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N. J. FIRM BUYS WHITEHALL

Band Uniform Drive Starts Monday Week

Jaycees Bosses Event Is Tonight

Dickson Will Give Deed For Building

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold their big Boss's Night Banquet tonight at the American Dining Hall. There will be present the members of the Town Board of Aldermen, the heads of all the local clubs, the leaders of industry and the bosses of the local Jaycees.

The highlights of the meeting will be the presentation of the deed for the lot for the community building that the Jaycees hope to start construction on this spring, or earlier. The lot is located on the property across from the entrance to the Woodlawn Circle where the carnivals have been holding fort for several years. The deed will be presented by R. S. Dickson, president of the American Yarn and Processing Company, whose company is donating the land.

Another highlight will be the main address by Basil Whitener, solicitor of this district and the outstanding solicitor of the State of North Carolina. Mr. Whitener, who started his civic career as a member of the Jaycees and who later rose to the State Presidency, is still an ardent member of the organization and will be until he passes the age limit of 35 years.

Mr. Whitener will be introduced by W. O. Barrett, editor of the News and Senior Adviser of the local Jaycee organization. He is also a past State Vice-President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and organizer and first President of the local Jaycee club. The award winners will also be presented with their rewards for outstanding work in the community and among the Jaycees. The winners are Peter N. Chagaris, who was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, the other is Ken Davis who was awarded the Civic Service award for outstanding work. These awards were voted by the Jaycees last Monday night and will be presented tonight.

This will be one of the largest banquet meetings ever held by the Jaycees. The program is complete and consists of matters of interest throughout. With the exception of last minute changes the program is as follows: Introduction—W. E. Moore Address of Welcome—Ted Johnson Introduction of Guests—Peter N. Chagaris Tribute to Bosses—Max Childers Response—Richard T. Scott Presentation of Awards—J. B. Thompson Introduction of A. W. Bell—Ted Johnson Introduction of R. S. Dickson—Ken Davis

Talk by R. S. Dickson Introduction of Speaker—W. O. Barrett Speaker of the Evening—Hon. Basil Whitener

Boy Scout Court Here Monday Night

On Monday night, at 7:30 p. m., the Boy Scouts will hold their Boy Scout Court of Honor meeting at the Elementary school. Encourage the youth of your community. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

VISITED IN WINSTON SALEM

Mr. and Mrs. Yates Rogers, Misses Mary Hager and Madge Sifford, spent Sunday in Winston-Salem, and while there visited at the Methodist Children's Home.

LOCAL JAYCEE AWARD WINNERS



Shown above are Award Winners of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1949. They are Peter N. Chagaris, left, winner of the Distinguished Service Award, the most coveted honor of the Jaycees. On the right is Ken Davis, who was given the Outstanding Service Award for his civic work. These two men will be presented their awards by J. B. Thompson, the previous DAS winner. Mr. Chagaris is a Jaycee member of long standing and has done a great work for the organization and the community. Mr. Davis, while a comparatively new comer, has pitched in and is now considered one of the best civic workers and most interested citizens for the welfare of this community in Mount Holly.

No Report For Campaign On Polio Here

No report has yet been released by the chairman of the community March of Dimes for 1950 but all indications point to a fairly successful year and to the reaching of the goal set by the co-chairmen at the start of the drive. The drive in Mount Holly, it was stated by Tommy Holland and Ed Painter, will continue through the end of this month and no complete report will be available until after the termination of the local effort to raise funds for fighting polio.

Mr. Painter said Thursday that several of the industrial plants of Mount Holly have already given indication of substantial donations in their individual drives but that the donations had not yet been totaled and deposited in the treasury. Mr. Holland said that the coin containers placed in strategic locations in the stores of the town were apparently coming along very well although at the start of the drive it was felt that the containers might not bring in as many donations this year as they had in the past.

Last year's record of approximately \$600, more than the goal received in donations may or may not yet be equalled the co-chairmen say, and until the final tally of the March of Dimes funds is made at the end of the drive no accurate estimate can be given.

Womens Division

The ladies of the Womens Division, working with Mrs. S. H. Helton, chairman of the Womens Division, were still canvassing in several stores in the business district of Mount Holly as The News went to press and no accurate estimate of the donations collected by them could be obtained. Mrs. Helton said in an interview Thursday that the theater drive had been terminated and that the school drive was drawing to a close because of the examinations being conducted at the school this week. Under the sponsorship of the Beta Club in the high school students have had ample opportunity to donate to the March of Dimes and it is hoped that the donations received from the students this year will equal if not exceed those of last year.

