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CITY EXTENSION OPPOSED

American Legion Post Elects New Officers

Mount Holly Plays Chester Here

Game To Be Played At Hutchison - Lowe Park

The Mount Holly semi-pro baseball team, sponsored by the Mount Holly Boys Club, will meet the Chester nine at Hutchison-Lowe Park tomorrow (Saturday) night at 8 p. m. in the first Textile League game to be played by the newly organized team here. Chester is reported to have a strong squad and the Mount Holly team is looking forward to a tough game. Next Tuesday the local nine travels to Bessemer City. The locals, taking to the diamond in their first game of the season against the Red Shield Club in Gastonia last week, handed the Gastonia nine an 18-2 licking before a large crowd of fans. Howard Long pitched the entire nine and Will and A. C. Kennedy alternated as catcher.

Organized by local residents interested in athletic programs, the Mount Holly team officially entered the Gaston Textile League which includes five other teams, two weeks ago. The eighteen players are classed as semi-pro ball players but receive no pay for playing. The Mount Holly Boys Club receives the proceeds of \$2.00 each game and the money will be used to help carry out the complete athletic program planned by the Boys Club this summer for youngsters. Each member of the local team is donating his time to help finance a program designed to encourage and train up any coming athletes in the younger ranks as well as to provide entertainment and competition for the boys during the summer vacation.

All games are to be played at night and the Mount Holly club hopes to develop a strong following among the fans here this season. Howard Horton is field manager for the locals and Paul Springs is manager.

Included among the men who are donating their time and skill on the diamond as semi-pro players on the Mount Holly team are: A. C. Kennedy, Will Harris, Robert White, V. N. "Dizzy" Horton, Dean Brook, Willy J. Wilson, Jack Perkins, Paul Hamilton, T. L. McManus, Howard Long, Charles W. Withers, Harold Richards, James King, William Bateman, J. P. Lyman, and Glenn Thomas.

Jaycees Install New Officials

Last night more than 45 Jaycees and their wives, along with a few guests, met at Morris Field for a banquet meeting and installation of officers. The installation services were in charge of W. O. Barrett, the retiring Senior Adviser of the organization. President Ted Johnson presided at the meeting.

Officers installed were J. C. Rhyne, president; Ken Davis, first vice president; Harold Henkle, second vice president; Rufus Ingle, secretary and Emmett Venning, treasurer. Directors installed were Ted Johnson, J. B. Thompson, Max Childers, Donald Davis, Wally Thompson and John Calder.

Bill Alligood was installed as Senior Adviser succeeding Mr. Barrett. After the installation of officers a dance and social hour was enjoyed by the Jaycees and their wives.

IN GREENSBORO

Miss Peggy Anderson and Miss Ann Painter spent the past weekend in Greensboro as guests of Miss Doris Gantt and Miss Jo Ann Fuller, who are students at the Woman's College.

IN BURLINGTON

Mrs. D. S. Schronce spent Thursday in Burlington attending the meeting of the Women's Association of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Rev. Schronce spent the day in Lincoln.

Alvin Arndt Fatally Injured

Last Sunday morning, as most of Mount Holly was at worship in the local churches, one of the most tragic deaths that has happened here in years took place. Alvin Arndt, 42 years of age and in the prime of life, was electrocuted while working as foreman in a substation of the Duke Power Company at Gastonia. A charge of 2,300 volts of electricity caused his death. He received the charge from a metal bolt that came into contact with a live wire. He was dismantling a closet that housed an old transformer, which was eliminated recently, because of a new one replacing it.

Alvin Arndt was a man whose death proved he had the admiration and respect of his neighbors and co-workers. One of the largest crowds ever to attend a funeral here was present to pay their last respects to a friend and co-worker. The floral tributes bore their own silent testimony of the high esteem in which friends held him.

The deceased man's love for flowers, his home and his work was well known. It was his pleasure to do a good job in everything that he undertook. As one of his friends stated, "Alvin never had a hard word to say about any body, and certainly he would go out of his way to help a friend."

For fifteen years Mr. Arndt had worked for the Duke Power Company and had worked himself into a position of trust and responsibility. Members, and many of them, of every system in the vast Duke Power plants were present at the final rites. He was considered one of the best.

