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## RED CROSS DRIVE IS OPENED

### Coach Beam And His Little Eight Champions



Pictured above are members of a jubilant Mount Holly High School basketball team hoisting Coach Max Beam to their shoulders after winning the Little Eight Tournament championship for the first time in the history of the school. The championship was won in the last minutes of the game after an extra period had to be played following a supreme effort by the trailing Hawks which tied the score 47-47 at the end of the final quarter. The final score, and one which each of these boys will always remember, was 51-50 and Mount Holly became the champ.

### Hawks Are Tourney Champs; First In History Of School

#### Stroupe Appoints Stanley Workers

STANLEY, N. C., March 2—The Red Cross drive in Stanley was officially announced today by local chairman James Stroupe, Jr. In order to get the drive off to a good start Chairman Stroupe appointed the following division chairmen to assist him in the drive: Stanley Mills, Inc., Bill Eaker, Gaston County Dyeing Machine Co., Carson Mauney, business district, north of depot, Ralph Handzel, business district, south of depot, Lester Shook, St. James School, O. L. Kiser, Springfield colored section, Lance Fronberger.

#### D. C. Chandler Gets Osage Mill Position

D. C. Chandler, former superintendent of the Adrian and Madonia Mills here, has accepted a position with the Osage Manufacturing Company in Bessemer City. Mr. Chandler will be Superintendent of Yarns at his new position.

#### Legion To Meet On Monday Night

The Johnson-Lineberger post of the American Legion will hold the next regular post meeting at the Legion Hut on Spring Hill next Monday night, March 6, at 7:30 p. m., Commander Harold Stroupe announced this week. Several important items of business will be discussed and all the members are urged to be present. Legionnaires who wish their tax forms filled out may have this service performed for a small fee at this meeting. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

#### RETURN FROM FLORIDA

Mrs. J. W. Pettus, Jr., and children returned home recently from a month's vacation in St. Petersburg, Florida.

In one of the most thrilling, fan-pleasing, hard fought basketball games ever to be recorded in the annals of the Little Eight Basketball Tournaments, the Mount Holly Hawks put forth a desperate last-minute effort to win the tournament championship for the first time in the school's basketball history. Fans hanging on to what were apparently futile hopes of a recovery when the Hawks were trailing a thirteen point lead at the opening of the fourth quarter were repaid amply for their confidence by the sight of a superb Hawk team bursting into action to win 51-50 in a terrific game. Harold Helton and Charles Drumm, both later named to the All-Conference team on which Belmont, Cramerton, and Stanley placed only one man each, were probably the stars of the game although Max Beam, Hawk mentor, assured everyone that it was a team victory.

Helton shot a perfect 11 points in 11 foul tries, which should be some record alone and also sank the sensational last minute shots that gave the Hawks the victory. In the overtime period played after the two teams were tied 47-47, Drumm moved in to take command. In the last few seconds of the overtime period fans were again treated to a thrill when Stanley's Joe Saunters was fouled and earned two shots at the basket, one of which hit. Another tie might have changed the story.

Cross, Lee, and Pryor, and substitutes Dicky Carpenter and Henderson Roberts, were terrific under pressure for the Hollies and it was a field goal fired by Cross that tied up the game 47-47 causing the extra period that saw the Hawks turn into human fireballs to take the victory. It was one of the most courageous battles ever seen by most of the fans present in the packed gym on the court for both teams played his best game. Fans couldn't believe what they saw and the Hawks playing their best game of the season, which has seen them win 22 and lose 6, stood up under fire with all the ease of veterans of the hardwood. Standing third when the Little Eight Tournament started, the Hawks conquered Tryon 58-30 in their first game and later whalloped Cramerton 33-26 to move into the clash with Stanley for the championship.

The Hawks were also congratulated on their sportsmanship in the entire tournament and during the hair-raising Stanley game and are considered by most fans a cinch to win the Sportsmanship Trophy.

