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## BAND CONCERT ON MONDAY

### Boy Scout Drive Gets Underway Here Today

### Red Cross Drive Starts On March 1

#### Dr. L. S. Clark Named To Head Big Local Campaign

Dr. L. S. Clark, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Mount Holly, has been named chairman of the 1950 Red Cross drive which will begin in Mount Holly on March 1st. Dr. Clark, in accepting the chairmanship of the drive, told a News reporter that the drive would be conducted in three divisions which include the residential, business, and industrial districts of the town. By next week Dr. Clark plans to have appointed sub-chairmen in charge of the divisions and in charge of each of the industrial plants in Mount Holly. The name of these workers who will assist in conducting the annual drive in Mount Holly will be announced at that time.

Dr. Clark said that the canvass would probably begin on March 1st in the business and residential districts, and that it would continue through March 6 in all probability, although the results shown by the canvass would determine the length of the concentrated drive.

In an interview with a News reporter, Dr. Clark said: "All of us have an instinctive impulse to help someone in need. Perhaps it is while an accident victim's precious blood flows away... perhaps it is when we read of helpless veterans destined to live the rest of their lives within hospital walls... perhaps it is when we listen to the tense voice of a newscaster describe the panic, the cold, the hunger, the despair and utter misery of families suddenly made homeless by disaster."

"Each year the millions who need help and the millions who want to help are brought together by the Red Cross. This impulse to help is as old as the human heart. With their time, with their money, all may help through the Red Cross. "A battery of newscasters broadcasting continuously 24 hours every day could never finish telling the Red Cross story. It is written each moment in 3,745 Red Cross chapters throughout the country. It is a story you helped write."

"Through the Red Cross during the past year you made it possible for: 228,515 persons to be assisted in 330 domestic disaster relief operations... more than 2,000,000 servicemen, veterans, and their dependents to receive Red Cross assistance... 1,113,120 persons to be trained in first aid... 126,894 persons to receive home nursing instructions. This is just a part of what you are helping others to do when you give to the Red Cross."

#### Enter Gloves Fight

Two Mount Holly boys, P. L. Black and Jack Carpenter, representing the Stanley Boxing Team, have entered the Golden Gloves tournament to be held at Hickory next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 2, 3, and 4. These boys will be among the members of the Stanley team who will enter the novice divisions in various weights to represent the nearby towns at the tournament. Carpenter fought in the Carolinas Golden Gloves held in Charlotte last week while Black has not fought this year but was a member of the Mount Holly Jaycee boxing team last year.

#### CHICKEN SUPPER TONIGHT

There will be a chicken supper tonight, with all the trimmings, at the Lucia school. This is being sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association and supper will be served from 5:30 p. m. until 8:30 p. m. Chicken, all the accessories, and dessert will be on the plates and the charge is 50 cents for children, and \$1.00 for adults. The public is cordially invited.

#### Illness Cancels P.-T.A. Meeting

The large number of cases of illness in the schools and homes of Mount Holly necessitated the cancellation of the regular Parent-Teachers Association meeting which was to have been held last night. Mrs. Charles Holtzclaw, president of the group, has announced. Mrs. Holtzclaw said that efforts to contact as many of the members as possible to notify them of the cancellation of the meeting had been made and that she sincerely regretted the necessity of cancelling this meeting. However, Mrs. Holtzclaw pointed out, many children are absent from the local schools at the present time due to illness and a large number of the adult members of the group are also ill. The date of the next meeting will be announced later Mrs. Holtzclaw said.

#### Local Boys Enter Big Tool Contest

A three man team from Mount Holly High School's agriculture department will enter the annual tool identification contest to be held by Allison-Erwin Company in Charlotte this afternoon. More than 32 high schools will have teams competing in the contest which Mount Holly High School won for three years in succession before it was discontinued several years ago. This is the first contest to be held since the contest was discontinued and the local team has been practicing their tool identification in preparation for the event. Several prizes are awarded by Allison-Erwin to the winners of the contest it was stated.

