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Lions Club Starts March of Dimes Monday

Plan M.H.S Band Uniforms Drive

Samples Already Arrived Showing Uptown Tomorrow

There will be new uniforms for the Mount Holly High School Band if the people cooperate in a drive to start here next week. Everyone will have a chance to see the new uniforms on Saturday of this week. Two sample uniforms have arrived and two of the band members will wear them in the downtown business district Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. The two band members will visit every store and business house in Mount Holly during tomorrow.

It is believed that the people will like the uniforms. They have red coats with white Sam Brown belts and white shoulder decorations. The caps are white topped with a red band. The trousers are grey with a wide red stripe. The uniform is truly outstanding and is made from the best grade of whipcord that is obtainable.

The new uniforms will cause our people to swell with pride. There has been nothing in Mount Holly that has come out and showed such success as the Mount Holly High School Band has this season. The students have done a remarkable job because of great leadership. Band directors from other schools have praised the outstanding work of Dwight Price. There can be no doubt but that Mount Holly has one of the finest band directors and instructors in North Carolina today. His interest, and his great work, will be backed by the people.

A group of citizens, from every faction and walk of life in Mount Holly, have united in an effort to raise the money. This group will select a chairman this week for the purpose of raising \$3,000 to properly equip our band. Already volunteers have come forth to aid in various sections of the community and little doubt remains but that the money can and will be raised. The entire set-

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Alligood To Be On WBT Sunday

The American Mutual Liability Insurance Company announced on Wednesday of this week that Mr. W. G. Alligood, personnel director for American Yarn and Processing Company, in Mount Holly, will be judge and moderator on Sunday, over station WBT, for the Student Forum for Safety. This program on Sunday, at 1:30 p. m., is the tenth in a series of thirteen which are being sponsored by the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company. This Sunday's show will be the last of the preliminary ones. The next two programs will lead up to the finals, which will be held on February 3.

The contest has been open only to seniors from the various high schools in this area and from the mountain district. Six contestants will appear on the final program. They are the ones who have been chosen from all of the first ten shows to represent the seniors in the final contest. The winner on the February 5th broadcast will receive a \$1000 scholarship. The

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Seal Sales Total Is Given By Mrs. Clark

Mrs. Marvin Clark, Seal Sale chairman for the 1949 Tuberculosis Campaign in Mount Holly, has announced that to date the local contributions to the seal sale amounts to \$426.25. Mrs. Clark is also chairman of the Welfare Committee of the local Civic Club which annually sponsors the seal sale here. Mrs. Clark added, however, that a number of donations are expected later which will swell Mount Holly's total contributions considerably.

CAP Group Makes Good In Organizing Local Unit

Recently completed by the Mount Holly Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, a new club house now graces the local airport. The new building consists of a central lounge, two offices, one for use by the regular airport operators and one for C. A. P. use; a radio shack, and two storage rooms. The airport operators and the members of the local squadron of the Civil Air Patrol are to be congratulated for their cooperation in obtaining this much needed addition to the buildings at the airport. The local airport has been the central meeting place for the members of the local Civil Air Patrol for some time and the new building will solve many problems arising from inadequate space for the storing of C. A. P. equipment and for the regular meetings held each Tuesday night.

Lumber for the construction of the building was obtained in a method which solved two important problems at the same time. For many months the western approach to the runway had constituted a problem for visiting flyers as well as being a menace to a safe landing in case of engine failure on the take-off. The grove of high trees at the end of the runway proved adequate to supply the lumber for the contemplated new building and at the same time the obstruction offered by the trees could be re-

moved. Contacting the American Yarn and Processing Company in Mount Holly, which owned the property on which the trees were located, airport operators obtained permission to cut the timber and to have it sawed into lumber for construction purposes. The only requirement imposed was that the property be cleaned up as well as possible after the work was completed.

Actual planning for the new building began last August when members of the local squadron stayed a few minutes following one of their meetings held at the high school to "sling the propwash." It was then that the discussion involving the cutting of the trees into lumber was brought up by one member. Luckily, one member of the local squadron owns a saw mill which solved the problem of getting the lumber at a cost which the Mount Holly squadron could afford.

After completing the club house and admiring their handiwork and the fruits of a few hours extra labor by the members, who took time off on their leisure days to help in the construction, the members of the local squadron decided to eliminate another inconvenience. Until that time all electricity at the airport was supplied by a surplus gasoline-engine generator, but with the proper authorities

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High School Thanks Donors

The Mount Holly High school wishes to thank, through The News, the industrial plants of Mount Holly for their donations toward building up the library at the school and the donations to the athletic program as well as other donations made this year for the well-fare of the student body. In an announcement made Thursday, Principal S. H. Helton of the high school said that on behalf of the faculty and students of the school he wished to thank publicly the Globe Mills, Southern Dyestuff Corp., the Superior Yarn Mills, and the American Yarn and Processing Company for their interests in the schools and the aid which they have offered in the form of the much needed and greatly appreciated donations received this year.

