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BOYS' CLUB DRIVE NOW ON

Merchants Association Named By Board

Hawks Play Belmont There Today

Business Group Selects Name Befitting Township

The Merchants Association Board of Directors met on Wednesday night of this week and a good attendance was reported. The Board voted to become affiliated with the State Merchants Association and also decided on the name of the organization. Both of these steps are important.

The Association will be called the Riverbend Township Merchants Association and will include members from Stanley, Lucia and all sections of the township. "This name was decided upon because of the response from all sections for membership in the organization. It will also serve to cement a foundation of friendship and loyalty for the entire township," one of the directors stated.

In voting to affiliate with the State Association the local township merchants have made a great stride forward. This affiliation will mean that credit reports of our people will be available to all other Merchants Association. Those who deserve credit will be able to get it quickly. It will mean that the people who pay their bills will greatly benefit in many ways. It also means that our local association will have access to the records of other associations.

There will be a general meeting of the Association members on Monday night, April 17, of next week. This meeting will be held at the City Hall, over the police station at 7:30 o'clock. All those who desire to join are urged to be present. This includes merchants, professional men, industrialists, and any firm that serves the public such as beauty parlors, service stations, barber shops, etc.

Legion Fish Fry Saturday

The American Legion fish fry, awaited by fish lovers for several weeks, will be given at the American dining hall tomorrow (Saturday) night starting at 6 p. m. Legion officers announced this week. A large crowd is expected to attend this fish fry and with pleasant weather holding out, the Legionnaires expect even more than the 135-150 attendance that has been present at previous fish fries. Tickets for the fish fry are still available at \$1.25 per plate with a special price for small children of 50 cents. Plan now to take the family to the American Dining Hall tomorrow night for a fine meal of delicious fish with all the trimmings.

CLASS TO MEET

The Intermediate Class of the Pentecostal Holiness Sunday School will meet Friday evening at the parsonage, with the teacher, Mrs. D. S. Schronce as hostess. Mrs. Schronce will lead the devotional, games will be played, and the hostess will serve refreshments.

Jaycees' Minstrel Stanley Tonight

The Mount Holly Jaycees will present their star-studded minstrel show tonight at Stanley under the sponsorship of the Stanley Lions Club. Tickets for the event are now on sale by Stanley merchants, and a sell-out performance is indicated by the early ticket sale reports, Lions Club officers said. Featuring a cast of local performers as well as a number of excellent specialty acts and music by the minstrel show has been a hit at every presentation. Bill Alligood is Master of Ceremonies and Interlocutor for the show, which is directed by Kenneth Davis.

The minstrel has played in several towns and cities near Mount Holly in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties as well as in Clover, South Carolina, and audiences have commented widely on the talent which is packed into the show. A future performance in Mount Holly may be scheduled, the Jaycees say.

CHARTER MEMBERS BREAK GROUND



Shown above, left to right, are Mrs. Fanny Riley, Mrs. C.F. Lowe, N. H. Huffstetter, Jr., and J. M. Huffstetter. These people are all charter members of the Tuckasee Baptist church and took part in the ground-breaking services last Sunday morning following the worship. Mrs. Alec O'Daniel, not shown in the picture, is the oldest member of the church and at 75 years of age was the first to break the ground. Members of the building committee followed with Foy Lowe as chairman. Scores of other members participated as a large crowd was present with spirits high for the occasion. Actual construction starts next Monday morning.

MRS. A. U. STROUPE, JR. IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. A. U. Stroupe, Jr. is seriously ill at the Memorial hospital in Charlotte. Her condition has been critical for the past several days. She was taken to the hospital on last Friday. Friends of this popular woman have been praying for a change in her condition for the better. Since word was first received about her illness there has been a shocked feeling mingled with fervent hopes and prayers for her recovery. This sincere feeling of hope is extended to the boys and girls of the community as well as the adults. A call late yesterday afternoon to the Memorial hospital revealed that there was more hope for her recovery than at any time during the past few days.

Linda Lawing Thanks Public

Little Linda Lawing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Lawing of Mount Holly, told a News reporter last week that she wished to publicly thank the many residents of this section who voted for her when she appeared on Grady Cole's Talent Show three weeks ago. Linda won a plaque presented to first place winners, which was presented to her by Mr. Cole for her performance on the weekly radio show.

Large Crowd Expected To Follow Team

Coach Max Beam's Mount Holly High school Hawks, suffering three defeats in their opening ball games this season, will travel to Belmont to meet the Red Raiders of that high school this afternoon at 4 p. m. at Davis park. The locals, who have dropped games to Lowell, Stanley, and Cherryville, will be looking for an opportunity to show fans their real talent this afternoon and Coach Beam's only comment regarding the game was, "I hope they're in good shape for Friday", Belmont, an old enemy of the local high school on the diamond, is rumored to have a strong team this year and fans expect a good game.

The Hawk nine seems to be having the same trouble that faced them at the start of football and basketball season with minor errors bothering them greatly. Coach Beam said Wednesday, discussing the Stanley game played Friday of last week, that all 7 of the runs scored by Stanley were unearned and that 7 errors cropped up to pester the Hawks who are still apparently playing under a nervous strain.

Andy Carpenter pitched 7 innings of the Stanley game with Mount Holly which ended with the Hawks trailing 6-3. Mount Holly got 10 hits during the game while allowing 7 to Stanley, and Jerry Pressley formed the rest of the Battery for the Hawks, catching the entire game.

