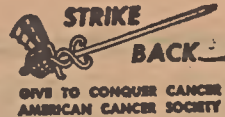


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FINAL SENIOR PLAY TONITE

School Lunchroom Report Is Very Good

Superiors Play Cramers Saturday

Expect Large Crowd To See League Teams Play

Superior Yarn Mills will play host to the Cramerton Eagles in a game tomorrow (Saturday) night at 7:45 at the Superior field which will give many boosters of the local team their first opportunity to see the Superior men in action this year. Already warmed up from another practice game at Landis Tuesday night which the Superior men won 5-2, the locals are expected to make a good showing of power tomorrow. Tuesday night the Superior men will play host to Carolina Mills from Maiden at the Superior field, this game also slated to start at 7:45.

The Landis victory gave Manager Doyt Morris' men ample opportunity to show their stuff prior to the opening of the season since Landis wasn't rated as a push-over by anyone. Last week the Landis men had opened their season with a victory over a Class "C" team while Landis is Class "D" and was playing out of their league.

Morris is well pleased with the showing his team made over the Landis squad. Simon, Kerr, and Armstrong twirled for the locals, easily tossing their way to victory over the Landis squad, while Dilling and Carrol Black, a Mount Holly ball player, alternated at the catching post. Ed Kerr's single brought in the first two runs for Superior.

If the start made this week is any indication of the power the Superior squad will have on the diamond this year, fans can expect plenty of excellent baseball from the locals. Morris evidently has his sights set on the pennant again and although Highland Park, in the opinion of many fans, will be a hot contestant, there is every possibility that Superior may capture the honors twice in succession.

Tire Re-Capping Firm Now Open

The News is carrying an advertisement announcing the opening of the Witcher Tire Service this week. This newest business is fully equipped for tire recapping and vulcanizing service. The business is owned and operated by E. T. Witcher, of Belmont, who has had more than 12 years experience in this type of work. He has successfully operated his own business in both Belmont and Charlotte.

However, Mr. Witcher stated that Mount Holly did not have this service so he moved his equipment here. He has rented the building behind the Triangle Service Station at the Dutchman Creek bridge and is already operating. He stated that he was well pleased and hoped to move here in the near future to make his home.

Local Debaters To Go To Chapel Hill

Two high school students, Henry Fowler, Jr., and Ann Craig, representing Mount Holly High School's debating team in the state finals, will go to Chapel Hill next Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28. The two students, winners in the district contest held several weeks ago, will compete for the Aycock Memorial Cup with the finest debaters from high schools all over the state. The local team will represent the negative side of the question "Resolved: That the President of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people." Miss Topsey Dunn is advisor to the debating team.

O. M. Vernon In Race For House

O. M. Vernon, president of the First State Bank and Trust Company, entered the race for the House of Representatives last Saturday. Mr. Vernon was pressed into the race by numerous friends who started a campaign for him to run last Friday. Mr. Vernon served a term in the House a few years ago and was barely defeated two years ago as an incumbent.

Since the local man was pressed into the race by friends he had no prepared statement to make at this time. However, he did state that he was going to campaign hard to win and would appreciate a good vote in Mount Holly and Riverbend township. In his two previous races he has always led the ticket here.

Final P.T.A. Meet Thursday Night

The final meeting for this year of the Mount Holly P.T.A. will be held at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, April 27, at the high school gymnasium. The president, Mrs. Charles R. Holtzclaw, will preside during the business session. The election and installation of officers for next year will be conducted at this meeting, with Mrs. Clyde L. Loftin serving as chairman of the nominating committee.

The program has been arranged to feature a parent-children night. All school children are invited to attend and bring their parents with them. Students in the junior and senior high school physical education departments will stage a demonstration of gymnastics and other departmental activities. Afterwards, the entire audience will be led in a play jamboree, with square dancing and a variety of games planned for the event.

Mrs. Richard T. Scott and members of her hospitality committee will serve refreshments to conclude the evening.

Stamey Home Is Destroyed by Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Stamey and family of the Clearwater Lake section was completely destroyed by fire this week and neighbors report that no clothing or furniture was saved and that all possessions of the family were destroyed in the flames.

The home was owned by the Stamey family but was not covered by insurance. Due to an arm which was injured during the fire, Mr. Stamey has been unable to work since. The Stamey family has five children and the neighbors announce that any gifts of used furniture, or any donations which might be made will be gratefully accepted and will be used for rebuilding the home. Write box 2133, Mount Holly, or contact Mr. Brady Stamey at Clearwater Lake.

NOW IMPROVING

Mr. Andrew Carter, who has been ill at his home on East Catawba Street, is now showing improvement. Mr. Carter has been seriously ill for over two months, and all of his friends are glad he is on the road toward recovery of his health.

