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## POST OFFICE RECEIPTS GAIN

## New Self-Service Laundry Will Be Opened

## Catawba Heights Plan City Water

### To Float Bond Issue To Install Mains; Approved

The county commissioners approved the extension of the Catawba Heights sanitary district to include about \$600,000 worth of taxable property. The district was first laid out about nine years ago but the outbreak of the war delayed action. Since that time a phenomenal growth has taken place in this fine residential section with literally scores of new homes being built.

The approval by the commissioners means a lot to Mount Holly because, if and when the new district floats about \$200,000 worth of water bonds, they will purchase water from Mount Holly. The people of Catawba Heights are almost, if not, 100 percent in favor of the bond issue. The legal advertisement for the extension of the district was published for four weeks in The Belmont Banner and discussions were held with County Attorney Harley B. Gaston about the matter.

At the commissioners meeting this week no one from Catawba Heights appeared to oppose the project and the commissioners sent it to Raleigh for final approval. Catawba Heights is unincorporated but certainly one of the finest residential sections in the county as far as home-ownership and citizenship is concerned. Even though there is approximately \$600,000 worth of taxable property in the extended Catawba Heights district it is estimated that profits from the sale of water will retire most of the \$200,000 in bonds necessary to lay water pipe lines throughout the section. The district would naturally buy water at wholesale prices from Mount Holly and retail it to the homes and places of business.

The Mount Holly water lines run to the city limits at the P. and N. Railroad tracks. The cost of running the water line to meet the Catawba Heights situation would entail a great deal of expenditure. However, at least one Board member and several merchants are working on a plan now that would meet the requirements at much less cost, it is believed. These plans are formative and have not been announced.

### NEW DODGE FOR 1950 ON DISPLAY TODAY

The new 1950 Dodge is now on display for this section at the Stows Motor Company in Belmont. A preview of the car yesterday revealed many new improvements and changes that will meet with public approval.

The Stows Motor Company has one Meadowbrook 4-Door Sedan and one Coronet model on display. Lawrence Malet, manager of the company, is expecting scores of visitors to his showrooms for the rest of the week. You are invited to see the new car on display.

### Parking Meters Took In \$8,845

Parking meters in Mount Holly in the 15 months they have been in operation, have proved to be a definite asset to the town's income it was pointed out by Town Attorney Max Childers this week. Mr. Childers revealed that since the installation of the meters on the main streets of Mount Holly in October, 1948, the meters have brought in a total of \$8,845.02. These figures are receipts for the entire period of approximately 15 months, but during the period from October, 1948 through July 1, 1949, the meters brought in a total of \$5,921.38. Since July 1st the meters have collected \$2,923.64 in parking fees indicating another good year from the revenue point of view.

### TO PREACH SUNDAY

York Pharr, student at Davidson college will preach at Castanea Presbyterian Church Sunday at the eleven o'clock service.

### KINDERGARTEN

If anyone wishes to place their child in kindergarten, please call Mrs. Kathleen Lineberger at phone 121.

### Hawks - Dallas Here Tonight

The Mount Holly Hawks will meet Dallas in a regular conference game at the high school gymnasium tonight at 7:30 p. m. and a capacity crowd of basketball fans are expected to see the locals in their first conference appearance since a match just before the Christmas holidays began. The boys are in good shape for the game according to Coach Max Beam since they have played constantly during the holiday season, participating in a Holiday Tournament held at Bessemer City. The Hawks were winners in the tourney and brought home the first trophy awarded to the boys' teams at the local school in several years.

The girls are not in as good condition according to their mentor, Kathrine Knox, but then following their match with Long Creek Tuesday night, are working in regular practice sessions at the gym. They were definite winners over Dallas in the last double-header played by the two schools, taking the Dallas girls 38-20 in the other game. Miss Knox is not attempting to sell this game in advance since the Dallas squads, both boys and girls, are reported to be vastly improved.

Coach Beam said that the boys in particular had made great improvements in their game and that the final score would depend on how his Hawks feel when they hit the court. The girls dropped their double-header Tuesday night to the Long Creek girls 39-33, losing sharpshooter Martha Ward in the third period when she collided with another girl and was partially knocked out. Ward, prior to leaving the game, and Riley were the high scorers for the girls with Ward totaling 12 points and Riley shooting 18.

The boys under Coach Max Beam, won their match easily by a 53-45 score from a surprisingly strong Long Creek team while the "B" team from the local high school lost a heartbreaker 19-17.

### LEAVE FOR ATLANTA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goldstein of Mount Holly and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldstein of Gastonia will leave on Sunday for Atlanta, Ga. While there they will visit with relatives and friends and also do the spring buying for The Quality Store.

