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## WARE TO HEAD BAND DRIVE

### March of Dimes Off To Good Start Locally

### Jaycees Plan Boss's Banquet 27th

#### Will Be Big Affair With Many Guests

The Mount Holly Jaycee with the most outstanding record of service in Jaycee work for the past year will be named Jaycee of the Year and presented the Distinguished Service Award at the Boss's Night Banquet to be held next Friday night, January 27, at the American Dining Hall. President Ted C. Johnston, announcing the annual banquet at which Jaycees honor their employers, stated that an unusually large crowd is expected this year and that Jaycees are urged to make their reservations for the banquet immediately.

President Johnston said that Solicitor Basil L. Whitener would be the principal speaker at this banquet. Other guests will also be present but were not named by Mr. Johnston.

Fried chicken will be the main fare at the banquet, which will start promptly at 8 p. m.

The Mount Holly Jaycees have completed several outstanding projects during the past year including the annual Durene festival, the Christmas Tree sale, several paper drives, and other projects of community value. Perhaps the most outstanding, the Jaycees point out, is the present drive for funds for a Community Building Fund and proceeds from most of the current Jaycee projects are being added to the total already raised.

#### Tide of Toys Is Grand Project

Under the direction of general chairman Peter N. Chagaris and co-chairman Tommy Dunn and Jack Summey, the Johnson-Lineberger Post of the American Legion in Mount Holly is concentrating on the nation-wide "Tide of Toys" drive. A campaign sponsored by Legion posts all over the nation, the aim of which is to send a shipload of toys from the children of this country to European children, the drive has stirred much interest in the nation and in this community.

One shipload of toys, some of which were reconditioned before shipment, has already been sent to the children of the World War II generation in Europe and will be distributed through the resources of "CARE" which already has an organization for distribution of needed food, clothing, and other items set up and in operation.

The members of the local post are concentrating on the effort to gather as many toys, new or used, as local residents will donate during the two weeks drive. They are enthusiastic about the number of toys donated thus far in the drive and hope to do as much as is possible to help fill the shipload of toys.

The idea behind this drive, as explained by Commander Harold Stroupe, head of the Johnson-Lineberger Post of the American Legion, is that the gifts of toys, which are sorely needed by children in Europe, will help to cement bonds of friendliness between them.

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#### New Band Uniforms Are Shown Above

Shown above wearing two of the sample uniforms that the Mount Holly High School Band hopes to wear next year are Sylvia Abernathy and Ralph Hamilton. These two band members spent the entire day Saturday visiting the stores up town and on the street in order that the public might see the high quality, snappy outfit that will lift our band into a sphere of pride that they deserve.

#### Monday Meeting To Plan Team

Merchants of Mount Holly who are interested in backing a semi-pro baseball team this season which will represent Mount Holly in the Textile League are asked to meet in the Recorder's Courtroom above the City Hall Monday night at 7:30 p. m. Fred Thomas, well-known local man and business manager of the Durenes last season told a News reporter Thursday that he had already contacted a sponsor that will meet half the expenses of organizing such a team provided local merchants share the remaining half.

The new team will be included in the six-team Textile League which includes Superior, Crumpton, Highland Park, Belmont, Maiden, and the proposed Mount Holly team. Mr. Thomas also said that he had already contacted

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#### Mount Holly Expected To Go Over Top

The March of Dimes drive in Mount Holly swung into high gear last Monday morning under the direction of co-chairmen Tommy Holland and Ed Painter. Mrs. S. H. Helton, chairman of the Women's Division, has also set up the women's organization for the drive and collections in the school was under way early in the week. The high school portion of the drive is under the direction of Miss Myldred Lipscomb, Beta Club advisor, and the Beta Club is sponsoring the drive there. The primary grades are under the direction of Mrs. James L. Davenport, Mrs. Helton said. Cards holding 25 dimes have been passed but to students in the primary grades and cards holding 20 dimes have been given to the high school students.

Mrs. A. W. Bell, local Girl Scout Leader, will be in charge of a group of girl Scouts who will take donations to the drive on the streets of Mount Holly tomorrow and the following Saturday.

The drive in the colored schools will be directed by A. M. Rollins, Mrs. Helton said. Theaters will also be under the Women's Division in the 1950 drive and members of the Beta Club will accept donations at the two local theaters each night during the drive.

The business section of the town will be canvassed by volunteer members of the Women's Division. Mrs. Dennis Beatty will

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#### HEADS DRIVE



JAMES H. WARE

Prominent Mount Holly citizen who will lead the drive for funds for the Mount Holly High School Band uniforms. Mr. Ware will announce his plans in detail next week. A strong committee will aid in this drive and great cooperation is expected by everyone interested.

