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## BOY SCOUT DRIVE SUCCESS

### Youth Revival Begins Here Next Sunday

### Red Cross Reports Encouraging

#### Dr. Clark Pleased With First Results Of Drive

Dr. L. S. Clark, chairman of the Red Cross drive in Mount Holly, reports that the first week of the drive is bringing in indications of a strong effort by Mount Holly residents to top the quota raised last year. Dr. Clark said that although it is actually too early to make any predictions regarding the final outcome of the drive which began Wednesday, March 1st, and lasts throughout the month, it is already evident that a powerful effort is being made and that donations are coming in well.

Reports from the industrial plants are not expected until the end of the drive since the chairmen in charge of each of the different plants will wish to include as many paydays as possible in their drive. Residential district reports indicate a substantial sum expected from that source and the sub-chairmen in charge of the business district expect equally good results.

"With the start already made by the residents of this community in the 1950 drive, it is entirely possible that Mount Holly will give more money this year than ever before to the Red Cross", Dr. Clark told a News reporter this week.

One particular phase of the Red Cross work which is being emphasized in Mount Holly is the blood bank. With regular trips of the Bloodmobile to Mount Holly constantly reminding the public of the work being done along that line within this county, local residents will not find it too hard to give a little more to the funds which enable the Red Cross to carry out such humanitarian projects. Frequently, blood donated to the blood bank by some donor who pledges his gift of blood to the Bloodmobile regularly results in the saving of a life, and pointing out the close contact with the blood bank that the people of Mount Holly have always had, Red Cross officials stated their hope that this would encourage the gift of funds during the Red Cross Drive.

More reports should be available within the next week and residents of this community are urged to give as much as they can to the drive to swell the total Mount Holly will report to county headquarters March 31.

#### Stanley Boxer Trophy Winner

Bob Smith of Stanley won the most popular fighter's trophy at the Hickory Golden Gloves last weekend, while Johnny Wike was the only local winner in the group of boys entering the meet. Wike represented Mount Holly as an unattached boxer while Ralph Smith, Jack Carpenter, and P. L. Black were representatives of the Stanley boxing team. Black lost his fight to Fred Biggers of Newton, while Wike and Carpenter, both novice light-heavyweights, were put on the card together with Wike taking the honors. Wike also won in the light-heavy finals to take the trophy for that weight, while Carpenter won the runner-up trophy.

Several of the Stanley boxers might enter a Concord match to be held soon at that city, it was reported, although most of the Concord bouts will be in the open class which eliminates a large number of the novice fighters on the Stanley team.

#### CONVALESCING NICELY

Mrs. L. P. Flowers and children are better after an illness at their home on the Mountain Island Road.

#### Cookie Sale Is To Be Two Weeks

Seven troops of Girl Scouts in Mount Holly will be conducting a door to door cookie sale during the next two weeks at the same time that the annual cookie sale will be going on all over the nation, troop leaders here announced this week. Starting next Monday, the sale will continue for two weeks and plans include a house to house campaign to sell the cookies. Part of the funds derived from the sale will be kept by the local troops and will be used to meet expenses incurred in holding a Girl Scout day camp here next summer.

The cookies sell for 35 cents per box and each box contains at least 40 cookies, troop leaders pointed out. The cookies are chocolate and vanilla, and most of the housewives are regular purchasers of the delicious sweets during the annual sale.

Celebrating Girl Scout Day, which is next Sunday, April 12, the Girl Scouts of the seven troops here plan to attend church in a body and in uniform.

#### Beta Club Leaves On Next Friday for Meeting

Miss Myldred Lipscomb and 23 members of the Beta Club at the local high school will leave for Raleigh next Friday, March 17, to attend the two-day Beta Club convention being held there. The students plan to make the trip by chartered bus and will return Sunday afternoon. Last year the local group won honors at the convention with a skit prepared especially for the Beta Club convention, but Miss Lipscomb said that no special plans had been made for the trip this year.

#### TO VISIT THIS WEEKEND

Miss Betty Jane Stroupe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stroupe, will arrive here tonight to spend the weekend. Betty Jane is a freshman at Greensboro College.

