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## The Weather

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
March 26	36	24	tr.
March 27	42	22	.00
March 28	52	20	.00
March 29	60	30	.16
March 30	57	32	.00
March 31	55	25	.00
April 1	62	26	.00

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## Rotary Club Presents Eight Athletic Awards

Tuesday night was a special night at Highlands Rotary Club with fifty-five Rotarians and guests in attendance for the annual presentation of athletic awards. Following the introduction of guests and other preliminary remarks by the president, Bill McCall, the Club's newest member, Mr. Ernest Stevens, was welcomed. Mr. Stevens, who is now a year-round resident, was formerly a member of the Fort Myers (Fla.) Rotary Club.

Henry Laskey then presented trophies for the following awards to members of the boys' and girls' basketball teams of Highlands High School:

Player of the Year, girls' division -- Cheryl McCall; runner-up, Marlene Vinson.

Player of the Year, boys' division -- Larry Chastain; runner-up, Jimmy Bryson.

Sportsmanship award, girls' division -- Eddie Lee Whitmire; runner-up, Joan Crane.

Sportsmanship award, boys' division -- Fred Stewart; runner-up, Neal Chastain.

This was the third year that the Rotary Club has carried on the Athletic Award program which was undertaken as a means to encourage participation in athletics at the local school. This was the first year that trophies were also presented to runners-up.

Guests in addition to Rotary-Annes included Principal W. C. Newton and Coach and Mrs. Corbett Holland from the high school faculty; Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCall, Mr. and Mrs. George Penland, Fred Stewart, Mrs. Elberta Chastain, Mr. and Mrs. Neville Bryson, Mrs. Robert Chastain, Mrs. Dan Vinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Crane, parents of the award winners; and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Mueller, Helen Misener Garland and Helen Hopper.

## New Town Incorporated In Jackson

The following account of the incorporation of a new town in neighboring Jackson County appeared in last week's SYLVIA HERALD:

Indian Hills is the name of a new town in Jackson County. The Municipal Board of Control on Wednesday, March 19, issued an order in which it ruled that the petitioners for the new town had "substantially complied with" requirements of the law.

Development of the garden, tourist attraction, hinges on the sale of beer in Indian Hills, according to the mayor.

Rep. Charles Taylor has introduced a bill in the General Assembly that would exempt Jackson, Swain and Transylvania, counties comprising the 48th District, from a state law that permits municipalities of less than 200 persons but with 1,000 or more summer residents to conduct a beer referendum.

Such a vote would "set a bad precedent," Taylor said. He said that Rep. Liston Ramsey, chairman of the Local Government Committee in the House, has stated a public hearing probably will be held on the bill on April 2 in Raleigh.

Taylor said he possibly would proceed on a local bill if it would spell out (1) responsibilities concerning control and (2) a wider area of voter participation ("possibly Qualla Township, getting the vote up to at least 1,000 people").

Albert Patton was appointed mayor of Indian Hills and Lester Arnold, Archie Steward and Floyd Hall were appointed commissioners until an election is held on May 6.

