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Baptist — 8:30-11 a.m. & 8 p.m.
 Methodist — 11 a.m.
 Presbyterian — 9 & 11 a.m.
 Episcopal — 8-9:30-11 a.m.
 Catholic — 10 and 11:15 a.m.
 Christian Science — 11 a.m.

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The Weather

HIGHLANDS		
	High	Low
Aug. 8	80	52 Rain
Aug. 9	77	58
Aug. 10	78	59
Aug. 11	77	52
Aug. 12	74	57
Aug. 13	75	58 Rain
Aug. 14	79	58 Showers

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Brevard Music Center Symphony Orchestra To Perform Here Monday Night, Aug. 20

Panel Will Discuss Gorge Research Work

The research activities now being conducted by biologists of the Highlands Biological Station in the gorges of the southeastern escarpment of the Blue Ridge Mountains will be discussed at the Museum of Natural History, August 23, 8 p.m.

The program will be presented for the layman and it is open to the public without charge.

Panelists will include Dr. Thelma Howell, Executive Director of the Station and assistant coordinator of the gorge research; Dr. V. E. Vivian, Glassboro State College; Dr. C. Leland Rodgers, Furman University; John S. Ramsey, graduate student Tulane University; and Richard C. Bruce, graduate student Duke University.

The gorges of the Toxaway, Horsepasture, Bear Camp Creek, Thompson, Whitewater, Chattooga, and States rivers represent areas of unusual interest to biologists. The research now being conducted is sponsored and financed by the National Science Foundation. Most of the gorge areas are owned by the Duke Power Company which is also actively supporting the research.

The areas are very important from the point of biogeography as they harbor species of plants which are called relicts. They are either themselves the survivors of an ancient evolutionary process or the once widely distributed Tertiary floral that occupied most of North America during that geological period. Although some relict species are found throughout the Southern Appalachians, indications are that there is a concentration of species in the gorges.

The unique physiography of the gorges will be discussed by Dr. Howell, using koda-chromes. Dr. Vivian will discuss his work on the life history of the rare plant *Sporobolus*. Dr. Rodgers, who has spent two summers making surveys of the plants, will discuss the general vegetation of the Horsepasture River Gorge. Mr. Ramsey will discuss the fishes of the gorges, particularly with reference to stream capture. The amphibians and reptiles of the gorges will be the subject of Mr. Bruce's discussion.

The gorges under study require the maintenance of Base Camps at location convenient for those working in the area. This summer the base camp has been on Bear Camp Creek on land owned by the Duke Power Company. Five sleeping tents, a kitchen tent, a dining tent, one tent for a working area, and a tent for storage of supplies make a sizeable and impressive group camp. A weather station is maintained at the base camp. Access to the camp and to the collection sites is by a single-track road, and four trucks.

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Miss Harbison Receives Weather Observation Award

Miss Gertrude Harbison of Highlands was presented with the Weather Bureau's John Campanius Holm award this past Wednesday.

In the citation signed by Dr. F. W. Reichelderfer, Chief of the Weather Bureau, Miss Harbison was cited "For dedicated service as voluntary weather observer at Highlands, N. C., since 1928, continuing a family record started in 1909."

This award was created by the Weather Bureau in 1959 to honor voluntary observers for outstanding accomplishment in the field of meteorological observations.

The award, presented by Charles B. Carney, Meteorologist in charge of the Weather Bureau's State Forecast Office in Raleigh, was received by Miss Harbison with the sense of modesty rarely found in society today. She said that observing the weather all these years has become more of a habit than anything else. Miss Harbison first began her observations when she was 13, substituting for her father who traveled quite frequently at that time.

Miss Harbison, regular librarian for the Highlands Hudson Library, was appointed official weather observer in 1928. Although she enjoys this strictly volunteer work, she says that after all these years it has become a matter of pride with her to keep the unbroken record of weather observations begun by her father over 50 years ago.

The Weather Bureau has more than 12,000 observers throughout the United States who make and record daily observations. The cooperative observer program has been in existence longer than the Weather Bureau itself, and many families of observers have been collecting weather data for generations. The information provided by these observers has been of inestimable value to the nation.

Miss Harbison was one of 31 volunteer weather observers in the nation to receive such an award.

Episcopal Silver Tea Scheduled

The Annual Silver Tea, sponsored by the Church women of the Highlands Episcopal Church, will be held Sunday afternoon August 19, from 4 until 6 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pen W. Wax on the grounds of Camp Highlander, four miles from the center of town on the Dillard Road.

Transportation will be provided to those desiring it, from the camp riding ring to the Wax's mountain top home, which commands spectacular views of Blue Valley.