Among the donations which were listed were gifts to the library fund and to the athletic program by the Superior Yarn Mills; gifts to the athletic fund by

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Negro Shooting At Lucia Given

Willie Moore, a Negro school boy, is at home recovering from gun shot wounds received last week at the Negro school in Lucia when another Negro, Moncreith Crawford, fired a shotgun at his rapidly retreating back. Moore was wounded, according to Gaston County officers, in the back from the hips to the shoulders by the shot gun blast. A fairly small shot was used and no serious wounds were reported by the investigating officers.

Moncreith is now being held in the county jail in Gastonia pending trial for the shooting. Officers report that the story told to them by eyewitnesses placed the Crawford boy on the school grounds near a grove of trees. Crawford was carrying a shotgun, and according to reports, called several of the boys who were playing about the school grounds to him. Picking out one of the boys, the officers said, Crawford ordered him to start running but the boy refused to move. Crawford then turned to young Moore and repeated the order to him. Moore was frightened into running whereupon Crawford told the other boys, "Watch me drop that fat little boy" and shot at the most prominent part of the rapidly running Moore.

Outstanding Speaker to be Feature Of PTA Meet; Expect Good Attendance

Local Escapee Is Caught By Officers

Steve Boheler, Mount Holly boy sentenced to the Jackson Training school following trial for breaking and entering several of the local stores several months ago, was arrested by local officers Tuesday night after taking part in a mass "break" with 4 other boys Sunday night. Three of the escapees from the Jackson Training School were picked up by Charlotte officers and the net was closed when Boheler and the fifth boy, Jimmie Clontz of Marion, were found at the home of the local boy's father here.

Mount Holly officers making the investigation and arrest were Mattox and Robinson. Boheler and Clontz were returned to the training school authorities Tuesday, the officers report.

Mrs. Helton To Lead The Ladies' Group

Mrs. S. H. Helton has been named community chairman of the Women's Division of the annual March of Dimes drive which begins officially next Monday, January 16. Mrs. Helton told a News Reporter this week that she has not yet had an opportunity to contact many ladies in regard to the phases of the campaign which will be assigned to the Women's Division but expected to have a complete list of the names of ladies who will be assisting her for the next edition.

Co-chairmen Ed Painter and Tommy Holland announced a meeting to be held tonight at 7:30 p. m. at the Lions Club building to which all mill superintendents are cordially invited. At this meeting the material for conducting in the industrial plants of this section will be distributed and final plans for the drive will be formulated.

Included in the plants to which Mr. Painter and Mr. Holland addressed invitations are the Leaksville Dye Plant, Sodyeco, the Adria-Madora, the American plant, the Woodlawn, the Rush, Holly-Knit, Holly Mills, American Maintenance Crew, Whitehall Knitting, Riverbend Plant, Mountain Island Plant, Mount Holly Steam Plant, Kendrick Brick and Tile Company, Globe Yarn Mills, Superior Yarn Mills, and the schools of the community including the Lucia schools, Mount Holly Schools, Lucia Colored Schools, and Mount Holly Colored School.

Each of these plants is expected to have a representative present at the meeting tonight to receive the necessary materials for handling the drive in their companies, Mr. Painter said. The theaters and the businesses in Mount Holly will be under the Women's Division as in previous years as will the schools.

Mr. Holland said that every effort is going to be made in the two weeks assigned to the annual drive to reach or exceed the \$2875 raised in the March of Dimes last year. Every expectation for a successful drive is being expressed by the three community chairmen and it is hoped that donations collected this year through the industrial plants, the theaters, the schools, and the coin container placed about the city will be far in excess of the 1949 receipts.

VFW To Get Great War Film Here

The Mount Holly post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has obtained a booking date for the showing here of a Hollywood produced film which was banned from general release by censors because of the actual combat shots depicted. The exact date of the showing of the film here has not yet been set, according to an announcement made by Commander F. H. Abernathy, Jr., but will be announced in a later edition of the News. The veterans plan to show the film in the V. F. W. hut for veterans and their guests.

Commander Abernathy said that many of the scenes in the film were taken from actual German files and that as a result of the blunt facts presented in the picture, censors decided against its release before the general public fearing that it might tend to promote hatred for the German people.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their next meeting on Thursday night, January 24, and at that time a tentative date for the showing of the film will be decided on.

Hawks Play At Tryon Tonight

The Mount Holly Hawks will travel to Tryon tonight to meet a powerful Tryon high school in a double-header which is expected to be one of the toughest games of the season. Added to the natural rivalry between the two schools is the fact that Hawk mentor Max Beam and Principal of Schools S. H. Helton are both former residents of Tryon. Beam played on the Tryon High School team while he was a resident of that city and Principal Helton was an official of the Tryon School.

The locals expect to meet heavy opposition and in the face of their one point loss last Tuesday night, the coaching staff is worried about the outcome of tonight's match.

Last week was a bad week for the Hawks with both boys and girls teams splitting their games, each winning one game and losing one. Last Friday night, a hard fighting Dallas boys squad lost to the hard driving Hawks 51-45. Pivot ace Harold Helton, 6 feet and 3 inches of strategy on the court for the locals, shot the greatest number of points for the Mt.

