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Our Beloved Miss Ada To Pass Another Milestone



Miss Ada Dunn, Mount Holly's oldest resident, will celebrate her birthday on Saturday, of this week, March 25. She will be 78 years of age as far as time is concerned but otherwise Miss Ada will be, in our memory, a true example of youthful maturity with a judgment that rivals men and women of any age from 21 years up.

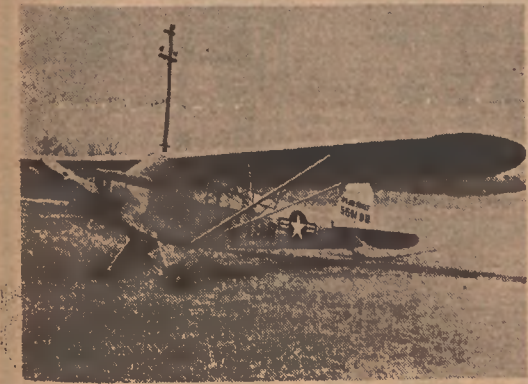
The Mount Holly News joins with numerous friends of Miss Ada, who has been at Hillcrest Manor, 2435 Briarwood Road, in Charlotte, N. C., for the past year, in wishing her a very Happy Birthday. Miss Ada has never been forgotten but on the contrary not a day has passed during her ab-

sence from Mount Holly that we have not heard her name mentioned in a spirit of love and reverence for all that she stands for in the lives of everyone who has made her acquaintance.

This newspaper during its 27 years of existence has called upon Miss Ada numerous times for aid. We have verified factual data, about past events and incidents. Many times we have found stories that our readers enjoyed from her own interesting and unselfish life and also from her unending wealth of lovable remembrances of people and happenings in this community. Her memory for the sweet and better things about her neighbors and her community is unbounded. Her shortness is the fact that she never remembers anything unpleasant about anyone but sees only the better and finer attributes of her friends. If she remembers the unpleasant, one would never know because she has never repeated them.

This newspaper has based many editorials on the true, sweet and kind life of Miss Ada. Our subscribers have always been unanimous in their approval of our recognition to this woman whom we all love. Our only regret is that we do not have the words to do justice to a citizen who has lived a life that all of us wish we could enjoy. No animosity, and no prejudices against any living soul is something that very few, if any people of our acquaintance, can claim but Miss Ada could easily stand before the Bar of Judgment without a record of animosity or prejudice being placed on the blotter opposite her name.

NEW MOUNT HOLLY C. A. P. PLANE



The plane pictured above is one which the Civil Air Patrol will be flying in and around Mount Holly soon. It is a liaison plane and is being loaned to the local CAP by the Army Air Force.

Lt. Richard Mauney, commanding officer of the local CAP, requests all pilots in this section who are not in the organization, to join at once and take advantage of the opportunity to fly this plane. It has been placed here for the members to fly and if enough flying time is put on this particular plane, then a Stinson L-5 will replace it.

The CAP in this area would

like to have any boys who are interested to train as observers. These men will accompany the pilot on searches and other missions.

The local squadron is growing rapidly and with the spring and summer months ahead, much activity is expected, especially on the weekends. Anyone who would like to help in training of young boys and girls in all phases of aviation. Anyone interested is asked to visit the CAP at the local airport headquarters, or contact any member. The age limit begins at 15 and upwards.

Religious Week For Methodists



LEADING MUSIC
MR. B. L. HOVIS
Assisted by Mrs. Hovis

A Religious Emphasis Week will be observed at the First Methodist Church in Mount Holly beginning next Sunday, March 26 and continuing through April 2, and the pastor of the church, Rev. Ivon L. Roberts, announced this week. Invitations have been extended to everyone to attend the services to be held at 7:30 each night during the special week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hovis, well-



REV. IVON L. ROBERTS
TO PREACH

known musicians, will furnish religious music for the services and the sermons will be conducted by Rev. Roberts.

An effort to place special emphasis upon the relationship of the church and the family will be made by the pastor and the congregation of the church during this week. It is hoped that a large attendance will be present at each meeting and Rev. Roberts is issuing a cordial invitation to everyone to attend the services.

