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THE CHURCH
OF
YOUR CHOICE
SUNDAY

Baptist — 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Methodist — 11 a.m.
Presbyterian — 11 a.m.
Episcopal — 11 a.m.
Catholic — 8:45

The Highlander



THE WEATHER

	High	Low	Rain
Nov. 25	48	40	3.33
Nov. 26	52	33	.00
Nov. 27	54	29	.00
Nov. 28	48	36	.12
Nov. 29	52	26	6
Nov. 30	44	15	.00
Dec. 1	35	7	.00

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Hospital Getting Ready To Make Application For Expansion Aid

Board Optimistic That 80 Per Cent Of Building Cost Will Be Furnished

The prospect of an addition to the hospital that will cost the hospital only slightly over 20 per cent of the overall expense has spread optimism among members of the Board as well as the staff.

Through the cooperation of the Medical Care Commission and Duke Endowment, plans have been drawn up and ways and means of obtaining the bulk of the funds for the project on an 80-20 (per

cent) basis are being worked out.

This means that the hospital will have to put up as its share approximately \$36,000 for its 20 per cent, and an additional \$6,000 for certain changes and improvements necessary to link the new to the old, which cannot be part of the federal program. Of this required total of \$42,000 the hospital already has on deposit in its Building Fund the amount of \$30,000.

An appeal is now being made by the hospital to its patrons and friends for the necessary \$12,000 which it must have in order to show itself in a position to receive the 80 per cent aid. In making this appeal, the hospital has stipulated that IF the application for 80 per cent is NOT approved (which they deem most unlikely) then the donors who have made up this particular \$12,000 will receive their money back.

The eligibility of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital to receive aid in the building of an addition was brought about by the hospital's service to the community in caring for long-term patients. Elderly persons requiring medical care and nursing service make up the larger part of the long-term patients, many of whom are welfare cases for which the welfare pays \$20 per day to the hospital for each person. The addition will increase its capacity to accommodate long-term patients and still have ample room for regular hospital cases.

P-TA MEETS DEC. 10TH

The December meeting of the Highlands Parent-Teachers Association will be held the evening of December 10, beginning at 7 p.m. at the school house.

President Henry Cleveland urges all teachers and parents to be present.

Hospital Board Elects DuPree

The Board of Trustees of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital recently elected Robert B. DuPree as chairman, filling by election the vacancy created by the resignation of the former chairman, Dr. E. E. Linn.

Louis E. Potts was elected vice chairman, taking the office held by Mr. DuPree before his election to the chair. V. W. McCall, a former member and chairman of the Board, was named to the honorary council of the Board in recognition of past services. Other members of the honorary council are Mr. George Woodruff, Dr. Herbert Koepf-Baker, and Mr. Horner Stockton.

Mr. McCall was also named an ex-officio member of the building committee, and will act as financial advisor for the duration of the expansion program now in progress.

Presbyterians To Host Inter-Church

The fall meeting of The Highlands Inter-Church Group will be held Monday evening (December 7th) at 7 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church. Representatives of the four member churches will gather for a supper prepared by the Presbyterian Women-of-the-Church, and then proceed to the planning of their common endeavors.

These endeavors include the annual Christmas Basket Program, which is a distribution of food and other supplies to needy persons and families of the Highlands area. The ICG joins with local civic clubs and (Helen, do any other organizations take part also?) to supply and deliver the Christmas baskets.

IOG President Val Pierson will lead the group, also, in planning the annual Lenten Worship Service, a community worship opportunity held on the evening of Ash Wednesday.

P. O. Predicts Mail Jump

Postmaster Louis Potts reports that the Post Office Department is confidently predicting that the volume of mail during this year's Christmas rush will hit a record high. "Actually," he says, "it's an easy prediction because mail volume has been rising at a rate of nearly three per cent a year for the past several years and this is most strongly reflected around the holiday season."

Well over twelve billion pieces of incoming and outgoing mail are expected to move through the system during December — with about 10 per cent of the year's mail moving in less than three weeks.

The Highlands postmaster reports that public cooperation is one important reason that post offices around the country are able to handle this huge mountain of mail in such a short period.

"Without the assistance of the public, we'd be in a jam. People who shop early and get their cards and parcels into the mails early make it possible for the holiday mail to be delivered on time. Imagine what it would be like if we were to get all the holiday mails the last week before Christmas?"

In addition to early mailing, the postmaster has several other suggestions which will help the hard-working postal employees move this avalanche of mail. First, he recommends using ZIP Codes which help handle the mails faster because of a new transportation and distribution set-up. ZIP Code also helps clerks to identify receiving post offices when addresses are hard to read. During this time of the year, the faster mail is processed the better chance it has to make connections with outgoing trains, planes and trucks.

Postmaster Potts also recommends that all parcels be wrapped securely, packed tightly, and that the address be included inside the package as well as on the outside. This helps assure delivery even if the outer wrapping comes loose. The Postmaster points out that "because ZIP Code on parcels usually means a more direct routing and less handlings, the chance of damage is drastically reduced."

