

## The Weather

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
July 29	85	52	.00
July 30	86	57	.00
July 31	85	60	.00
Aug. 1	82	60	.06
Aug. 2	83	58	.00
Aug. 3	82	60	.12
Aug. 4	82	64	.00

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## Four Appointed To Board Of Rainbow Power, Inc.

The Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County announced this week the appointment of four citizens to serve on the Board of Directors of the newly formed Rainbow Power, Inc. Rainbow Power is a non-profit public corporation organized for the purpose of attempting to purchase the retail electric power distribution system of the Nantahala Power and Light Company now serving the six county region. The Macon County Commissioners are the only Commissioners not supporting the movement.

W. T. Moore, as one of the four incorporators of Rainbow Power, will serve a term of one year on the Board. Captain Frank W. Swan, veterans service officer, Cherokee County and chairman of the Southwestern Planning & Development Commission, was also named for a one year term.

Robert E. Heaton and Joel Khouri were named to two year terms.

A graduate of Duke University Heaton has served the Town of Andrews and Cherokee County in many political and civic endeavors. He is a past president of the Andrews Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and former Mayor of the Town of Andrews. Currently he is secretary of the District Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and serves as spokesman for the board. He is a director of the Public Housing Authority, a member of the airport advisory committee and a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church. Married to the former Evelyn Wood of Andrews, they have two children. He is a veteran of World War II and presently engaged in the real estate business.

A retired building contractor, W. T. Moore is current chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, a position he has held for three terms. Active in local politics for more than a quarter of a century, he is a member of the national historical society and a leader in local affairs of the county. As an elected public official, he is able to keep pace with the modern trends in governmental affairs yet maintains a conservative attitude toward expenses.

## Silent Auction Is Planned

Plans are being made for a Silent Auction to be held at the Hudson Library in the near future.

If you are interested in bidding on a good book, or books, watch for further details in the next issue of THE HIGHLANDER.

ditures of public tax funds. He regards the effort to purchase the Nantahala Electric Power distribution system, in order to bring TVA Power to the region, as one of the most progressive steps undertaken for the region in many years. "We're never going to amount to anything until we get it", Mr. Moore has stated. The Town of Murphy and the western portion of Cherokee County are now served by TVA Power sources. Mr. Moore resides at his home on Valleytown Road in Andrews.

Mr. El Khouri, a native of Lebanon, came to Andrews from Minnesota where he claimed personal acquaintanceship with Hubert H. Humphrey. Educated in the Middle East, he is now associated with Jabaley Brothers-in business in Murphy, M. C., Tennessee and Georgia. Since coming to Cherokee County and the Southwestern N. C. region. Mr. El Khouri is past president of the Lions Club and has served on district, state and international levels. Chairman of the Cherokee Development Authority, including housing and recreation, he is vice-chairman of the United Fund and Nantahala District Boy Scouts of America. The El Khouris reside in Andrews and have seven children, two boys and five girls. He served with the British Armed Forces during World War II.

A native of Pennsylvania, captain Frank W. Swan, USAR, Ret. came with his family to North Carolina in 1891 with the bedding Lumber Company at Robbinsville in Graham County, and moved to Andrews in 1909. Chairman of the Southwestern North Carolina Planning and Development Commission, he has spent a lifetime in boosting the area of the state "West of the Balsams" and is an ardent campaigner for better highways and roads. The purpose of the wagon train project which he founded over 15 years ago was to call the attention of public officials to the need for better highways, particularly between the states of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Captain Swan and the late Mrs. Mary Hamrick Swan have three sons. Bill Swan is a pharmacist located in Asheville. Col. Al Swan is commanding officer, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M., Edward Swan, Lt. Col. Ret., Mechanized Cavalry, lives in Venice, Fla.

Rainbow Power, Inc., will be operated by a board of directors made up of four representatives from each of the five participating counties. Clay County, with only two Nantahala meters, will not participate in the Rainbow Power subject, but is already served TVA Power by Blue Ridge and other electrical cooperatives.



Miss Belinda Talley (right) who was chosen "Miss Highlands - 1970" in the contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, receives the crown from last year's winner, Miss Betty Holt. (H. H. Photo).

## Belinda Talley Named "Miss Highlands-1970"

Miss Belinda Talley, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Talley, was voted "Miss Highlands - 1970" by three "out-of-town" judges Tuesday on the final night of the Annual Square Dance Festival, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Judges for the event were Dr. Chester Goodnow from St. Petersburg, William Fisher from Vero Beach, and John Chadwell from St. Petersburg.

Miss Talley, a native of Highlands, will be a sophomore this year at Highlands High School. She hasn't completely decided what she will do with her future, but will probably go to cosmetology school.