#### Local Boys In Golden Gloves

The three local boys, Willie Hansel of Stanley, Bob Smith of Stanley, and Jack Carpenter of Mount Holly, who took part in the 1950 Carolinas Golden Gloves held at Charlotte last week, were eliminated in the four nights of stiff competition with Handsel going all the way while the others lost earlier in the tournament. Facing some of the best talent ever to hit the ring in the annual sporting event which attracts visitors to Charlotte from all over the state, the three boys each made fine showings and Smith's second night loss to Sonny Taylor of Lincolnton drew boos from the crowd.

Carpenter fought his way into the Friday night semi-finals to where he was put away on a T. K. O. by Bruce Peele of Lumberton, a fast and beautiful puncher with dynamite in either hand. Peele and his brother, both of whom look very much alike, were among the stars of the tournament and although Carpenter was outclassed from the first punch and in the opinion of many fans over-matched, he gave Peele a battle until the fight was stopped.

Hansel won a semi-finals victory over Perry Huffstetler of Belmont on a split decision, moving into the finals on Saturday night where his advancing stoppage against the Charlotte Y. M. C. A.'s Jack Gilbert who took the novice bantamweight title.

#### SATURDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore had as guests on Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Blackwell and son, Mickey, of Gastonia.

#### NEW TEACHER



Herbert Hipps, formerly of Greensboro, and a Duke University graduate, is a new member of the faculty of the Mount Holly schools.

#### Ag Boys Making 20 Cedar Chests

Boys enrolled in the agriculture course at Mount Holly High School are constructing an estimated 20 cedar chests which will be given as gifts to their mothers when completed, a News reporter learned Wednesday. Under the direction of Riley Fowler, head of the agriculture department at the local high school, the boys working in the manual training courses included in the course have been given opportunities to produce many useful articles including boats, coat and hat racks, some items used by the school in the class rooms, and they have at the same time added a great deal of valued experience in the use of the tools to their general knowledge of shop work. In many cases they have done work on the grounds of the high school in line with the school beautification program and repairs to the property.

Mr. Fowler, pointing out the care with which the boys are constructing the cedar chests, said that one of the largest items to go through the shop this year was a motor boat which took a great number of hours of highly skilled work, and in the finished form looked like a professional job.

Mr. Fowler said that an estimated 60 cedar chests would be constructed by the boys taking the shop course this year. Material for the chests was purchased by the boys from a saw mill, Mr. Fowler said.

#### Square Dance At Riverbend Tonight

A square dance will be held at the Riverbend Community Building tonight (Friday), at 8 p. m. with music being furnished by Thad Lawing and his band, it was announced this week. Admission to the dance, which is expected to attract a large crowd, is 15 and 35 cents. Round dancing will take place between sets of square dancing. Cakes and candy will be sold as refreshments, it was announced.

#### Local Teachers Get A Leave of Absence

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson, faculty members of the Mount Holly schools, have asked for leave of absence and will resign their positions here effective March 1st to go to Boone where Mr. Robinson will study for his Masters' Degree at Appalachian State Teachers College, it was learned this week. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robinson taught eighth grade classes at the Mount Holly schools.

#### Bell Names Workers To Raise Money

The Boy Scout Drive for funds for 1950 will be started this morning, Friday, February 24th and will continue through next Tuesday and end Wednesday, March 1. The drive is under the direction of A. W. Bell, who is acting as financial chairman. Mount Holly is in the Riverbend District, Piedmont Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The council headquarters are located in Gastonia under the direction of Bud Schiele, Scout Executive.

Mount Holly has contributed liberally to the Boy Scout movement during the past four years and is expected to again back the Scout movement for 1950. Mr. Bell has announced the following committee appointments to handle the drive: Working the business section will be Messrs. Hetman Cross, Willis Holland, Frank Rankin, Dewitt Beatty, Fred Thomas, Morris Friedman, and J. C. Rhyne. Working the industries and other parts of town will be Messrs. Charlie Clegg, Preston Dunson, John Fagan, Lewis Chittum, A. S. Baris, Horace Doan, Jim Bramhall, Jr., Ed Blackwood, and Earl Bailes. J. A. Carter will work with the outlying business places. The Beta Club will handle the Mount Holly School system.

The 1949 amount raised for the Boy Scouts work was \$781.61 and an equal amount is expected to be raised this year for this important work.