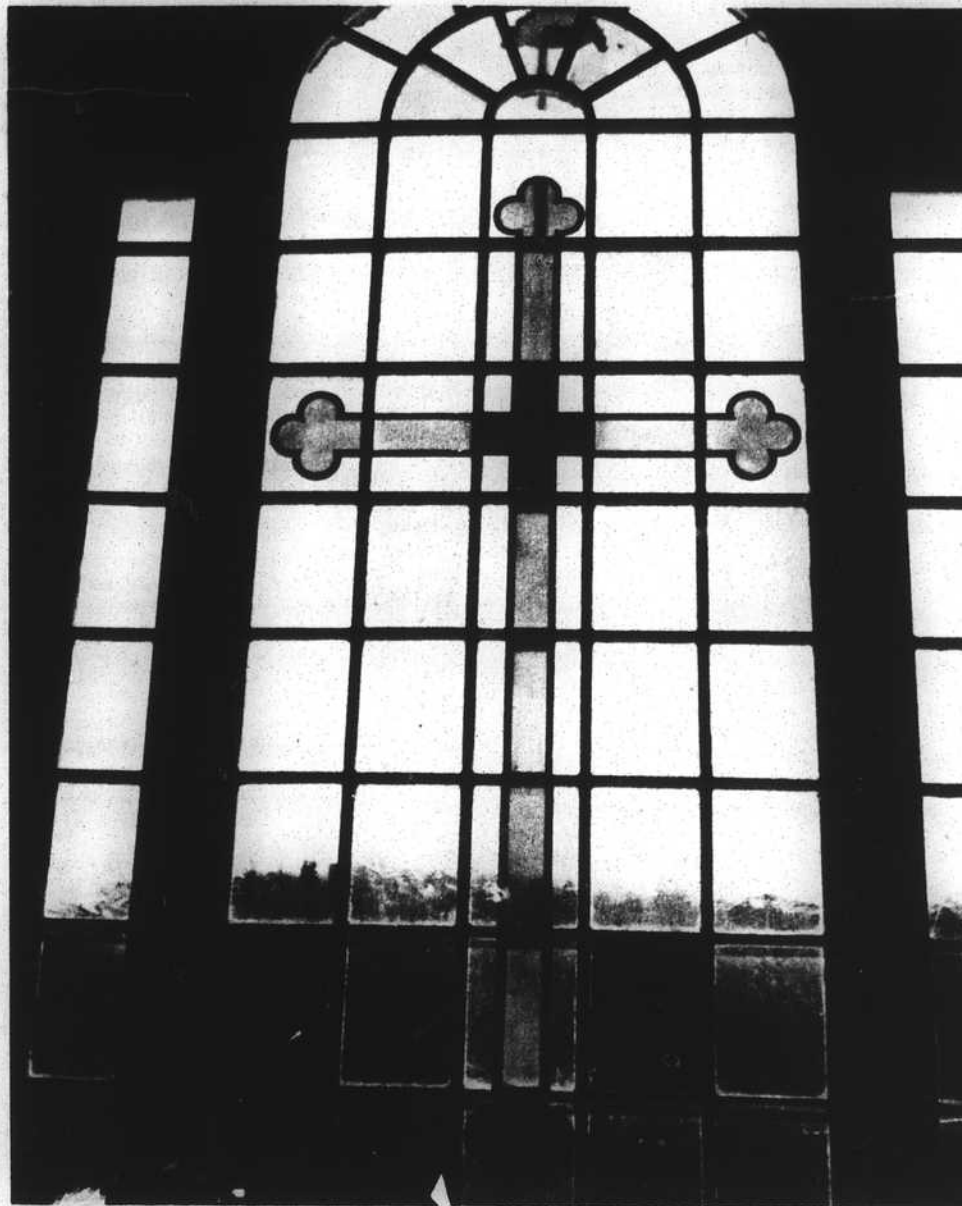
The Town of Indian Hills has a population of 62. The town limits run from the bridge crossing Soco Creek near Mac's Indian Village south for about a mile to Jiles' Store, about 360 feet on each side of US 441.

There are 44 voters in the newly-created town.

Incorporation of the new town is linked to a proposed tourist attraction which the promoter, Tom Smith, a naturalist, told The Herald by phone from Jacksonville, Fla., Tuesday would be known as "Bird And Animal Kingdom of America."

Indian Hills officials feel that the bill is aimed at their town. "The bill is not aimed at Indian Hills," Rep. Taylor told The Herald in a telephone interview from Raleigh. "The Indian Hills situation pointed out a weakness in a state law."

