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TOWN WILL BE ENLARGED

D. S. Beatty Elected Head Merchants Asso.

Local Business Men Have Good Organization Going

DeWitt S. Beatty was elected President of the newly organized Mount Holly Merchants Association at the organizational meeting held last Monday night at the city hall. More than thirty local merchants were present at the meeting to discuss the need for a Merchants Association here and to elect a Board of Directors and other officers. Great interest was evidenced by everyone attending the meeting and pledges of support were extended by other merchants who could not attend the meeting.

A committee of five merchants was appointed by Mr. Beatty to begin drawing up by-laws for the operation of the Merchants Association here and to gather information pertaining to the functions of similar groups in other towns and cities. The proposed by-laws will be submitted by the committee for approval or suggestions at the next meeting, it is expected.

The next open meeting of the Merchants Association will be held Monday night, April 17, at the city hall at 7:30 p. m. All interested merchants are cordially invited and urged to attend this meeting. A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held next Monday night, April 10, at the city hall to discuss other plans for beginning operations as soon as possible.

Serving on the committee to study and submit a proposed set of by-laws are O. E. Massey, chairman, Mrs. J. G. Barnette, Wilson Moore, Leo Fuller, and J. B. Thompson.

Elected to the other offices of the Mount Holly association at the Monday night meeting were J. B. Thompson, vice-president; Leo Fuller, treasurer; and Jack Summey, secretary. The post of secretary is a temporary office to be filled by Mr. Summey until action is taken on the suggested employment of a full-time secretary who will keep the association records, handle credit reports, and other duties of the Merchants Association.

Elected to the Board of Directors by the merchants present at the meeting were O. E. Massey, Boyd Lawing, Sr., Leo Fuller, Paul Derr, Frank L. Rankin, Carl Stroupe, J. C. Rhyne, Ward Rhyne, Mrs. J. G. Barnette, Wilson F. Moore, and Jack Summey. A system of staggering terms for the members of the Board of Directors was discussed at the first meeting and will be worked out at a later meeting.

From all indications evidenced by merchants attending the meeting, and the approval given plans (Continued on Back Page)



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Lutherans Have Sunrise Service

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service in the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

Early on the first Easter Sunday morning as the women were coming to anoint His body, there was a great earthquake; and an angel came and rolled away the stone. He did not roll aside the stone in order that Jesus might arise; He had already risen. His now glorified body had passed through the stone walls unhindered, unimpeded, before the angel arose. It was not bound by the stone. The angel rolled away the stone in order that the empty grave might be seen; that they might see that He had risen.

"And they departed quickly from the sepulchre, with fear and great joy, and did run to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus himself met them and said, 'All hail (Good morning.)' In Winston-Salem, the Moravians go out to the cemetery every Easter morning to see the sun rise over the graves of their loved ones. How well that symbolizes the Christian faith. Men look upon the mounds of their buried loved ones, and their buried hopes, to see them glittering in the dawn of the resurrection, as from within the depths of their souls, they hear the voice of tenderness and triumph which said 'Good morning.'

On Friday they had laid Jesus away in the tomb and said 'Good bye'; but on Sunday morning, He met them in the way and said, 'Good morning,' in a glorified body (boundless); yea, and 'He shall change our vile bodies that they may be fashioned like unto His glorious body' and we shall spend eternity with Him.

Special music is being arranged for this Sunrise Service. Visitors are cordially invited.

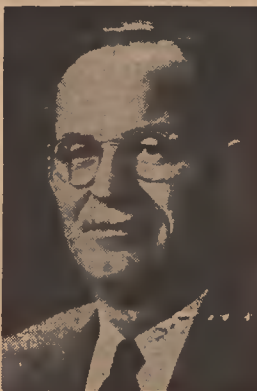
Administration of the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the 11 o'clock service.

There will not be any Luther League meeting on Sunday evening.