### Fourteen New Machines To Be Installed

Next week the News will carry the opening date of the new Whiteway Washerette. This new self-service laundry will be modern in every respect with fourteen new Bendix Automatic Washing Machines installed. Also being installed is the latest type of special hot water tanks and hot water heating equipment. The new, modern boiler has been installed and the only item holding up the opening is the arrival of the special constructed hot water tank and connections. This tank was shipped on December 29 and is expected anytime.

J. E. Holloway, owner of the new Washerette, stated that he hoped to get open on Monday, January 16. However, the arrival of the tank will decide the opening date but it will be announced in an advertisement in this paper next week. The connections, with the exception of the tank, have all been made and are ready. A concrete base for the Washing Machines, which are all fully automatic, has been built. The base is of such height as to make it easy to place clothes in machines and to take them out.

### Plenty Of Parking Space

Mr. Holloway has leased the lot next to the American Tea Company building next door to the Whiteway Cleaners. This lot will be graded, as will the rear of the building, for parking space for Whiteway Washerette customers. The parking lot will alleviate the parking problem and will prove of a great convenience to the public who wish to visit the Washerette to do their laundry.

The entire business is being designed on the most modern scale and Mr. Holloway himself has been studying wet wash methods for more than two years in anticipation of opening the business.

### Basketball Teams Feted At Banquet

Members of the varsity basketball squad at Mount Holly High School were guests at a supper given at Nick's Grill by Herman Cross, local sports fan and owner of the River Valley Chevrolet Company here. Mr. Cross is one of the most ardent supporters of the high school athletic squad and had in the past honored the boys and donated funds for equipment many times.

### WILL HOLD MEETING

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will hold its general meeting next Wednesday, January 11, at the church. The time set for this meeting is 3:30 p. m. Mrs. O. M. Vernon will have charge of the program.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Thompson of Riverbend announce the birth of a son, Richard Kevin, on December 23 at Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte.

### CIRCLE TO MEET

The Ruby Daniel circle of the Baptist Church will meet tonight at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. H. D. Gibson is in charge of the program and Mrs. E. B. Arndt is the hostess.

### RETURNS TO DUKE

Frank L. Rankin, Jr., has returned to Duke University to resume his studies. He was home for the Christmas holidays. He left Tuesday of this week.

### Local Boys In Boxing Tourney

Two Mount Holly pugilists were slated to fight in the semi-finals of Gastonia's 10th annual Silver Gloves at the Gastonia Armory last night. The two boys on the evening card were Don Fortner, popular local fighter and loser in a raw decision at the Silver Gloves last year, and Jack Carpenter, representing the Cramer team in the ring. Don is one of the best boxers to come out of Mount Holly in many moons and his loss in the Silver Gloves last year was the subject of much debate since most fans agreed that Don had easily beaten his opponent.

Fortner was slated to mix with Lee Godfrey last night in an open division welterweight battle royal. Results were not available as The News went to press. Fortner was fighting unattached.

Carpenter, fighting in the novice division for the Cramer team, was matched with Bill Ford of the Gastonia Red Shield Boys' Club. Carpenter was giving away 41 pounds in this match since Ford outweighed him by that margin, but fans were anticipating a good fight when the two boys mixed.

The Silver Gloves was cut to three days instead of the four days previously announced, with the finals being run off tonight. Whether or not any local pugilists will be in the finals depended on last night's results but in any case fight fans will do well to follow the card tonight.

### Cheerleaders Plan Skit For Game

The cheerleaders of Mount Holly High School will take part in half time festivities at the Mount Holly-Dallas game in the gymnasium tonight. Mr. S. H. Helton, announcing the additional attraction on the program for the evening said that Mr. Ben Shue, member of the faculty at the local school, is assisting the girls in planning skits, stunts, and other entertainment for the basketball fans attending. Previous shows of a similar nature have been extremely successful. Mr. Helton said, and it is expected that this entertainment program will be one of the highlights of the game.

### Upward Trend Shown For Year And Last Quarter

#### NEW 1950 CHEVROLET HERE THIS SATURDAY

The River Valley Chevrolet Company is announcing in this issue of The News the new 1950 Chevrolet for Mount Holly and vicinity. The cars, or rather models, will be on display at the local Chevrolet agency tomorrow, Saturday, January 7th.

Herman Cross, owner, has prepared the showrooms with attractive drapes for the display of the new cars. The public is cordially invited to see them. Arrangements have been made to take care of a large and continual stream of visitors.

