

The Weather

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Mar. 24	43	30	.00
Mar. 25	26	30	.00
Mar. 26	32	30	1.37*
Mar. 27	50	18	.00
Mar. 28	55	33	.00
Mar. 29	48	40	.49
Mar. 30	45	28	.00

*Melted Snow

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No Opposition At Tax Hearing

Approximately fifty persons attended the hearing in the Macon County Courthouse Monday morning concerning the levying of an additional one cent sales tax, but not a single word of opposition to the additional tax was voiced. Hearing unforeseen difficulties, the additional one cent levy should start May 1.

After R. S. Jones, Jr., county attorney had outlined the history of the one cent sales tax measure and Mr. Oscar Ledford, chairman of the Macon County Board of Commissioners, said the Commissioners planned to use funds from the one cent levy to pay for the county administrative building, the new county vocational training building to be built, and to support community organizations such as chamber of commerce groups, community development clubs and hospitals.

He also pointed out as was stated in last week's PRESS, that the money would be divided between the Town of Highlands, the Town of Franklin and Macon County on the basis of the ad valorem tax levied rather than a population basis (the law would allow either) and that the state would collect the tax along with their three cent levy and return the money to the towns and county.

Mr. Ledford then asked for statements from the group either for or against the proposal.

Representing various town and county groups and agencies the following spoke in favor of the one cent levy Kenneth Dodge, vice mayor of the Town of Franklin and chairman of the budget committee; Mr. Claude Patterson, Mayor of the Town of Highlands; (Mr. Patterson assumed the tax as the farthest one he knew of); Mr. Kenneth Barker, Superintendent of the public schools of Macon County; Terry Sutton, chairman of the Macon County Democratic executive committee; Glimmer Henson, chairman of the Macon County Republican executive committee; Robert Scott, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce; Gary Clark, president of the Franklin Jaycees; Merriman Doster, Franklin Merchants Association; Mrs.

John Crawford, director of Macon County Social Services; James Roper president of the Macon County Rural Development Council; H. Bueck, former superintendent of public schools; E. J. Whitmire District Highway Commissioner; and Robert Rollins head of the county agriculture extension department.

Grady Nichols, rural store keeper perhaps best expressed the feeling of the group and drew a round of applause when he said: "The only complaints I heard were when they took it off; let's put it back on and go home."

No one spoke against putting the measure back. Mr. Ledford informed the group that it was estimated that the two towns and the county together would receive approximately \$225,000.

Notice About Sunday School

Beginning with this Sunday, April 4, the church schools which have been meeting together at the Presbyterian Educational Building each Sunday morning will meet at their own respective churches.