Lowell also added the Hawks scalp to their victory belt in the game played here last Tuesday, beating the locals 8-3. Robert Lee started on the mound for the Hawks and was relieved by Luther Hall. Burgess was catcher.

Hitting power is greatly needed by the Hawks, Coach Beam said in an interview with a News Reporter Wednesday. No serious errors were made by the locals in their last game, played against Lowell, but the Hawks lacked the hitting power necessary to get runs in. The Belmont game this afternoon is being spotlighted by many local fans as a crucial test for the Hawks who will either show their stuff and overcome the rough edges or take a decisive defeat according to the baseball followers.

Legion Meeting Is Next Monday Night

The regular meeting of the Johnson-Lineberger Post of the American Legion in Mount Holly will be held next Monday night, April 17, at the Legion Hut. Commander Harold Stroupe announced this week. Several important items of business are to be brought before the members at this meeting and Commander Stroupe said that he wished to urge each member to attend.

TO SPEAK HERE



Dr. F. Crossley Morgan, noted Bible scholar and preacher, will begin a series of special services at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday, April 23rd. These services will continue through Friday, April 28th.

Dr. Morgan was born in London, England, a son of the late Dr. G. Campbell Morgan. His education was received at the Holm School in London, the Douglas Collegiate School in Cheltenham, England, and in private studies under the direction of his father. During World War I he served in the British Expeditionary Forces in France, Belgium, and Germany. He was decorated by King George V with the Military Cross for gallantry in action. In 1919 he came to the United States.

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Goal Of \$2,600 Set For Campaign By Directors

Senior Play Is Postponed Here

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Senior Play "Hobgoblin House" which was scheduled to be produced by the Seniors this week, has been postponed until next week, announcements said Thursday. The play will be given in the Elementary school auditorium next Thursday and Friday nights, April 20-21, high school officials said. Admission to the play will be 40 and 25 cents, it was announced.

Sylvia Abernathy, pictured above, is taking the part of Aunt Frissy, in which Gloria Stroupe was formerly cast. Miss Stroupe will be unable to take part in the play due to the serious illness of her mother.

B. R. Fowler and the Agriculture Department boys are providing the stage props and doing the necessary construction connected with producing the play.

Serving on the publicity committee of the important "crew" which contributes greatly to the success of the play, are Margaret Helms and Nancy Barrett. Delbert Broughton is in charge of stage lighting and sound effects; and Marlene Nantz is prompter. Also listed among the production crew are Willie Garrett.

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RECEIVES LETTERS OF THANKS



Pictured above is A. W. Bell, General Manager of American Yarn and Processing Company, looking over the folio of letters thanking the local mill for their contribution to the library fund at the high school here. With Mr. Bell are Bobbie Miller and Louise McManus, school here. With Mr. Bell are Bobbie Miller and Louise McManus, school here. With Mr. Bell are Bobbie Miller and Louise McManus, school here. With Mr. Bell are Bobbie Miller and Louise McManus, school here.

Two other mills here, Superior Yarn Mills and Globe Mills, also contributed to the library fund and folios of letters were presented to officials of those mills by high school students at the same time. The contribution made by the three mills enabled the library to be brought within the standards set by the Southern Association of Schools. S. H. Helton, principal, said.

The annual Boys' Club drive for funds begins today in Mount Holly, Paul Springs, Chairman of the Board of Directors, announced Thursday. The goal set by the Board of Directors for the drive this year is \$2,600, which the leading citizens—who serve on the board estimate will be sufficient to conduct this summer's athletic and recreational program. Hundreds of boys were benefited through the daily athletic program carried out by the Boys' Club last summer and even larger numbers are expected to turn out for the program this year.

A schedule for the baseball teams to be formed to represent the Mount Holly Boys' Club this year is being worked out now with other teams who will take part in the league, it was announced. Last summer, Boys' Club teams made a fine record from all over the state during a tournament held at Raleigh. It is hoped that a similar tournament will be held this year.

No announcements concerning the person who will be placed in charge of the program this summer have been made yet by the Board of Directors. Much athletic equipment will be needed to conduct a successful schedule of athletic events this summer and the members of the Board of Directors hope to raise the needed money prior to the opening of the season.

The Boys' Club program is one which is admirable in every respect.

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Cancer Drive In Good Leadership

The 1950 cancer drive in Mount Holly is meeting with marked success even though it is only a week old. Mrs. Charles Holtzclaw, chairman of the drive, told a News reporter this week. Mrs. Holtzclaw was enthusiastic over the early reports from the drive, particularly in the local industrial plants, and said that everyone connected with the annual drive for funds to fight cancer is doing a remarkable job.

Mrs. Holtzclaw has named several sub-chairmen who are assisting her in conducting the drive here and included among them are Mrs. Frank McKinney, in charge of the business section; W. G. Alligood, in charge of the plants of the American Yarn and Processing Company; Robert Ward, in charge of the Leakesville Mills; John Jones, in charge of Sodyeco; and C. S. Clegg, in charge of the Globe Mills. Each of these local residents is doing a fine job. Mrs. Holtzclaw said and indications point to an early end of the drive here.

The drive will last throughout the month of April but no local Bert Spittle will be in charge of the drive for the Duke Power Company here. Mrs. Holtzclaw (Continued on Back Page)