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## Agustus C. Holt Old-Timer A. C. Holt Passes

Augustus C. Holt, 86 years of age, died in a Sylva Hospital Thursday night, November 19th, following a brief illness.

A retired farmer, merchant, and real estate dealer, he was a life-long resident of Macon County, and had owned a home in Highlands Township since 1905.

In 1901, he was married to Gertrude Cobb, and the couple lived in Baker, Oreg., for some three years, then returned to Highlands to spend the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Holt died in 1960.

A staunch believer that Highlands is the ideal place to live, Mr. Holt's enthusiastic "boosting" of Highlands to all comers, and a vital interest in each new phase of its growth and development, occupied the declining years of his life to a large degree.

Survivors include two sons, Henry A. and Richard C. Holt, of Highlands; two daughters, Jessie (Mrs. George) Halbritter of Cleveland, Ohio, and Helen (Mrs. Dewey) Hopper of Highlands; three sisters, Mrs. Mae Hunt, of Portland, Oreg.; Mrs. Ella Newman and Mrs. Belle Jarrett, of Long Beach, Calif.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Highlands Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dan McCall, pastor, and the Rev. Robert DuPree, former pastor, officiated.

Interment was in the Highlands Cemetery, with Potts Funeral Home of Franklin in charge.

The family suggested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Highlands Cemetery Company or to the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

## Industrial Center Classes Scheduled

Things are about ready to roll at the new Jackson County Industrial Education Center and several classes are slated to begin December 1.

A call has been issued for prospective students from Macon County to register for the classes immediately.

Classes in automotive mechanics and residential and commercial construction are ready to begin.

Edward E. Bryson, director of the industrial center, urges interested students to apply at the center on the Webster road as soon as possible.

Mr. Bryson said the industrial center will seek to place graduates in good jobs.

"Anyone completing the automotive mechanics course at the Jackson County Industrial Center can start working in a local shop at a much higher wage than an untrained worker," says Woody Hampton, a Sylva automobile dealer.

Mr. Hampton adds that a graduate will be able to advance faster in his field if he completes this program. As director of District 1 of the N.C. Automobile Dealers Association, Mr. Hampton says this organization has endorsed

## Garden Club Elects Officers

The Highlands Garden Club met Thursday afternoon, November 19th, at the Tate House, with 16 members present.

Because of the growing number of members from Cashiers and their splendid cooperation and work for the club's projects, it was unanimously voted to change the name of the club to "The Highlands-Cashiers Garden Club."

The Chairman of Civic Beautification, Miss Blanche Davenport, reported the purchase of pink dogwood trees to be planted where the new sidewalk has been laid on Main Street and in various other locations in the center of town. These should add greatly to the attractiveness of Highlands IF the community will cooperate in protecting the trees.

The Nominating Committee presented its proposed slate, which was unanimously accepted.

Officers for 1965 are:

President, Miss Helen Augur.

Vice-President, Mrs. Frank T. Gardner.

Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Lyda Harcombe.

Corr. Secretary, Mrs. D. H. Plochelman.

Treasurer, Mrs. Wilton H. Cobb.

Rep. at Large, Mrs. Earl M. DeNoon.

Since no formal program is planned for the November meeting when elections are held, the members enjoyed a Quiz on what might be called "The ABCs of Flower Identification", prizes being won by Mrs. Linn and Mrs. Harcombe.

After the meeting, refreshments were served in the attractive dining room of the Tate House.

## Movie Is "McLintock" Saturday

John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Yvonne DeCarlo, and Patrick Wayne are featured in the movie "McLintock" which is being shown at the Galax Theater Saturday night, November 28th.

The movie is in Color and CinemaScope, and the feature begins at 7 p.m. and at 9:05.

These Saturday night movies are being sponsored by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce to provide recreation during the winter months.

Unless attendance makes it possible to show the movies without losing money, the Chamber will be forced to discontinue them.

# A Happy Thanksgiving To All!



## Camp Family, Davis Bros. To Sing

The regular Fifth Sunday Night singing will be held at the Shortoff Baptist Church on November 29th.

Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and all singers are urged to be present. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Camp Family and the Davis Brothers, special singers from Fletcher, N. C., are scheduled to be there.

## Sets Record

RALEIGH (AP)—Eighteen fatalities during the week and shovels North Carolina's highway death toll for the year to a record high of 1,388.

With nearly six weeks yet to go, the total already has topped by two the previous high of 1,386 set last year.

"This has been a bad year for us," said Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt. "But it has been generally bad throughout the nation."

Scheidt said the increasing fatality toll "indicates the need for additional steps for highway safety. It underlines the necessity for improved legislation to deal with this problem. We've got to put all our resources together to combat this."

Scheidt added, "There should be a definite increase in the Highway Patrol's manpower because of the increased number of vehicles, drivers and miles traveled. We have emphasized the need for legislation requiring periodic inspection of motor vehicles. This should help curb the number of deaths."

The patrol cited figures showing that in 1943 North Carolina had 83 traffic fatalities. It jumped to 1,112 in 1952 and 1,386 last year.

## Realtors Elect Officers

At a recent meeting of the Highlands Board of Realtors, the following officers were named to serve for the coming term.

Mrs. Lyda Harcombe is president; Mr. Frank Cook, vice-president; and Mrs. Elda Coward, secretary-treasurer.

It was also announced that at the November meeting held at the office of W. H. Cobb, Mr. Clyde Mehder was accepted as a realtor, changing from his former status as an associate.

## Methodist Supper Scheduled

The women of the Methodist Church will hold a benefit supper on Saturday night, December 5th, for the public.

The menu will offer the choice of either baked ham or turkey, rice, gravy, cranberry sauce, candied yams, green beans, hot biscuits, apple pie, and coffee or milk.

All this for only \$1.25 for adults, 75 cents for children. Serving will begin around 6 p.m. Tickets will be on sale several days preceding the supper or may be purchased at the door.

## New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Deville announce the birth of a daughter, Ann Elise, at C. J. Harris Community Hospital, Sylva. Ann Elise arrived at 11:30 a.m. Friday, November 20th.

## Treasury Issues Warning On Chain Letter Schemes

Chain letter schemes involving U.S. Savings Bonds are in violation of Federal regulations and persons participating in them are subject to possible criminal prosecution. This warning came today from Walter P. Johnson, Savings Bonds Director for North Carolina, in the face of a reappearance of Savings Bonds chain letters in North Carolina.

The first such scheme was reported as early as 1941, the year Series E Bonds were born. Subsequent revivals of the idea have resulted in the U. S. Treasury instructing all banks and other issuing agents to refuse to sell Savings Bonds in cases where they know, or have reason to believe, that the Bonds will be used in any type of chain letter scheme. This applies whether or not the letters or Bonds are transmitted through the mail or by hand. Banks have also been asked to notify the Treasury Department when chain letters involving Bonds appear in order that an investigation can be made.

Postal authorities also have issued similar warnings against participation in chain letter schemes involving Savings Bonds, citing Federal court rulings that chain letters are both frauds and lotteries.

"One of the principal objectives of the Savings Bond program," said Mr. Johnson, "is to encourage the investment of individual savings in risk-free obligations of the United States Government, thus promoting the habit of thrift in a safe and orderly fashion. To associate Savings Bonds in the same breath with a 'get-rich-quick' scheme, in which it is mathematically

impossible to profit, violates not only the spirit of the Savings Bonds program but the letter of the law."

Judge Patton Says He Won't Seek ReElection

WAYNESVILLE — Superior Court Judge George B. Patton prefaced a two-week term of court here Monday with the announcement that he will not seek another term when his present one expires.

The 66-year-old jurist, who served as special judge by appointment of four governors beginning in 1947, and then became state attorney general, will end his term on Jan. 1, 1967.

Judge Patton was not scheduled to appear here, but Judge W. K. McLean had to change his plans, and the Macon judge was assigned to the term. He said he welcomed it, because "living out of a suitcase gets old."