#### Two Men Added To Local Faculty

Two new teachers, John Ellis and Herbert Hipps, have been added to the faculty of the Mount Holly schools effective immediately, Principal S. H. Helton reported this week. Both of the new teachers are young men, coming to the Mount Holly schools highly recommended, and are fully qualified as teachers and as athletic department heads, Mr. Helton said. The addition of the two new men will enable the Junior High school athletic program to be greatly enlarged. Prior to the addition of the two men to the school faculty, Junior high school athletic programs were coached on a volunteer basis, Mr. Helton said.

Hipps is the son of a Methodist minister, the pastor of the Centenary Methodist church at Greensboro. He is a graduate of Lee Edwards High School in Asheville, and after graduation attended Duke University for 4 years where he played on the varsity team for the entire 4 years. He was football and basketball intramural director at Duke University and was rated a three-letter man, winning his "D" in football, basketball and track. He was a student teacher in the Durham City schools.

Hipps became an Eagle Scout at the age of 16, and has been extremely interested in working with boys in school and in extra curricular activities. Of his career at Duke, Wallace Wade said he was "tops in every way." Professor T. M. Aycock, professor of Physical Education at Duke, said "He will be a successful coach and teacher. I would be pleased to have him as a teacher of my boy."

John Ellis, the second of the two new teachers to be added to the faculty, is a graduate of Andrews High School, with 2 years at Lees-McRae, before finishing at Davidson. He is a three letter athlete, having played football, basketball, and baseball at Lees-McRae. (Continued On Back Page)

#### HEADS DRIVE



Dr. L. S. Clark, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Mount Holly, will head the 1950 Red Cross drive which begins here March 1st.

#### N. C. Symphony Orchestra Coming

The North Carolina Little Symphony will present the annual concert for school children at the high school gymnasium next Wednesday, March 1st, at 2:30 p. m., Principal S. H. Helton announced this week. The concert last year attracted a great deal of interest from the school children attending, including members of grades one through twelve. Directed by Dr. Benjamin Swalin, the Little Symphony is a state maintained institution for the education of school children in music, and has received tremendous ovations wherever a concert was given. Mr. Helton said that parents or interested adults would be welcomed to the concert. The music to be presented is selected especially for the benefit of the children in the elementary schools, yet comprises a well rounded program.

Part of the expenses of the Little Symphony are paid by the Mount Holly Schools, Mr. Helton said, while a recent drive by the Woman's Civic Club and other organizations in Mount Holly which are sponsoring the concert this year has accounted for a substantial part of the expenses.

The Young Women's Civic Club, in particular the music department, which had charge of the drive, wish to thank the schools, the Globe Mills, American Yarn and Processing Co., Southern Dye Co., the Parent-Holly Book Club, and the many individuals who took part in this drive for the benefit of the community and the state. This money makes it possible for the Little Symphony to come to Mount Holly.

#### School Chorus To Sing On World Day of Prayer

Several members of the Mount Holly High School Chorus will present a special program of vocal music at the "World Day of Prayer" celebration of the first day of Lent; an interdenominational observance to be held at the Presbyterian Church in Mount Holly this afternoon (Friday) at 3:30 p. m. Students participating in this program include Jean Abernathy, Delores Coleman, Delores Rhyne, Margaret Helms, Ricky Hinson, Donald Sigmon, Lowell York, and Luther Hall.

#### VISITS HUSBAND

Mrs. Alvin R. Arndt spent last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Arndt at the Catawba General hospital in Newton where he has been a patient since his accident last Thursday afternoon.

#### All-County Unit Selects Mount Holly For Section

#### Legion Fish Fry To Draw Crowd

The American Legion's first fish fry in several months will be held at the American Dining Hall tomorrow (Saturday) night starting at 6 p. m. Tickets for the event may be obtained from any Legionnaire and for only \$1.25 per plate fish enthusiasts will get all they can eat the Legionnaires report. Graham Cloniger, well-known expert in the art of preparing the fish suppers which have been sponsored by the local Legion post in the past, will be in charge of the preparation of the meal.

A series of fish fries held by the Johnson-Lineberger post of the American Legion here last summer attracted large crowds and the Legionnaires expect a large number of guests tomorrow night. Proceeds from the fish fry will go to the Legion building fund.

