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Baptist — 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Methodist — 11 a.m.
Presbyterian — 11 a.m.
Episcopal — 8 and 11 a.m.
Catholic — 8:45 a.m.
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Sept. 30	64	37	1.05
Oct. 1	64	37	
Oct. 2	67	39	
Oct. 3	67	36	0.1
Oct. 4	64	38	10.50
Oct. 5	61	39	8.84
Oct. 6	54	26	00

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Macon Flood Damage Estimated As More Than \$1,000,000

Death Takes W. R. Potts, Widely-Known Merchant

William Roy Potts, 72, died in a Sylva hospital early Monday morning after a short illness.

The son of the late Rev. William T. and Martha Ammons Potts, he was born in Highlands and spent his entire life here.

Mr. Potts was a partner in the oldest existing business firm in Highlands, the present Potts Super Market, which was originally established by his brother, the late Frank H. Potts, around 55 years ago.

Although he seldom was away from his business during the past 40 years, except through the dictates of his health, Mr. Potts was known in political circles throughout the State for his devotion and loyalty to the Democratic party.

A pioneer in progress, Mr. Potts kept a finger on the pulse of the world around him, and was instrumental in bringing to Highlands many "firsts" in the field of modern merchandising.

Through the years he had served his community as president of the Chamber of Commerce, as president and trustee of the Highlands Athletic Association, as treasurer

of the Highlands Community Hospital, and as treasurer for some 40 years of the Highlands Cemetery Company.

He had held various offices in both the local and state Democratic party, had served on the congressional committee and the senatorial committee.

Survivors include the widow, Dorothy Hall Potts; one son, Thomas, of Highlands; two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Rogers, of Washalla, S. C., and Peggy Potts of the home; two brothers, S. Eugene and Arthur B. Potts, of Highlands; 21 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Cong. Taylor To Speak At WNCAC Meet

Congressman Roy A. Taylor will address those present at the annual meeting of Western North Carolina Associated Communities.

The meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 1964, at Fontana Village Resort, Fontana Dam, N. C., according to announcement of President O. A. Fetch who will preside. Beginning with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria, the general meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. in the Theatre building. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Board of Directors will meet at 11 o'clock in the Card Room of the Recreation Hall.

During the afternoon program information will be given on the activities and projects sponsored by WNCAC and many subjects of interest will be discussed by officers, directors, agency officials. Participating in the program will be representatives of chambers of commerce and other groups from the 11-county area of Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain and Transylvania.

Plans are being made for an overnight stay at the Fontana Village Resort and should make reservations well in advance.

Officers and directors for the fiscal year 1964-65 will be elected at the meeting on October 12th.

Mr. Clyde Mehler and Mr. Louis Edwards plan to represent the Highlands Chamber of Commerce at the meeting.

Local Rector's Book Reviewed This Week

"The Night and Nothing" by the Rev. Gale D. Webb is the book chosen for review in columnist J. Shelby Cook's "Adventures In Reading" this week in THE HIGHLANDER.

The review appeared in the WALTON TRIBUNE and will appear in the 41 other newspapers which carry the column.

Father Webb, who is rector of the Highlands Episcopal Church (Church of the Incarnation) has written two other books under the pen name of Stephen Cole—"The Hell Of It" and "Pitcher and I". He has also written for a number of leading magazines.

Rev. J. Shelby Cook is a Methodist minister who recently moved from Atlanta to Loganville, Ga., where he is pastor of the Loganville

New License May Help Save Life

RALEIGH — Your new driver's license may help save your life!

According to Commissioner Edward Scheidt of the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles all new and renewed driver's licenses issued in North Carolina, beginning in November, will provide a form for medical information which could be useful in the event of an emergency.

The special form, believed to be the first in the United States to be made a part of a driver's license, provides space for your blood type (group and Rh factor), the date of your last tetanus shot (and whether it was toxoid or antitoxin), drugs or medicines you may be taking or to which you are allergic and other medical data such as conditions of diabetes or epilepsy or the wearing of contact lens.