Finally, Postmaster Potts says that the use of the new Christmas stamps helps brighten up envelopes and packages.

There are six postal employees working in the Highlands Post Office to assure you a Merry Christmas. By following Postmaster Potts' advice, you can help them and yourself to a more relaxed, happier holiday.

Frosty Breath Of Winter Brings Snow And Shivers

The frosty breath of Old Man Winter made itself felt Monday morning when a temperature drop and wind-driven snow ended the Thanksgiving holiday period of sunny and mild weather.

Coming at the end of a fall that was extremely unusual in its prolonged duration of un-wintery weather, the sudden shift to freezing wind and stinging crystals of snow had Highlands shivering and reluctant to leave shelter and warmth to proceed as usual with everyday activities.

Skies cleared before noon Monday, and light snow flurries ceased. No snow was in evidence on the ground, as it melted upon contact. Biting wind continued to blow, however, and temperatures stayed down below the freezing mark.

Monday night mercury took a plunge to seven above, with reports from some areas of the community even lower.

Monday's snow was blown fairly generally over Western North Carolina, with two to three inches reported in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, on Mount Mitchell, and in other high localities. Predictions called for continued cold, with a chance of rain or snow the latter part of the week.

Saturday Night Movie "Your Cheatin' Heart"

The Saturday Night Movie this week (December 5th) is "Your Cheatin' Heart" in CinemaScope. The cast includes George Hamilton, Susan Oliver, Red Buttons, and Arthur O'Connell. Shows feature at 7 and 8:45. Feature at 7:08 and 8:55.

These movies are being sponsored by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation of the Galax Theater to provide entertainment on week ends during the winter.

The movie last Saturday ("McLintock") showed good attendance. If attendance warrants it, the Chamber will endeavor to sponsor movies throughout the winter. If attendance is not sufficient to prevent loss of money on pictures, the Chamber will be forced to abandon the project.

Admission is 75c and 25c.

Pastor In Tennessee

Rev. G. Dan McCall, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, is in Johnson City, Tenn., today attending the Synod of Appalachia's HOME AND FAMILY NURTURE WORKSHOP. An aspect of the new Covenant Life Curriculum of several Protestant denominations, HOME AND FAMILY NURTURE — as the name implies — has to do with Christian Education and spiritual nurture within the home and family.

Ministers and laymen of churches throughout Appalachia Synod will consider ways and means of implementing this phase of the Covenant Life Curriculum in local congregations at the workshop in Johnson City.

Satulah Club To Meet

The meeting of the Satulah Club will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 7th, at the home of Mrs. James Howe in Horse Cove.

Those needing transportation are asked to meet in front of the Satulah Club Rooms adjoining the Hudson Library at 2 p.m. where they will be picked up for the trip to the Cove.

Holidays Begin On Dec. 23rd

Principal Charles F. Hendrix announced Tuesday that Christmas holidays at Highlands School will begin on December 23 and end on January 3rd.

Students will attend school on the 22nd and will not return until January 4th, 1965 — the first Monday in the new year.

CHAMBER REQUESTS

At a September meeting the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce discussed the subject of rezoning and planning as it applies to the City of Highlands and the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, the Town of Highlands appropriated funds, matched by a Federal Grant, for a study of community planning under the auspices of the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, the full report by the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission was made available to the Town of Highlands in 1962, and

WHEREAS, the report included recommendations for a ZONING ORDINANCE and SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, necessary for proper community development, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, in session September 23, 1964, respectfully request the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Highlands to take such action as necessary to study the recommendations of the Western North Carolina Planning Commission with respect to a Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.

A letter informing the Town Board of the Chamber's action received a reply expressing appreciation for the Chamber's offer of assistance, which was included in the letter to the Town Board, and stating that the Board plans to consider these items in the near future.

Rev. Davis On Radio Next Week

The Rev. Vance Davis, pastor of the Highlands Methodist Church, will be the featured minister on the radio program "Morning Devotions" over WFSC, Franklin, next week, December 7-11.

The program is presented from 9 to 9:15 a.m. Monday through Friday.

LOOKING BACKWARD

By HELEN HILL NORRIS

Beats all the way the little Highlander Newspaper finds its way far and wide. Folks from way off yonder write in sometimes to say they read every word of it — even the ads!

The other day came a letter from down Florida way — "Enjoy the paper so much", she loved it, "but wish you'd write more about what's going on in the 'Present day world'." Seems like I always have had a fool way of taking anything folks have to say seriously, so I fell to thinking as how I just naturally couldn't write a column on "The Backward" . . . the doing football stuff or anything like that. Seems so trivial compared with some issues facing us. School dropouts for instance. So I fell to thinking about this so-called Anti-Poverty business as they dub it in Washington.