### Coal Situation Here Has Been Excellent

The coal situation is serious here now and will be until Monday or Tuesday, of next week. The local company is out of coal. J. B. Thompson, manager of the Mount Holly Ice and Fuel Company, has secured a shipment of coal that is supposed to roll in to Mount Holly the first of next week. Mr. Thompson has been in almost constant touch with his shippers and as a result Mount Holly will get coal among the first towns in the State.

Several people have been heard to express appreciation for the splendid manner in which the coal company has taken care of the situation here. They have virtually rationed coal and on instances have brought coal back to the yard when persons ordering it had a fair supply on hand. The News receives papers here from scores of other communities and it could not help but be noticed that we were in far better condition for coal than many towns and cities in North Carolina.

All Coal Sold Here Except Two Tons  
Mr. Thompson sold all coal locally during the entire strike except

#### Business Men To Honor Athletes

Several local residents will share the honors with American Yarn and Processing Company in playing host to 81 members of Mount Holly High School football and basketball teams at a banquet to be held next Monday night. The banquet, which will honor the athletes at the local high school, is the first of its kind to be held here in many years. Guests will be members of the high school football team and the members of the boy's basketball team as well as sponsors and the cheerleaders.

The banquet will start at 7 p. m. at the American Dining Hall with W. G. Alligood serving as Toastmaster. Speakers for the evening will include Douglas Eades, representing the football team; Harold Helton, representing the boy's basketball team; Betty Jordan, representing the girl's basketball team; Louise McManus, representing the cheerleaders; and Ann Craig, representing the sponsors.

Hosts, who are local sports fans and merchants interested in the athletic activities of the high school, include: Dr. A. U. Stroupe, Charley Taylor, A. W. Bell, Herman Cross, Dr. E. W. Connell, Paul Derr, W. G. Alligood, Milton Craig, Charley Clegg, Kelly Summey, O. E. Massey, W. O. Barrett, and Coley Pryor.

Any other boosters interested in helping to sponsor the banquet are invited to contact Mr. Alligood at the Personnel Office, American Yarn and Processing Company, before noon Monday.

A large crowd is expected to attend the banquet although plates will be limited to guests and to hosts.

Last year the football squad was entertained at a banquet by the American Yarn and Processing Company and the boy's basketball team were guests at a banquet given by the father of one of the players.

**ILL IN GEORGIA**  
The condition of Dr. L. R. Casteel, father of Mrs. Joe Jones of this place, was reported slightly improved this week. Dr. Casteel has been critically ill for several weeks in Washington, Ga.

**ILL AT HOME**  
Mrs. D. S. Beatty, who has been ill at her home on East Glendale Ave., for two weeks, is still confined to bed.

#### Coal Situation Here Has Been Excellent

cept for two tons of stoker coal. The Gaston Memorial Hospital ran out of coal completely and were unable to secure any in Gastonia. The Mount Holly Ice and Fuel Company answered the call of this extreme emergency with two tons of stoker coal. Othy calls for coal came from Clover, S. C., Charlotte and Gastonia. People riding by would see a stock of coal on hand here and call up quickly for a supply. However, the coal was held in reserve and sold only to those people or firms who were truly out of fuel.

**No Complaints Here**  
The manner in which the Mount Holly Ice and Fuel Company took care of the coal situation caused no complaints whatever from the local people. Aside from reading of the coal strike in the Charlotte Observer and hearing it over the radio very few people would have even known of a coal shortage so well as the precious black gold distributed locally. The shortage brought back to mind the splendid manner in which local stores took care of local people during the war, even though many have forgotten it now.

#### Plans Call For A Great Weeks Meet



REV. J. I. BISHOP



REV. J. O. STROUD

"Youth for Christ" will be the watchword from next Sunday morning through the following Sunday in the First Baptist Church. At this time the first services of the Youth Revival will be held, with morning service at 11 a. m.

Sponsored by the Training Union of the church, these eight days of intensive work will find young people of the church composing the choir, serving as ushers, serving on visitation and evangelistic committees and doing numerous other things to promote the interest of young people in these special services.

Leading in this revival will be Rev. J. I. Bishop, evangelist, and Rev. J. O. Stroud, directing the music for the week.