#### Schools To Have "Clean-Up" Week

Mount Holly Schools are observing "Clean Up" week, February 27th through March 3rd. The faculty committee sponsoring "Clean Up" week are: Mrs. Evelyn Lytton, Mr. B. R. Fowler, Mr. Richard Ashe, Miss Linda Holley, Mrs. Helen Hart, Mrs. Margaret Davenport. Every building is undergoing a thorough cleaning from top to bottom. Plans are being made for the Beta Club to sponsor "Good Housekeeping Week" March 6th through March 10th. The Betas will launch a school-wide drive for good housekeeping in the buildings and on the campus. The school is doing spring cleaning early. Patrons are cordially invited to see the "new look" at school.

#### Wilmington Sheriff Visits Son Here

Sheriff F. Porter Davis and Porter Davis, Jr., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Davis here February 15, 16, 17, and 18. Mr. Davis is from Wilmington and Porter Davis, Jr., is a member of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol stationed near Wilmington. Both men came especially to see the Golden Gloves held in Charlotte on the four nights and returned to Wilmington Sunday.

#### Trainee Teacher Is Placed Here

John Benfield, Mount Holly student at Lenoir-Rhyne College and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Benfield of Mount Holly, is the first trainee teacher to be placed at the Mount Holly High School since the program was undertaken by many colleges. Mr. Benfield will be at the local high school for a period of six weeks with intervals between the periods here and at Lenoir-Rhyne and will be working with several high school faculty members, both teaching and observing class room methods. Mr. Benfield attended Mount Holly High School and after a period of service in the Army Air Corps, went to Breun College for two years before going to Lenoir-Rhyne. His major teaching during the trainee period is in History, Economics, and in social science.

### H.S. Uniform Drive Good

#### Report Shows Drive Now Is Over \$2,000

Mount Holly citizens and business houses have rallied in a magnificent manner to the cause of our local high school band. Several weeks ago, under the able guidance of James H. Ware as chairman, a group of citizens set out to raise money to buy smart, snappy, high quality and colorful uniforms for the very able Mount Holly High School Band. The drive was also to express the appreciation of the people of this community to Dwight Price for his remarkable success in the few short months of this school year that he has directed and trained our band.

While the drive is still several hundred dollars short of the goal it is almost an assured success. There has been no high pressure collecting methods or campaign put on. The News has published several stories praising the band and their great strides toward success and otherwise promoting the drive. Aside from this publicity and the work of several citizens the money has been more or less voluntarily and most certainly cheerfully given.

The first report given out by Mr. Ware and Wilson Crane, treasurer of the drive, shows more than \$2,000 collected. It was also reported that the members of the band have been measured and the uniforms ordered. The results of the contributions are as follows:

Gary L. Kendrick	250.00
American Yarn	500.00
Business Firms	610.00
Citizens	140.00
AYP Employees	419.10
Superior Employees	165.00

Total to date \$2,084.10

#### Used Car Lot Is Opened Here

Two local men, Robert Treadaway and Clyde Davis, opened the new Treadaway and Davis Car Sales on East Central Ave. next to Nick's Grill last Thursday. The two men are well known here, Davis having operated the City garage and having been active in car sales previously and Treadaway a former partner in the Treadaway and Moore Esso Service.

#### MISS RHYNE IMPROVING

The condition of Miss Barbara Rhyme, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhyme, who is a patient at Memorial hospital in Charlotte, was reported to be improved Wednesday night. Miss Rhyme was taken to the hospital last week and her many friends have been concerned about her illness.

#### Rankintown Gets Lights From R. E. A.

STANLEY, N. C., March 2—Rural residents in the Rankintown section are now enjoying lights in their homes. The REA has been working on this power line for several months and farmers living in that community are delighted to have power brought to their homes. Some 50 houses will be served on the line.

#### Scout Drive Is Over \$500 Mark

All reports are not in from the Boy Scout drive for funds which began last week under the direction of A. W. Bell, chairman, but donations already received total \$558.30. Mr. Bell said that he was greatly pleased with the response made to the drive here and that a general growth of interest in the Boy Scout program had become apparent here within recent weeks.