Red Cross Drive Was Successful

The Red Cross Drive in Mount Holly has ended with a total of \$1,012, donated by the generous citizens of this section, Dr. L. S. Clark, chairman of the drive, announced this week. All reports are in, Dr. Clark said, and the local residents who took part in the drive both as cub-chairmen, canvassers, and donors, are to be congratulated on the excellent showing made here. It is believed that in ratio to population, this amount is the largest raised by any community in Gaston county during the 1950 drive. No quota was set for the 1950 drive, but it is felt the drive headquarters will be greatly pleased with the effort made here to give as much as possible. (Continued on Back Page)

ENTERS RACE



L. A. "Archie" Saunders, prominent business man of Stanley, has announced for the office of Gaston County Treasurer. He will run subject to the will of the voters in the Democratic primary on May 27th. If elected Mr. Saunders will be the first man in a great number of years who has held office in Gaston from his town.

Mr. Saunders has a splendid background of qualifications for the office of Treasurer. He has had eleven years of experience in the banking business and was for four years the office manager of the Stanley Mill.

Mr. Saunders, a life-long democrat, is very active in church and civic affairs. At the present time he is president of the Stanley Lions Club, a member of the Brimington Memorial Baptist Church, member of the Young Men's Bible Class, a Mason and Chairman of the Stanley Athletic Council.

His father, the late T. L. Saunders (Continued on Back Page)

Rally Wednesday Great Success

Last Wednesday night the biggest Democratic Rally ever held in this section of the county took place in Mount Holly. Willis Smith, who Gazette writer Lyle Edwards termed the middle man in the Senate race and whom this paper terms the top man, was the principal speaker. Mr. Smith made a very interesting talk and his listeners, numbering in the hundreds, left the rally with an assurance that Willis Smith was a true Democrat who believed in the Constitution of the United States.

There were more than 30 candidates aside from Mr. Smith that were present. All candidates were recognized by Basil Whitener on the program. The present officeholders in the county government were also present and were recognized by W. O. Barrett. Pete Chagaris and Harold Henkle were chairmen of the arrangements and everyone present agreed that it was the most successful rally that has been held in this section of the county in years.

James Cole and his committee, in charge of handling the huge crowd which was present at the rally, did a magnificent job and the entire serving problem plus seating of the crowd in the American Dining Hall was handled in excellent fashion.

WE REGRET AN ERROR THIS WEEK

Due to a printers mix-up there is a Ford advertisement with the name of the Chevrolet dealer, River Valley Chevrolet Company as the signature instead of the Taylor Motors, Inc. We apologize for this error. The Ford is run with the correct signature also.

V.F.W. HEAD



Kenneth Davis, manager of the Gaston and Holly Theaters in Mount Holly, will be installed as commander of the local post of the V.F.W. at an installation banquet to be held next Tuesday night. The banquet will be held at the Riverbend Methodist Church and the District Commander will install the new officers.

V.F.W. Installs New Officers

Installation services for the new officers of the Mount Holly Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held at the installation banquet at the Riverbend Methodist Church. A large number of veterans and their guests have already made reservations for the banquet and more reservations are being made daily. The ladies of the Riverbend Methodist Church will prepare the meal and a number of specially invited (Continued on Back Page)

Over Million Dollars In Taxable Property Added

Mrs. Holtzclaw Heads Drive

The 1950 cancer drive in Mount Holly, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Holtzclaw, Mount Holly representative on the county board, has begun and containers are in most of the local stores, it was announced this week. The drive will continue through the month of April and no quota has been set. It is hoped that the people of Mount Holly, who have been exceptionally generous with their contributions to other drives this year, will give generously to this drive which may have a personal bearing on each of us.

A cancer clinic, maintained in Gastonia to provide free examinations for county residents who fear that they may be a victim of cancer, is a motivating force in helping donors to give as much as they can afford during the drive. The clinic, open to men and women according to a regular schedule, is the only one in the state to which doctors donate their service. Other towns and cities which maintain clinics have to pay the physicians for their work. This fact alone is encouraging and shows the interest in the clinic expressed by local doctors.

Donations to the cancer drive will be sent directly to the Cancer Society, Mrs. Holtzclaw said, and 25 cents of each dollar will be used for research, vitally important in the combatting of this mysterious disease.