#### Opening Date For Laundry Given

The Whiteway Dry Cleaners will open the self-service laundry end of the business on next Monday, January 23rd. The name of the dry cleaners has been changed to Whiteway Dry Cleaners and Self-Service Laundry. J. E. Holloway is owner and manager and will be assisted by Mrs. Holloway in the operation of the business.

The new laundry has 14 deluxe

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#### Complete Plans to Raise Funds to be Given Soon

#### Stanley Has Ten Matches Tonight

Ten fights have been listed on a card to be presented to fight fans tonight at 7:30 at the Stanley High School Gymnasium athletic director Dick Thompson announced this week. Stanley High School's team will meet the Hickory team in the bouts which are expected to draw a capacity of a crowd to fight-hungry fans to the nearby town. The Hickory team includes several experienced boys who have pleased ring fans in other matches. Stanley fighters have varied amounts of ring experience, some of them having participated in the fairly recent Silver Gloves Tourney held at Gastonia early this month.

#### Masons Raise \$509 For Oxford Orphanage

The Masonic Lodge 544, A. F. and A. M., of Mount Holly, has recently completed a drive to raise funds for the Oxford Orphanage. Contributions totaling \$509. were reported by the Masons at the end of the drive. The contributions came from members, friends, and merchants. The members of the Masonic Lodge wish to express their heartfelt thanks to these who were so generous in their gifts for the orphanage.

James H. Ware, prominent Mount Holly insurance man and civic leader, has accepted the chairmanship of the drive for band uniforms for the local school. Mr. Ware announced that he appointed Wilson H. Crane, of the First State Bank and Trust Company, as treasurer of the campaign. He is busy this week lining up the various committees that will solicit funds.

The committee which has been working toward the movement was highly pleased, as will be the public, over Mr. Ware's acceptance. At this particular time he is extremely busy since his services are sought by many individuals and business houses on income tax returns. It is a sacrifice on his part to take the leadership but friends prevailed upon him and he has been promised cooperation from many angles.

The band drive is for \$3,000. This means that uniforms of the very highest quality, good for years of wear, will be purchased.

The high school is very fortunate in having the services of their Band Director, Dwight Price. People who know music declare him to be among the finest directors in the State of North Carolina. The manner in which our local band has come to the front in the short time that he has been here verifies the confidence in him. The Band has made several public appearances in which they have been highly praised. These letters from Gastonia, Charlotte and Belmont were all published in The News some time back.

A smart, high-stepping marching band is a great asset to any community. There are many functions in which they are needed and they tend to lend color and spirit to both the school and the town. We certainly believe that the Mount Holly people are highly pleased with the Band and want to dress them up.

The uniforms they are now wearing consist of fair quality, but old coats. The pants are of white duck and will not hold a crease and soil very easily. The age of uniforms detract from the band. A first class uniform is a necessity to a prize-winning band and there is no doubt but that next year the Mount Holly Band will be a serious threat in their class in all competition.

Next week The News will carry the complete outline of the drive in which everyone will be permitted and urged to give at least \$1 toward the \$3,000 needed to make our Band as good as any in this entire section or for that matter in the State of North Carolina.

This campaign is the idea of many people, of all walks of life, in Mount Holly. It is a campaign which we should all get behind and push because it is something for our own community. It is a way in which to express our appreciation to Dwight Price for a grand job and to show him that we want him back in Mount Holly next year.

#### GOES TO SPARTANBURG

Mrs. W. T. Connell will go to Spartanburg this week to spend several weeks with her son, Fredrick Connell and Mrs. Connell.

#### NINE FORMER MASTERS OF MASONRY NOW LIVING IN MOUNT HOLLY



At a regular meeting, the Mount Holly Lodge No. 544 A. F. A. M., which was held on Monday night, January 16, 1950, eight Past Masters of Lodge 544 were present and one Past Master of an out-of-town lodge. Pictured above, reading from left to right are the Past Masters who were in charge of the installation ceremony: J. Milton Craig—1924-1925, Avery M. Smith—1926, Raymond E. Rhyne—1933-1934, 1940-1948, John E. Bailes—1935-1938-1939-1947, E. Nelson Hall—1941, Eurlie L. Norwood—1942-1943, Grady W. Rhyne—1946, Rudd H. Cline—1948, D. C. Chandler—Past Master St. Paul's Lodge No. 474 Past Master 1946.