Her response to questions Tuesday night brought out that she feels Highlands is a good place to live because of the beautiful surroundings, and because it doesn't have the same problems that are found in cities. Her comment on the young people of today was that many of them are "mixed up" and should follow the direction

of their elders to a greater extent, rather than rebelling against so many established customs.

Miss Talley, sponsored by The Highlander Restaurant, was chosen from eight contestants. The "Miss Highlands" crown was placed on her head by last year's winner, MISS BETTY HOLT.

There was a good turnout to the Square Dance Festival this year, the first time it extended to two nights of entertainment. The first night, Monday, was devoted to clogging-type dancing, with ten teams performing. Winner of the \$75 first prize was the Oconee State Park Team from South Carolina; second prize of \$25 went to the Circle 4 Dancers from Franklin.

In the smooth division Tuesday night the Pisgah View Ranch team captured first prize, and second prize was won by the T. C. Roberson Junior Team. Nine teams competed Tuesday night, and there was a special exhibition (non-competitive) of Israeli folk dances by Camp Blue Star.

## Mallonee To Visit

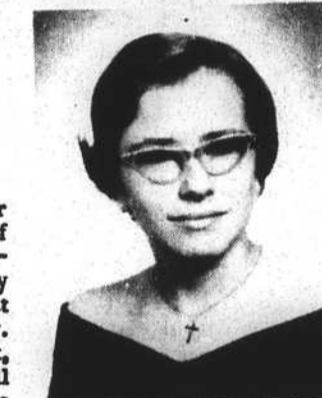
ASHEVILLE -- Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, is now making scheduled visits to the county seats and other sections of the counties.

On Tuesday, August 11, he will be at the Jackson County Courthouse, Sylva, from 9:30 to 10:30; and at the Macon County Courthouse, Franklin, from 3:00 to 4:00.

On Thursday, August 13, he will be at the Transylvania County Courthouse, Brevard, from 9:30 to 10:30; and at the City Hall, Highlands, from 3:00 to 3:30.

Any person who has plans or official business pertaining to Congressional matters to be discussed, is invited to meet with Mr. Mallonee at the above-specified times.

## Highlands Girl Wins Scholarship



Miss Brenda Brown

GREENSBORO -- Miss Brenda Sue Brown, a rising senior from Highlands at the

## Wilson Gap Road Closed

The Wilson Gap Road from Highway 28 to Horse Cove will be closed for about 5 weeks according to officials with the U. S. Forest Service. Work began last week to remove all rock from the roadbed. After the road has been reshaped, about 4 inches of crushed stone will be placed on the entire road so winter travel will be possible.

The stone will be contracted by the low bid system. Sealed bids will be opened August 11 at 2:00 P.M. to determine the successful bidder. Anyone interested in bidding and who did not receive a bid form should contact the local U. S. Forest Service Office.

## "The Mousetrap" Continues Performances Friday And Saturday At 8:30 At HCT

"The Mousetrap", the best-attended production so far this summer at Highlands Community Theatre, continues for two more evenings Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. with good seats available for both performances. Ticket headquarters at Wit's End Shop will be open 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The Agatha Christie whodunit proved to be a popular success with Highlands audiences last weekend, with near-capacity crowds on opening night and Sunday matinee. Thirty-five campers from Camp Highlander attended the Sunday performance.

Jacqui Karns, the flower child in this season's "Hay Fever",

substituted for Debby Russell in two performances of "Mousetrap" when Miss Russell suffered a painful bruise. Miss Karns went onstage as the strong-willed Miss Casewell with only two-hours notice. Only those in the audience who knew she wasn't Debby Russell knew the difference, since Miss Karns never missed a move or

a line. She reated an extended applause at the curtain call. Frank Bennett's magnificent setting also rated two applauds at all performances, first when the curtain opened on a dimly lit mysterious stage and later when lights came up revealing an ominous Tudor living room with well-chosen antiques and furnishings. The furniture was loaned by many Highlands merchants and local residents, making the community theatre truly a "community effort".

## Theatre Art Exhibit Continues Through Saturday Performance

The Art Exhibit in the lobby of the Community Theatre continues through the Saturday night performance of "The Mousetrap". The exhibit will also be open between 2-4 p.m. at the theatre every afternoon this week.

The exhibit is being held as a money-raising project for the community theatre's re-wiring fund. Although the work on the electrical system has been

completed, expense still exceeds income for the project. Donations of one dollar toward a chance to win a painting will be accepted in the lobby by members of the "Elsies", the ladies committee at HCT. Twenty-one paintings have been donated to the exhibit by local artists.

Attracting perhaps the most attention is a mountain drawing contributed by Polly Knipp

Hill entitled "King King Kangalo". Elizabeth Thorn has given a beautiful watercolor that also creates much interest. The exhibit includes something for everyone, with abstracts, florals, still lifes and animals in various media.

Artists in colorful smocks created just for the occasion circulate in the lobby to collect donations. The drawing to announce the winners of each art work will be held after the Saturday night performance of "The Mousetrap."