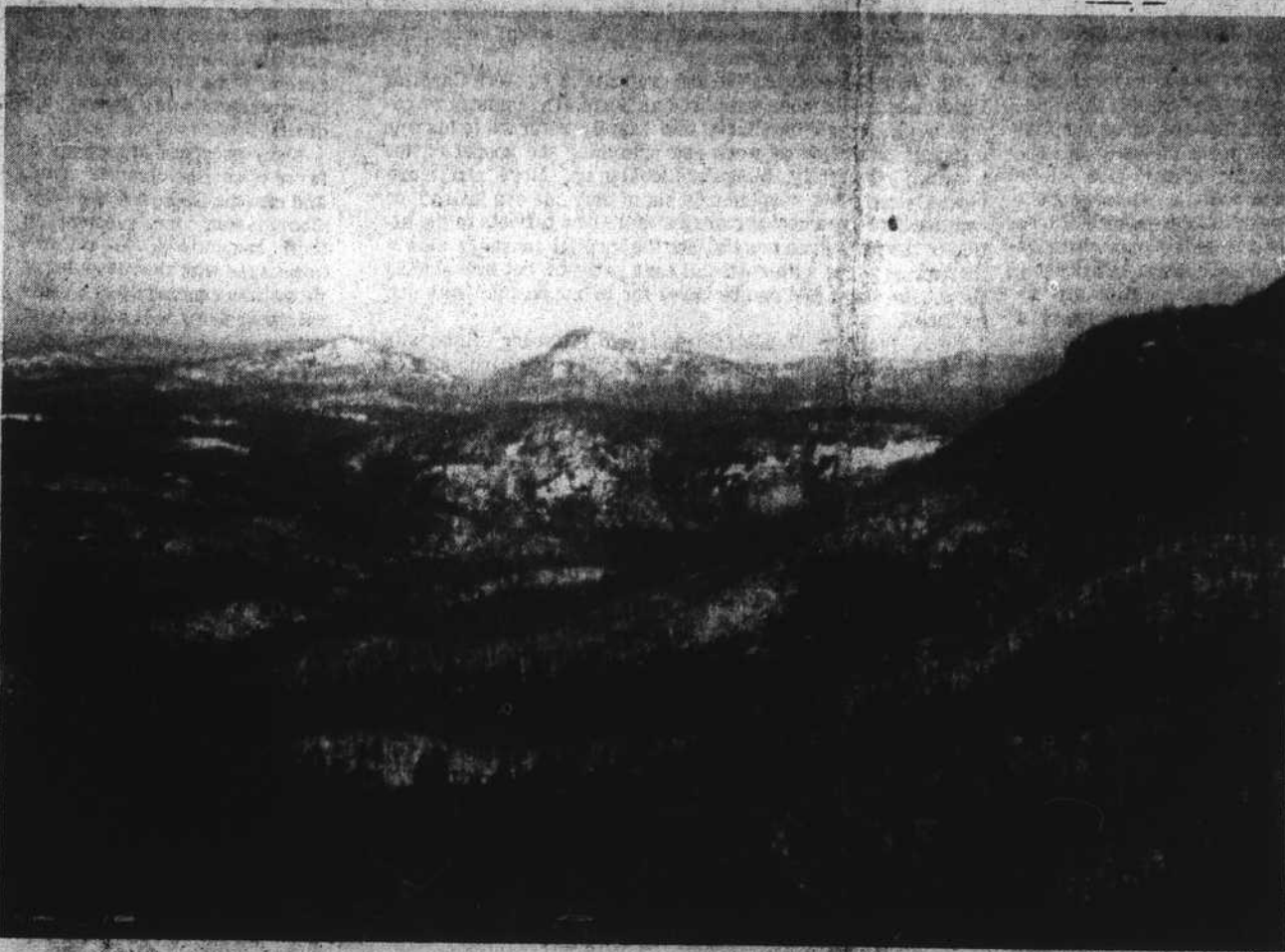
The "union" Sunday School was held during the winter months since attendance at each individual church was sometimes very small, due to weather and other considerations.

Highlanders Are Asked

Interested persons from the Highlands area are asked to attend a meeting of the Macon County Development Council in Franklin tonight (April 1) at 7:30 p.m. in the Agricultural Building.

Three top officials of Western Carolina Telephone Company will be present to discuss and explore the possibility of a toll-free service between the towns of Franklin and Highlands, and to explain what procedures are necessary to bring this about.

It is hoped that a representative group from the Highlands area can be present.



Snow last week added extra enchantment to the "purple mountain majesty" of Whiteside View between Highlands and Cashiers. (H. H. Photo)

School Libraries Add Materials

Macon County Schools have just completed a library enrichment project which added books and visual aid materials to the various schools' libraries totaling \$12,500.00.

By combining several different sources of funds the total amount was made available for this use. \$5,000.00 was allocated from ESEA Title II sources, \$1,000.00 from ESEA Title II, \$3,300.00 from state funds and \$3,300.00 local effort accounted for the over all financing.

Schools were allocated their portion of this money on the basis of enrollment and need determined by books and materials on hand.

Individual school allocations were as follows:
Highlands High, \$400.00; East Franklin, \$2,000.00; Nantahala High, \$182.00; Iotis, \$740.00;

Union, \$860.00; Cowee, \$641.00; Highlands Elementary, \$990.00; Nantahala Elementary, \$520.00; Cartoogechaye, \$665.00; Otto, \$705.00; Franklin High, \$3,200.00; Franklin Jr. High, \$890.00; and Cullasaja \$770.00.

The school libraries were able to add many volumes of new interesting books for students reading along with a wealth of visual aid materials such as photograph records, filmstrips, slides, transparencies and similar enrichment items.

Teachers were given an opportunity to work with their librarians to select the most vital materials to aid in the instructional programs.

Youngsters in our schools will profit from this project.

Rotary Pleased

The Highlands Rotary Club held their regular Tuesday meeting at 1:15 at the Phelps House.