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Ware Naming Workers Now For Big Push

James H. "Jimmy" Ware stated yesterday that he was greatly encouraged with the response to last week's news story concerning the drive for Band uniforms for the High School. There has already been several hundred dollars in pledges received by Mr. Ware despite the fact that the drive will not start, officially, until next week. The chairman decided to allow the March of Dimes campaign to end before officially opening the Band Uniform Drive.

Everyone will be solicited for a donation. The local textile plants will set a quota for each mill and from all indications the quota will be met. The local High School Band, under the very able direction of Dwight Price, has won the hearts and support of all Mount Holly. As was brought out last week the success has been nothing short of phenomenal. The only thing short about the local Band is the uniforms.

Several donations have been handed to Mr. Ware or mailed him. Others have stated the amount that they will donate. Many people, according to reports from a survey by this newspaper, will buy one or more complete uniforms. The uniforms, being of the very best grade of twill, will cost approximately \$50 each. Last Saturday the Band marched in formation through the business district. This parade allowed many people, who had not (Continued on Back Page)

Churches Busy Taking Census

A number of activities are on the current agenda of the local churches.

Tuckasee Baptist Church, through its Sunday School classes, is conducting a religious census in the area beginning at the Mount Holly city limits and extending toward Belmont as far as Ebenezer Methodist Church. Some 500 houses will be covered in the census, and the classes of the Sunday School will work on the area as a section mapped off into nine groups. Each Sunday School class will be responsible for the census in one group. Census cards, at the completion of the census taking, will be divided into denominational groups, and referred to the various churches preferred by the residents.

The census is part of an enlargement campaign by the church, which looks forward to the new church building soon to be begun. Rev. O. B. Reel is pastor of the church.

On Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at First Methodist Church, Richard Maxwell, radio and concert star, will present a concert for the benefit of the Veterans' Hospitals. Mr. Maxwell, who has been engaged in concert work for this worthy cause for some time, will bring with him Al and Ivy Walsh, who will assist in the presentation of the program, which will consist of solos, duets, and accordion music. The program will probably be divided into religious and higher type secular numbers. Mr. Maxwell will also make appropriate remarks concerning the purpose of the program.

Rev. Ivon L. Roberts is pastor of the church.

THE NEWS' RATING IN N. C. PRESS CONTEST

The Mount Holly News was among the 20 better weekly newspapers judged in the North Carolina Press Association contests for 1949. We are happy to announce our standings in the various contests and our rating as a weekly newspaper among the nearly 100 in this State. The competition was stiff.

We thank our readers and the citizens of this entire area for their cooperation with this newspaper. Without the splendid citizenship that our area enjoys we could not have placed so high among the better papers in this State. We humbly express gratitude to all who have helped us.

OUR RATINGS:

For Editorials — 9th Place
For News Coverage—7th Place
For Features — 5th Place

We were also cited for an outstanding issue on November 11th.

No Problem Children Says PTA Speaker

Dr. Vernon Kinross-Wright, an eminent psychiatrist of Charlotte, N. C., was speaker at the P. T. A. meeting held in the high school gymnasium last Thursday night. Introduced by Mrs. Joe Jones, chairman of the program committee for the local Parent-Teachers Association, Dr. Kinross-Wright told a large audience that "there are no problem children; there are only problem teachers and parents."

Emphasizing his opinion that children who develop into problem children in their early years are only the product of human influence somewhere in the years, Dr. Kinross-Wright told the audience that a mother's duties and the duties of the teacher to children constitute most of the formative points in a child's life. "Children are not born to places as 'problem children,'" the prominent psychiatrist told the audience; "rather they are motivated by some episode or episodes behind them which tended to change their outlook on life and to also make them in a sense anti-social."

"Every child naturally enjoys school," he said, "unless some action taken by a parent or a teacher has caused the child to hold the school responsible for an uncomfortable feeling or for an anti-social relationship with other children." Each child who can be termed a "problem child" according to Dr. Kinross-Wright, is a child that has had his or her outlook on school life and on social life with other children predetermined or swayed by an impression gained earlier whether consciously or unconsciously.

One of the largest audiences in P. T. A. history here gathered to hear the prominent speaker. The business session was presided over by the P. T. A. President, Mrs. Charles R. Holtzclaw. Before Dr. Kinross-Wright's address, the high school band played several selections and following his talk the Girl's Chorus presented several numbers. Iced drinks were served at the social hour which followed the regular meeting. Mrs. Richard Scott was chairman of the refreshment committee which prepared the delightful refreshments for the audience attending this meeting of the Mount Holly P. T. A.

