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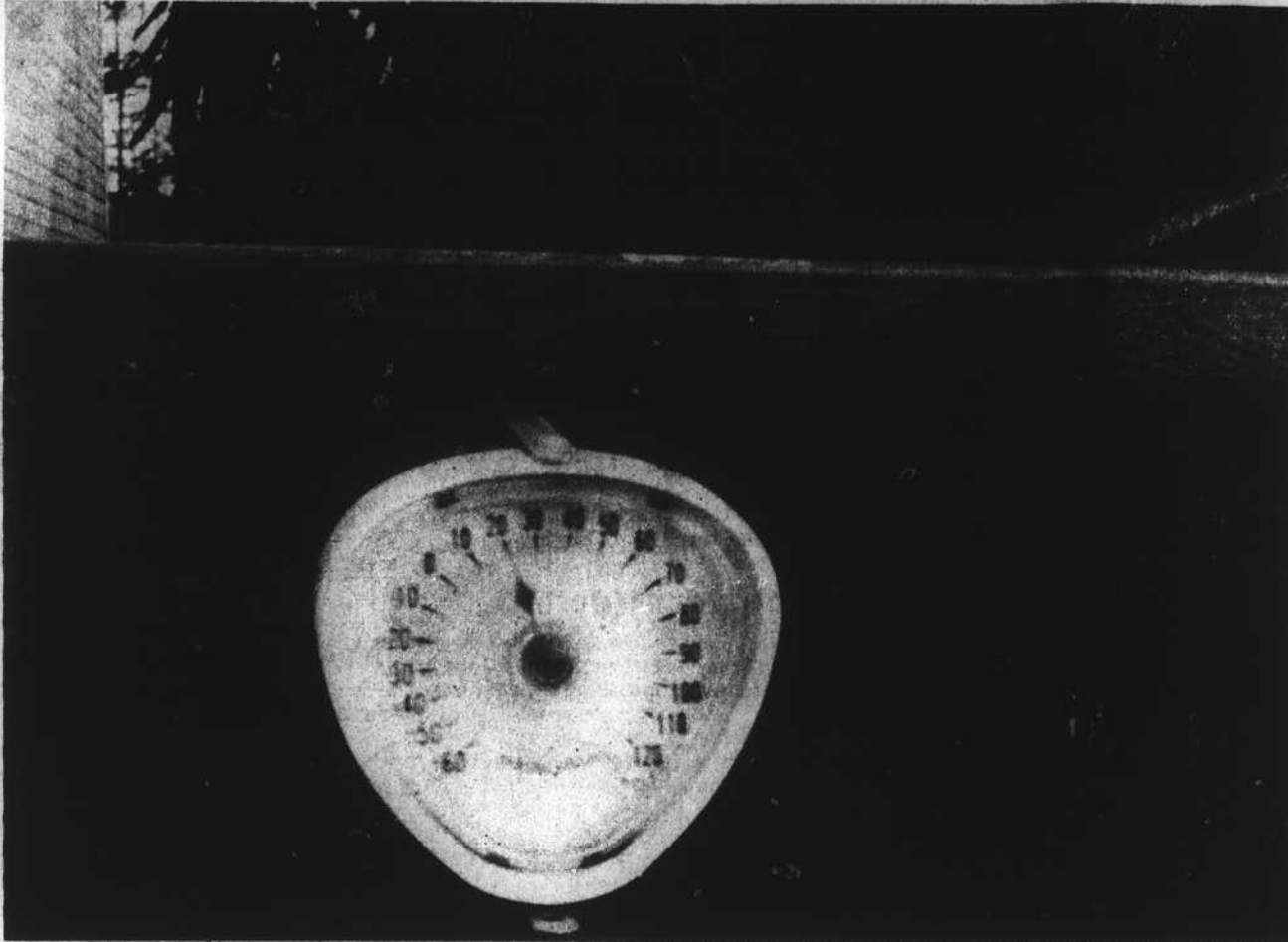
Cleaning house?

When sorting through those articles which you just don't have room for any more, don't forget "Mountain Findings," the town thrift shop, is eager to have good second-hand items that someone can use. (No clothes, please.)

The thrift shop, which is operated by voluntary workers, sells donated items at bargain prices, and all the proceeds go to the Highlands Recreation Fund.

Household appliances (in good working order) bric-a-brac, art objects, books, cooking utensils, furniture, jewelry, you-name-it, "Mountain Findings" will be glad to have your contribution, and in return, you will be helping a good cause and getting rid of a "space-taker" which you have no real use for.

