



# The Highlander



## The Weather

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
June 18	76	56	.00
June 19	76	57	.00
June 20	75	49	.00
June 21	79	56	.00
June 22	78	53	.00
June 23	76	58	.26
June 24	77	56	.32

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## Hudson Library Marks Its 85th Anniversary

A membership drive is being launched by the Hudson Library as it observes its 85th anniversary. From its humble beginnings as a crate of books, the Library has gradually expanded to its present size supported almost entirely by voluntary effort.

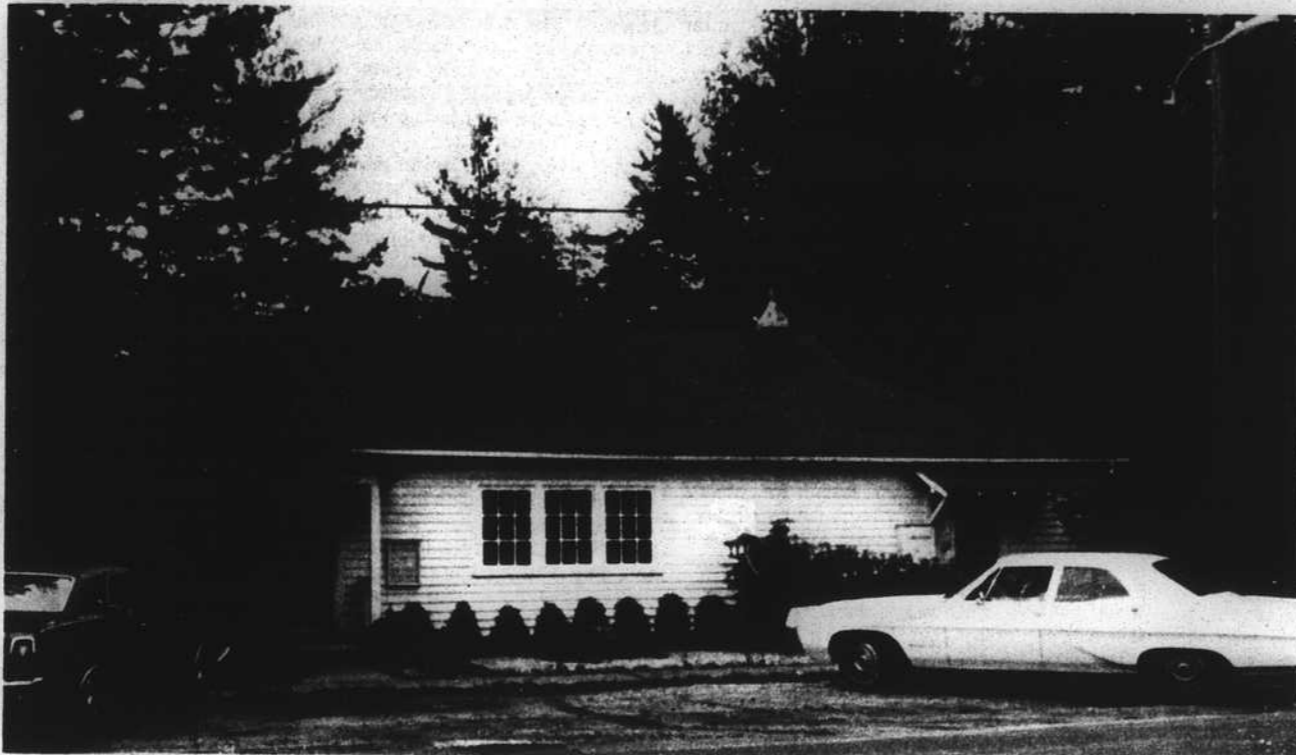
The Library was officially organized in June, 1884 with S. T. Kelsey, founder of Highlands, elected as the first president. Other leading citizens served as officers and trustees.

Mr. Kelsey was succeeded as president by T. Baxter White, Highlands' first postmaster, who served as president for 22 years.

Another who contributed an outstanding service during the earlier years of the Library was Mary Chapin (Mrs. J. J.) Smith, a poet and lady of culture. Mrs. Smith served as president for many years and gave much volunteer work in other capacities, mainly as librarian and in giving very valuable advice on the Book Committee. Mrs. Smith wrote a history of the Library in 1930.

Countless other interested persons have given long hours of volunteer work to the Library and helped with its financial needs through the years.

The Hudson Library has been in continuous operation since 1884, providing much reading pleasure to the local people of Highlands and surrounding communities and to the summer residents and visitors. It has financed its year-round service during this long period by funds raised by benefit affairs, by contributions and by memberships. A special effort is being made in this anniversary year to invite new friends to join the Library, as well as urge present members to renew their memberships.