The opening of the drive followed on the heels of a re-organizational meeting of the District Committee of Mount Holly held last week. This District Committee made tentative plans at the meeting to re-form Scout troops disbanded in recent years here and to promote the growth of new troops, and work has already begun toward that goal.

Mr. Bell listed donations as follows: American plant—\$19.80; Rush plant—\$10.00; Woodlawn plant—\$10.00; Holly-Knit—\$14.00; Holly Knit Finishing—\$26; donations from individuals—\$22; Globe Mills—\$50; American Yarn and Processing Co.—\$100; Kendrick Brick Yard—\$50. Incomplete reports from the business district and the outlying business districts total \$148 from the business district and \$38.50 from the outlying business districts, Mr. Bell said.

The drive is officially over, the chairman reported, and a final total will be reported next week. Although the tentative goal set by the local residents participating in the drive was \$700, the leaders are well pleased with the results shown already and feel that late reports might swell the funds to that amount.

#### Girls Team In County Tourney

The Mount Holly girls' basketball team, coached by Catherine Knox, is fighting its way through the girls' tournament in the Little Eight Conference this week the finals slated for tonight on the Bessemer City court. Whipping Dallas in a good tournament start at Bessemer City last Tuesday night, the girls racked up a 34-33 victory which put them in fourth place among the contestants. Last night (Thursday) they were to have met Stanley in the semi-finals of the tourney at Bessemer City with a shot at the championship game staring them in the face. Stanley was expected to give the locals a tough time in the semi-finals and has the record of defeating the Hollies by 7 points in the last clash between the two. Miss Knox is confident that her girls will put up the best possible fight for the championship and is shooting for the title which will establish some sort of record for the local high school since the boy's team took the championship last Saturday night for the first time in school history.

#### Local Boys In Hickory Boxing

Johnny Wike, son of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Wike of Mountain Island, and a former member of the Jaycee Boxing Team here last year, was slated to enter the three nights of Golden Gloves fights being held at Hickory this week. Beginning last night, (Thursday) the fights will continue through Saturday night. Two other local boys, Jack Carpenter and P. L. Black, are also entered in the Golden Gloves. The three boys will represent the Stanley Boxing Team.

### Dr. Clark Appoints Fine Group Of Workers Locally

#### Jr. High Plays Gramers Here Monday

The Junior High School Basketball teams will meet Cramerton at the high school gym in Mount Holly next Monday afternoon at 1:30 in one of the last basketball games of the scheduled season. Coaches Ellis and Hipps, new faculty members who will direct the junior high school athletic program, have already taken over the junior high school teams and are hoping that they will be able to whip the squads into shape for this game before the deadline. Previously coached by volunteers, the junior high players have played few games this year.

#### New Jewelry Store To Open

Ivey Henkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Henkle of Lucia, and a resident of Mount Holly, has announced plans for the opening of a modern jewelry store to be located at the River Valley Gas and Appliance Company (formerly the S & A Electric Company), with the next week. Mr. Henkle said that arrangements for opening this new jewelry store had already been completed and he has ordered a new and complete line of nationally advertised watches and jewelry which will arrive immediately. He plans to carry only the best merchandise in stock and in addition to the wide variety of jewelry and watches to be found at the new store, he will offer a complete and expert watch and jewelry repair service.

Mr. Henkle is a graduate of the Winston-Salem, N. C. Watchmaker's School and is an expert in the field of watch repairing, jewelry repair, and engraving. He was formerly associated with Brownlee Jewellers in Charlotte for 15 months before resigning to make plans for the opening of his own store in Mount Holly. He is a graduate of Mount Holly High School and is a veteran having served with the United States Army for 3 years, 26 months of which were spent overseas. Mr. Henkle plans to make formal announcements concerning his opening date and the merchandise he will offer in The News next week, so watch for this information. At the present time and for several weeks, he has been doing a thriving watch repair business at his home on East Catawba street here.