"Mountain Findings," on the hill next to Antiques by Lee, opened last weekend. Budgeteers are invited to come in and see the bargains already available.



THE TIGHTLY CURLED LEAVES of Nature's thermometer backed up the "un-Spring" mercury reading in Highlands early Wednesday morning. The 20 degree temperature was ushered in by light snow flurries Tuesday. (H.H. Photo)

Garden Club will meet

The monthly meeting of the Highlands-Cashiers Garden Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Tom Allen, Mount Lori, Thursday, April 19, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Sam R. Morehead of Anderson, South Carolina will present the program, "Herbs Belonging in Every Garden." Hostesses of the day are Mrs. Allen, Mrs. J. B. Chadwell and Mrs. Paul Carroll.

Postage Stamp exhibition set

Again this year, an interesting and colorful postage stamp exhibition, ASHEPEX 73, will be highlighting weekend activities, May 19 and 20 in Asheville, N.C.

The success and interest in last year's exhibit has spurred the Asheville Stamp Club to sponsor the exhibition this year, again at Holiday Inn West. Exhibition hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. May 19 and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on May 20.

Exhibits can be entered by anyone in Western North Carolina and prizes will be awarded. For further information concerning the exhibit, write The Asheville Stamp Club, P.O. Box 250, Asheville, N.C. 28802.

Meeting postponed

Due to conflict of local activities the regular monthly meeting of the Scalp Mountain Community Organization was changed to Tuesday, April 3.

After a short business session, Mr. Grady Corbin presented a program with slides and narration on ECOLOGY - likening planet earth to a space ship revealing our limited resources.

Realtors meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Highlands-Cashiers Board of Realtors was held Monday, April 9. Realtors present were John Phelan, Jack Taylor, Tudor N. and Margaret G. Hall, John and Hester Keener and Norma T. Pierson. Associated members attending were Richard Rodgers and Billie Howell.

For the past several months the Board has been reviewing the By-Laws of the organization in order to remove some of the conflicting rules concerning membership. It was decided at the April meeting to hold in abeyance new applications for membership until the revised By-Laws have been approved. It is anticipated this will be done at the May meeting.

Hearing set in Highlands Friday on ABC store vote

The county-wide public hearing concerning a referendum on the question of establishing an ABC store in Highlands will be held Friday night at 7:30 at Highlands High School.

State Senator Charles Taylor stated that he had received six petitions voicing opposition to the establishment of an ABC store in Highlands and about 20 Maconians had indicated on Tuesday that they will speak for or against the issue in Highlands, Friday.

"The evils or benefits of an ABC store is not the prime point we're trying to discuss," Senator Taylor stated in a

telephone interview on Monday, "it is to try to focus on the scope of the referendum if there is to be one."

He stated that the referendum could be set so that only the residents of Highlands could vote, or so that Highlands and surrounding townships could vote or the question could be put to the entire county.

"The best way to interpret the limits of the vote is to have a hearing such as this and find out how much opposition and support there is for each position," Taylor said.

Taylor did say that if there is an obvious strong feeling

at the hearing against a "narrow vote", which a vote within the limits of Highlands would be, then he didn't think there should be a referendum limited to Highlands.

If the opinion is that the vote should be county-wide, then Taylor said that the County Commissioners had the power to call a county referendum on the question of establishing an ABC store within the county.

Senator Taylor said that he had asked State Senator Bette Wilkie and State Representative William Bradley to be present at the High-

lands hearing. The Reverend Ray Barfield, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian Church, who is in charge of those who would speak against the referendum on Friday night, stated that he had received several names of individuals who would speak against the issue.

Highlands Town Clerk Herbert James stated that he also had been notified by several persons who would speak for the referendum. He said that some persons would speak for larger groups.

Although there will be a limited amount of time, Taylor said, "I'm willing to stay as late as people want to be heard."

He said that he hoped each side would organize so there would be no duplication of statements and said that people who did not wish to speak could submit written statements or letters to him.

Taylor said he expected three distinct groups to be represented at the hearing in Highlands and those to be the resident voters of Highlands, the voters in areas adjacent to Highlands and voters from other parts of the county.

Clean-up weeks announced

Town Clerk Herbert James announced this week that the weeks of April 16 and 23 and the weeks of May 21 and 28 have been designated "Clean-Up Weeks" within the town of Highlands this year.