There were two visiting Rotarians as guests at this meeting - Mr. Lloyd F. Evans of Plantation, Florida, and Mr. Verge Hadlock of Freeport, G. B.

Mr. Hadlock is building a home in Cashiers and hopes to become a permanent resident in the near future.

The basketball game between the Rotarians and the Highlands Fire Department was termed a success. The winner was the Fire Department, but the score was much closer than anyone had anticipated - 48 to 38.

The real winner of the game was The Highlands Recreation Park, as you know, the game was played for the benefit of the new Recreation Park. After paying all expenses, there was a profit of approximately \$260.00. It is very encouraging to note that so many people turned out to see a good game, and at the same time were helping a very worthy cause.

Worth Sherrill was in charge of the program for the day. He shared with those present by way of color slides and narration, his trip to Australia and New Zealand.

It was pointed out that parts of these countries are very modern while other parts of these countries are almost in the dark ages. Sidney, Australia, is one of the most modern cities in the world. Not so very far from Sidney on one of the small islands you find just the opposite. Here, he took pictures of the natives walking in a bed of hot ashes and not receiving so much as a single blister. These slides were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Next week, Bill Upchurch from the State of Franklin Health Council, Inc., will give Rotarians an overall view of their programs at this time, and also tell of a new Health Care Delivery System which has been proposed for this area.

Schools Big Business

Public schools are big business and there's no doubt about it. The total expenditure for North Carolina's public schools during the 1969-70 school year was \$649,647,176.35.

The figure comes from a report, "Current Expenditures by Source of Funds, 1969-70," released recently by A. C. Davis, Controller for the State Board of Education.

show that 69.7 percent of the funds -- \$455,045,161.15 -- was provided by the State. Some 12.8 percent came from Federal sources, and the remaining 17.5 percent was provided by local revenue.

In the Macon County school system a total of \$1,940,789.80 was spent. Of this amount, 69 percent was provided by the State, while the Federal government's share totaled 19.8 percent, and local sources amounted to 11.2 percent. The total per pupil expenditure was \$639.03 with \$72.00 coming from local sources.

The average per pupil expenditure for the State -- the average amount spent on each school child -- was \$688.28. Of that amount, \$410.26 came from State funds, \$75.08 from the Federal government, and \$102.95 from local sources.

Comparing the percentage of State, Federal, or local expenditures in individual school systems, State funds spent ranged from a high of 88.2 percent in Alexander County to a low of 56.0 percent in Hendersonville City Schools.

The total expenditures in adjoining counties per pupil and the amount furnished by the

Two Killed In Accident

Mrs. Herbert Johnson and her 7-year-old daughter, Patricia Margaret, died from injuries received in a one-car automobile accident early Sunday morning on U.S. 19A, 5.9 miles east of Sylva. Another daughter, Joan, is in an Asheville hospital for treatment of injuries.

Mrs. Johnson was the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Johnson, formerly of Highlands, now of Yellow Mountain. Her husband grew up here, and was known by the nickname "Shorty". His present home is in Charlotte.

According to investigating officer Bruce Pike of the State Patrol, Mr. Johnson said he was driving one car and his wife, with their two daughters, driving another behind him. When he failed to see their headlights behind him for quite some time, he went back to see what had happened.

He found the car overturned some 83 feet off the road down a 30-foot bank, lying on its side against trees and rocks. Joan had been thrown from the car, and Johnson pulled his wife and Patricia out of the demolished car, the trooper said.

Patricia Margaret was dead on arrival at C. J. Harris Hospital from massive skull fracture. Mrs. Johnson died at 12:10 p.m. Sunday at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville from a broken neck and other injuries.

Herbert Johnson also suffered broken ribs and other minor injuries in a fall down the embankment to reach his family in the wrecked car.

The bodies of Mrs. Johnson and her daughter were transferred to Charlotte from Moody Funeral Home of Sylva for burial Wednesday.

Sanitary Landfill Plans Told

A sanitary landfill is planned to go into operation soon on the Wilson Gap Road. The old "garbage dump" located on the Dillard Road will be closed due to limited area to operate.

District Ranger James Brown said, "The sanitary

landfill site has been leased under a Special Use Permit to the Town of Highlands and construction is well under way. The site has been cleared and the access road and fence are now under construction. Opening date should be early May."