The Hudson Library on East Main Street is Observing Its 85th Anniversary

## Chamber To Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will be held Monday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Town Hall.

All members of the Chamber or other interested citizens are invited to attend.

## Episcopal Tea Scheduled July 9th At Resce Home

The Annual Tea sponsored by the Episcopal Church will be held this year on Wednesday, July ninth, from three until five P.M. at the home of Mr. Walter Resce on Clear Creek Road, off the Walhalla Road. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Richard Worley, chairman of the event, announced that committees have been appointed and plans are under way. Committee chairmen are: Mrs. Charles Henriques, sandwiches; Mrs. Lester Dawley, punch; Mrs. Gale Webber, tea; Mrs. James Howe, silverware; Mrs. John Hall, transportation and parking; Mrs. Albert

Fendig, flowers; Mrs. James McGinley, junior hostesses; Mrs. Richard Halton, cookies; Mrs. William Oglesby, punch bowls and cups; Miss Ann Harbison, posters. Hostesses will be named at a later date.

Those wishing to attend the tea will be provided with transportation. Please come to the Episcopal Church, where a shuttle service to and from the tea will avoid a parking problem at the Resce residence. The Annual Tea is held each summer at one of the loveliest of our many lovely homes in Highlands and is looked forward to with much anticipation. Donations at the tea go to the Women of the Church and are used to promote various church projects.

## Rotarians Hear Conkle

William J. Lees, administrator of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, was welcomed as a new member of the Highlands Rotary Club at their Tuesday meeting.

The program, under the direction of Mr. Henry Conkle of Cashiers, was to have been a film highlighting the 1968 pro-baseball season. Plans had to be changed, however, due to an electric storm which caused a power interruption of around forty minutes.

In place of the film showing, Mr. Conkle talked interestingly about the origins of the first settlers and the remoteness of this area which they chose. Other subjects remarked on included check cashing in Havana, Cuba, and a story by Wilton Cobb concerning cold weather and livestock.

## Everette Breaux Of Scaly Dies

Everette H. Breaux, 82, of Scaly Mountain Community died Monday, June 16, in Highlands-Cashiers Hospital where he had been a patient over an extended length of time.

Surviving are the widow, Camilla Eutreaux Breaux; one son, Harvey Breaux of Homestead, Fla.; one daughter, Mrs. Isabelle Elliott of Garden Grove; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Wallace and Miss Lucille Breaux, both of Salinas, Calif.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held last Thursday in Highlands Memorial Park with the Rev. Robert DuPree officiating.



Mrs. Ivor Crunkleton Baty, widow of John Baty, observed her 90th birthday on June 18, at her home off the Dillard Road. Her cake was made by her daughter, Mrs. Paul Walden, and her other daughters, Mrs. Agnes Norton, and Mrs. Robert Moore, shared in the celebration. Mrs. Baty has a fine vegetable garden which she enjoys tending and her placid outlook on life is one sought by many but seldom achieved. Mrs. Baty also has 15 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. Her one living sister is Mrs. Bea Keener of Dalton, Georgia, who is 92 years old. (H. H. Photo.)

## 2 Ranger Districts Merger

Peter J. Hanlon, Forest Supervisor of the National Forests in North Carolina announced the planned merger of two Ranger Districts.

Hanlon said the Catawba Ranger District with headquarters at Marion and the Grandfather District with headquarters at Lenoir will be combined into one District. The effective date is not firm -- probably late July. It will be announced later.

The merger will result in an annual cost savings of about \$38,000.00, Hanlon said. It will also result in higher quality and more efficient management of forest resources. The new unit will be known

## Recreation Plan Well Received

More than 200 persons heard Gardner Gidley, recreational planner employed by the Macon County Recreation Commission, outline the features of a recreation complex to be developed just South of Franklin.

Mr. Gidley spoke at a dinner meeting attended by community leaders, public officials, and recreation supporters from throughout the county.

Principle features of the recreation which Mr. Gidley estimated would be able to possibly take care of as many as 3,000 people on a specific day were: a large swimming pool with a competitive swimming area 75 x by 50 feet and a smaller beginners area. In addition there would be a separate wading pool; nearby picnic area and concession stand; bath house; two tennis courts; multi purpose lighted play area which could be used for a variety of functions ranging from volleyball to square dancing, lighted Little League baseball

and softball field; lighted baseball field; lighted football field. Large picnic shelter and area for club groups, and other picnic and playground areas.

Prior to the presentation by Mr. Gidley of the complex plan, T. W. Jenkins, chairman of the Macon County Board of Education and member of the Macon County recreation commission, outlined the history of the development of the plan to date and urged the group to listen and support the plan to be proposed by the commission.