Food Sale And Resale Set For 25th

The Highlands Community Hospital Woman's Auxiliary will hold a food sale and resale of items left from the Hospital Bazaar on Saturday, August 25, in Brown's Store. A selection of new items will also be offered for sale. Proceeds from the sale will go for the purchase of hospital equipment.

Last Early Service At Baptist Church

Rev. Clinton Bailey, pastor of the Highlands Baptist Church, announced Tuesday that the early services at the Baptist Church end for the season with the 8:30 service of August 19.

Rev. Bailey leaves on the 23rd for a two-weeks vacation, and the supply pastor will not be able to hold an early service.

THREE ACCIDENTS INJURE EIGHT

Three motor vehicle accidents occurring Sunday between 12:45 a.m. and 11 p.m. in the Highlands area brought injuries ranging from severe to minor to eight people.

According to reports, the first accident took place at 12:45 a.m. on U.S. 64 in the vicinity of Dry Falls. James Ellis Mason, 19, of Sealy lost control of the car he was driving and hit a rock embankment on the right, overturning the car down an embankment on the left.

Other occupants were listed as Miss Julian Thorn, 14, of Lafayette, La.; William Kahler, 17, of Albany, Ga.; and Miss Katherine Johnson, 14, of New Orleans. Mason and Miss Thorn were admitted to Highlands Community Hospital for back injuries where they remained until discharged on Monday. The other two passengers were treated for lacerations but were not hospitalized.

The second accident occurred about 1 p.m. Sunday on the road to Cliffside Lake when a tie rod broke on a car driven by R. J. Rawls of Highlands. The car plunged over an embankment injuring three of its five occupants. Mrs. R. J. Rawls sustained a broken collar bone, severe chest injuries, and facial lacerations, while her husband suffered a deep cut on the head.

Mr. Lewis accompanied his wife to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, where her condition was reported to be satisfactory early this week.

Their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bob Lewis, Jr., sustained a broken arm and was transferred to a hospital in Greenville, S. C. Her daughter Sherrill and son Wayne were uninjured.

The third accident of the day took place on the Wall-halla road near the "big out." Claude Nix, of Highlands, returning home around 11 p.m. with his wife, his sister-in-law and children, went to sleep at the wheel and rammed into a large rock, resulting in smooth injuries to his wife and between two and three hundred dollars worth of damage to his car.

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Baptist G.A.'s To Be Honored

Five members of the G.A.'s of the Highlands Baptist Church will be recognized in the G.A.'s Auxiliary Coronation to be held at the Ridgecrest Baptist Church on August 23rd.

These girls having completed the elementary ranks will receive their signs of office in the three highest honors to be earned in the G.A.

Alma Chatman, daughter of Mrs. Elberta Chastain, prospective Queen, will be attended by Katrina Potts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Potts of Highlands. Her Crownbearer will be Anthony, son of Mrs. Mavis Jones. Alice is a member of the Junior G.A. Program.

The Rank of Queen with Scepter will be presented to Vivian Ledford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ligon Creswell, who will receive the charge of office from her aunt, Mrs. Mack Neely.

Three girls will receive the highest rank obtainable in the G.A. program as presented in most states, that of Queen Regent. Their symbol of office, a beautiful green cape inscribed with the G.A. Emblem in gold and white, will be presented by their mothers.

Those to be installed are: Joyce Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lowe, Cynthia Talley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Talley, and Margaret Vinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Vinson.

Mrs. Dusty Rhodes, Inter-SEE NO. 1 PAGE 8

2nd And Last Concert Of The Season Features Vocalist Peter Harrower And Irene Callaway

Over Two Hundred People Attend Garden Tours Friday

The tour of homes and gardens in the Highlands-Cashiers area last Friday turned out over 200 people, doubling the expectations of the Garden Club which sponsored the tours.

A member of the club of

Cemetery Benefit Nets \$435

Mrs. Dorothy Houston reported Monday that a total of \$435 was realized from the sale held last Saturday for the benefit of the Highlands Cemetery Company.

Food items and other articles contributed by people of the community were "priced to sell" and purchasers soon bought practically all of the goods offered.

In addition to baked goods, such things as aprons, bird feeders, bird houses, fresh vegetables, and many other items were contributed to be sold.

A hand-made quilt, wool filled and pieced in a double wedding ring design was not purchased, however. The quilt is available at \$25.

Mrs. Houston expressed appreciation for the cooperation shown in putting on the sale, and for the use of the store building given by Mrs. W. R. Brown.