The operation of the sanitary landfill is different to any ever operated in this area according to Ranger Brown. There will be NO FIRE allowed. There will be a sign posted on the access road giving days of the week and time that dumping will be permitted, all other times the gate will be locked.

Of the approximately 8 acres under special use, only one trench will be in use at a time. The remaining area will be seeded to grass and maintained. All refuse deposits will be made under supervision of an attendant on duty. At the end of each day during the summer, all refuse deposited that day will be packed down and covered with at least 6 inches of soil. During the winter the refuse will be covered every 2 or 3 days as required by the Macon County Health Department.

The area will be fenced to prevent paper and other debris from blowing out into the surrounding area and to keep out the dogs that are thrown out and left by careless people who no longer want to care for them. The 6 inches of top soil will prevent incineration of flies and the possibility of fire from being set.

To operate an efficient sanitary landfill, the help of every one is needed to see that all regulations are abided by.

A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 1971, at 7:00 P. M. in the Highlands School Gym to explain the operations and answer questions about the sanitary landfill. Everyone is invited to attend.

Credit Union Meet To Be

The third annual meeting of all members of the Macon Citizens Credit Union will be held Friday, April 2nd, 7:30 p.m. at East Franklin School according to Bobby Hartsell, president.

Vice President Harold Warstler will explain the new system of share insurance, a Federal insurance known as National Credit Union Administration.

Members of the Board of Directors are to be elected at this time. In lieu of a speaker, board members will discuss phases of the credit union and members will be given an opportunity to express ways of strengthening the organization.

Residents of Highlands have requested a branch office of the credit union. All interested persons are invited to attend the annual meeting.

Cashiers Easter Service

The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, will have the Easter Service and preach the sermon at 11 A.M. on April 11 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, the little white church across from High Hampton Inn in Cashiers.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Deepest Snow Falls

Highlands experienced its deepest snowfall of the winter last week, four days after the calendar announced that spring had arrived.

Snow began falling Thursday morning, lightly at first, but increasing in intensity gradually so that school was dismissed almost as soon as it had convened.

The ground was not frozen, so it took awhile for snow to accumulate, but by afternoon roads and streets began to present traffic problems while snow fell so rapidly that "sliding" would have had little effect. Cars began sliding out of the road in places, though no serious accidents were reported.

Luckily the thermometer stayed not too far below freezing and there was no strong wind. Snow continued on into the night, and by Friday morning measurements of from 12 to 16 inches were reported from different sections of the community.

PTA Supper Reminder

Remember to attend the PTA "covered dish" supper which will be held in the school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) the 2nd of April. Contributions for PTA projects will be welcomed.

All persons and organizations

File For Election

Mayor Claude Patterson filed this week as a candidate for mayor in the May 4th election. Filing for the Town Board of Commissioners were Dr. Thelma Howell, incumbent, and John Cleaveland.

The only candidate filing previously was Steve Potts, incumbent, for the Town Board of Commissioners.

Cemetery Co. Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Highlands Cemetery Company will be held Tuesday, April 6, in the Conference Room at Town Hall, at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers will be held and details pertaining to the maintenance and supervision of Highlands Memorial Park will be discussed.

All persons who have interests in the town cemetery are encouraged to attend.

