miss Cook Named Head Of Her Class At Brenau

Miss Mary Bascom Cook, student at Brenau academy, Gainesville, Ga., spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr.

J. W. Brockway Promoted, Will Be In Atlanta

Jack W. Brockway, territory representative for the Borden Cheese company in South Carolina and Western North Carolina for the past 10 months, has recently been promoted to assistant branch manager of the Southeastern district, covering North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama and Florida, with headquarters in Atlanta.

Mr. Brockway said that the family will continue their residence in Highlands until next fall.

and Mrs. Frank B. Cook. Miss Cook has recently been elected president of her class and vice-president of the under-classmen.

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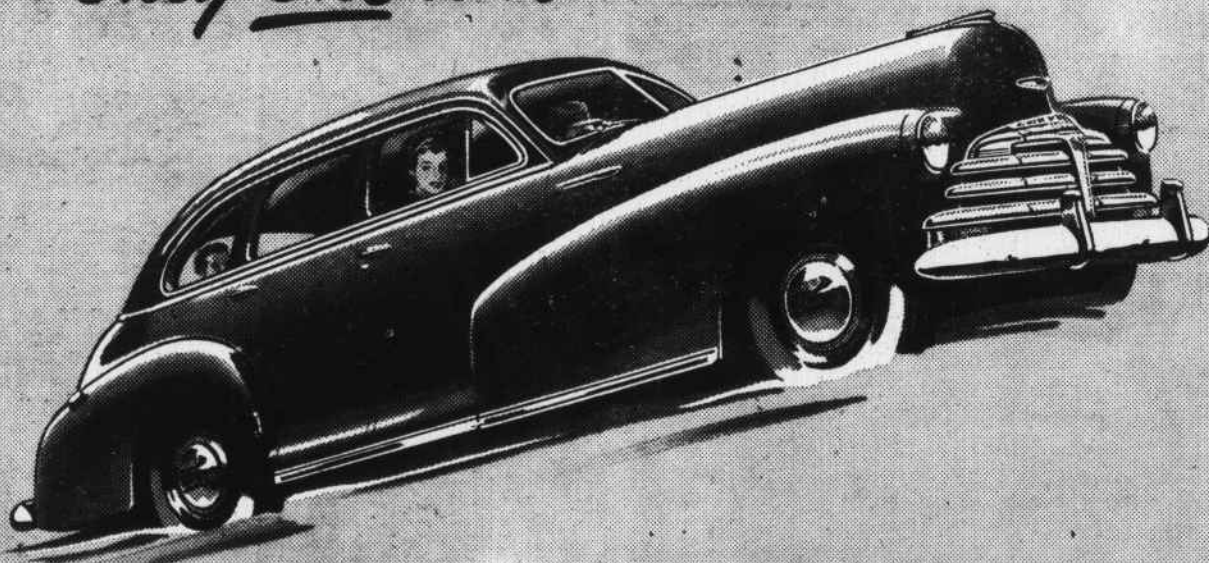
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