Rep. Taylor explained there are four ways for legal beer sales in North Carolina: 1. county-wide vote upon petition of 25 per cent of the voters; 2. municipal election where there are 1,000 or more voters, upon petition of 25 per cent of the voters; 3. municipal election where there are 200 or more voters, upon petition of 25 per cent of the voters (Jackson county already is exempt from this section of the



"...but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world." St. John 16:33

## Easter Sunrise Service Planned At Whiteside

Weather permitting, Easter services will be held on Whiteside Mountain Sunday with the Rev. Henry Mueller, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian Church, bringing the message. The time is 6:45 a.m.

The story of the Resurrection will be told while the birth of a new day unfolds with the rising of the sun.

Although there will be bonfires at the area, all those

attending are reminded to wear extra warm clothing as temperatures are generally cold at the high elevation this time of the year.

The Easter Sunrise Service on Whiteside has become rather a tradition having been held almost every year since a road up the mountain was built in 1948 by Whiteside Mountain, Inc. Due to weather conditions some years have been

missed, and year before last the Inter-Church Group which sponsors the services, attempted to discontinue them through a suggestion by the clergy, but they were resumed last year by popular request.

The service will include a scripture reading, Luke 24:1 through 11, a short sermon, and two songs. The sermon topic is "Christ Is Alive."

It was not known at press time whether or not other ministers of the Inter-Church Group would participate in the service.

If weather makes it impossible to have the service on Whiteside, it will be held instead at the Presbyterian Church.

## Order Of Eastern Star Installs New Officers

Highlands Chapter #284 of the Order of Eastern Star installed officers for the 1969-70 year at an open installation Monday night, March 31.

Naomi Chastain was installed as Worthy Matron, and her husband, E. J. Chastain, as Worthy Patron.

Pages were Eric and Phyllis Chastain, children of the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

Other officers are Kathleen Wilson, Associate Matron; Neville Wilson, Associate Patron; John Rogers, Chaplain; Lawrence Hicks, Marshal; Margaret Creswell, Conductress; Agnes Creswell, Associate Conductress; Mary Ann Creswell, Secretary; William Creswell, Treasurer; Irene James, Adah; Pearl Crowe, Ruth; Anne Holt, Martha; Vera King, Esther; Dorothea Harbison, Electa; Ligon Creswell, Warder; Henry Cleveland, Sentinel; and Agnes Calloway, Organist.



Worthy Matron Naomi Chastain with her husband, Worthy Patron E. J. Chastain

Margaret Cabe of Franklin was the installing officer, bringing with her her corps of officers including Katherine Henry, installing Marshal, and Lois Grant, installing Chaplain. Agnes Calloway of Highlands was installing Organist.

## Cashiers Services

A special Easter service will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, the little white Episcopal Church across the road from High Hampton Inn in Cashiers, at eleven o'clock on Easter morning. The Rt. Rev. Robert R. Brown, Bishop of Arkansas, will conduct the service and preach.

## Heart Fund Tops \$800

The final report on 1969 Heart Fund donations in the Highlands area revealed a total of slightly over \$800.

Drive Chairman V. W. McCall announced this week that he is winding up the campaign well pleased with the good response this year.

This amount is thought to be the largest ever collected in the Highlands area, at least through donations alone.

Mr. McCall again expressed his appreciation to those who helped carry on the campaign, and also to those who made donations.

## Savings Bonds Up In N.C.

Combined sales of U. S. Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares for February were \$5,757,603, up 3.4 percent over February 1968 -- the best February sales since 1945.

Cumulative sales of Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares for the first two months of this year were \$11,837,890, the largest total for the comparable two months since 1947, and an increase of 2.9 percent over the same period a year ago. This represents 16.3 percent of the state's 1969 dollar goal of \$62,700,000. This is the fourth consecutive year that savings bonds sales in North Carolina have shown an increase for the two-month period of January-February.

Sales in Macon County for the month of February amounted to \$18,368. Combined January-February Bond sales amounted to \$38,812, which is 14.2 percent of the county's dollar quota for 1969 of \$273,999, according to H. W. Cabe, Macon County Volunteer Chairman.

