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## The Assets of Highlands

(Editor's Note.—The following is the text of a speech made by Guy Paul at the graduation exercises of the Highlands High School this spring and is printed here as being worthy of preservation, and in response to many requests.)

As we gaze out upon the wonderful display of nature's handiwork which surrounds us, we can only get a glimpse of the many assets which can be developed in the near future to make Highlands and Western North Carolina the practical playground for the citizens of the entire forty-eight States and many foreign countries. A person living in the United States today does not have to go to some distant land to find the climate, beautiful scenery, mountains and waterfalls which he is looking for. He only needs to drive a relatively short distance to enjoy all these things needful to good health, happiness and proper management of business.

On the North plateau of Satulah Mountain lies Highlands at an elevation higher than that of any other incorporated town east of the Rockies. In this delightful summer retreat the thermometer has only once reached as high as 87 degrees throughout a period of forty years of official recording. With an average altitude of 4118 feet above sea level, insect pests are absent.

The town of Highlands, in the heart of the Nantahala National Forest, is unique among Western North Carolina communities. It offers a variety of scenery unequalled by few sections of the entire country and on every turn the visitor finds before him a delightfully panoramic view of the surrounding territory.

Although Highlands is 18 miles from railroad it is easily accessible to Asheville, Franklin, N. C.; Seneca, S. C., and Atlanta. The new State highway number 28 from Bat Cave to Murphy leads through Highlands and Franklin. The road between these two towns is spectacular with the beauty of the upper Cullasaja Falls, the stream chasm of the lower falls and the wild laurel-bordered rapids of the Cullasaja river.

Let us now take into consideration some of the recreational assets of Highlands. Probably the most outstanding recreational advantage of Highlands is golf. The Highlands country club some time ago opened one of the finest mountain golf courses in the world. The world's leading golfers play on this 18-hole course each summer. A spacious club house with numerous cottages, including that of world-famed Bobby Jones, are on

the grounds. The Nantahala National Forest maintains bridal path in the forests surrounding Highlands and to points of scenic interest. Numerous lakes afford every advantage for water sports. Chief among these lakes are Sequoia, Mirror, Lindenwood, Highlands Estates and Ravenel. Short hikes take one to the summit of near-by mountains from which parts of four States can be seen. These peaks range in elevation up to over 5,000 feet above sea level. Fishing, dancing, tennis and moving pictures are also favorite recreational advantages.

Scenic attractions also add to the assets of Highlands. Outstanding among these are Sloan's garden, unique flower gardens on Satulah Mountain. The outlay and general effect of these gardens make them among the most attractive of any open to the public. In the forests surrounding Highlands, wild flowers, including veritable gardens of gorgeous Rhododendron and Azalea, grow in profusion. The Primeval Forest contains acres of virgin timber, among which are hemlock, pine, spruce, chestnut, oak, maple, dogwood and flowering shrubs. The largest cherry tree in the world grows in this forest. Thundering waters plunge through deep gorges and over cliffs to form scores of falls of surpassing beauty. Bridal Veil, Glen, Cullasaja and Highlands are among the most impressive. Highway number 28 passes behind Bridal Veil Falls two miles west of Highlands to form a scenic and engineering wonder that is noted throughout the United States. Mountains and cliffs include Satulah Mountain, the summit of which is one and a half miles from Highlands. It is nearest town and offers one of the finest views. The altitude is 4,400 feet above sea level. Whitesides Mountain, 4,930 feet, is the largest mountain in Eastern America, the face of which is a white-splotted, perpendicular granite wall 1,800 feet high. Other nearby mountains are Bearpen, Fodderstack, Yellow and Shortoff. Sunset Rocks, Eyebrow Cliffs, Granite City and the Bowery are among the minor cliffs and elevations. Grounds of numerous estates in and around Highlands are also attractive scenic points.