All owners of business places and residences within the corporate limits are urged to clean up their surroundings during these weeks, and will be given extra assistance by

the Town in hauling away discarded items not disposable through the regular garbage pick-up service.

Items such as old pieces of furniture, bedsprings, or other things (with the exception of stumps, brush or leaves) will be hauled away by a Town truck if made easily accessible for pick-up. All items for disposal should be collected together,

as only one pick-up per residence or business will be made during the clean-up period.

Mr. James stated that persons ready to have their one pick-up made should call the town office and let their request be known. Their name will be entered on a list and pick-up will be made in due course.

Final Lenten Meditation at Episcopal Church Fri.

Twentieth century composers featured on Friday's Lenten Meditation from 12 to 12:30 at the Church of the Incarnation include Flor Peeters, Camil Van Hulse, Joseph W. Clokey and Healey Willan. The public is invited to enjoy this final Lenten organ recital by Mrs. Virginia Garvin.

Flor Peeters, born in Belgium in 1903, was a student of Marcel Dupre and achieved fame in Europe as a composer of many works for organ, voice, orchestra and chorus, and has toured the United States several times as a recital organist.

Healey Willan, born in London, England in 1880, became a church organist at the age of 10. He achieved considerable reputation as a recitalist and an authority on plain chant. Dr. Willan headed the department of theory at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, Toronto, Canada, for many years. In 1928 he wrote one of the most beautiful of the communion services now used in the Episcopal Church.

The selections to be presented Friday are (1) Aria -- Flor Peeters, (2) "Christ-Jesu Lay in Death's Strong Bands" -- Camil Van Hulse, (3) "Cantata" and "Rockingham" -- Short Preludes on Hymn Tunes - Healey Willan, and (4) Cantata (from Symphonic Fantasy on the tone "St. Patrick's Brethren") - Joseph W. Clokey.

New floor progressing

The new hardwood flooring project in the Cashiers Community Center is continuing to progress. The local residents have gotten into the project full force and work groups are scheduled at various times during the week and on the weekends.

Ernie Stevens, District Governor Nominee, was unanimously nominated as the Representative of District 767 on the Council on Legislation which meets in Minneapolis June 9 - 13, 1974. Each of the 330 Districts in the Rotary world which includes 149 countries is entitled to one representative on this very important council. Under the new rules nominations must be made by the club of which the nominee is a member in good standing and no nominations may be made from the floor as in the past.

On Thursday, April 5, the following people worked on the new flooring: Larry Hawkins, Blane Hawkins, Tom Rogers, Jr., Cris Carnathan, Gene Carnathan, Marvin Fowler, John Stanley, John Hooper, Ray Allen, Bill Watson, Stanley Rice, Mike Bumgarner, Doug Bumgarner, and Ervin J. Baumrucker.

The Board of Trustees of the Community Center wish to extend their thanks to these people and the many others who have given of their time and talents to making the Center's objectives a reality.

Town gets \$4,244.00

The Town of Highlands recently received \$4,244 as its portion of Revenue Sharing Funds for the first quarter of 1973.

This amount, as well as what will be received for the second quarter of 1973, has been earmarked for use in an expanded law enforcement budget.

At the present time the Town is seeking two additional policemen for its force.

Former teachers to be honored tonight

Mozelle Edwards, president of the Highlands Parent-Teachers Association, has announced that former school personnel, as well as those who are leaving this year, will be honored at the PTA meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7:30. Parents and other in-

terested persons of the community are urged to be present.

Mrs. Edwards went on to say, "I want to thank each person who worked at the Spring Festival held last Friday night, and also each of the merchants and individuals who contributed prizes. The Festival was well attended, and its success could not have been possible without the fine cooperation of all these people."

Edwards said, because all bills have not been tabulated and paid, but the profit should be a substantial amount, and will be reported later.

Helicopters to aid in fighting fires

District Ranger James E. Brown has announced the use of a contract helicopter to aid local fire fighters. The new program, in its third year on the Nantahala National Forest,

is a program designed to save money and manpower. After the third year of use a feasibility study will be made to determine how effective the use of helicopters can be in

the mountains. Fires can be controlled at less than 100 acres by fast initial attack with helicopters. A five man crew, with equipment, can be flown to a fire

in 25 to 30 minutes, whereas by truck it can take up to 1-1/2 hours for the first men to arrive at a fire. The objective of the helicopter program is to control fires at less than 10 acres which will result in saving many man hours of work and money.