Following Mr. Gidley's presentation, Tom McGuire, president of the Franklin Little League Association and manager of Franklin Hosiery Company spoke on the need for organized recreational programs in the community and voiced the opinion that his company would support the project to the extent that they were able.

Mr. David Simpson, chairman of the recreational commission who presided over the meeting, then read to the group a letter from E. J. Whitmire staunch backer of the proposal who was unable to attend the meeting. The content of Mr. Whitmire's letter was as follows:

June 17, 1969

Mr. David Simpson, Chairman Macon County Recreation Commission Franklin, North Carolina 28734

Dear David:

Since it will not be possible for me to attend your meeting, I would like to express my interest in a most worthwhile undertaking.

You are meeting tonight NOT to discuss FOREIGN AID or FOREIGN MISSIONS. You are meeting to lay the ground work for a program that could have a more desirable influence on our youth than any program ever launched in our County.

As all of you know, animals will look after and care for their own, but for some strange reason we so called HUMAN BEINGS have failed to provide for and make available facilities that have proven over again and again most essential in aiding our young people to develop and remain interested in a competitive world in which they must live.

It seems to me that we are undertaking a project that should bring joy and happiness to every parent and interested person in the County because we are moving on a program for OUR OWN PEOPLE. We are moving on a program where we will actually see favorable results day by day right here at home.

We should think only of a quality program, excellent facilities and managed by people who are living today, not hanging on to ideas that were sufficient thirty years ago, twenty years ago, ten years ago or even last year.

We can do more to reduce SCHOOL DROP-OUTS, we can do more to improve the QUALITY OF THE SCHOOL WORK in all fields, by providing

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## Death Takes Binnie Frey

Laura Constance Frey, better known to friends as Binnie, died on Sunday night, June 22, 1969, at the Oteen VA Hospital.

She was born July 16, 1917, in Pittsburgh, Pa., the only daughter and last survivor of the immediate family of Adolph Frey, the former advertising manager of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and Emma Norwood Frey.

Binnie attended Winchester-Thurston in Pittsburgh and Anderson College in Staatsburg, N. Y., where she majored in Psychology and History, winning there the coveted D.A.R. award and an honorary membership in the National Historical Society. Since 1957 she's been the authority on Pittsburgh for the World Book Encyclopedia.

In 1942 she was among the first five women from Pa. to volunteer for the newly created Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. After an enforced medical discharge she joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps, serving in a recruiting and public relations capacity until June of 1944.

Over the subsequent years she has had many articles and short stories published, and did free-lance advertising and public relations for many of Pittsburgh's small businesses and several of its philanthropic institutions, not to mention many volunteer activities. A book, The Land in the Fork, a human interest story of Pittsburgh from 1763 to 1914, was

published in 1955. Despite its 'local' nature it made the national Best-Seller List and became required reading in many schools.

In 1957 Binnie won Honorable Mention for one of her juvenile stories from the National League of American Penwomen, of which she was a member, as well as of the Pittsburgh Authors Club. In 1958 she was presented a gold watch by the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph for her extensive civic activities, its Distinguished Citizen Award.

Since 1963, and until her handicapping illness several years later, she was a partner in Red Rooster Antiques, formerly of Pittsburgh and Highlands. She lectured and conducted classes on articles as well as participating in other facets of the business. After August of 1968 she made her home in Highlands, among the lofty Western Carolina Mountains she had come to love.

On Tuesday, July 1st, at 3:30 P.M. a Memorial Service will be held at the Sixth Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, where she had retained membership. Interment will follow at the Smithfield East End Cemetery. She is survived by two cousins, Mrs. Edward B. Livingston of Pittsburgh and Mrs. Ellis E. Haines of Romney, W. Va.; nephews, Robert N. Frey of Pittsburgh and William E. Frey of Chicago, Ill.; and a niece, Mrs. D. Robert Oppenheimer, Jr., of New York City, N. Y.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers friends make a Memorial contribution to the charity of their own choice.

## Braves Hold Their Own In Little League Play

Little League games continued on schedule last week with the Braves (sponsored by Blue Moon Gift Shop) holding on to first place hotly pursued by the Cards (sponsored by Highlands PTA). The Pirates (sponsored by Perry Agency) won their first of the season by squeaking by the Phillies (sponsored by King's Inn) 12-11. Game scores were: Cards 28 Phillies 4; Pirates 12 Phillies 11; Cards 18 Pirates 4; and Braves 16 Phillies 1.