Despite the ruggedness of the primeval uplands, practically every need and facility found in a modern town five times its size are to be enjoyed in Highlands. Including such outstanding advantages as a library, newspaper and banking facilities. The Highlands Museum of Natural History and Bio-

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## Special Program To Be Held at Helen's Barn on Labor Day

One can always be sure of a night of great enjoyment when that night is spent in the grand company to be found at Helen's Barn. Announcement is made that on the night of Labor Day, September 6th, in addition to the regular square and round dancing a special program has been arranged. This program will feature the Personality Twins from Hendersonville in singing and tap dancing. These performers are past masters in the art of tap dancing. The program will also include an old-time buck and wing dance contest for which prizes will be awarded, and other features. No one should miss this night if they are looking for an evening of good, wholesome fun. On Friday of the same week, September 10th, the Cherokee Indian dancing team will appear at Helen's Barn in two intermission shows. No one should miss seeing them. See ad. in this copy of The Highlander.

## HUDSON LIBRARY FOOD SALE

The committee in charge of the food sale for the Hudson Library held last Thursday are to be congratulated on the response and success of the event. The sale was held in the store next to the barber shop on Main Street and was in charge of Mrs. O. E. Young and the Misses Harbison, who were ably assisted by the Misses Jessie and Nancy Potts. Mrs. Young was chairman of the committee, the other members being Mrs. F. H. Potts and the Misses Gertrude and Dorothea Harbison. The sale netted \$22.55 for the library funds.

Those making donations to the sale included Mesdames C. J. Anderson, F. Bloxham, S. H. Crunkleton, Wm. Culbertson, W. S. Davis, G. D. Edwards, T. C. Harbison, W. A. Hays, H. C. Hetzel, G. W. Marett, Guy Paul, F. H. Potts, Roy Potts, J. E. Root, A. G. Spencer, F. L. Wideman, O. E. Young, Carl Zoellner and the Misses Harbison and Bess Hines.

Friends of Mrs. DaCamara will be pleased to know that she has returned to her home at Shortoff and is improving after her recent automobile accident.

Mrs. Stockton Broome, of Atlanta, accompanied by her friends, Mrs. John P. Stewart, has arrived in Highlands to spend the vacation with her father, Mr. C. R. Wilcox, of Jacksonville.

## Annual Meeting of Highlands Museum And Biological Research Laboratory

The annual meeting of the above organization which was held at the laboratory on the afternoon of Saturday, August 28th, was both interesting and illuminating. The president, Dr. W. C. Coker, was in the chair and in the course of his remarks outlined the progress that had been made in the work during the past year. In all five research scholarships had been awarded to fellows for research work this summer. Two of these came from the University of North Carolina, two from Duke University . . . the first time that Duke has shown any interest in the work . . . and one from Alabama. The property adjoining the laboratory and front on Main Street, consisting of six lots, had been purchased for further development of the work and Dr. Coker offered as a gift to the organization a further lot which was accepted with thanks. Research work was carried on this summer with Salamanders, land and water fungi, trilliums, birds, and molluscan life.

Mr. H. E. Wheeler gave a report of the activities and exhibits of the Museum, telling of the work with the nature study classes for the younger children and adults and of the interest shown in the various exhibits. He also spoke of the lectures and expressed his personal gratitude to the lecturers for their services. In his report he pleaded for the support of the local people in the work and urged the provision of more adequate quarters for exhibits and class-room work with the nature study groups.

Two trustees were elected at the meeting. Miss Gertrude Harbison was elected to succeed her father, who rendered such yeoman service to the organization, and Dr. H. L. Blomquist, of Duke University, was elected to succeed Miss Charlotte B. Elliott, who resigned.

After the general meeting there was a meeting of the trustees at which the officers were re-elected. Mr. H. E. Wheeler was re-elected director of the Museum for the ensuing year and it was decided to purchase cases for the proper housing of a butterfly collection for the Museum. The officers of the organization are Dr. W. C. Coker, president; Dr. L. R. Hessler, vice-president; Dr. Clark Foreman, secretary, and Professor William Lippincott, treasurer.

Mr. Chas. Janvier, of Buffalo, N. Y., arrived on Tuesday to spend his vacation with Judge and Mrs. John Janvier at King's Inn.