### Board Buys New Garbage Truck

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Mount Holly held their regular monthly meeting last Monday night at the Town Office with all members present. The main topic of discussion during the evening was the purchase of a new garbage truck for the town. It was decided by the Board that a new Leach garbage truck would be purchased for an approximate cost of \$5,500. This truck will consist of the special Leach body of nine cubic yard capacity mounted on a Ford two and one-half ton chassis. The new truck is expected to boost garbage pick-up service in the town at a lower rate of expense for operation. Holding nine cubic yards the new truck will hold much more garbage than the regular stake-type truck now in use and will eliminate many trips to the city dump during the regular pick-up runs.

### PRESBYTERIANS MEET

The Women of the Church, Presbyterian, will meet next Wednesday, January 11, at the church. The meeting is scheduled for 3 o'clock. A good attendance is urged.

Post Office receipts have taken a jump both in the total year's receipts and in the receipts for the December quarter. Postmaster O. L. Hoffman revealed this week. Indicating an increase in business during the past year, post office receipts have proved to be an accurate barometer for judging the amount of business done in a small town or city.

Receipts during the December quarter, in which the local post office handled a huge quantity of mail totaled \$5,992.37. Mr. Hoffman said. Compared with the receipts for the December quarter of last year, which totaled \$5,756.35, this shows an increase of \$236.03.

Receipts for the entire year, just compiled at the local post office total \$20,665.24. Compared with the receipts for the year 1948 which were \$20,458.99 in total business done during that year these figures show an increase of \$206.25. A large increase but not as much as some might think. It is remembered that the year 1948 was an excellent business year here.

Many gains have been made by the local post office within the past year including the most outstanding addition to the service offered by the post office which is the city delivery, slated to begin January 16.

At one time the mail delivery service was held up by the cancellation of an early morning train by the P. & N. Railway, but the District Superintendent in Greensboro recently took action to have the mail arrive via bus in the early morning, making an improvement over the previous train schedule.

### Lamar Henkle Joins American Legion Here

One new member has been reported as an addition to the rolls of the local post within the past week by Adjutant Gus Chagaris. The member is Lamar Henkle and his re-enlistment in the membership of the local post swells the number of members to more than 200 which is a record for the Mount Holly post.

## March of Dimes Stressed a Great Need By Local Campaign Leaders, Jan. 16th

Co-Chairmen Ed Painter and Tommy Holland announced this week the opening of the March of Dimes drive in Mount Holly on January 16. Mr. Holland and Mr. Painter said that the general drive was slated to last two weeks beginning on the 16th and lasting through the 31st. However, the industrial drive may begin earlier in order that more than two payroll weeks will be included to assure the highest peak of donations from industrial workers here.

Mr. Painter and Mr. Holland will attend a meeting of all community chairmen to be held at the First Methodist Church in Gastonia to outline the planned phases of the drive for 1950 and to pass out the supplies needed. Immediately after this meeting Mr. Holland and Mr. Painter plan to announce the names of the assistant chairmen who will be in charge of the drive in the various mills and industrial plants of Mount Holly. Other assistant chairmen will probably be appointed to aid in the work of distributing the coin containers and to handle the many other phases of the annual drive.

A Women's Division chairman

for Mount Holly has not yet been announced by Mrs. Edwin Rudisill, general county chairman of the Women's Divisions. Mrs. Rudisill has been unable to contact anyone in Mount Holly who is able to devote the time to the drive and is extremely anxious that a chairman be appointed here since the Women's Division is often responsible for a great deal of the donations received. It will be the job of the Women's Division, if they take part in the drive this year, to canvass the homes of Mount Holly if it is deemed advisable and to handle the collections in theaters and in the schools.

Mr. Holland and Mr. Painter, in interviews with a News reporter this week pointed out the fact that money is the most vital weapon on the polio front and that hundreds of thousands of dollars poured into stricken communities last year to finance the fight against the disease.

"The ravages of polio in the one year was estimated to cost the National Foundation \$31,000,000 in patient care alone — more than all the money contributed in the 1949 March of Dimes. The important fact is that an estimated 80% of all patients afflict-

ed with polio during 1949 were assisted by the funds raised through contributions during the March of Dimes last year," Mr. Holland said. He also pointed out that an estimated 17,000 patients will continue to need help from the National Foundation during 1950, so it is easily seen that this drive will be not only to raise funds for the expected epidemic in 1950, but also to care for the patients stricken during the 1949 epidemic.

### WEEKEND GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gantt had as their weekend guests Mr. L. G. Johnson and son, Robert, of Asheville. Mr. Johnson is a half-brother to Mr. Gantt.

### CLONINGER'S GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bumgardner of Charlotte were recent guests of the former's sister, Mrs. C. C. Cloninger and Mr. Cloninger.

### DUCKWORTH'S GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Helton and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Duckworth and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Duck-