First off I don't like the word "poverty". No sir . . . that's a fact. It's much too strong a word . . . sort of niles me somehow, and certainly it isn't applicable to Western North Carolina, for here are some of the most gentle, well-mannered people in our great prosperous nation . . . friends of mine . . . treasured through the years, and I'm fierce in my defence of them and their God-given pride. For generations gone, a great many of their ancestors were held back from educational opportunities, being surrounded by a beautiful mountain wilderness . . . no roads . . . just trails and traces . . . and in the hard struggle for survival due to the lack of schools and roads, education, as interpreted today was one of life's little tragedies. A three months school was considered all that was necessary. Now comes the present consolidated school system — school bus transportation . . . excellent teachers, lunchrooms, etc. . . . and we are confronted with "Drop-Outs."

Talking to a person in town yesterday who has always been "tooth and nail" for the boys and girls of Highlands, a respected business man, he frowned as how in the present age our town has less juvenile delinquency than most places of its size.

Last summer, while cutting my lawn, my power mower passed out. A bright 14-year-old lad fixed it in no time flat with a screwdriver and a wrench. A little later my refrigerator took the studs. The 14-year-old monkey-

around while . . . found a loose wire and fixed it. Just plain smart. I sort of got to talking to him then about his school work. He was discouraged — and you know why? Here's his own words. "Seems like my work at school has gotten so hard . . . and Mother and Dad are so tired at night I hate to bother them about helping me. My teachers give me all the spare time and help they can and all that . . . but reckon I'll just quit school and go to work."

"Main thing is it takes so much money for us to live and buy groceries and everything, and I can make \$4.25 to \$4.50 an hour working," he continued. "I'm saving the money I'm earning today to make a down payment on a pretty white enamel kitchen table and chairs for my mother's kitchen. Bless him! He dearly loves neat, pretty things and wants to live nicely . . . and help out at home as he said. So, dear people . . . there's your Drop-Out sure as shootin'."

Seems the seventh and eighth graders like this boy want to help their parents with living expenses at home. Often they find the stepped up educational set-up too hard . . . so they drop out. Many boys and girls the nation over are not fitted . . . do not want an academic education, but that doesn't mean failure by any means, for now comes HELP, Secretary of Agriculture, Orville L. Freeman last August announced plans for the opening of eight Job Camps within 90 days in the nation's National Forests as part of the Help Program (guess I'll call it that instead of "Anti-Poverty"). He said that each of the camps will accommodate comfortably 50 to 150 out-of-school . . . out-of-work boys from 16 to 21 years of age.

One of these camps is to be opened in Macon County near Franklin. Work at the camp is planned to prepare and train boys for responsible citizenship and future employment through educational courses.

Out of a \$171,500 grant for this state as set by the Administration, and of the \$12.5 million now under consideration by the office of Economic Opportunity, surely locally, and if everybody works for it, Macon County can have an excellent Trade School for these same boys and girls. The one at Clarksville, Ga., is sending out graduates every year who are trained in Automotive work, including farm tractor workers, Electricians, Plumbers, and other fields. I understand after talking to a number of the faculty that these trained, skilled young men always have good jobs waiting for them when they graduate.

Well, that's off my chest. I've been going around with the idea for some time. Guess I'll begin to look through my papers and dig up that stuff about Kirk's and Morgan's Raiders that I've been promising to do.

Pears like a body really shouldn't live too much in the past, the, because my school was right.

Basketball Schedule For Highlands High School

The basketball schedule for Highlands High School has been announced as follows, and begins with the first conference game:

Turkey Shoot And Auction

The Highlands Lions Club will hold another Turkey Shoot and White Elephant Auction on December 12th at the ball park.

The Turkey Shoot gets under way at 1 p.m.

One more Turkey Shoot is scheduled for December. This will be on the 19th, and there will be no auction with it.

Lions are reminded that the meeting of December 17th is Ladies' Night, when the Christmas program will be held and when the local club will be visited by former District Governor John Cox and Mrs. Cox.

Grandson Visits

Mrs. Pearl Calloway, who makes her home with her sister, Miss Maude Crain, on the slopes of Satulah Mountain, recently enjoyed a visit from her grandson, Don Mahan.

Don just lately completed a four-year hitch in the U.S. Navy. He served on the Airplane Carrier USS Kearsarge, just after finishing his boot training, then transferred to submarine school at Groton, Conn. He subsequently served on the submarine John Adams and the Grampus.

Don went on from here to visit relatives in Atlanta, Ga.

Clinic Children To Celebrate Christmas

The youngsters who have been receiving examinations and treatment at the Children's Clinic at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital are invited

to a Christmas party at the hospital on December 17th. Next week on December 10th (Thursday) the regular Clinic will be held, then the following Thursday is when pains and pills will all be put aside to make way for fun and festivities.

We just heard "long distance" from the North Pole that Santa Claus has been invited to attend, and will put in an appearance if he possibly can do so.

WHY WASTE IT ON CHILDREN?

(George Bernard Shaw)
Youth is a wonderful waste of time.

Don't Forget!

Tomorrow night (Saturday) is the night that Methodist Women are having a benefit supper in the basement of the Highlands Methodist Church.

Tickets are \$1.25 for adults, 75c for children.

Menus includes choice of baked ham or turkey, and rice, gravy, cranberry sauce, candied yams, green beans, hot biscuits, apple pie, coffee or milk.

Supper will begin at 8 p.m. Don't miss it!