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Air Conditioned by Nature

Georgia man crushed under heavy machine

A Georgia man was crushed to death Monday night when a front end loader he was apparently unloading slipped off the truck and pinned him underneath. The accident occurred on Highway 106 south of Highlands.

Gerald Otis Veal, 31, of Maysville, Georgia, was dead upon arrival at the hospital. Sheriff George Moses, who investigated the accident, said the man was apparently dead when they found him.

A ten-year-old boy, Veal's cousin or nephew, was with

him at the time of the accident. Moses said that they talked with the boy, but he was unable to tell them a lot. Apparently, the accident was quite a shock to the youngster.

Two motorists arrived at the scene of the accident, which occurred just inside the North Carolina line between Dillard, Ga. and Highlands. They notified the Rabun County Sheriff's Department, who in turn notified the Macon County Sheriff.

A routine autopsy is being performed.

Cemetery Company to meet on Tuesday

The semi-annual meeting of the Highlands Cemetery Company will be held Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of Town Hall.

At this time an election of

officers will be held, and plans for the coming months discussed. The Cemetery Company handles all matters pertaining to the management of Highlands Memorial Park on a voluntary basis.

All cemetery lot owners or families of lot owners are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Satulah Club to meet Mon.

The Satulah Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, April 2, at 2 p.m. in the Presbyterian Educational Building.

Hostesses will be Charlotte Talley and Carrie Burris.

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AN OLD HIGHLANDS LANDMARK is being erased with the tearing down of the house on Fifth and Pine Streets across from the post office. This spacious dwelling, completed in 1910, was originally the summer home of the late A. P. Anderson, inventor of the process that produced puffed wheat and puffed rice. The builder was Jule Phillips, (grandfather of Mrs. Neville Bryson) and Frank Wright and Joe Wright (brothers of Mrs. Elizabeth Prince) helped with the building, too. The tall wind mill pumped water for the residence. Old-timer Wen McKinney tells us that the hundreds of small concrete blocks used in the chimneys and the walls and steps bordering the property were made on a hand-operated machine by Aylor Chastain. Mr. Anderson's daughter, Louise, and husband (Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Sargent) are part-time residents of Highlands. The property now belongs to Mr. Walter Sheppard who has announced no definite plans for its use. (H.H. Photo)

Cliffside opening set

Cliffside Lake Recreation Area will open March 30 and will be ready for the opening of the trout season scheduled this year for March 31 at sunrise.

Ranger James Brown stated that there will be no charge for those coming just to fish. A charge will be made, however, if the camping sites at Cliffside are utilized. Van Hook Camping Area will not open until May 25.

According to Del Thorsen, Forest Supervisor of the Na-

tional Forests in North Carolina, a few campgrounds on each district will be opened March 30. This will give the trout fisherman and early campers a place to stay, Thorsen said. The larger campgrounds which have sewage treatment plants and are more expensive to operate will be opened on May 25.

Interpretive services such as nature walks, illustrated evening talks and demonstrations will be available at two of the campgrounds. Black

Mountain and Jack Rabbit on May 25.

The Cradle of Forestry in America on the Pisgah District will open May 1. The Cradle is a reconstruction of the first forestry school in America. The campus has been recreated along a mile-long trail that winds through a pioneer mountain setting.

Fee collection will begin at designated campgrounds when the facilities open on a daily schedule. The "User Fee" for camping this year will be two dollars per camp unit. Day-use sites such as swimming areas will be one dollar per private noncommercial vehicle. Group rates have been increased over last year's rates. Rates may be obtained from the District Rangers' offices having jurisdiction for that area. Picnicking at designated picnic areas will be free.

Bloodmobile scheduled

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Highlands

United Methodist Church basement tomorrow (Friday) between 2 and 6 p.m.

Note to parents

On Monday, April 2, classes will not meet at Highlands School. This day will be used by the teachers for compiling report cards, planning units of work, and parent conference.

Parents are strongly urged to contact the teachers and establish appointments for conference concerning their child's social and academic performance.

The teacher work day has stemmed from an Act of the North Carolina Legislature granting to teachers seven work days during the school year. The teachers at Highlands have already experienced five work days.

There is an urgent need for blood, and all persons in the Highlands area are reminded that they can render perhaps a life-saving service by the contribution of a pint of blood.

Anyone wishing to give blood who does not have a way to get to town may call Jack Taylor at 526-2186 or John Tate at 526-2357 and a ride will be provided.

Only 200 of the 500 pints of blood used in Macon County last year were supplied by this county.

Everyone is urged to make this valuable contribution to his community tomorrow.

Supper is postponed

The Girl Scout spaghetti supper previously scheduled for tomorrow night (March 30) at the Highlands School cafeteria has been postponed to a later date, according to an announcement late last week.

