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Activities of the Highlands Museum

With the ever-increasing activities of the Museum, the need for a new building is quite apparent. Since a modern museum is an educational program and undertakes to interest and instruct its members and patrons in the natural resources of the region, a large percentage of the work is of a personal character. Definite accounts of the life of the region are made clear by the methods of visual education which call for class rooms, projection equipment, habitat groups, but more than anything else time for development of the materials collected by those interested in the work. The museum prepares charts and maps and various accessories to aid in its story-telling program, and believes in giving the children opportunities for learning how things are done in a museum laboratory.

The principal feature of this week was the Lecture by Mr. B. S. Colburn on Gems and Minerals of North Carolina which was presented in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, August 15th. This lecture was illustrated by a series of wonderful gem stones and minerals from the extensive collection of the lecturer, who has spent more than twenty years in the development of his collections. Perhaps few collections in the country, certainly no other collection is in the South, are equal to his. The outstanding gem in his collection is that beautiful mineral, known as hiddenite, and which is the rarest of all the varieties of spodumene, and found only in North Carolina. Mr. Colburn is a great lover of the beautiful, and can tell some wonderful stories of Nature's mineral treasures. It is hoped that an expedition under the auspices of the Museum will materialize with the objective of visiting Asheville, and inspecting the museum in Biltmore Forest which Mr. Colburn had developed with such care.

The Director of the Museum reported that in a recent meeting of the American Malacological Union,

at Ann Arbor, Michigan, which he attended as institutional representative of the Museum, that great interest was expressed in the organization of the Southern Biological Congress, which has been invited to hold its next meeting in Highlands, and to make Highlands its official headquarters.

The Wild Flower Preservation Society has, through the kindness of a recent visitor, Dr. Williams, of Washington, made a gift of educational literature which has had significant interest for the children in their nature work. The president of the Society has assured the Director that he will visit Highlands because of his personal interest in this educational and scientific program.

The Membership Committee reports encouraging progress in its campaign for new members. Cards are being issued to all who affiliate with the Museum and Laboratory, and it is hoped that the success of this campaign will expedite the plans for an adequate museum home.

It is interesting to know from an examination of our guest register that visitors from practically all sections of the country pass through our little hole in the wall, and many of these show their appreciation of our efforts by either taking out a membership or assuring us that specimens of one kind or another will be sent to us for our educational work. The classes of children show much enthusiasm in their work, the objective of the Museum being to develop original interests, and train them to appreciation of things beautiful as well as the conservation of life in all its forms.

Those who are in reach of the Museum should not fail to see the present exhibit of rare and beautiful minerals, which are correlated with the fluorescent show. Some of these are now owned by the Museum, and others are lent for this special occasion. One of

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Additional Power to Country Club Section

A new transmission line is being built from the main city line, to carry additional electricity to the Country Club, one mile out. The line will carry 6,900 volts to the substation to be built at the club, where the power will be reduced to 2,300 volts.

PLEASE REGISTER AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Quite frequently we have noted a number of people stopping other people or going into stores to inquire whether certain friends of theirs are in town. If everyone would make it a point to register at the Chamber of Commerce, located in the Bank Building, it would facilitate matters for themselves and friends when seeking each other. So we urge all summer visitors to REGISTER and DO IT NOW!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The office of THE HIGHLANDER is now located in the Jackson County Bank Building, in the section occupied by the Chamber of Commerce. The editor will be in the office every afternoon from three to five to accept news items, advertisements, and receive subscriptions and donation to THE HIGHLANDER. The editor will be glad to give any information visitors to Highlands might want to obtain. Although the shades are drawn on the door, the door will be open during those hours. COME IN AND LET'S GET ACQUAINTED, won't you?

Rianhard Joins Hole in One Club

Mr. Lockwood Rianhard, of Atlanta, Georgia, made a hole-in-one on the Country Club golf course last Thursday. This is the first ace hole to be made this season on that course.

School Days Once Again

The Highlands School will open on Monday, September 13th. The date has been advanced in order to give the children more opportunity to work for a longer period during the tourist season here. The same teachers which taught in the Highlands School last year will be in their places at that time. Additional information will be given in next issue of The Highlander.

DILLARD ROAD BEING SURVEYED NOW

The Highway Engineers are surveying and locating the road between the town of Highlands and the Country Club. The Dillard Road proper begins just below the Club. Thad Smith, city engineer, is head of the survey; and it is said that this new road is the best located and will be the finest constructed of any road in this section, with the possible exception of Route 107.

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Miss Helen Moffett and Miss Margaret Cruise returned to their homes in Miami, Florida, after spending their annual visit in the Potts House.

Mr. Earl Vance and Mr. Coyle E. Moore, from Tallahassee, Florida, are spending some time with their wives at Camp Sequoia. Mrs. Vance and Mrs. Moore conduct this camp for younger boys and girls each summer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Whittier and son are stopping at the Marett Guest Cottage on Bear Mountain for a time. They are from Frankfort, Kentucky.

Mary Thornton, of Hartwell, Georgia, and well known in Highlands, together with Joe Harris, of Belton, South Carolina, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall on Sunday.