## New Lumber Training Program At Haywood Tech Institute

A new lumber training program will begin operation June 9, 1969 at Haywood Technical Institute, Clyde, North Carolina. The 4-part training program will be the most complete of its kind to be associated with the Lumber Industry in the United States.

The complex now under construction has an expected value of 1/2 million dollars. Donations valued at more than \$250,000 have been received from Appalachian Lumbermen Club; Southern Lumber Manufacturers Association; U. S. Plywood, Champion Papers; T.V.A.; Magnavox Corporation of Tennessee; Salem Equipment Company, and Corley Manufacturing Company. The remaining money has been released through the Federal Manpower Development Training Act and North Carolina state funds.

The facilities for training Sawyers, Sawmillers, Lumber Inspectors, and Dry Kiln Operators will include automatic circle and band mills, an automatic dry kiln, saw filing equipment, and other equipment needed for all phases of the program.

Students do not have to be a high school graduate in order to qualify. If a student does not live within driving distance of Haywood Tech, he might qualify for an allowance to pay for living expenses in Haywood County while going to school.

## Braided Rug Classes Set

Southwestern Technical Institute, in cooperation with the Macon County Home Demonstration office, will sponsor a night class in Braided Rugs in response to requests resulting from the daytime class currently being held.

The class will meet each Monday evening from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. at the County Agriculture Building in Franklin beginning April 7. There is no fee for this course; however, each person must buy any materials used.

For further information contact Southwestern Technical Institute, Box 95, Sylva, North Carolina, telephone 586-4092. You may also contact the Macon County Home Demonstration office.

For additional information on the program, enrollment, and housing, contact Haywood Technical Institute, Clyde North Carolina.

## Mrs. Owens Dies

Mrs. Ella Talley Owens, 74, widow of Ransom Owens, died early Saturday morning, March 29th, at the home of her son, Estus Owens, in the Macedonia (Ga.) Community.

She was the daughter of the late William and Sarah Anne Galloway Talley, and was a lifelong resident of the Macedonia area.

Survivors in addition to her son, Estus, are a son, Ray D. Owens of Tucker, Ga.; two brothers, Harrison Talley of Highlands and Edward Talley of Seneca, S. C.; and three grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Earl Dendy and the Rev. Jesse Cunningham at Macedonia Baptist Church on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Pallbearers were all nephews, and were Arthur, Lambert, Lawrence, Radford, Raymond and Riley Talley.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

## Sunrise Service Atop Black Rock

The 11th annual Easter Sunrise Service atop Black Rock Mountain, near Mountain City, Georgia, will be held Sunday, April 6, at 7 a.m.

The service is conducted by young people, faculty and staff of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School in conjunction with Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church.

The guest speaker this year will be Mr. Vernon Kring of Rossville, Georgia, whose ministry reaches more than 30,000 high school students each year.

People have come from as far away as South Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina to attend the service. The number in attendance continues to grow from year to year. Last Easter approximately 250 came.

Following the worship service, everyone is invited to the concession building for coffee and doughnuts.

The public is cordially invited to attend this worship service.



The four first-place Athletic Award winners display their trophies after the Rotary Club presentation Tuesday night. They are (l to r) Eddie Lee Whitmire (sportsmanship); Fred Stewart (sportsmanship); Larry Chastain (player of the year) and Cheryl McCall (player of the year).



Runners-up in the Athletic Award contest were also presented trophies by the Rotary Club Tuesday night. Those receiving them were (l to r) Jimmy Bryson (player of the year); Neal Chastain (sportsmanship); Marlene Vinson (player of the year); and Joan Crane (sportsmanship).

## Haywood Electric Leading Taxpayer

Haywood Electric Membership Corporation of Waynesville paid more than half of its net income for 1968 in local and State taxes.

R. C. Sheffield, general manager of Haywood EMC, said Friday that the total of local and State taxes paid for 1968 figured out to 58 per cent of the electric cooperative's net electric revenues.