BAND TO PARADE UPTOWN TODAY

Superior Signs First Players

Indiana All-Star Among Players Signed To Date

Art Brickner, a University of Indiana graduate and winner of the All-Tournament Catcher title at the 1947 American Baseball Congress held at Battle Creek, Mich., has signed with Superior Yarn Mills and will be ready to go into action on the diamond when the local nine plays their first game soon, Doyt Morris, Superior manager, announced this week. Brickner, a big, strapping athlete, will not back the plate for Superior, Morris said, but will be in the outfield although he will be the reserve catcher for the 1949 pennant winners.

Carl Harkey, Superior center-fielder last year, has turned professional and will not be in the semi-pro ranks this summer.

Several others players have also been contacted by Morris, who is lining up the Superior roster as rapidly as possible, and in all probability, the local team will have one of the finest baseball teams in the Textile League on the diamond this summer.

Bill Dilling, the regular catcher for the Superior team, and one of the most popular players on the team last year with fans, will be back in position this year, Morris said, and is expected to show his usual good form again.

J. B. "Lefty" Collins, A. Y. P. pitcher last year, has also been signed for the Superior force this season and is expected to spend plenty of time on the mound sharing honors with the other Superior twirlers who have been rated by many fans as the best in the league.

From all indications, Superior will again be a top contestant for the Piedmont Textile League pennant this season and judging by the care being used in the selection of the powerhouse squad, Manager Morris is setting his sights on being the first team to win the pennant two years in succession since the Textile League was organized three years ago.

Reports from the other five teams who will compete with Superior this season have been unusually brief and player rosters have not been released in any quantity. Fans can look forward to a fine, slugging, fighting season this year from early indications.

A number of trophies for the outstanding players are being offered this year to add spice to the six-team league. The first game on the schedule is slated for April 27 and The News will publish the complete Textile League schedule prior to that date.

Brothers Held For Shooting

Two brothers, Marion Frances Hall and Garnet Hall, are being held by the Gaston County Sheriff's Department under \$5,000 each following a wild spree last Friday night. The brothers, armed with a .22 rifle and a 12 gauge shotgun, were busy engaged in shooting the front out of Piller's store about 3 miles from Mount Holly on the Stanley highway when county police and State Patrolman O. R. McKinney arrived on the scene.

Piller, who was in the store at the time the Hall brothers began their armed attack upon the building, told officers that he had involved in an altercation with one of the brothers sometime before the shooting. Both of the men are charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Most of the actual damage done by the bullets before the arrival of the police officers, was done to the glass in front of the store, officers said, and a number of windows were shot out by the vengeance-seeking Hall brothers.

Marion Hall was arrested here last summer after shooting of another man with a shotgun and was returned to Tennessee on charges including arson, assault with a deadly weapon, secret assault, and robbery, local officers said.

Stanley - Lucia Highway OK'ed

The State Highway Commission has announced that bids will be let for the paving of the road from Stanley to Lucia. This project is 3.4 miles in length and the contract will be let in April. The hardsurfing of this road from Stanley to Lucia will mean a lot for this entire area and will be especially beneficial to Stanley as it will open up a great trading area for that community.

This is a project that comes under Scott's \$200,000,000 secondary road program. The announcement to The News about the road also stated that the road program would reach top speed during the late spring and early summer.

County Commissioner O. E. Massey has been interested in securing this road and has worked hard for its approval. It will serve a great number of people and will open up a large area for travel.

The bids for this Stanley-Lucia road will be opened on March 30 at Raleigh. The contract will be awarded the low-bidder at a monthly meeting of the Highway Commission to be held in Greensboro on April 4th. It is presumed that the contractor who gets the job will start almost immediately on the construction of the road.

This is, it is believed, the first road to be built in Gaston county under the \$200,000,000 Bond program. Much other work has gone on but it has come out of the funds allocated for that purpose.

Wants All Red Cross Reports

Only \$450 has been turned in to chairman of the Red Cross drive, Dr. L. S. Clark, a News reporter learned this week, and Dr. Clark is issuing a request to all division chairmen, industrial plant chairmen, and others connected with the drive to turn in their collections this week. The drive will officially end March 31 and Dr. Clark wishes to be able to make a complete report of funds received before that date.

No reports have been turned in this week, Dr. Clark told the News reporter, and reports from the industrial plants have been especially slow. Whether or not Mount Holly will have more than the \$450 already reported to turn over to county headquarters at the end of the drive is still a matter for speculation and from all indications, unless local residents concentrate their efforts toward increasing donations within the next few days the final report will not be far in excess of last year's gifts to the Red Cross.