To insure the accuracy of the information, you will be encouraged to consult your family physician when filling out the form. Accurate medical information can be a dire need in some emergency situations.

The new addition to the driver's license was suggested by the Committee on Trauma of the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Surgeons as a part of a continuing statewide program to improve medical care for accident victims.

Second Onslaught Of Rains Creates Damage And Anxiety

A second onslaught of heavy rains descended on Highlands, Macon County, and other parts of Western North Carolina last Saturday night and Sunday, striking before the area had fully recovered from the downpour of the previous Monday and Tuesday.

The worst flood in years in and around Franklin last week end caused Macon County to request to be designated a disaster area. Rivers on rampage brought floods to Transylvania, Jackson, Swain, Buncombe, and other Western North Carolina counties as well.

Rain began falling here about 7 p.m. Saturday night with not much more than sprinkles for the first two hours, then steadily increased to solid sheets of water that came down all through the night and continued without interruption until

around noon Sunday, when it tapered off considerably.

Dr. Theima Howell of the Highlands Biological Station reported that 10½ inches fell between 7 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday, with the greater portion of the fall occurring before Sunday noon. From 6 p.m. Sunday until the rain stopped entirely sometime Monday morning another .84 of an inch fell, bringing the total for the past 10-day period to 24.6 inches.

With such a tremendous amount of water falling on already water-soaked earth, very little was absorbed, and the water either pooled up temporarily or rushed headlong to the nearest stream, eventually swelling major streams to such proportions that dams of all local lakes were threatened. Two lakes known as the Brown lakes in the Flats area went out, and it was reported that a small summer home was carried by the onrush of swollen waters over the top of Mud Creek Falls.

The power lake dam (Sequoiah) managed to hold its own, though uneasy moments were experienced by many who watched the powerful rush of rising water that tumbled in Niagara-like cascades over the top of the dam. Floating timbers, rising from the surface in hopeless protest as they took the plunge over the dam, were piled up like match sticks or carried on downstream by the angry, swift-moving water.

Further up toward Highlands, Mirror Lake was overflowing its shore line and straining at a fairly new concrete dam which replaced the old wooden dam of former years.

There was grave speculation that if either Mirror Lake dam or the Country Club dam broke, the surge of water would be too much for Sequoyah dam which was already under severe strain from the tons of extra water pressure.

Back in town, several

homes had been evacuated because of water, and Forest Service trucks were removed from the workshop on Fifth Street when water became running-board deep.

Jimbo Potts, who had just settled his family back in his home after being "flooded out" Monday night, was driven out again early Sunday morning. Mrs. Mack Ewell and daughter, who lived nearby, were also forced to evacuate, and water rose several inches in the home of Gilbert Beck. The Town out Spruce Street in two in order to divert the heavy flow from the homes.

Much damage was done to a number of unpaved streets within the town limits, and

Week Of Services Begins At Methodist Church Mon.

The Rev. Garland Young, pastor of the Macon Methodist Church, will be guest preacher at special evening services in the Highlands Methodist Church next week.

The first service will be held on Monday evening, October 12, and services will continue each night at 7:30 through Friday, October 16.

A cordial invitation to share the services is extended to the community.

Mr. Young, a native of Charlotte, N. C., is a graduate of Duke University Divinity School. During the summer of 1956, he and his wife, the former Miss Jane Johnson of Randleman, N. C., participated in a Scandinavian Caravan which worked in the Methodist churches of Scandinavia. The Caravan was sponsored by the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

Since moving to Franklin in 1960, Mr. Young has also taken an active interest in civic and community affairs. He is presently serving as chairman of the Macon County Committee for The North Carolina Fund, chairman of the Franklin Recreation Commission, and is active in the Macon County Mental Health Association.

The Youngs have two children—Kristina Lee, age 3, and Hugh Charles, age 8 months.

The services will open each night with a period of congregational singing, led by the Rev. Mark Rose, Jr., who is pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church near Franklin. Mr. Rose is a graduate of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and is at present District Director of Christian Vocations. This past summer, he and his wife, Gail, were two of the four Conference delegates to the 1964 National Workshop on Evangelism in El Paso, Tex. They moved to Franklin in 1962, following his graduation from Emory.