Rotary Sponsors "Career Clinic"

A "Career Clinic" to guide high school students in job hunting is being planned by members of the Mount Holly Rotary Club and a committee headed by Clyde Loftin was to have completed final details for the project at a meeting last night. This clinic, which will consist of representatives of various fields of employment, will give short talks to an assembly of high school seniors next Thursday morning during a classroom period. Some members of the Rotary Club will describe opportunity for jobs, advancement, and probable wages in fields of employment which are familiar to them and the committee was also planning to have several other businessmen representing other professions and trades assist in the project. Serving on the committee with Mr. Loftin are Henry Fowler and E. W. Blackwood.

High school officials feel that an insight into various trades and professions as given by those familiar with the opportunities and requirements will prove of value to seniors who will be planning their own careers soon.

HAM SUPPER SATURDAY

A country ham supper will be given at the Lucia school lunchroom on this Saturday, May 6th. The time set for the feast is from 5:30 until 8:00 p. m. Come early and avoid the rush. The children's plates will be 50 cents and adults will be charged \$1.00. This is being sponsored by the Snow Hill Church.

GUESTS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ballard and Mr. Bill Ballard were weekend guests here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Beatty and Miss Goldie Kale.

Mount Holly Is Over Top In The Blood Quota

Mount Holly residents topped the quota of 50 pints of blood set for the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here last Wednesday, co-chairmen Max Childers and Emmett Venning announced yesterday. A total of 57 pints of blood was given during this visit of the blood unit to the Lions Club building and both co-chairmen in charge of the visit as well as Red Cross nurses and doctors attending the donors praised the cooperation exhibited by donors who streamed into the blood center during the day.

During recent visits of the blood unit here a steady increase in the number of pints donated by local residents has been observed and the chairmen are hopeful that an even greater increase will be evident on the next visit of the unit here. Mr. Childers told a News reporter Wednesday that the first visit of the blood unit which he and Mr. Venning helped with more than a year ago netted 12 pints; the second saw a total of 36 pints given; and the visit of the unit here Wednesday attracted a comparative number of new donors.

The chairmen believe that the use of the blood from the blood bank in several instances concerning people who are close to Mount Holly residents has had a favorable effect in showing pro-

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N. C. State Coach At Stanley School

On Monday afternoon of this week, Coach Everett Case of N. C. State fame, introduced by Mr. Taylor Moser, spoke to the Stanley High School student body. His talk was brief and to the point, but as with his basketball teams, the speech struck home.

Coach Case opened his talk with the information that he was lucky to have reached Stanley. The car in which he and a friend left Raleigh somehow managed to take the wrong route in two different places, thus causing them quite a bit of confusion in reaching Charlotte. Fate must have been against them for after reaching the big city and being met by Coach Stroupe, who brought them to Stanley, their car barely managed to outdistance a train at the crossbars.

Everett Case complimented the basketball teams for this year on their excellent records as well as their outstanding sportsmanship. He stressed three points he always took into consideration when a student wished to attend State College. His first point concerns character traits. This includes his ability to meet and get along with other people, politeness, how he rates with his friends and classmates, and his standing in the community. Coach Case next wants to examine the student's scholastic record, for scholarship is the basis of a person's ability to learn and apply himself in life as well as in school. And the last point Coach Case stresses is athletic ability. "After all," he said, "athletic ability, scholarship, and character traits all go hand in hand. And athletics help to stimulate the other two."

VISITORS FROM TAMPA

Lt. and Mrs. Hubert Greene and children, Stan, Billy, and Charles, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greene, Mr. Norman Greene, and Mr. Worley Greene of the Tuckasee Road section. Lt. Greene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greene, and a brother of Norman and Worley.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENTS

Jerry Wilson is showing some improvement at the Memorial hospital in Charlotte, following an accident last week.

Building Also Announced As Mortgage Free

Last Monday night the Johnson-Lineberger American Legion Post elected officers and also made a very important announcement. The announcement was that the debt on the Legion Building has been completely liquidated and nothing is owed by the post on their building.

Secondly a fine group of officers, headed by Jack Summey as Commander for the coming year, were elected to office. Commander Summey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly N. Summey and is associated with his father in business at the Summey Drug Company. He was educated in the local schools, Belmont Abbey and attended Duke University. He served one year in the Army and was discharged when the Army Specialized Training Program was discontinued immediately after D-Day. He then enlisted in the Navy and served for eighteen months.

Commander Summey has served the Legion as Adjutant, Membership Chairman and Post Athletic Officer with distinction during the past four years. He is well qualified to lead the post through another successful year. The new Commander will be installed along with the other officers on May 15th.