Dr. Clark in calling for a last minute effort on the part of citizens of Mount Holly to help raise a substantial total before the end of the drive. The Red Cross is constantly working in this community through the Blood Bank and other Red Cross projects which have in the past saved lives in this community and will save more in the future. But they need funds to carry on their work and to finance the work they do in national and community emergencies. If you have given to the Red Cross during the 1950 drive, plan to make another contribution before the end of the drive. The life you help save may be your own.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Lewis of Charlotte announce the birth of a daughter, Jo Marie, on March 10th at the Mercy hospital. The Lewises have another daughter, Karen Virginia. Mrs. Lewis is the former Miss Iris Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Taylor. Mr. Lewis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lewis.

ENTERS RACE



W. L. "Bill" McKinney, who for 11 years was the paid fireman for Mount Holly volunteer fire department, has announced for the office of Constable of River-bend township. During this 11 years Mr. McKinney stated that the records will show that not a house was lost by fire in this community. He served as Constable of the township several years ago. At the present time he is connected with the McLean Trucking Company of Charlotte.

Mr. McKinney is well known throughout this area. He came to Mount Holly in 1921. Since that time he has married and now has three children. He stated, "I am running on my record as a public employee and also as a former Constable. If elected I pledge to do my best on the job."

We are printing an article published this month in the magazine "Trek", the official publication of the McLean Trucking Company and circulating among thousands of employees. The article is printed below and is headed—

"Our Bill McKinney"

Critical observers of the modern life are constantly moaning about the lack of enterprise displayed by the contemporary generation. Where they ask, is the old pioneer spirit? What has happened to the

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Band Drive Is Needing Over \$200

Only \$200 is needed to reach the goal set for the band uniform drive which began here several weeks ago, drive chairman James Ware told a News reporter Thursday. A total of \$2434.10 has been donated by the citizens of Mount Holly who fell in behind the drive with one of the greatest displays of enthusiasm and civic pride ever observed here to send the drive funds zooming toward the top from the opening day. Although a total of \$3000 was tentatively set by the committee working in behalf of the drive at the start, it has been decided that \$2633.45 will be the goal aimed at now and everyone interested in the drive is optimistic about the chances of raising the necessary \$200 within the next week.

The \$2633.45 named by Mr. Ware as the present goal, includes the costs of 50 band uniforms; the two sample uniforms which were ordered by the high school before the drive officially opened to display the equipment needed by the high school; and a director's uniform. Freight on the uniforms totaled \$9.95 Mr. Ware said.

A parade through Mount Holly by the members of the high school band dressed in their new finery is scheduled for this afternoon (Friday) at 4 p. m. high school officials said. This will be a gesture of thanks by the high school students for the interest shown in the band by local residents and at the same time will give the people of Mount Holly an opportunity to see for the first time the new uniforms and the fine showing made by the band on parade with the new equipment.

Mr. Ware said that he planned to publish a list of contributors to the drive next week including both the individuals and business firms which donated one or more uniforms and the many donations received through industrial plants, merchants in Mount Holly, and local residents who volunteered donations during the drive.

Public To See Students In Their New Uniforms

Local Chorus Wins "Excellent"

Both boys and girls chorus from Mount Holly High School won ratings of "Excellent" in the State Music Contest held at Salisbury Wednesday, Director Dwight Price announced. This rating is next to the highest given at the contest, which sees the top high schools of the State and some of the finest groups of choral singers in the state competing each year.

Making the trip were student members of both chorus' accompanied by Band Director Price and Principal S. H. Helton. Students were Marlene Elmore, Carolyn Williams, Pat McDonald, Lowell York, Jean Gowan, Catherine Helms, Bill Johnston, Estelle Ward, Margaret Helms, Carolyn Beach, Tommy Hearn, Harold Helton, Sue James, Gene Hendrix, Carl Jackson, Joe Roberts, Donald Sigmon, Gene Spittle, Betty Deitz, Bobbie Lutz, Patricia Gardner, Laura Mae Forbes, Dolores Rhyne, Lena Mae Rick, Paul Dunn, Delores Coleman, Billy Lee, Elnett Kistler.

Also Ruth Brooks, Jo Rita Haynie, Betty Bell, Jo Rita Harkey, June Fortner, Joyce Stewart, Pansy L. McElduff, Lucille Glenn, Magie Huffstetler, Patricia Patterson, Gaynelle Davidson, Peggie Willocks, Nan Lathan, Joanne Helms, Ruth Stone, Gail Rhyne, Barbara Evans, Martha Rae Davis, Frances Sisk, Fred Parker, Jimmie Lawing, Charles Sipes, Luther Hall, Ann Painter, Sylvia Abernathy, Rickie Henson, Frances Farris.