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Bloodmobile Coming Here Next Friday

The Bloodmobile makes its first visit of the fiscal year to Highlands on Friday, October 16th.

Blood may be donated between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church basement.

Mr. Louis (Bud) Potts, local blood program chairman, asks that all who will do so, please donate blood at this time.

The Highlands quota for this time is 50 pints.

Mrs. Coward Realtors Director

Mrs. Elda Coward, a member of the local Board of Realtors, has been named a director on the board of the 1,500 member N.C. Association of Realtors.

Oliver Hoover of Asheville was elected vice-president for the region including the entire western third of the state — some 26 counties in which are located the local boards of Asheville, Brevard, Franklin, Hendersonville, Hickory, Highlands, Shelby, and Tryon-Polk.

Color Season Is Beginning

Green foliage is fast becoming yellow, orange, and red on the mountain sides as October's color-show-of-the-year gets under way.

The maple tree at Highlands Inn has red blotches in the top, and the maple next to Highlands Laundry is beginning to turn also.

The rain of the past week seemed to rush the color change on some types of trees, but there was still plenty of green foliage the first of this week, and indications are that the color display will last well past the middle of October.

Homecoming At Baptist

The Rev. Doyle Burgess, a former member of the Highlands First Baptist Church, will bring a message during the afternoon program on Homecoming Day, October 11, at the Baptist Church here.

The program for the morning includes Sunday School at 10 a.m. and regular morning worship at 11, with the Rev. L. C. Pinnix bringing the message. Special music will be provided by the combined choirs.

Dinner will be held at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The afternoon program will include special music—instrumental, vocal, and congregational singing; highlights of the history of the Church; and the message by Rev. Burgess who is now pastor near Galax, Va.

All members and former members are invited. They are also invited to return Sunday night for Training Union at 8:30 and Evening Worship at 7:30.

Paper Man Loses Truck

Paul McCracken, of Sylva, who delivers THE HIGHLANDER to Highlands early each morning, lost his truck in the swollen waters of the Tuckasegee River last week end.

The truck was parked in his yard, and when he first rushed out to drive it to higher ground the water was ankle deep. While trying to get the spinning truck to move, the rapidly rising water reached a depth that came up to his waist, Mr. McCracken said. He was forced to abandon his efforts, and from a higher point watched as the river carried the truck downstream.

Tuesday morning, pausing for a cup of coffee at the restaurant in Highlands, Paul reported that his truck is lodged in a clump of willows about a mile down the river.

Mrs. Prince Remembers

Mrs. Elizabeth Prince tells us that the recent siege of rain reminds her of a similar time back in 1916.

"I was teaching school at Shortcut," she recalls, "and we didn't see the sun for the first ten days of October. I had to walk to the school house, and cross a creek on a footlog."

"I'd be wet and shivering when I got there, and the school committee had put off providing any wood, so there was not a stick to build a fire with. It rained, and it rained, till all the streams were overflowing their banks. A concerned friend said, 'Elizabeth, I just know I'll see you floating down that creek any day now!'"

Sure enough, Mrs. Prince remembers, the footlog did float away, but luckily she wasn't on it.

Killing Frost Follows Rain

Colder temperatures, and clearing skies Monday put an end to the past week's period of cloudiness and excessive rain.

Monday night temperatures dropped below the 30s and rang the death knell for the colorful dahlias and other flowers that still bloomed. Late vegetation of the type that cannot withstand frost were also nipped, and their further production brought to an end for the season.

Rummage Sale

There will be a selection of fall clothing and many useful household items available at the Methodist Church basement where the W.S.O.S. holds a rummage sale tomorrow. Sales begin at 9 a.m.

Remember, that's Saturday, October 10th! Be sure and drop by!



This scene is typical of the many to be seen in Franklin last Sunday as the water rose with each descending surge. The bridge remains in place but is just barely visible (arrow) and the river has just about reached its crest. Personal property losses could run over two million dollars. (J. F. Brady Photo)