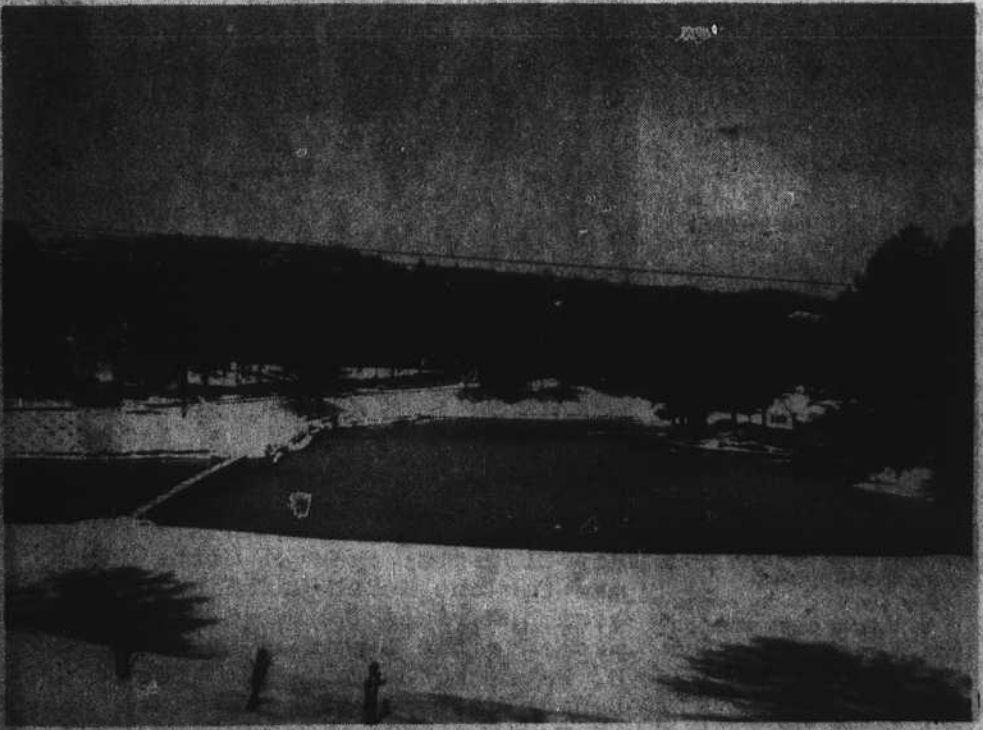
Chamber To Meet

The regular meeting of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday night, April 7, at the Town Conference Room, beginning at 7:30.

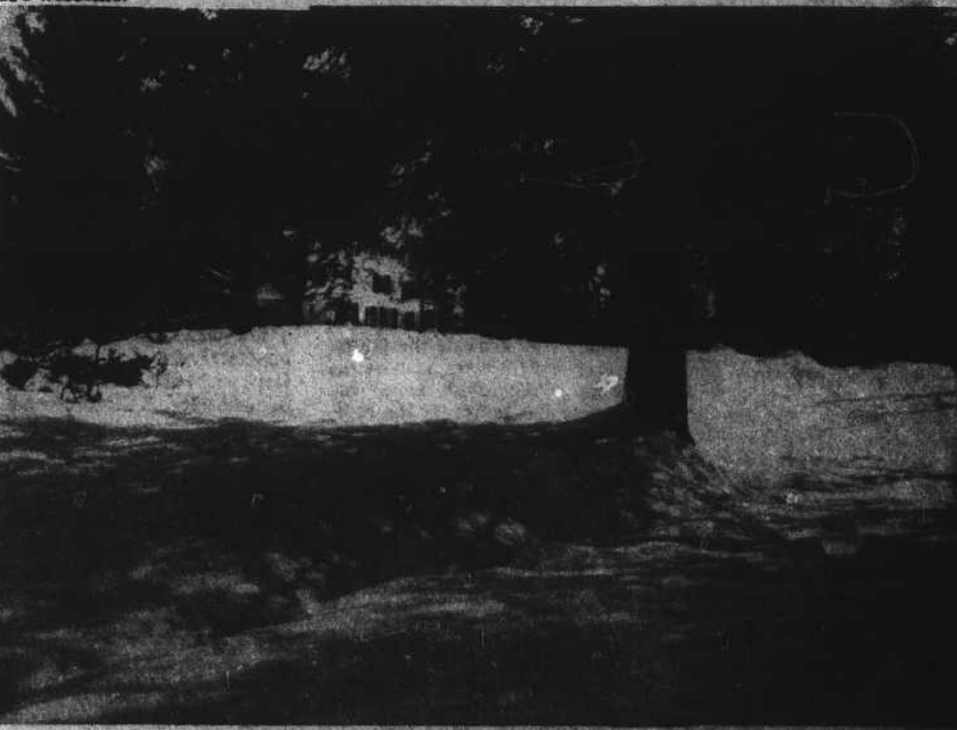
All members of the Board of Directors are urged to attend, and all members of the Chamber and other interested persons are welcome.



Clearance of the post office parking area piled up huge mounds of wet snow. (H. H. Photo).



Snow scene at Highlands Country Club lake shows St. Clair residence on right where a wind storm earlier this winter uprooted several trees that crashed into the house. (H. H. Photo)



Though meeting has begun, there was still plenty of snow Saturday surrounding the former Macon County place now owned by the F. B. Cooks off Hickory Street. (H. H. Photo)