Highlands L. L. Team Standings		
	W	L
Braves	3	0
Cards	3	1
Pirates	1	2
Phillies	0	4

Donations are still being received to meet the fund-raising goal of \$1800.00. The following have made recent contributions: Mr. Paul Fifer, Mr. Raymond Westcott, and the Town of Highlands. Little League wishes to thank these donors and to express its appreciation to Mrs. Grace Watson for the benefit dance held at Helen's Barn. The winners of the clogging contest held during the dance were Neil Chastain for the boys, Mrs. Mary Crisp for the girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Crisp for the couples.

Other fund-raising activities include the selling of soft drinks during games and a bake sale to be held the July 4th weekend.

## The Old Timer



"Some people seem to think they can gain rights by committing wrongs."

## County Checks Totaling \$6,000 Presented Highlands By Ledford

Mayor A. C. Patterson and members of the Town Board of Commissioners were in for a pleasant surprise Tuesday afternoon when Oscar Ledford, chairman of the Macon County Board of Commissioners asked them for a brief audience at the Town Hall in Highlands.

Mayor A. C. Patterson was

presented the check by Mr. Ledford for the Town's garbage disposal unit, and Bud Potts was presented the "recreation" check as chairman of the Highlands Recreation Commission.

In making the presentation, Mr. Ledford explained that on Monday morning the Board of County Commissioners had established a \$20,000 account for recreation in the county. Since Highlands had a recreation plan already underway, \$5,000 of the \$20,000 had been drawn out to be allotted to Highlands for use in its own program. "We kept saying that Highlands would receive a pro-rata share of any county re-

creation funds, but some people didn't listen or else didn't believe it. This should show we meant what we said," Mr. Ledford commented. In explanation of the "garbage disposal" allocation, Mr. Ledford stated that the county had spent a total of \$4,200 in maintaining garbage disposal facilities. Since the Town of Highlands maintains a facility which serves not only the town but the surrounding Highlands area, the check was a pro-rata share of county funds to help with its maintenance, he said.

Town Commissioner, Bill McCall expressed appreciation on the part of the Board for the funds, as did Mayor Patterson.



## A Helping Hand

Lewis Potts, left, chairman of the Highlands Recreation Commission, is shown receiving a check from Oscar Ledford, chairman of the Macon County Board of Commissioners, in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Ledford, accompanied by commissioners, William Bryant and Lon Dalton went to Highlands Tuesday afternoon to present the check to Mr. Potts. The money will be spent from 1968-69 funds. (Photo by Sloan.)



## Dividing Out The Money

Claude Patterson (left) mayor of the Town of Highlands, receives a check in the amount of \$1,000 from Oscar Ledford, chairman of the Macon County Board of Commissioners, to assist them with the operation of a garbage disposal unit there. The decision to take this action was made Monday at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on motion by William Bryant and seconded by Lon Dalton with all three members concurring to the action. The check was presented Tuesday afternoon. (Photo by Bob Sloan.)

## Get Set For The 4th!

Plans are moving along and taking shape for the First Annual Fourth of July Celebration and Fun Festival being sponsored by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Several entries have been made in the "Miss Highlands" contest, where judges will make their selection on over-all attributes, including personality, outlook on life, aims and achievements, and other characteristics. The winner will receive a trophy bearing the inscription "Miss Highlands - 1969" and will be crowned with a special crown. She will also receive a prize from the Chamber of Commerce.

Business members of the Chamber who would like to sponsor a young lady in the Miss Highlands contest should make their intention known as soon as possible to Mr. Parke of Town House Motel.

and crafts, a Little League baseball game, a pet show, and street dance.

The winners of the clogging contest held during the dance were Neil Chastain for the boys, Mrs. Mary Crisp for the girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Crisp for the couples.

## Take A Chance

Members of the Highlands Fire Department are selling chances on two items this year in a money-raising effort. Chances at \$1 each are available on a Maytag washer-dryer, and also on a motorcycle, with the drawing to be held August 9 at the annual Firemen's Barbecue.

Secretary-treasurer, Herbert James reports that the response has been good on the honorary membership offer. This offer is made to residents outside the town limits, and by taking an honorary membership of \$10 per year, are automatically exempt from the \$50 fee charged by the Fire

Department for answering a fire alarm outside the corporate limits.

The Department is currently making payments on a new fire truck purchased last year. There are also ten new members to be outfitted with fire-fighting suits, and equipment is needed for constant preparedness in search and rescue service.

Ticket purchasers can't lose! Even if they don't win a washer-dryer or a motorcycle, they are still helping to finance an ever-willing aid in time of fire or other emergency.

One fault with the human race is the number of people who know how to read but have not learned how to think. —Joseph M. Shaw, Jr., Cherokee County (Ala.) Herald.

Truth reminds me of a cat —no matter how it is turned and twisted around, it will always land back on its feet. —George C. Keyes, The Oklahoma County News.