Rev. Bishop is Southwide Secretary of Royal Ambassadors (missionary organization for boys) of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is widely known over the length and breadth of the Southern Baptist Convention and in South America, Cuba and other mission fields for his work with boys and young people. Rev. Bishop is a man of strong Christian personality and appeals to young people wherever he goes. He has had wide experience in working with young people and helping to guide them in decisions for Christ and Christian living.

Rev. Stroud is associate pastor and director of music at First Baptist Church, Belmont. He is widely known in Gaston county and surrounding area for his musical ability and in directing music in revival services. He, also, has had wide experience in working with young people.

Also assisting in these services and at the organ every night will be Miss Josephine Eden, director of music and education at the local church. Miss Eden will work

#### Lions To Sell Unique Calendar

Members of the Mount Holly Lions Club are canvassing Mount Holly for names and dates to be published on a "Birthday Calendar" which the club will have on sale in May. Frank Dameron is chairman of the committee handling the calendar listings and in a Thursday interview with a News reporter Mr. Dameron said that this is the first time that anything of this nature has been sponsored in Mount Holly.

The calendar, which is published by a well known firm of calendar specialists, will be dated from June of this year through June of next year Mr. Dameron said. The members of the Lions Club are attempting to list the birth date of every resident here on the proper space in the calendar and meeting dates of organizations and clubs here will also be listed. The charge for listing the name and birth date of an individual on the calendar will be 25 cents. Mr. Dameron said the calendar will sell for 50 cents in addition to the listing charge. The meeting dates of any organization will be listed in the proper places on the calendar for a minimum charge of \$3.00. Mr. Dameron said.

Members of the committees assigned to the canvassing of Mount Holly are already contacting residents here for their birth dates and anyone who wishes to be listed on the calendar and who has not been contacted may see Mr. Dameron or any other member of the Lions Club to have his name put on the calendar.

This plan has been extremely successful in other towns and cities. Mr. Dameron told the News reporter, and it is expected that a large number of names and dates will be obtained here. These calendars will be especially valuable to merchants. Mr. Dameron pointed out, since the names of local residents who are celebrating their birthdays will be instantly available at any time.

#### ILL WITH FLU

T. M. Abercrombie has been ill with flu at his home on East Glendale Avenue.

### Negro Was Killed On Stanley Highway

Labe Rankin, 66-year-old Negro resident of Mount Holly, was killed when he was struck by a truck as he walked along Highway 27 Wednesday afternoon at approximately 5:45 p. m. Investigating officers, O. R. McKinney, F. C. Simmons and R. C. Robinson, said that Rankin was walking East on Highway 27 when the truck, en route from Spruce Pine to Charlotte, crossed the highway to the wrong side of the road, striking Rankin after traveling an estimated 80 feet on the wrong shoulder of the highway. After striking Rankin, the truck recrossed the highway to the right side of the road where it ran off the highway and overturned.

The driver of the truck, James Clarence Floyd, of Route 1, Bakersville, is being held in the Mount Holly jail on an open charge pending the Coroner's inquest to be held at the police station here this afternoon at 3:30 p. m.

Floyd told investigating officers that he had no recollection of what happened after he saw Rankin stagger in front of the truck with his arms upraised. Floyd suffered bruises and lacerations when the truck overturned, and had several severe cuts about the face and head. The truck, a 3/4-ton Dodge pick-up, 1949 model, was not damaged seriously.

The window on the driver's side was smashed and other small damage occurred.

The coroner said that the door handle on the driver's side of the truck was torn off by the impact and that Rankin's body had been struck and pierced by the handle. Officers who arrived on the scene immediately after the wreck were in doubt as to whether or not Rankin was alive at that time, but he was pronounced dead by Doctor A. U. Stroupe, who was called to the scene shortly after the accident occurred.

Relatives said that Rankin had not lived in Mount Holly for several years until approximately 10 months ago when he returned. He was living with his sister, Mrs. Irene Shipp, here.

Funeral services for Rankin will be held at the Gold Hill Baptist Church near Lowesville Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. The body will be brought to the Shipp home in Mount Holly Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. to remain until the services.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Irene Shipp and Ida Rankin of Mount Holly; and two brothers, "Pink" Rankin of Mount Holly and William Rankin of Hickory. Costner Funeral Home in Gastonia is in charge of the arrangements.