## Funds Are Available For Franklin By-Pass

Appalachian Funds will be available to complete U. S. 64 from the Franklin By-Pass to the Clay County line, according to an announcement Monday by E. J. Whitmire, State

## Car Trip

On Wednesday, August 12, the Forest Service will conduct a Nature Show-Me Tour by Car. Cars will leave the Museum at 10:00 a.m. and will drive along the Wilson Gap Road. They will stop at several locations and the Forester in charge will explain multiple use of the forest and will identify many of the plants and trees of the area.

Highway Commissioner for this district. Mr. Whitmire said that he had just received word that the funds would be available. He added that a designated public hearing would be held soon and with the concurrence of the National Forest Service, the State Wildlife Commission and Appalachian Trail Association, the highway commission can start buying right of ways.

The Commissioner stated that he felt that it was possible that all of U. S. 64 from Franklin to Hayesville would be rebuilt within the next four years.

Mr. Whitmire also announced that the Primary Roads Committee of the Highway Commission recently approved a four and five lane section of U. S. 441 from Rogers Gas Island, south of Franklin to a point near Bates Concrete Plant. He pointed out that he felt that this improvement was very important since the Franklin By-Pass work does not correct the poor traffic conditions during shift change time at the Electric Cord Products and Burlington Hosiery Plants. Also the Recreation Complex and Fair Grounds area traffic problems would be greatly helped, he said.

Highway engineers are at present working locating two additional lanes from the North end of the Franklin By-Pass to the Pumpkin Town Road in Jackson County. This will do a great deal to lessen the traffic problems on U. S. 441 and U. S. 23 crossing the Cowee Mountain, the Commissioner said.

In a matter of local interest the Commissioner announced that the Highway Commission has taken over Wayah Street in Franklin and has placed a good traveling surface on the road. There has been considerable favorable comments on this project, he added.

Now that the "old airport" has been deactivated, U. S. 64 from the "Thomas curve" to the U. S. 23-441 will be improved. Previously this short section of road was left out because the Bureau of Public Roads would not agree to build a fill section which would be in conflict with the take off and landing of airplanes. This improvement will give Franklin three good connectors with the by-pass. One on each end and one in the middle, the Commissioner said.

The projects and their completions have been financed and will be paid for out of the income from the additional gasoline tax, Mr. Whitmire said.

## Dr. Killian Visits Here

Dr. Carl D. Killian, Democratic candidate for the State Senate of North Carolina, was in Highlands last Thursday and again Monday to get acquainted with some of the local Democrats and hear their comments.

A native of Clay County, N.C. and the son of a country doctor, Dr. Killian is perhaps best known in Highlands through his many years as head of the Department of Education and Psychology at Western Carolina University. His associates give credit to his vision and determination to "get what he goes after" for many of the special programs at WCU which have greatly enlarged its service capacity.

Dr. Killian's motto "To each a fair chance" is reflected in his devotion to those programs established at WCU which help develop the educational potential of ALL children.

The State Senate candidate expects to return to Highlands at a later date and hopes to make additional acquaintances at that time.

Bennett not only designs all settings and costumes, but supervises all work on construction. His crew for "Mousetrap" included Gary Chestnut, Richard Cheatham, Robby Smith, Bob Hancock, Gene Neilson, Dennis LeBlond, Mac McMillan and Jim Painter.

Bennett's set and costume work has been singled out by critics throughout Florida, and recently Asheville critics Lewis Greene and Emily Kingsbery have devoted several paragraphs in praise of his work. Bennett also does much of the physical labor himself, but hears great credit upon the numerous Highlands store-owners who loan him prop items, furniture and decorative accessories. The current setting boasts antique items from the Ark, Carriage Wheel, Reeves Hardware, Boutwell's Highlands Furniture, Antiques by Lee, Anne Arnold and Mrs. Betty Pierson.

A native of Ocala, Florida, Bennett is thoroughly familiar with the Highlands area. His early summers were spent at Lake Towaway at the estate of his aunt, Mrs. Carl Mohr, now the Towaway Country Club.

Special guest in Friday night's audience will be actress Claire Luce. Miss Luce arrived in Highlands Tuesday to begin rehearsals for the fourth HCT production, a romantic comedy entitled "The Warm Peninsula."

Admission to "Mousetrap" and later productions is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and students. Reservations may be made by telephoning 526-2695. The Community Theatre is located on the hill east of Main Street.



One of Highlands' favorite summer residents, Mrs. C.D.S. Clarkson, was caught by Burt Talbot's camera on the way to Highlands Community Theatre recently.



Jack Cobe snagged this catch from Glenville Lake recently. A wall-eye, it weighed 7-1/2 pounds and measured 26 inches.

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# Have Fun At The Firemen's Barbecue Saturday!