Mrs. Holtzclaw took part in an open forum broadcast over radio station WNCN last Tuesday with Dr. Edmund L. Rice, head of the clinic in Gastonia. The topic of the discussion, broadcast at 4 p. m. last Tuesday, was "You Can Strike Back," and among the many pertinent facts revealed during the broadcast were the fact that in 1936 less than a half million dollars was given to cancer work from all sources. In 1949 more than 25 million dollars was devoted to the work. This was brought about by the American Cancer Society and by the committee on growth which lists 100 recognized leaders in cancer and allied research work. These committeemen are the same (Continued on Back Page)

The Mount Holly town limits will be extended as soon as all legal requirements are passed. The Town Board is running the legal advertisement elsewhere in the paper which describes the boundaries of the new proposed line. American Yarn property along, to be taken in, will consist of three textile plants, the Adrian, Madora and Nims. Along with these three plants, of course, comes the villages and the Woodlawn Circle.

Aside from the plants and villages there will of course be adjacent properties taken in the new limits. The lines, it was stated, would take in the three mills and villages, Spring Hill, property up the Mountain Island Road to Hollar's Garage, out the Belmont road to the Willeford home and up the Stanley road past the residences of Herman Cross and Cliff Head.

A quick estimate of the entire number of homes and the taxable valuation of the property could not be made as the final plans were not completed until the middle of the week. However, there will be 173 homes belonging to the American Yarn and Processing Company. These homes, plants and property of the local company will add more than one million dollars worth of taxable valuation to the local tax books, according to the records as shown by Max Childers, town attorney.

This increase of a million dollars in taxable property does not include other properties, which will add many more thousands of dollars in taxable wealth to the town.

It was also impossible to estimate the total increase in population to the town that will result from the extension. It can safely be said that more than 1,000 will be added and that Mount Holly can soon be listed as a thriving community of at least 3,500 people.

The Board will adhere to all the steps set out in the legal advertisement.

Jr. Class To Have Big Supper Here

The Junior Class is sponsoring a ham and chicken supper to be held at the Riverbend Methodist Church, Friday night, April 14, and tickets for the event are almost completely sold out, according to the report from class officers this week. A few tickets for those who would like to attend the supper are still available from girls in the Junior Class at the local high school for \$1 per person, it was announced.



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Artist Sketch Of New Tuckasee Church To Be Erected



Above is pictured the proposed new Tuckasee Baptist church which will become a reality in something less than eight months. V. P. Loftis and Co., contractors of Charlotte, have been awarded the contract to build the magnificent edifice which will cost over \$85,000. Ground-breaking ceremonies will be announced at an early date.

There will be 34 Sunday School rooms with 4 departmental assemblies. Also there will be a recreational room, dining room and kitchen facilities for accommodating 125 people and other

features. In fact it can easily be stated that this will be one of the most modern churches in the entire county.

The Tuckasee Baptist church was organized in 1911 as a Missionary Baptist church. Rev. O. B. Reel is the present pastor and since coming to Tuckasee he has worked unceasingly in his efforts for the church. The membership of the church today is 427, five years ago the membership was 342. Of this membership there are 158 wage-earning members of which there are 115 who are titheers.

That the church is in a thoroughly sound financial condition is revealed in their report showing more than \$38,000 in the building fund. Since 1943 the membership has built up this great fund by applying from \$2,500 upwards to \$7,300 each year toward the erection of the new place of worship. Seven years ago the building fund was started with \$1,992.56. The building fund is exclusive of other church property such as the parsonage, etc., which is all debt free.

Historical Sketch
Tuckasee Baptist Church was organized on April 16, 1911. (Continued on Page Seven)

Jaycee Minstrel To Be Given At Lucia Friday

The Mount Holly Jaycee Minstrel will be presented in Stanley at the high school auditorium next Friday night at 8:09 p. m. under the sponsorship of the Stanley Lions Club. This will be the first appearance of the minstrel in Stanley and the first local appearance of the Jaycee minstrel in several months. Appearing in a number of towns and communities in South Carolina, Mecklenburg county, and in this section, the talent-packed minstrel has attracted large audiences at each performance. Tickets are on sale by members of the Stanley Lions Club and a capacity audience is expected from early ticket sale reports.