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Douglas Carty To Preach At Castanea

Mr. W. Douglas Carty, a senior at Columbia Theological Seminary, will preach at the Castanea Presbyterian Church on this coming Sunday morning. He will preach, besides the morning worship hour at 11 o'clock, the evening service at 7:45 p. m. Since Mr. Carty is coming this Sunday as a trial minister, all members are urged to be present for these two services. All others interested in hearing him are cordially invited to come.

ATTENDS MEETING

Mrs. J. P. Smith attended a meeting of the Executive board of the Sacred Heart College Alumnae Association Monday evening at the college in Belmont. Mrs. Smith is president of the Alumnae Association.

Jessen Employed in New Position; Work Started

"Tide of Toys" Is Legion Project

The Johnson-Lineberger Post 152 of the American Legion will join with other Legion posts all over the nation in the "Tide of Toys" movement which is attracting national comment. The Legion members are backing the movement to send a boatload of toys to European children with the hope that bonds of friendliness cemented through these gifts may mature to prevent wars between future generations. Commander Harold Stroupe told a News Reporter this week that one boatload of toys has already been consigned to Europe and that the reaching of the goal now set would be the second ship to carry the gifts of this generation of young Americans to the millions of European children who have no toys and who enjoyed no Christmas.

Toys will be collected by the Legionnaires here during the next two weeks. The central collection

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Chorus And Band On PTA Program

The Girls' Chorus and the Mount Holly High School Band will play and sing several selections during the entertainment program at the next Parent-Teachers Association meeting, it was announced by Band Director Dwight Price and Chorus Director Ben Shue this week. The appearance of the two large musical units of the local high school is expected to attract a great amount of attention and a large number of parents, faculty members, and others interested in the schools are expected to attend the meeting.

Auto License Examiner To Be Here Certain Days

A State Drivers License Examiner, Walter M. Foil, has been assigned to Mount Holly each 2nd and 4th Thursdays in response to the many protests made when the former examiner, Paul Linder, was transferred to Gastonia, it was announced this week. Examining local applicants for new drivers licenses yesterday for the first time since Linder's transfer several months ago, Mr. Foil stated that he would be at the City Hall next on Thursday, January 26, and asked that all local residents in the categories now being tested apply as soon as possible.

Drivers whose names are in the categories including N, O, P and Q, are now being examined, Mr. Foil said, and this category will close July 1st. Applicants will save themselves much time by applying for their new licenses on either the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month as soon as possible rather than waiting until the inevitable last minute rush which causes much delay.

Mr. Foil was assigned to the Asheville office until last Monday when he received instructions from the Highway Safety Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles telling him to report to Lincolnton and assigning his schedule. Mount Holly has two full days each month for examination while the remaining days will be assigned to Bessemer City,

A. W. Bell, general manager of the American Yarn and Processing Company, announced the creation of a new department and directing head for the same. The company has plans, now in process, that will place it in the field of competitive textiles of all types. A pilot plant is now in operation by the A. Y. P. on spun nylon, it was stated this week.

Robert Jessen, a highly experienced textile authority, joined the American Yarn staff last Monday. He will be in charge of the new department and will have the title of "new products director." Mr. Jessen is married to the former Miss Margaret Johnston of Lowell, Massachusetts. The couple have three fine boys, Robert 10, Barry 7 and John 6. He is a Presbyterian and a Lion.

The opening of this new department is in line with a present plan of diversification in textile manufacturing. Plans were made before the war by R. S. Dickson, president of the company, for the program. The war interfered and the delivery of equipment has held the program up. However, today the program is definitely underway and will mean a lot to Mount Holly and this entire area.

Mr. Jessen is already known to many people in Riverhead township since he opened the Stanley Mill, as superintendent, for the J. P. Stevens Company. His background fits him admirably for the job. He finished school in 1936 as a graduate of the Lowell Textile School, one of the most outstanding schools in the North in textiles.

From Lowell he joined the firm of S. Slater and Sons in Webster, Mass., and worked in the card room for two years after which he was promoted to Card Room Overseer. He then joined the Whitin Machine Works as a sales representative. He has served

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The new examiner is a native of Winston-Salem, where his family still lives. He will make his headquarters in Lincolnton, chosen for the central location offering coverage of the surrounding towns. He has been with the Highway Safety Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles for more than six years.

Mr. Foil listed his schedule for other towns as including Cherryville on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays, Bessemer City on Fridays, Lincolnton on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mount Holly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. The News made a strong protest when the previous examiner was transferred to Gastonia, allowing no examinations to be held at the City Hall here and requiring local residents to drive to Gastonia for their examinations. This was an inconvenience for the applicants who had to leave their jobs in some cases for an entire day in order to make the trip to Gastonia and await their turn at the overcrowded office there.

It is expected that the two days each month will be sufficient for the examinations which must be given here and the cooperation of all applicants is asked in avoiding a last minute rush which will inconvenience everyone concerned. Get your new license now if your surname is among those included in the present category.