#### Gaston To Give Free Bicycles

Six brand-new Donald Duck bicycles will be given away on the stage of the Gaston Theater under the sponsorship of several merchants within the next six weeks. The bicycles will be awarded to the lucky winners on Wednesdays, one bicycle to be given away on each of the following dates: April 12, 19, 26, March 3, 10, and 17. Both boys and girls models will be given away. Kenneth Davis, the theater manager, said this week. The bicycles will be awarded promptly at 8 p. m. on each of the above dates on the stage of the Gaston Theater through drawings and the winner must be present to receive the bike. Mr. Davis said that drawings would continue until the bicycle had been claimed each week.

A chance on the bicycle will be given with each \$1 purchase from the sponsoring merchants. Stubs must be deposited in the box which is located at the bicycle display in the lobby of the Gaston Theater. Mr. Davis added that only one model bicycle would be available for each drawing and that any choice between boy's and girl's models must be settled between the winners.

The 1950 Red Cross drive, under the chairmanship of Dr. L. S. Clark, began last Wednesday here. Many civic leaders of this town have volunteered their services as sub-chairmen in charge of the districts of the town and of the industrial plants here, Dr. Clark said, and the drive this year is expected to be one of the most successful Red Cross drives held in Mount Holly. No quota has been set for the drive this year to date. Dr. Clark told a News reporter in a Wednesday interview, but it is expected that \$1,600 quota set for Mount Holly last year would be repeated.

Dr. Clark has divided the town into three districts for the drive this year with local citizens working the business, residential, and industrial districts. The residential district will be covered by ladies who are making tentative plans for their phase of the drive to begin immediately. The industrial plants will hold the drive in the usual fashion while the business section was to have been canvassed immediately after the start of the drive. The length of the concentrated drive will be determined by the results of the first canvass, Dr. Clark said.

In charge of the drive in the business district are O. E. Mosey, I. L. Fowler, Robert M. Goldstein, W. F. Holland, and D. S. Beatty.

Ladies in charge of the residential district include Mrs. Sara Norton, Mrs. Julian Hall, Mrs. Barbara Hovis, Mrs. C. W. Pierce, Mrs. R. L. Ward, Mrs. K. N. Summey, Mrs. M. L. Funderburk, Mrs. James T. McElveen, Mrs. W. M. St. Clair, Mrs. Colic Pryor, Mrs. James Benton, Mrs. Walter Dunn, Mrs. A. W. Bell, Mrs. Sam Abernathy, Mrs. Johnson Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, and Mrs. Frank L. Rankin.

In charge of the industrial plants of Mount Holly under W. G. Alligood, sub-chairman, are A. S. Baris, Holly-Knit; James Bramhall, Jr., Holly Knit Finishing; Horace Doan, America Processing Plant; Preston Dunson Woodlawn Plant; Edward Blackwood, Adrian and Mador Plants; John Fagan, Rush Plant; James Davenport, Globe Spinning; O. H. Hankins, Superior Yarn Mill; Earl Bailes, Duke Power Steam Plant; Mrs. Elizabeth Farrar, Duke Power plant at Riverbend; Leaksville Woolen Dy Plant, Robert Ward.

All funds from the drive are to be turned in by March 31st, the official end of the drive, Dr. Clark pointed out, in order that an accurate report can be made to drive headquarters as promptly as possible.

In discussing the drive here, Dr. Clark pointed out the following figures indicative of the work done to relieve disaster on small and on a national scale the Red Cross last year.

A total of 228,500 persons received Red Cross disaster aid last year and \$6,574,741 was spent for the domestic relief program. This amount approximately 10 per cent was for long-term rehabilitation—rebuilding and repairing homes, re-establishing small businesses, providing medical treatment, etc. The remainder was for emergency aid—food, clothing, medicine and shelter. Dr. Clark said.

The disasters during the fiscal year in which the Red Cross participated killed 530 persons, injured 4,412 others and destroyed or damaged 49,953 buildings. Red Cross chapters provided relief assistance in 576 counties in states and Alaska. Dr. Clark said.

"The Red Cross this year reminds us that 'All May Help' the organization's wide-spread humanitarian work. That slogan is the theme of the 1950 year campaign. It has a personal meaning to every American."

**PATIENT AT PRESBYTERIA**  
Mrs. Charlie Cox is a patient at the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte where she is recovering from an operation.