Harold Stroupe, the immediate past-commander, was selected the most outstanding Legionnaire of the year for his work in the local post. With the number one project being the paying off of the mortgage, he was successful in guiding the post in raising the funds for this purpose.

Other Officers

The other officers of the Legion for the coming year are: Commander—Jack Summey, 1st V. Commander—Rufus Ingle, 2nd V. Commander—John Allen, 3rd V. Commander—Leonard Jones, Adjutant—L. B. Stowe, Asst. Adjutant—Max Hoyle, Legal Advisor—Max Childers, Finance Officer—W. T. Mace, Service Officer—Ed Armstrong, Guardianship Officer—Lloyd O'Donoghue, Sergeant-at-Arms—Gus Chagaris, Chaplain—Graham Cloninger, Historian—T. A. Dunn, Jr., Athletic Officer—James Cullen, Asst. Athletic Officer—Ellis Kever, Americanism Officer—Henry Graham, Boys' State Officer—Dr. Raymond Moore, Boy Scout Officer—O. H. Baxley, Child Welfare Officer—Junius Miller, Employment Officer—Clarence Rice, Graves Reg. & Memorial—Dewitt S. Beatty, Membership Chairman—Harold Stroupe, Asst. Membership Chairman—Yates Baker, Oratorical Contest—Thomas Rumpf, Publicity Officer—Peter N. Chagaris, Sons of Legion—Reece Helms, National Defense Officer—Bryce Chapman, Building Officer—H. C. Head.

GO TO MYRTLE BEACH

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rumpf, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Holar and Bobby Williams spent the past weekend at the Robinette Cottage at Myrtle Beach.

VISITS BALLARDS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kale were the weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ballard.

NEW COMMANDER



JACK SUMMEY

Above is the new elected commander of the Johnson-Lineberger Post of the American Legion. Commander Summey was adjutant during the past year and has been active in civic and veterans affairs here for many years.

Gloria Stroupe Beauty Winner

Gloria Stroupe was elected representative of the Mount Holly Lions Club to the State Beauty Contest to be held in Charlotte June 19 in elections held at the regular meeting of the club last Tuesday night. Miss Stroupe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. U. Stroupe of Mount Holly, is Drum Major of the Mount Holly High School Band this year and is active in school and in extra-curricular programs. Miss Stroupe will take part in a parade of beauty queens representing the Lions Clubs attending the State Convention in Charlotte June 18, 19, and 20 and will be one of the many beauties who will participate in a beauty contest to select a state winner on Monday, June 19.

The winner in the state contest at Charlotte will be given an all-expense paid trip to Chicago in July where she will represent the North Carolina Lions Clubs in the national beauty contest to be held at the International Convention of Lions Clubs in Chicago, the North Carolina beauty Queen will vie with beauties from every state in this nation and from 26 foreign countries for the top honors.

Superior - Maiden Here Next Week

The only home game Superior fans will have an opportunity to witness next week will be the clash with Maiden scheduled at Superior Park for next Thursday night. Last night (Thursday) the Superiors played Cramerton at Superior Park too late for this edition of The News to carry a score. Other than these two home games before the next edition of The News, all games will be played on the road. The Superiors visit Cramerton to take on the Eagles there tomorrow night (Saturday), and travel to Maiden next Tuesday to meet the Maiden team there.

Superior walked over the Belmont Combers in two fan-satisfying games, one played here last Saturday and the other at Davis Park in Belmont Tuesday night, proving the guess of the majority of fans that Superior would show an amazing amount of power this season. The Saturday night game here last week attracted an estimated 1500 fans and the local park was packed with followers of both teams. The Saturday night game was the official opener for the locals and they wasted little time in racking up a lead over the visiting Combers. Playing leading

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Group Meets To Change Plans; Many Favor It

McGinnis To Handle Office For Merchants

The Riverbend Merchants Association, with headquarters in Mount Holly, has opened offices in the Bank Building on the second floor. The directors have also appointed an Executive Secretary who has already started work compiling the credit ratings of the people of the entire township. Roy W. McGinnis, local attorney, has been named to the office of Executive Secretary and he has gotten a grand start this week setting up the machinery to better serve both the merchants and the consumers. In just a short time the local association will have the names and credit references of 8,000 or more people. This will be a great advantage to the local people who are good payers inasmuch as they will be enabled to get quick credit service from merchants in Stanley and Mount Holly. The local association will also exchange references with other associations in this section of North Carolina.