ROTARY SPEAKER



W. G. Allgood, Personnel Director of American Yarn and Processing Company, will address delegates to the District Conference of the 280th District, Rotary International, this afternoon in Hickory, N. C. The conference meets for a total of three days at Hickory this year, beginning yesterday (Thursday) and continuing through Saturday. A special invitation to Mr. Allgood to address the conference was issued by the executive committee appointed by the district.

The topic which Mr. Allgood will discuss is "A Rotarian's Responsibilities To His Employees" and follows the general theme of the Rotary Conference this year, which is "Responsibilities of Rotary Leadership."

Rotary Clubs to be represented at the conference include every club in the western part of North Carolina and in the entire 280th District of Rotary International. The annual conference is one of the largest affairs of a similar nature to be held by Rotary International each year.

Listed on the committee which is in charge of the program at the conference are Rotarians from Charlotte, Gastonia, Shelby, Lenoir, Asheville, and Hickory.

Flying Lions In Big Air Tour

Forty members of the Mount Holly Lions club were honored with a "first" Tuesday of this week when they were guests of Eastern Airlines in a specially scheduled flight over Mount Holly and at a luncheon at the airport near Charlotte. Extended a special invitation to visit the Eastern Airlines offices at Morris Field, the local men were flown over Mount Holly and Belmont in two regular airliners, one of which left the airport at 12:15 and the other at 12:45 Tuesday. Following the flight, the men were guests of the airlines at lunch in the Sky Room of the Grill 77 at the airport.

This is the first time in this state that a civic club has been the guest of the well-known airlines and members of the club, commenting on the fine flight which they enjoyed and the interesting tour made of the Eastern Airlines offices, said that they enjoyed the trip and were honored by the invitation.

Jaycees To Elect Officers On Monday

The annual election of Jaycee officers will be held at the regular meeting of the organization next Monday night at 7:30 p. m. Jaycee president Ted Johnson announced this week. The election of officers for the coming year will be the feature item of business to be taken care of and president Johnson urges all members to plan to attend this meeting in order that a full representation will be present for the voting.

New Lunch Room To Be Constructed

The announcement made this week that a new lunch room would be constructed at the local schools before next fall brought some interesting facts to light. The proposed new lunch room is a part of a big school building and improvement project to start here. The complete plans for the local schools call for a new auditorium and a new building along with the lunch room. The plans are now in Raleigh and as soon as they are given approval by the State school authorities they will be sent back here and a complete description of the improvements will be published.

About The Lunch Room
During the year 1948-49 the local schools obtained Federal aid for the lunch room. In food and cash there has been sent to the Mount Holly lunchroom \$16,535.21. The value of the food was \$7,681.71. Actual cash amounting to \$8,853.50 has also been received. These figures are for the past 17 months of school.

During the 17 months there has been 178,154 meals served. Of this number 11,341 have been served to children free, which (Continued on Back Page)

Hawks Take On Tryon Nine Today

The Mount Holly Hawks will meet Tryon at Hutchison-Lowe field this afternoon at 3:30 for the first time since the opening of baseball season and Coach Max Beam is looking forward to a good game with the locals. The Hawks, lacking hitting power, started their season slowly and dropped a game to Belmont last Friday 10-1, but tied the Bessemer City squad in a rained out game at Bessemer City this week. The score, in the top half of the ninth, when the game had to be called, was 3-3 and the Hawks were playing excellent ball with fans predicting a Hawk win.

The Bessemer City game will be replayed and the Hawks will have their sights set for that game with every intention of winning. Luther Hall did the pitching for the locals in the Bessemer City game, working with Catcher Burgess. Sipes and Burgess brought in 2 of the 3 runs made by the locals.

Tryon offers as a tough opponent and Beam told a News reporter that he knew little about the club except that they were reported to be plenty good and had beaten Dallas, last year's winner in the tourney.

The Belmont game last Friday was good with the Hawks carrying their end well and the score standing 1-0 in the top half of the sixth before the Belmont squad poured on the coal. Beam said that he was pleased with the way the Hawks are working in practice sessions but that unless the hitting wrinkle is ironed out, the local team will face trouble all the way through the season.

WILLINGHAM SPEAKS

Billy Willingham, from Maryville College, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Willingham.

He was speaker at Thrift Baptist church on Sunday morning and used as his subject "The Second Coming of Christ."

He also spoke on Sunday night and then he returned to Maryville, Tenn., where he is a pre-medical student. He plans to be a medical missionary.

BOYS' DIRECTOR



R. M. "Dick" Thompson, popular native of Mount Holly who is now athletic director at Stanley High School, was named this week by the Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Boys Club as director of the summer athletic program again this year. Thompson headed the program last year when the Boys Club first began its work of planning and carrying out a thorough and instructional program of athletic activities and the program was a great success with hundreds of boys taking a part.