Forest Service Allots \$7,000 To Local District

The Highlands District will receive an approximate \$7,000 share of a reported \$350,000

to be spent by the Forest Service in Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests this year.

According to Ranger Donald Peterson, \$2,873 is designated for local recreation area improvement. The balance of the \$7,000 will be required for maintenance and clean-up at Cliffside, Van Hook and Dry Falls, and includes labor supplies, use of pick-ups and trucks and other expenses. A portion of personal salaries must also be paid from this amount.

Part of the allocated funds, Mr. Peterson said, have already been utilized in re-roofing one of the main shelters at Cliffside, and in renovating toilet facilities destroyed by a falling tree. Almost half of the \$2,873 total will be used on improving the water system at Van Hook. This includes the fencing-off of the watershed which services Van Hook, as required by State regulations.

"The Forest Service is holding off any extensive development of recreation areas here until high priority needs in other districts have been met, and also until the location of Blue Ridge Parkway has been definitely established," Ranger Peterson stated.

Included in this year's limited recreational improvements is the building of an information shelter at Dry Falls, and the re-construction of bridges on Cliffside trails. The information shelter is to replace the present concession stand operated by Jim Miller, whose notification that the Forest Service will not renew his contract after this year has brought protest from a number of people in this area.

Two districts in Nantahala National Forest are slated for major improvements in recreational facilities. Of personal significance to Ranger Peterson is a planned construction of 40 camping units at Hlawassee Lake camp ground, which is in the Tusquitee district. Before coming to Highlands, he was assistant ranger of the district, with headquarters in Murphy, N. C. "The area there is very badly in need of facilities," he said, in speaking of his former location. "They have nothing that comes anywhere near what we have here in Cliffside and Van Hook, and it was one of our earnest hopes that something could soon be provided."

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The Standing Indian camp ground in the Wayah district of Nantahala will have 22 family units installed. A total of 175 new camping and picnic units are to be constructed in Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests.

Woodward Dies In Florida

Word was received here last week of the death of Ashley D. Woodward, 64, of Winter Park, Fla., and Highlands. Death occurred on Tuesday, August 7, in Winter Park.

Mr. Woodward built his home in Highlands in 1946 on property once occupied by the Cleaveland mill.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; two daughters, Mrs. Countess Berry of Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. James A. Heigel of Springdale, Va.; and five granddaughters.

Monday night, August 20, the second Brevard Music Center concert will be held here in the school auditorium beginning at 8:15.

It will feature husband and wife vocalists Peter Harrower and Irene Callaway and the Brevard Music Center Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James Christian Pfolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrower will sing Wolf-Ferrari's "Secret of Suzanne." The orchestra will play Delius' "The Walk to the Paradise Garden"; Dvorak's "Slavonic Dance No. 8"; Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun"; and Igor Stravinsky's Suite from the "Firebird."

Peter Harrower and Irene Callaway met in Italy, where they both were studying under Fulbright scholarships. They were married in Rome and now call Atlanta home between musical engagements. He also is an engineer.

After returning from their Roman honeymoon in 1959, the Harrowers appeared with the Lyric Opera Company of Chicago. Since then they have concertized as duo-vocalists and soloists with symphony orchestras throughout the country. They recently sang the bass-baritone and soprano solo parts in the presentation of The Messiah at the music center.

Mr. Harrower was born in Atlanta, the son of a professional singer father and a mother, who was a fine pianist and accompanist. He has recently appeared with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, under Eugene Ormandy, in Rome with the

Irene Callaway

Peter Harrower

Orchestra of the Semi-Santa Cecilia, and with the Cincinnati Opera.

Miss Callaway's life is a real Cinderella story. She was born and reared in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas, the daughter of a general store keeper. She went to college, liked singing, decided to study it, won the Fulbright, and was hailed by Mark Twain, one of Italy's top opera critics, as brilliant, commanding and graceful.

This will be the last Highlands concert of the season. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, and are available at Anne's Beauty Shop, Alice Inman's Sportswear, Stone Lantern, Highlands Inn, The Condiment Shop, The Art, Highlands Gem and Mineral Shop, The Gem Shop, Klip N' Kurl, King's Inn, Lee's Inn and Motel, Wile's End, The Highland Fling, The Briar Patch, Town House Restaurant, The Highlander Newspaper office, and Carolina Mountain Shop (Cashiers). Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Rev. James Thurman, who announced the event, extended appreciative acknowledgment to the business firms whose cooperation made it possible. "In addition to the suppliers who are furnishing food items, I would also like to thank local merchant Steve Potts for the help he has given in making arrangements," Rev. Thurman said.

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