A definite time has not yet been set, but advance notice will be given when the new date is decided upon.



A NICE ADDITION to the Highlands Recreation Fund was received last week in the form of a \$500 check from Brevard Federal Savings and Loan Association of Brevard. Highlander Neddy Bryson (right) who is employed by the Association presented the check to Recreation Commission Chairman Bud Potts, while Mr. A. S. Happoldt, a director of BSLA looked on. (H.H. Photo)

Highlands, Franklin question county-wide police force

Optimism for setting up a county-wide police force by July 1 to include both the Towns of Highlands and Franklin is growing dim.

Although neither town council has made a final decision on the proposed police force, as far as the county is concerned, the commissioners are going ahead with the plans for a county-wide police force which may or may not include the two towns in Macon.

At a Highlands Town Council meeting last week, the Council decided to hire two more policemen to supplement their present force. Although the present force, according to Mayor A. C. Patterson, can handle law enforcement in the winter, they need additional men for the summer.

Two Highlands Councilmen, Carlton Crane and Steve Potts, both stated that they were against the county-wide police force as it is being planned. Cost and the fact that the force will be based in Franklin seem to be the two major factors holding Highlands back from the county-wide force.

Crane stated that Highlands needed some guarantee that they would have a good police protection as they now have and "if it's based in Franklin, I know we won't. All we get from them is a tax bill."

Potts, who said it would take two days to give his reasons against the police force, said his personal opinion was that "we won't go along with it. They'll (county commissioners) promise you glory and you know what you get. Nothing."

Patterson stated that the Councilmen just didn't think it would work. "They've got to have insurance that we can have a man here when we need him. I just don't see how it can work here," he said.

Mayor H. H. Plemons, of Franklin, stated that the Franklin Town Council was still "open-minded about it. We haven't made any definite decisions yet."

Jim Williamson, Franklin Town Council member, said "Basically, we are of the opinion that there are still questions to be answered." The two major questions that concern the Council of Franklin is cost and the kind of protection the Town will have under the new police force.

Williamson stated, concerning the cost of the new force, that Franklin "might need a tax increase to implement the new police force while we can get by with improving what we have now without a tax increase." Plemons said that while

they are satisfied with the Franklin law enforcement now, men that are trained in enforcement and able to move freely inside and outside the town limits would be more efficient."

Both Plemons and Williamson mentioned efficiency as one of the advantages of a county-wide police force. "We want as good as we've got now or better," said Plemons.

Oscar Ledford, chairman of the county commissioners, said recently that the county was going ahead with plans for the police force and "hopefully, we'll have the cooperation of the towns on this."

"My impression at this point," Ron Winecoff, county manager said, "is that the two towns are still considering the matter and hopefully they will see fit to join this county effort at a later date."

Winecoff stated the county attorney is in the process of drawing up legislation to present to the General Assembly to authorize Macon County to set up the county police force. The legislation will not have to be changed if the towns decide to join the county in mutual police protection.

Concerning funding, Winecoff said the county was seek-

Pre-school day set

Children who will be entering school in grade one this fall are requested to attend (with their parents) the Pre-School Day on April 12th at 9:30 a.m. at Highlands School.

Due to crowded conditions and length of the conference it is suggested that if at all possible, younger children not attend.

Parents who have not already done so are urged to come by the school office and pick up necessary forms which will eventually be placed in their child's cumulative record.

An immunization clinic is held at the Health Center in Franklin every Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Measles vaccine will be available for pre-school children.

Lenten music schedule

On Friday March 30th from 12-12:30 P.M. an organ recital will be offered by Mrs. J. R. Garvin at the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Richard Worley will be the featured soloist. The program will be a selection of compositions from the work of George F. Handel (1685-1759). Beethoven said

of Handel, "To him I bend the knee. For Handel is the greatest, ablest composer that ever lived."

These selections will be included: Pastoral and Allegro from Concerto in G Adagio from the Tenth Grand Concerto from strings, Air from Water Music Suite, and Largo from "Xerxes". Mrs. Worley will sing "He shall feed His Flock" and "He Was Despaired," both numbers from "The Messiah" written in 1742.

The program will begin with Noonday prayers and Scripture reading. The public is cordially invited!

Revival begins

Revival services at the Highlands Assembly of God Church will begin tonight, March 29, and continue through April 1, led by the James Pendry family.

"These folks will bless your heart with special anointed singing and preaching," a spokesman for the church said.

Rev. Pendry has been a missionary evangelist in the Bahamas. Everyone is invited to attend these services each night at 7:30.