## HIGHLANDS BEGINS SETTLING INTO WINTERTIME ROUTINE

The busy buzz of summertime has gradually lessened and lessened until once again Highlands is just a little quiet mountain town.

The shift from late summer to late fall has been accomplished with a minimum of readjustment, possibly because the successive days of warm and sunny weather, extending right through the middle of November, seem to challenge the calendar's proclamation that winter is almost upon us.

As this is being written, however, the elements seem to be contemplating a change from the mild and sublime. Dark clouds threaten at times and then clear away, but temperature dips to below the teens over the week end were chilly reminders that it's time for cold weather.

The Town completed its new smooth, wide sidewalk from Bryson's Gulf to Potts Service Station while sunny days prevailed. Alvin Crose and Company, contractor, did a bang-up job that does credit to the town, and if the reserved spaces for trees and shrubs work out, the whole north side of Main Street between Fourth and Third will have a complete "new look."

Our Presbyterian Church way, the walls of the new Christian Education - Church Activity Building are rising swiftly as brick masons skillfully work away.

The new post office corner is still quiet, and many are of the opinion that no work of any extent will be attempted there until spring.

Teen-agers lost their customary gathering place "on the corner" Sunday the 15th when Bill hung up a "closed" sign in the window and suspended Bill's Soda Shop activity until next season.

Wesman-Wilson Construction Company is going ahead with sewer installation after completing the laying of new water pipes to expand the present water distribution system. Laurel Street is closed to travel while sewer installation is taking place there.

The new water filtering plant and the sewage treatment plant, both being constructed by W. E. Dillard Co., are on the way to completion.

At this time of year, darkness arrives in the mountains shortly after 6 p.m., and most places of business are closed by 7.

Streets that were jam-packed with automobiles at night three months ago are almost completely deserted now by 8 p.m. except for special occasions like maybe the Saturday night movie.

Highlands, not quite sure of how much ice, snow, and extremely cold weather lies ahead, is settling in to wait and accept whatever the winter has to offer.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dowdle of Franklin, Route 5, formerly of Highlands, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Dowdle, to Avery Miller, of Highlands, Route 1.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Miller. A spring wedding is planned.

Mr. Miller works for the Wildcat Cliffs development and Miss Dowdle, a 1964 graduate of Franklin High School, is employed by Van Rensselaer.

## Count Your Blessings

THE TWENTY-SIXTH of this month is a national holiday. On that day millions of Americans will be pulling their chairs around the dinner table to celebrate a 343-year-old festival called Thanksgiving. Like the early Pilgrim Fathers, they will devour everything from cranberry sauce and potatoes to turkey and apple pie. Across the nation tables will be laden with the finest foods and heaped with spices and delicacies that would make even the veteran gourmet's mouth water.

Yet, like many of the other memorial holidays, it has become an event whose focus has been nearly lost in a pot of self-indulgence. The reason for the holiday's existence will be barely perceptible to many, and not a few tables of food will receive no whisper of blessing. Many a home will not echo the word "thanksgiving," and tons of edible food will be thrown away.

It might be well to review a few of those things for which Americans, on that day—and always—can be thankful. On that first Thanksgiving Day the Plymouth colonists counted among their blessings the new country that at so high a price they had claimed as their own. Here they could worship as they pleased, speak what they wished, and come and go at will. God had been good to them. Many had died that first winter, but there were still many hardy souls left to till the ground and keep the home lamps trimmed and burning. The Indians were friendly; in fact, they were their guests at this very feast. The crops had been fruitful, and the coming year looked good.

Today all the blessings that the Plymouth colonists claimed as their own are ours to claim. And much more. Never has America fared so well. Her material wealth is unequalled; her aesthetic attributes are various and inherent; her freedoms are unrestrained.

Americans need to be more thankful for the numerous blessings God has so richly bestowed upon them and their beloved land. But in their thankfulness let them be mindful of their less fortunate neighbors, and let them not forget their great heritage.

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