President Dewitt Beatty stated that the printed forms for securing information, etc., for the association would be distributed next week. It will only be a matter of a few days until the entire set-up will begin formation.

Mr. McGinnis stated that he was sending off the papers to incorporate the association and that the charter should be back in a

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P. T. A. Installs New Officers

Installation of officers in the Mount Holly P.T.A. was the main feature of the regular meeting of the group held last Thursday night at the gymnasium of the local school. Officers elected for the coming year and installed at this meeting included Mrs. Charles R. Holtzclaw, president; Joe Jones, vice-president; Mrs. Ed Batchelor, second-vice-president; Mrs. T. L. Ware, Jr., secretary; and Mr. H. G. Harris, treasurer. Officers were installed by James Ware, a member of the Gaston County School Board.

Entertainment was furnished by an estimated 10 students from the physical education class at the local school under the direction of physical education instructors including Max Beam, Miss Katherine Knox, John Ellis, Herbert Hips, Miss Holley, and Miss Vaughn.

Part of the demonstration arranged by the students and their instructors included volleyball, organized calisthenics, and square dancing. The Virginia Reel was demonstrated and following the close of the meeting, students, parents, and instructors joined in several square dances led by John Ellis.

State Official To Conduct Classes Here

John Noe, Safety Supervisor for State Public Schools, will conduct a workshop at the Mount Holly schools beginning next Monday and continuing through next Thursday, S. H. Helton, principal of schools announced today. Mr. Noe will lecture teachers from cooperating schools of this area on safety courses of study for all schools. Teachers attending the afternoon sessions will represent schools in Belmont, Cramerton, Lowesville, North Belmont, Mt. Holly, and Stanley, Mr. Helton said. The sessions will begin at 1:30 p. m. each afternoon.

A group of approximately 100 people met at the VFW Hut on Wednesday night of this week and organized to fight the proposed extension of the town limits of Mount Holly. Chairman Kenneth Moore, who is heading the rejection committee, stated that he attempted to get a call meeting with the Board for last night but had failed to do so. The purpose of the meeting would have been to change some of the proposed boundaries.

This newspaper interviewed a member of the Board who stated that the matter had been advertised for four weeks. Also that they had a petition signed by 150 people asking that the limits be extended in certain directions. It was also pointed out that the water tank for the city is outside of the town limits and should be inside, but that there was no land available. The new limits would bring in the water tank.

While Chairman Moore and his committee are putting up a determined push to get their points across, it can be said that those favoring the extensions are equally as determined to see that the limits are extended.

The opposition committee claims that the new limits will more than double the present area. That this jump would work a hardship on the taxpayers within and without the limits. The question was also raised that it would take a large bond issue which would raise city taxes because of added water and sewerage construction. Mr. Moore also expressed hope that a solution could be worked out to avoid a hard fight in the matter. He also stated that 450 people had signed the petition not to come in the town limits.

The proponents favoring the extension deny that any big bond issue will be necessary but call attention to the fact that over one million dollars worth of taxable property will be added to the wealth of the town. Aside from this it will cause the population of the town to jump in excess of 3,000 citizens.

It was also brought out that the action taken toward extending the limits was done in a very democratic manner and that if 15 per cent of the voters protest the extension then a vote will be held with only those affected on the outside being allowed to vote.

Local C. A. P. Is State Winner

The Mount Holly-Belmont Civil Air Patrol squadron was named winner of a \$25 prize this week by headquarters of the North Carolina Wing for obtaining the most recruits in their squadron within recent months. The prize awarded the local squadron was half of a \$50 prize which was to be given to the squadron in the state obtaining the most new recruits for their squadron, but \$25 of the amount was awarded the Mooresville squadron in a tie decision.

While the Mount Holly-Belmont squadron had enlisted the largest number of cadets, the Mooresville squadron had obtained more senior members, Lieutenant Richard Mauney said this week in announcing the award. At the present time the local squadron has a total of 30 senior members but lack 21 senior members of having the required personnel to qualify as a squadron under a new ruling.

Lieutenant Mauney said that the local squadron is beginning an intensive drive to bring their squadron up to the required strength before the 15th of May in order that they may continue to qualify as a squadron. It is highly possible that the local squadron, if the drive is successful

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