Members of the high school band who were to compete in the State Band Contest at Salisbury were: Ralph Hamilton, Charles Huffstetler, David Lavender, Jerry Arrowood, Jerry Hunter, Calvin Greene, Darrell Waters, Harold Bumgardner, Joe Beach, Seth Kirby, Donnie Huffstetler, Nancy Blanton, Gaynelle Hight, Betty Ruth Arrowood, Billy Arrowood, John Helton, David Morgan, Jimmy Gowans, Dennie Hollar, Donna Pressley, Doris Davis, Barbara Jo Allen, Sylvia Fowler, Emily Lynn Kelly.

Jaycees' Show To Be In Stanley

The Mount Holly Jaycee Minstrel will be sponsored in a Stanley appearance Friday night, April 14, the director of the show, Kenneth Davis, announced this week. The popular minstrel show has been playing before packed houses in Clover, Lucia, Oakhurst, and other communities since the local Jaycee group wrote and produced the show several months ago. The Jaycees have also announced tentative plans for bringing the minstrel to Mount Holly at some future date in response to a large number of requests from residents here who wish to see the stage show. Jammed full of local talent and featuring a full selection of specialties including singing, dancing, and musical acts, the minstrel has been a hit in every community where it has played.

Thad Lawing and His Band will accompany the minstrel to Stanley for the April date, it was announced.

GOING TO FAYETTEVILLE

Mrs. F. B. Rankin went to Chapel Hill on Wednesday of last week and her daughter, Miss Jean Rankin, came home with her on Thursday. Miss Rankin then left on Saturday for Fayetteville, where she will do her practice teaching in the Fayetteville High School. She will be there for the spring term, until June 2nd. On June 8th, Miss Rankin receives her diploma from the University of North Carolina.

In a gesture of thanks to the people of Mount Holly who contributed to the Band Uniform Drive which Thursday lacked only \$200 of reaching its goal, the Mount Holly High School Band will parade through town at 4 p. m. today (Friday). The entire band will be dressed in their new uniforms purchased through the generosity of local merchants and citizens of this town and section. Band Director Dwight Price said that the band will be in top form for this parade, having just returned Thursday evening from the State District Music Contest in Salisbury where they were expected to make a fine showing against bands from some of the leading schools of the district.

A total of 52 uniforms were purchased by the high school for the members of the band and fitted last week in time for the band members to wear them to Salisbury to the contest. Included were the two sample uniforms originally ordered by the high school officials as samples, a band director's uniform, and full uniforms for the entire band. Principal S. H. Helton told a News reporter Wednesday that the flags to be carried by the color bearers in the band have arrived and that if weather permits the parade will be a company.

A large number of people are expected to witness the first parade here in the new uniforms and a concert being planned for a later date by the high school officials.

Local Men To Attend Meeting

A group of Mount Holly Democrats will leave here on Saturday morning of this week, for the Young Democratic Meeting at Asheville on Saturday afternoon and night. Those delegates making the trip will be headed by Max Childers, local attorney. The delegates are Peter N. Chagaris, J. B. Thompson, Ted Johnson, and W. O. Barrett.

Mount Holly will have the largest delegation of any township in Gaston county, with the possible exception of Gastonia. At the meeting the delegates will have the pleasure of meeting many of the candidates who are running in the Democratic Primary on May 20th for various State and National Offices.

Hon. Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, will make the principal address. Also there will be North Carolina Senators and Senatorial Candidates galore at the meeting. The meeting started out as a Western North Carolina affair but now has grown into a State-wide convention.

Bound Over To State Court

Carl Watson and Robert Wilbanks were bound over to Superior Court following appearance in Mount Holly Recorder's Court Monday morning on charges of raping a 14 year old Mount Holly girl Sunday of last week. Watson, charged with rape, and Wilbanks, charged as an accessory, are being held under \$1,000 and \$500 bonds respectively pending trial in Superior Court. The two men were apprehended by Chief of Police R. C. Robinson and Patrolman Joe Morgan as they continued their sales route through South Carolina after leaving Mount Holly.

Watson was arrested in Greenville, S. C., and Wilbanks was arrested in Columbia, S. C., officers said.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Billy M. Thompson, student at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J., arrived home on Monday for spring vacation. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. E. E. Thompson.

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