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Field Trial Is At Lowesville

The second field trial to be held by the Gaston County Beagle Club since its organization several months ago will be held tomorrow starting at 7:30 a. m. at the Dennis Dellinger farm near Lowesville. Measuring and drawing will begin at 7:30 a. m. and the first dogs should begin running at approximately 8:30 a. m. Local judges will be used for this trial.

Approximately 50 dogs and most of the members of the beagle club are expected to be on hand for this trial, club officers said and the trials will probably last several hours. Ribbons for five places will be awarded.

The local club which numbers a great many dog lovers from this county in its membership, were held at the site of the new Wildlife Club in the South Point section several weeks ago and a large number of members were present.

The public is cordially invited to attend the trials tomorrow at Lowesville and dog owners are particularly invited whether they are members of the club or not.

MRS STROUPE IMPROVED

Friends of Mrs. A. U. Stroupe will be pleased to learn that her condition is greatly improved. She is still a patient in Memorial Hospital, Charlotte. Dr. Stroupe has resumed his practice here during the morning hours.

Audience Praised Last Night's Fine Performance

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P.T.A. Event To Be Big Success

The Mount Holly P. T. A. will sponsor a benefit card party at the high school gymnasium next Tuesday night starting at 7:30 p. m. and tickets for the event are being purchased in large quantities. Mrs. Ward Rhyne, chairman in charge of the party arrangements, reports. Tickets are available from Mrs. Rhyne or Mrs. Ed Batchelor, who is ticket sales chairman. Admission is 50 cents per person and the proceeds will go to the P. T. A. treasury to be used in helping with the new school building construction work which is scheduled to begin immediately after the close of the school year.

Mrs. Rhyne and Mrs. Batchelor said that a high score prize would be given at each table and that any game may be played. Those who plan to attend are urged to make up their own table partners prior to the start of the card party. Singles or couples will be placed by the ladies in charge but they will have to arrive earlier than those who have already chosen their partners.

Each group must bring their own table and cards, the ladies pointed out. A number of drawings for door prizes will be held, and refreshments will be served at the card party. Get your tickets now in order to be ready for the card party and plan to attend Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. E. Dellinger spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dellinger in Hickory.

Giving their final performance of the Senior play, "Hobgoblin House" at the Elementary School auditorium tonight at 7:30 p. m., the Senior Class of Mount Holly High School will close one of the most successful series of performances ever given here during the annual presentation. Wednesday morning a special performance of the play was given for grades 1-6 at the auditorium by the cast and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience. Last night, the first of the two performances for adults was given at the Elementary School auditorium and although the play was given too late for reports of attendance to be in this edition of The News, a large audience was expected.

An even larger audience is expected to attend the final performance tonight, class officers said, and play lovers who see each of the annual presentations are expected to see one of the best in the history of the school. A well-chosen and talented cast has been rehearsing for several weeks in preparation for the event and the story "Hobgoblin House" is well adapted for high school actors.

Admission to the play tonight is 40 and 25 cents, the Seniors announced. Gloria Stroupe is playing the part of Aunt Prissy in the production although it was feared that she would be unable to take part in the play when her mother became seriously ill last week. Aunt Prissy is a maiden aunt who fears that each of the suitors who is attentive to her two attractive nieces is seeking access to the family money.

Playing the part of the two nieces are Frances Kendrick and Esther Ward, while supporting members of the cast include Doug Eades, Alton Hearn, "Poes" Drumm, Patsy Beckham, Harry Price, Doris Miller, Harold Helton, Billy Johnston, and Pat Pryor. Miss Helen Norris is play director.

Jill, one of the two nieces, is a flighty and highly excitable girl while Marion is the more serious of the two nieces. Eades plays the part of a suspicious caretaker, while Alton Hearn plays the part of a dignified fiancé. "Poes" Drumm is cast in the role of Jill's lively beau; Harry Price is an Afro-American handyman; Harold Helton is taking the part of Bluebeard Bronson, an escaped maniac; Billy Johnston is his keeper; and Doris Miller plays the role of Delilah, a good natured cook, and Pat Pryor?

Be sure to see the final performance of the play, "Hobgoblin House" tonight. Come early to be sure of seats. An evening of entertainment awaits you.

Rotary Nominates New Officers

Nominations for officers of the Mount Holly Rotary Club for the coming year, 1950-51, were pre-announced at the regular meeting of the club held last night at the Lions Club building. Ewen Robinson was nominated for the office of president and J. C. Rhyne was nominated for the office of vice-president. Other nominations made included Preston Dunson, secretary; Clyde Loftin; treasurer; and David Mason, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Nominations for the Board of Directors of the local Rotary Club for the coming year included O. E. Massey, DeWitt Beatty, Lewis Chittum, Hugh Paschal, and Bill Beatty. All nominations are subject to approval by the club.