Kelly Says Firm to Hire 300 Employees in Area

TO APPEAR HERE



RICHARD MAXWELL

Richard Maxwell, nationally known radio singer, philosopher, and recording artist, will appear in person at the First Methodist Church, Mount Holly, on Thursday, February 2, 1950, at 7:30 p. m. o'clock.

Mr. Maxwell first achieved fame on NBC as "John" of the Seth Parker Program, one of radio's most beloved broadcasts of the even better known through his own coast-to-coast programs over CBS, "Songs of Comfort and Cheer," "A Friend in Deed" and over the Mutual Network in "Hymns You Love." Mr. Maxwell has appeared in more than ten thousand broadcasts over the (Continued on Back Page)

Gloria Stroupe Cited For Work

A theme entitled "Medicine" by Gloria Stroupe, member of the Senior Class of Mount Holly high school was praised by Principal S. H. Helton and named an outstanding piece of work by the faculty members of the high school last week. Giving the history of medicine in an interesting and authoritative manner, the work was bound in an attractive back and both the fashioning of the cover for the article and the references used indicated a tremendous amount of research by Miss Stroupe. Members of the Sociology class at the local high school were each required to submit a theme on a topic of their choice within limitations Mr. Helton said, and although no awards were made for the most outstanding, Miss Stroupe's work was by general opinion considered among the best of the articles.

Local Boys Had Four Months Ocean Cruise

After a four month cruise in the Mediterranean, Harold N. Pettitt, seaman apprentice of Lowell and Carl N. Stroupe, airman apprentice, of Mount Holly, are now scheduled to return to Norfolk, Va. on January 27. They are aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte. The Leytte has been operating with the Sixth Task Fleet overseas and all personnel were afforded the opportunity to visit in Greece, Malta, Italy, Gibraltar, France, and Cyprus.

The News learned today that the Whitehall Mills had been sold to the Leading Embroidery Company, Inc., of North Burgin, New Jersey. Harry A. Kelly, Sr., president of the Whitehall, stated that his company would vacate the building within 45 days and the new owners would take over at that time.

The Leading Embroidery Company, Inc., according to Mr. Kelly, owns at least ten plants with some of them located in North and South Carolina. The company, he stated, will be a pillow case concern and will employ upward to 300 women in sewing and embroidery work. This will mean a big addition to the Mount Holly payroll.

The company is owned by Harold J. Baum, Mrs. Marion Baum, Leon Selkind and Mrs. Selkind, Max Muethfridel and Hilda Gray Muethfridel. They also have finishing plants, cotton mills and other varied textile plants. The company has a splendid rating. Mr. Kelly also announced his plans. He and his son, Harry A. Kelly, Jr., have formed the Kelly Dyeing and Finishing Company. They will occupy the building in Charlotte formerly occupied by the Queen City Candy Company. The building has 12,000 feet of floor space and equipment needed has already been purchased.

The new owners stated that the present employees of the Whitehall Mills had been canvassed as to whether they would like to work for the Kelly Dyeing and Finishing Company. Mr. Kelly stated that 85 per cent expressed a desire to go with his concern. This means that approximately 80 local people will be working with him.

The News could not contact any of the officials that have purchased the building but Dazel M. Williams, formerly of Mount Holly, is General Superintendent of the concern that has purchased the Whitehall Mills building.

Mr. Kelly stated that officials of the Leading Embroidery Company would be at the Whitehall the latter part of next week. At this time The News hopes to be able to secure all the final plans for Mount Holly.

N, O, P, Q Drivers Must Take Tests

Motorists whose last names begin with N, O, P, and Q now are being examined for renewal of their licenses to drive, Examiner Walter M. Foil of the Highway Safety Division, stationed at Lincolnton, reported today.

Although drivers in this category have until June 30 to obtain their renewals, they will save time if they report for examination early in the period while he is not rushed, Examiner Foil pointed out.

He will be at the following stations from 8:30 a. m. through 5:30 p. m. on the days listed: Monday and Tuesday, Lincolnton; Wednesday and each first third and fifth Thursday, Cherryville; each second and fourth Thursday, Mount Holly; Friday, Bessemer City.

Examiner Foil urged that N through Q drivers in this area clip his schedule and report at their earliest convenience to the station nearest them to be examined for a new license.