Sheffield said Haywood paid \$13,849.00 in local property (ad valorem) taxes in five counties, \$239.00 in property taxes in one municipality and \$26,628.00 in gross receipt and other taxes to the State of North Carolina.

He listed tax payments made by Haywood EMC to county governments as follows: Buncombe County, \$958.00; Haywood County, \$8,535.00; Jackson County, \$1,180.00; Macon County, \$1,106.00; and Transylvania County, \$2,090.00.

In addition, Haywood made tax payments to the town of Highlands in the amount of \$239.00.

Sheffield pointed out that the cooperative's tax payments were in addition to the thousands of dollars more paid by the cooperative's member-owners in their own names on property and income.

"I'm neither for nor against beer," he said. "That's not the question here. The question is control."

The petitioners for the new town originally asked it be known as "Cherokee Town." But when opposition from the

Apparently, the primary legal point was whether the mile-long stretch along US 441, now Indian Hills, is within the three-mile limit of another town. The law prohibits incorporation of a town within such limits.

But the ancient town of Cherokee is not an incorporated town at all, according to Deputy Secretary of State Clyde Smith.

Sheffield said that taxpayers run for themselves," Sheffield said.

## W. W. Edwards Final Rites

Services were held Saturday for Willie Watt Edwards, 87, who died March 26 at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital after a two-month illness.

Mr. Edwards was born in the Whiteside area of Jackson County, the son of the late Garner and Jane Elizabeth Zachary Edwards.

He was a former mayor of Highlands, a 25-year member of Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 435, a member of the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, and served on the Macon County Board of Commissioners for a period of 12 years.

He and his wife, the former Minnie Zoellner, operated Hotel Edwards for a number of years, and he was also a dealer in real estate.

Surviving in addition to the widow are two sons, Glenn and Bryon Edwards of Douglas, Wyoming; a step-son, Louis A. Edwards, of Highlands; four daughters, Mrs. Grace Murray of Brookings, Ore., Mrs. Vera McGinn of Moline, Ill., Mrs. Lillian Olson of Glenview, Ill., and Mrs. Pauline Gokay of Mill Valley, Calif.; and 17 grandchildren.

Services were provided by Mrs. Robert DuPree at the organ, and Mrs. Louis Edwards and Mrs. Mary Cleckley who sang a duet, "How Great Thou Art".

Surviving Mrs. Holt are a son and daughter, Gerald Holt and Hazel Holt Killebrew, both of Highlands; a brother and sister, Frank and Lillie Cabe, of Highlands; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside rites were conducted at Highlands Memorial Park by members of Blue Ridge Lodge No. 435.

## Services For Fannie Holt

Services for Mrs. Fannie Bell Cabe Holt, 87, who died March 25, were held Thursday of last week in the Highlands United Methodist Church at 2 p.m.

The Rev. Julian Aldridge, Jr., pastor, and the Rev. Robert DuPree officiated. Burial was in the Wilson Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wade McKinney, Davis Rhodes, Fred Green, Taft Henry, Ligon Creswell and Wallace Henry.

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## March Weather

Dr. Thelma Howell of Highlands Biological Station provides the following report on the weather of the past month and also an interesting comparison of March weather of other years.

MAXIMUM	
Highest -	61 recorded on March 20
Lowest -	30 recorded on March 11
Average Month -	45.5
MINIMUM	
Highest -	38 recorded on March 21
Lowest -	9 recorded on March 6 & 11
Average -	22.7
Snowfall -	17-1/2 inches
Total Precipitation -	4.65

It is interesting to compare the above (March 1969) with other March records available at the Station. For the period 1962-68 the average maximum is 53 degrees; the average minimum 31 degrees. There was no snow in March of 1962 and 1963. Only a trace fell in 1967. In 1964 the snowfall measured 1/4 inch. In 1965 it measured 5-3/4 inches and in 1968 2 inches. The total precipitation is also of interest:

1962	7.07 inches
1963	13.27
1964	13.39
1965	8.43
1966	4.55
1967	5.53
1968	8.94
Average:	8.74