



TICKETS ARE STILL BEING SOLD in the Swimming Pool Fund Drive Committee's raffle of this brand new Jeep Cherokee. Other prizes include a color television and a stereo system by Craig. The drawing will be July 1st, during the Highlands Celebration Day, so get your tickets now and help the drive to build a swimming pool and bath house complex for the Highlands Recreation Park. President of the Highlands Recreation Commission is shown beside the Jeep.

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Annual spring musical to be presented tonight

"Love Makes the World Go Round" is the theme of this year's Spring Musical set for tonight (Thursday) at Highlands School, and love songs will fill the air of the school gym as students from all grades will blend their voices in celebration of Love and the season for which it's known.

Under the musical direction of Mrs. Rita Vermillion, twelve students from Highlands High School and nearly all of the students from kindergarten through eighth grade will take part in the program which has become an annual event at the school over the years. The program is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the school gym and will feature a variety of music, both old and new on the subject of love. The first portion of the presentation is entitled "Love is Old, Love is New" featuring three modern musical numbers performed by six high school students in a female sextet. These will be followed by a whole group of love songs both modern and from days-gone-by with some

numbers to be sung by older students, and some to be performed by the combined elementary grades. A Maypole dance is due to follow, to be demonstrated by the girls from the seventh and eighth grades. Another group of vocal selections will follow this performance of the traditional spring dance, a group of songs in the program entitled "Love is Happy, Love is Blue". This group of songs will touch upon the happier and the tragic sides of love, again with the

music being provided by high school as well as elementary students. This portion of the program should have a few surprises, as well as several solos by various students, including a tap dance by high school students Anita Schmitt and Diane Baldwin. Following this musical excursion on the roller coaster of love, all students will present a final three numbers in the Grand Finale. Featured soloists for the program will be: Kitty Rhodes, singing I'm Sixteen; Woodland Johnson, with Getting to Know You; Sammy Potts singing Hi Lili - Hi Lo, and Randy Talley, doing I'm Sorry.

An educational television translator to serve the Highlands area may have an excellent chance of getting the necessary funding as part of a program currently before the budget advisory committee of the North Carolina General Assembly, according to the representatives for this district, Jeff Enloe.

Enloe said in an interview Monday that the situation looked good for the General Assembly to appropriate money for a bill which would provide translator and other equipment to the UNC-TV network to serve numerous regions of North Carolina not now receiving such broadcasts, Highlands among them.

Enloe, who is on the select committee appointed to study the expansion of the UNC-TV system, said he has been receiving many letters from groups and citizens in the Highlands area urging the money be appropriated to bring an educational station into this area.

"I've been doing all I can to get this through," said Enloe, "and I think you stand an excellent chance of getting the translator." A translator to bring the UNC-Asheville station into this area is included in a budget proposal to provide expansion of the UNC system into many areas of the state, a proposal that will total 6.2 million dollars if it meets with the approval of both houses of the North Carolina General Assembly when it convenes the end of this month to take care of unfinished business and draw up a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. That year will begin this July 1st.

Favorable reports on the chance of approval for this particular portion of the budget have been given by several sources, said Enloe, including Liston Ramsey, chairman of the Budget Advisory Committee already at work in Raleigh. Enloe also commented that he felt the proposal would meet with favor in the House Appropriation Committee, of which he is Vice-Chairman.

"When we were working on this proposal to expand the system, I insisted that Highlands be included," commented Enloe, "along with several areas in this district. We wanted to make sure that every school in the state would be able to receive a UNC-TV station. If the proposal gets the funding go ahead next month in the legislature, several new translators will be constructed in this district. Among those areas which will be able to receive UNC-TV are Murphy, Hayesville, Bryson City, Cherokee, Cullowhee and Highlands as a result of this bill. Nantahala will be served by a special cable arrangement which will connect the school there to the UNC-TV station. The translator presently located on top of Wayah Bald which now serves the Franklin area will be improved and upgraded to give better reception to residents of that area. Both Toxaway and the Brevard area will also be served by translator under the proposal, and four regional offices will be established and manned to serve the expanding system. Presently one man, working out of Franklin must work over the entire region.

PTA gathers to review 77-78 year

By: Mozelle Edwards

At the last monthly meeting of the Highlands PTA for this school year, the faculty presented Mrs. Jessie Manley, outgoing president, with a beautiful gold necklace for her long and faithful service as president. Mrs. Manley has done an outstanding job and we greatly appreciate her many hours of work for our children and the school.

meetings that otherwise would not be able to. The teachers were given money for educational supplies. Paint was purchased for the gym. Uniforms were purchased for the athletic department. Money was given toward the purchase of a trampoline for the P.E. department. Money was given as it is each year to the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund. For the library, a card

catalog cabinet and base was purchased. From the sale of concessions by PTA members, money was donated to the Recreation Park swimming pool fund. We have beautified the front entrance to the school and given money for the stage project, which includes lighting, the dimmer box and microphones. The PTA and members have given more than 3,000 volunteer work See PTA, Page 2

The rest of the faculty has been working hard on the program getting things organized and making scenery, says Mrs. Vermillion, and so have many other members of the community including many parents.

There will be an admission charge of \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for school aged and under children, with all of the proceeds going to the Highlands School Music Fund. The public is urged to attend this program and enjoy themselves with a night of song.

The Highlands Lions Club will have a table tomorrow (Friday, May 19) at the Highlands Fire Station during the visit of the Bloodmobile to give "on-the-spot" assistance to persons interested in making eye wills.