#### Bell Announces Quota Is Over-Subscribed Locally

#### Hawks Awarded Another Trophy

Adding to the honor of having the first championship team in the Little Eight Conference at the local high school, Mount Holly was named winner of the Sportsmanship Trophy following the end of the girls' games in the Little Eight tournament last week. This is a distinct honor and one which high school officials are greatly appreciative of winning whether or not they produce championship teams.

The award was made after a casting of votes by both players and coaches of the teams participating in the tournament. Based on the sportsmanship shown by the high school players, voters also take into consideration the attitude of the fans at the various schools as well as other considerations. "Winning this Sportsmanship Trophy for the first time in the history of the school is an honor which Hawk fans can share," Principal S. H. Helton said this week. "Since the conduct of the fans at games is one of the considerations involved in

#### Five Teachers To Go To State Convention

Five teachers will leave Friday for Raleigh where they will attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association. The meeting will continue through Saturday and the delegates, from Mount Holly will return Saturday night. Three thousand teachers are expected to attend. The ruling is that there should be one delegate for ten teachers. Those delegates going from Mount Holly are: Miss Ruth Martin, Mrs. T. L. Ware, Jr., Miss Amaryllyis Vaughn, Miss Pinky Patterson, and Mrs. J. L. Davenport.

The 1950 Boy Scout Drive in Mount Holly, under the direction of A. W. Bell, has far surpassed the \$700.00 quota set by drive leaders and the final total announced by Mr. Bell Thursday morning was \$830.15. This represents a magnificent effort by the many residents of Mount Holly who took part in the drive and by those who headed the drive in the various industrial plants and in the business and residential sections. Contributors to the Boy Scout drive this year were especially generous, and Mr. Bell expressed his appreciation to everyone who took part in the drive or contributed to the cause.

A final tally of the donations to the drive by districts showed the following reports: Kendrick Brick and Tile Co.—\$50; Globe Mills Co.—\$50; Superior Yarn Mills—\$50; Businesses and individuals—\$294.40; Duke Power Steam Plant—\$20.50; Beta Club—\$34.80; and the plants of the American Yarn and Processing Co.—\$330.45. Total raised in drive—\$830.15.

Mr. Bell told a News reporter that he wished to again thank the sub-chairmen who aided in putting Mount Holly over the top in the drive, as well as all donors. Included in the list of men who headed the various phases of the drive and to whom Mr. Bell expressed his appreciation were Charles Clegg, Herman Cross, Frank Rankin, J. C. Rhyne, Milton Craig, Morris Friedman, Fred Thomas, Willis Holland, Dewitt Beatty, Andrew Carter, W. G. Alligood, Earl Bailes, Albert Baris, James Bramhall, Ed Blackwood, Preston Dunson, John Fagan, Horace Doan, and the members of the Beta Club. Mr. Bell also stated that he wished to thank The News for the cooperation extended during the drive.

#### Aged Stanley Man Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Tuesday at the Stanley Methodist church, for R. Lee McLurd, one of the oldest citizens of Stanley and a life long resident of that community, who died Sunday morning at 8:30 at his home. Mr. McLurd was born March 18, 1865 at the McLurd plantation near Stanley and would have been 85 years of age March 18. He was the son of Elizabeth Summerow McLurd and Robason Lee McLurd. He was the second child of seven children, his father having died when Mr. McLurd was 15 years of age. Interment was in the Stanley cemetery with Masonic Lodge No. 544, A. F. and A. M. in charge.

His entire life was spent in Stanley. Although his schooling was limited to the local boarding schools, he schooled himself in the arts, sciences, philosophies and histories. Although he did not participate actively in politics, he was vitally interested and was a

#### Women's Civic Club To Meet Next Monday Nite

The Woman's Civic Club will meet at 7:30 p. m., Monday, March 13, at the Lions Club on South Main Street. The education department, of which Miss Lillian G. Dunn is chairman, will have charge of the program. Miss Dunn has secured as guest speaker, Miss Notley Maddox, social security representative for Gaston county. Miss Maddox will discuss operation and benefits of the social security plan and will conduct an open forum for any additional information requested.