Auxiliary to meet

The regular meeting of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary will be held Thursday, April 5, at 1:30 in the recreation room of the hospital. Help with the Auxiliary's sewing projects is always welcome.

Homestart News

The Nantahala Parent Meeting was Thursday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. The program was a movie on "The First Years Together" and everyone enjoyed it.

Policy Council for Head Start and Home Start will meet Tuesday and Home Start will meet Tuesday, April 3, at 10 a.m. in the Social Services Conference room. All members are urged to come. If you need transportation, call 524-4471.

Headstart News

The Cartoogechaye Parent Meeting will be Thursday, April 5, at the Head Start Center.

The Head Start-Home Start Policy Council will meet April 3.

Head Start will sponsor a two-week preservice training beginning April 2 at the First Baptist Church in Franklin.

Rotary pledges \$2,000 for town recreation

At the regular weekly meeting of the Highlands Rotary Club members voted unanimously to donate at least \$2,000 to the Recreation Park Fund during the remainder of 1973. The money will be raised by staging the annual barbecue during the summer and the golf tournament in the fall.

President Harry Long announced that spring has surely arrived as there were three visiting Rotarians present, two from Florida and one from Alabama. High school guests were Tim Alexander and Peter McDonough, both tenth graders.

Jack Alexander, chairman of the special committee to select nominees for the annual Jaycee awards made by the Franklin Chapter, announced that Miss Sandy Vin-

cent had been suggested for the "Outstanding Student of the Year" award and that Jack Taylor had been chosen for the D.S.A. award due to the outstanding record in the many civic organizations he is associated with. Both recommendations were enthusiastically endorsed by the entire group.

Earl Heard, Chairman of the "On to Boone Entertainment" program planned for the District Conference to be held at Appalachian State University April 17-18. A total of 14 are expected to attend from Highlands. The election of Ernie Stevens as incoming District Governor is to take place at the Conference, as no additional names were placed in nomination prior to the deadline, March

26th. Rotarian John Phelan gave a most interesting talk in which he told some of his recent experiences as President of the Highlands Board of Realtors, and described the havoc wrought by a huge tidal wave that struck the vast coast of Florida fifteen years ago. He read some of his poems which appeared in the HIGHLANDER several years ago, including, IN THESE HILLS, (written on the front porch of his Horse Cove home, early one morning).

Next week E. J. Baumrucker, President of Cashiers Plastics will talk on the subject of mountain industries. His company has made great strides in its two years of operations and now employs some 60 people full time.



MANY HIGHLANDERS REMEMBER the Anderson place (later the Sullivan home for many years) when the walkway and white picket fence pictured above were well-kept and cared for, making a pleasant place to walk on a summer day. (H. H. Photo)

Food stamp sale begins April 3

Food stamp sales will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning, April 3, and some 776 people have already applied for the new food assistance program. "We have a funny feeling in the bottom of our stomachs, starting out with something new like this," said Mrs. Dorothy Crawford, head of social services in Macon. Mrs. Crawford said that 534 of those who had applied for

the stamps had been approved so far.

"We already have more people participating, with the program not even started, as we had with donated foods," she said. 623 people received the donated foods during the month of March.

Mrs. Crawford said that every thing was ready for the program to begin next week, the stamps are in the bank and everything is moving right along.

She said the purchase cards, which state how many stamps a person is eligible to buy, will go in the mail on Friday.

The first month's applications are not nearly what they will be after two or three months of operation, Mrs. Crawford said. "I'd say it will exceed 1500 folks before it's over with."

Stamp sales will take place at the First Union National Bank in Franklin every Tuesday and Thursday until the 25th of each month. This is to allow time for balancing the books and sending records to Raleigh.

Sales will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Mrs. Crawford said that in order to buy the stamps, those eligible must have their identification card, their purchase card and the correct change.

The Social Services office takes applications each Monday and Wednesday. Mrs. Crawford stated that she regretted they could not take applications every day, but that

her office is operating this program with existing personnel, and that, in order to do this, they must sell on Tuesday and Thursday and take applications on Monday and Wednesday.

The donated foods program, or commodity foods program in Macon is finished. It had been in operation for ten years and three months.

The Social Services office will be partially refunded for time and money spent on the new food stamp program.

The food stamp program is not a "giveaway" program. Unless a family's income is less than \$30 or so, they will have to pay for the stamps. They may, however, be eligible to buy \$130 worth of stamps for as little as \$30, depending on their income.

Other resources are also taken into consideration in determining eligibility. Resources such as bank accounts, stocks, savings bonds and certain real or personal property are tallied along with income when determining eligibility.

Mrs. Crawford said that 56 persons who applied for the food stamps were deemed ineligible. Most of them did not qualify because of excess resources or too much income, she said.