The Highlands Jaycees are sponsoring the bloodmobile visit and blood donors are urged to come to the fire station between 2 and 6 p.m. tomorrow to give blood.

Lions are hopeful that a good number will also render an additional service to their fellow man by making eye wills.

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HARD WORK AND GOOD TIMES that's what the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) here in Highlands is all about. The U.S. Forest Service employs young people, age 15-18 years, in highly visible work and environmental education programs during the summer. Enrollees work in small crews with experienced work leader on conservation projects. Application forms are available at the Highlands Ranger Station for the few slots still left open. Incidentally, the young lady pictured is Terri Sizemore, Environmental Education Coordinator.

Museum to open June 1

The Museum of Natural History on the Horse Cove Road, will open for the season on Thursday, June 1, 1978. Hours will be the same as in previous years: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Museum is open to the public without charge, and offers a variety of exhibits and displays of the natural history of the southern Appalachian region. In addition, a number of activities to all age levels are planned for the summer. These include lectures, films, guided natural history walks on local trails, adult workshops, and classes for children. The activities will be announced in the Highlander on a weekly basis, and a printed schedule of events will be available at the Museum.

Serving as Curator of the Museum this summer is Doris Gove, who recently completed her Ph. D. at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Gove, a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, received her undergraduate degree from Columbia University. She served in the Peace Corps in Kenya, and has held teaching positions in Zaire and at the University of Tennessee. In the summer of 1977 Dr. Gove served as Park Naturalist at Norris Dam State Park, where she designed and carried out a variety of interpretive programs in natural history.

Ms. Rebecca Burkhead, a sophomore biology major at Western, is serving as the Museum Receptionist. Visitors to the Museum are invited to tour the Botanical Garden, reached by a short trail behind the Museum. The Garden features several hundred labeled specimens of native plants. Mr. John

Benenati, a recent graduate of Wake Forest University, where he was a biology major, is in charge of the Garden this summer. Mr. Benenati will lead guided tours of the Garden on a regular basis throughout the summer.



STEPHEN WATTS, a 1977 graduate of Highlands High School, has been awarded an Abney Scholarship at Clemson University. This scholarship is awarded to students that show outstanding academic promise and desire a career in the textile industry. Stephen plans to major in Chemical Engineering and do research related to textiles. The Abney Scholarship will pay \$1,500.00 at Clemson for the 1978-79 school year. Stephen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watts of Highlands.

Hambidge Center director to speak at Library Night

Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 23rd. It's Library Night and the guest speaker will be Mrs. Mary Nikas, Executive Director of The Hambidge Center For Creative Arts and Sciences located in Dillard, Georgia. The Library Night meeting will be held at the Highlands United Methodist Church.

The Hambidge Center is located in the Betty's Creek Area of Rabun Gap. It is operated by the Jay Hambidge Art Foundation which was established in 1934 by Mary Cavett Hambidge in honor of her scientist-artist husband. Mrs. Hambidge operated the Center until her death in 1973. Mary Nikas, a long-time friend of the founder, was appointed to succeed Mrs. Hambidge.

Prior to her full-time association with Hambidge Center, Mrs. Nikas was an art teacher, and then a successful designer of commercial, public and institutional interiors. She is-and has been-an active worker in environmental protection. She is dedicated to the philosophy of Hambidge Center of the interrelatedness of all life, and of the view that agriculture and the handicrafts are the basis of creative living.

Blood donors needed

The Highlands Jaycees are making an appeal for blood donors who are willing to give blood Friday, May 19 from 2 to 6 p.m. when the Bloodmobile makes a visit to Highlands. The Bloodmobile will set up operations at the Highlands Fire Station and Jaycees urgently ask that everyone

who is able will give a pint of blood. Jaycee Wade Wilson stated that several local businessmen and some civic organizations have pledged their support, but many more people are needed to make it a success for the community.

Calling all "helpers" for Friday clean-up

The Highlands Jaycees and Boy Scouts have set tomorrow (Friday) as their special "clean-up day" in Highlands and will welcome the help of everyone willing to join in the effort. From 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. the

school kids will turn out to help and with the fine cooperation of adults and youngsters that has been shown in the past, the sponsoring organizations feels that much can be accomplished.

Democratic Congressional District Convention set

Democrats representing the 17 counties in the Eleventh Congressional District will gather at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 1978, at the Haywood County Courthouse in Waynesville for the biennial Congressional District Convention.

Rep. Liston Ramsey, Chairman of the Eleventh Congressional District says that he anticipates a total of 374 delegates and 374 alternates will attend the convention. The convention's order of business will include such items as the election of a chairman to serve for the next two years, election of a member of the biennial State Convention committee on the Permanent Organization, Rules and Order of

Business; the election of a member to the State Convention's Committee on Credentials and Appeals; the election of one member to the Council of Review, and one member to the State Legislative Policy Committee.

First Union to hold Open House

The extensive renovation at First Union National Bank in Highlands has now been completed, according to an announcement this week from bank officials. Open House will be held Wednesday, May 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Bill McCall and staff invite everyone to come by for a visit and refreshments during this time.

Final clean-up week

The Town of Highlands will have its final "clean-up week" of the year beginning Monday, May 22 and extending through Friday, May 26. At this time the residents who live within the town limits may have special types of trash hauled away by town trucks by calling the town office and notifying them of their request. Types of trash which will be hauled include metal articles such as old kitchen appliances, bed springs, and other items not classed as regular garbage. However, they will NOT haul away stumps or leaves.

Attend The Annual Highlands School Musical Tonight!