#### New Super Comes To Local Mills

E. W. "Ed" Blackwood is the new superintendent of the Adrian-Madora Mills in Mount Holly and has already assumed the position, according to statements made by officials of the American Yarn and Processing Company this week. Mr. Blackwood is a member of the Methodist Church and came to Mount Holly from Burlington Mills at St. Pauls, N. C. He was a member of the St. Pauls Rotary Club, and a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 27 A. F. and A. M. at Statesville, N. C.

Mr. Blackwell is married to the former Ruth Norman of Winston-Salem and they have three children: Eddie 8, Ray 6 and Ann, 1 year old. Mr. Blackwood and his family now reside on Woodlawn Circle.

Mr. Blackwell is a graduate of North Carolina State College, where he majored in Textile Engineering, graduating in 1937.

#### Lt. Sparks Safe; Not Aboard Plane

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hankins of Mount Holly have received information from the War Department stating that their son, Lieutenant Clinton W. Sparks, who was feared lost when an Army Air Force B-36 crashed two weeks ago in heavy fog, was not aboard the plane which crashed and that he is well and safe. Although the War Department communication did not give any details concerning the crash of the lost aircraft, but assured the parents that Lt. Sparks was not a passenger on the ill-fated plane.

The B-36, en route from Alaska to Lt. Sparks' home base at Fort Worth, Texas, was forced down in Charlotte Sound during the flight and distress signals reporting an engine afire and severe icing were relayed by an accompanying B-36 which other members of Lt. Sparks' squadron were aboard.

Lt. Sparks had completed his second mission to Alaska and had written his wife that he expected to leave to return to Fort Worth at approximately the time that the two B-36 bombers left on the return flight.

#### ILI. WITH FLU

Little Frankie Moore has been very ill at his home with a virus flu infection. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore.

The All-County Band Concert will be held at Mount Holly High School next Monday evening at 8 p. m. at the high school gymnasium. This concert, presented annually by the members of the high school bands of several surrounding cities and towns, is expected to be one of the highlights of the year in which the music department of the high school here will participate and Band Director Dwight Price anticipates an excellent attendance.

Admission to the concert will be 60 and 40 cents Mr. Price said, and tickets are on sale by the band students at the gymnasium. The All-County band is made up of students from the bands of Belmont High School, Mount Holly High School, Gastonia High School, and Cherryville High School. The first of the concerts was to be held last night at Gastonia after a parade by the participating members of the different bands through the streets of Gastonia. This is to be the second in the series and a concert will be given at each of the participating high schools with the exception of Belmont High School. Mr. Price said. Due to the lack of space at Belmont High School for such a program, the director of the band there, Frank West, and Mr. Price, have arranged to call this concert the Belmont-Mount Holly concert and residents of both communities are expected to attend.

Band students participating in the program are Sylvia Abernathy, Patricia Gardner, Sylvia Fowler, Doris Davis, Carolyn Williams, Donna Presley, Dennis Hollar, Charles Huffstetler, Seth Kirby, Calvin Green, John Helton, Harold Bumgardner, Jim Gowan, Lena Mae Rick, Jean Abernathy, and librarians Barbara Evans and Emily Lynn Kelly.

The program to be presented includes state contest music, famous marches, novelty numbers, and a selection of the most popular scores from the Broadway production "South Pacific."

The All-County band will consist of 130 pieces, Mr. Price said. This is the first year that the Mount Holly High School band has participated in the concert and much comment regarding the great strides made recently by the high school music department under Mr. Price's direction has been heard in Mount Holly.

#### City Cab Moves To New Stand

Mr. Roe Payne, owner of the City Cabs in Mount Holly, has announced the moving of the City Cab stand to the parking lot next door to Rhyne Brothers Grocery sometime this weekend. Mr. Payne said that the move to the new location was to have been made today but that weather conditions might prevent the company from moving until Saturday. "In our new location we plan to go on giving the fast and safe taxi service which we have always tried to give our patrons," Mr. Payne told a News reporter Wednesday.

The present location of the City Cab, next door to the Mount Holly Furniture Company, will be the site of the new two story building to be erected by Leo Fuller, owner of the Mount Holly Furniture Company, with construction beginning about the first of March.

#### VISIT CATAWBA HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rice and daughter Ann visited Mr. Alvin R. Arndt Sunday afternoon at Catawba General hospital in Newton. Mrs. Arndt returned home with them.