Board visits all schools

The Macon County Board of Education has inaugurated a program of periodic school visitation in order to keep its members acquainted with school conditions throughout the county.

The Board, in discussing the matter during its regular monthly meeting, felt by keeping itself abreast of changing school needs and programs, it could better make decisions affecting the educational policies for the schools.

The first of these visits was scheduled for April 10 and 11. An attempt to spend some time at every school plant was to be made.

The school group will be looking for means whereby they can help principals and teachers better provide instruction for the youngsters under their tutelage.



THIS IS THE FOREST SERVICE'S new "helispot" on Dog Mountain where fire fighting crews can easily be picked up or deposited.

Rotary hears Jack Taylor

At Tuesday's regular Rotary meeting Jack Taylor, president of the newly organized Jaycee chapter in Highlands told fellow Rotarians the aims and objects of the organization. No visiting Rotarians were present, possibly because of the snow flurries and frigid weather, but 20 visitors attended. High School student guests were Kenneth Manley and Jimmy Keener, both representing the 9th grade.

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Jaycee clubs have been functioning in the United States for about 15 years, according to Mr. Taylor. They are, in a manner of speaking, successors to the Junior Chamber of Commerce also known as Junior Chamber International which operated for many years as a group of independent organizations throughout the country.



FEATURED SPEAKER for this Sunday's Christian Men's Breakfast at the Normandie Restaurant will be Andy McDonough, Highlands real estate developer. Mr. McDonough, formerly of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and New Jersey, has been extremely successful with his firm, doing more than 20 million dollars worth of business a year. He and his wife and three children now live in Highlands. All interested persons are invited to attend the regular monthly Sunday morning affair.

Weather

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April 4	53	46	.18
April 5	42	32	.00
April 6	60	27	.00
April 7	43	38	1.65
April 8	45	38	.28
April 9	47	36	.09
April 10	30	26	.00

Revenue Sharing Funds make money

Highlands, Franklin and Macon County received separate revenue sharing checks on Monday totaling \$105,856. The largest check, \$84,608, went to the county, while Franklin received a check for \$17,004 and Highlands' check was for \$4,244.

Both Macon County and Franklin will put their money in the bank and according to Mayor A. C. Patterson of Highlands, they haven't yet decided what they will do with the money.

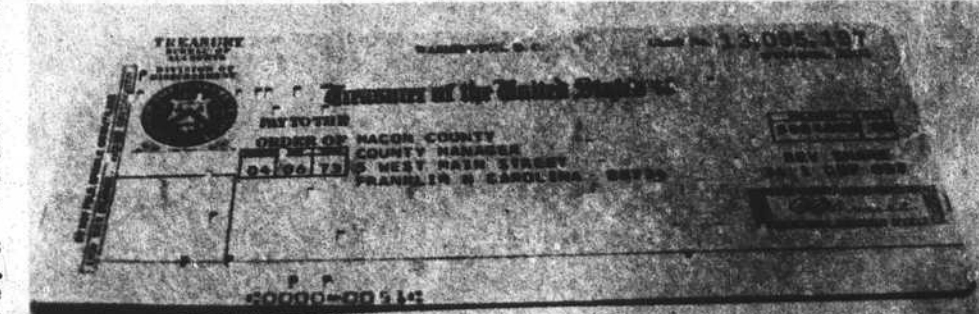
Inssofar as the county is concerned, a planned-use report for the \$84,608 must be submitted to the Department of Treasury in Washington within 60 days.

Chairman of the Commissioners Oscar Ledford stated that a detailed breakdown of how this check will be spent, as well as the expected check for the same amount, in June totaling \$179,216, will be made public to the citizens by July 1 of this year.

The first two checks received by the county from revenue sharing totaled \$291,552 and the money is presently drawing interest in a local bank. After July 1, Ledford said, the \$291,552 will be re-invested on an 18 month note and will draw some \$30,000 interest.

"We feel like we'll hold that money back for an emergency in the county," Ledford said. Not one cent of the money received so far under the revenue sharing program has been spent by the county, all of it is in the bank.

Counting all four checks, plus interest, Macon County will have half a million dollars by the end of the year in the bank, all revenue sharing monies.



ANOTHER BIG CHECK from the revenue sharing program of the federal government arrived in the county manager's office last Monday, this one for \$84,608. The Town of Franklin also received a check Monday from the same source, totaling \$17,004 and the check that Highlands received was for \$4,244.