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Ken Davis Elected Head of VFW Post Here

Merchants To Organize Monday

Meeting Will Be Held In City Hall At 7:30 P. M.

The Mount Holly merchants have called a meeting for next Monday night, at the city hall at 7:30 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is to organize the Mount Holly Merchants Association. The formation of such an organization will mean much to Mount Holly, both from the merchants' standpoint and the consumer.

One of the merchants interested in the organization stated, "We have a potential list of 100 members and even though only one half were to join our community would be in position to offer many advantages to the buying public." As a matter of fact this statement is absolutely correct. When merchants and business men all belong to a Merchants Association there is no doubt but that by pulling together the entire town would benefit.

The association, it was pointed out, could also be used for activities that would concern a Senior Chamber of Commerce in larger cities, such as securing of new industries, etc. This proposed organization could serve in such a capacity and render a real service to the community. The purpose could be served only by having a large membership.

A full time secretary would be employed, if plans are successful. The reason for this would be to keep records for a Credit Bureau which would be run in conjunction and as a part of the proposed Association. This would also be a big service to those people who pay their bills and who have good credit. It would serve as a central point for all merchants to call to ascertain the credit of any customer. If the Association approved, by information from its records, the credit of the customer it would eliminate a lot of red tape and get quick service.

The majority of the Mount Holly merchants have a desire to do all in their power to please the public. This means that they want to improve every service to you. Also with regular bargain events, scheduled holidays, quick credit reports, etc., this community could take its rightful place among the shopping areas and centers of both Gaston and Mecklenburg counties.

It is the prediction of this newspaper that the plan for a Merchants Association will go through as a result of the meeting next Monday night.

High School To Start Ball Games

The first Little Six league high school baseball game of the season will be played today at Cherryville with the Hawks traveling to that city to meet the Ironmen on the diamond for the first match of the season. Coaches Max Beam and John Ellis announced this week. The Hawks will play their first game at home next Tuesday night when they meet the local Jaycees at Hutchinson-Lowe Park, giving Mount Holly baseball followers their first opportunity to see the Hawks in action.

The first home game in the league will be played here April 11 when the Hawks play hosts to Lowell, the coaches said. The Hawks are shaping up in good form and following a week of good weather which permitted outdoor workouts and batting practice, are ready for their entry into the league season with confidence. The schedule for the season will be published next week.

Mrs. Donald O. McInnis is now able to be out after an illness in her home.

VFW Has Big Radio Show Here Saturday

The Mount Holly V. F. W. will sponsor the famous Briarhoppers, well known radio and stage show, in an appearance at the Elementary auditorium here tomorrow (Saturday) night. Including in the cast a long list of talented performers, the Briarhopper show is a favorite with radio listeners and is heard regularly over radio station WBT in Charlotte. On the program for tomorrow night are included such well-known personalities as Claude Casey, Nat Richardson, Whitey, Hogan, Hank, and the famous Briarhopper stage production of Plunk and Unplunk. The show will start promptly at 8 p. m. and admission will be 25 cents for school children and 50 cents for adults.

Mrs. Holtzclaw To Head Drive

Plans are being laid for the start of the annual cancer drive in Mount Holly sometime in April. Mrs. Charles Holtzclaw, Mount Holly representative on the board in Gastonia said this week. No quota has yet been set for Mount Holly. Mrs. Holtzclaw said, and the official starting date of the drive has not yet been decided, but will be announced later. The drive will continue here for only a short time.

Mrs. Holtzclaw, pointing out vital working being done in the cancer detection center in Gastonia, said that the money raised through this drive will be used for a two-fold purpose; for educating the people concerning cancer and for the maintenance of the center in the nearby city.

At the present time, a free examination awaits any female over the age of 35 and any male over the age of 40 who suspects that they have cancer and the examinations are conducted by skilled doctors working with the best equipment. Incidentally, Mrs. Holtzclaw said, Gaston county is the only county in the state in which the doctors are donating their time to the cancer clinic. In all other counties with similar programs the doctors receive pay for their services.

Arthur Wright Is Named To Directors

Arthur Wright, well known Mount Holly resident and manager of the Men's Department at Paul Derr's store, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Boys Club this week. Announcement of Mr. Wright's election to the board was made by Chairman of the Board Paul Springs.

The boys club is planning to begin work on the summer athletic program for boys of this community within the near future and further announcements concerning the recreational and athletic program to be carried out by the group will be made by the Board of Directors very soon.

Bill Painter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Painter, is at home from Duke University for spring vacation.

Superior Adds More To Team

Adding an impressive list of returning veterans of Superior Yarn Mills baseball team to the lists of players released during the past two weeks, Manager Doyt Morris said this week that Superior is completing their schedule and will announce their first game plans next week in The News.

Sports talk among the fans has it definite that the first game will be played here and that a gala opening for the Piedmont Textile League season is being planned.

Named first among the returning vets for Superior by Manager Doyt Morris was the fans' favorite, "Lefty" House, one of the outstanding players and fans' favorites of last year. House will be back in his centerfield position and followers look forward to another season of smart and clean baseball from his spot.

Also on the list are Dilling, returning to catcher's position for the Superior squad, Bobby Davis, a three-time All-State high school second baseman, who will hold down that position for the Superior men, Glenn Hopkins, short stop for the squad last year, Carl Shepherd for the left field position, and of course, Doyt Morris for the first base job.

Harry Blythe is returning to the third base "hot corner," and mounting the honor for the Superior squad, which is apparently going to fit the name in more ways than one, are the old favorites "Lefty" Kerr, Bill Sigmon, and Charlton Torrence.

Jaycees To Play High School Team

The Mount Holly Jaycees will put a team on the diamond next Tuesday night, April 4, for the first baseball game of the season here when they face the Mount Holly High School team on a bat. He slated to crowd Hutchinson-Lowe Park with eager fans. This will be the first game of the season to be played here and the Jaycees are planning on a powerhouse nine for the occasion. Frequent workouts in a secret location have been reported by the manager of the Jaycee squad, Ivey Henkle, and there is little doubt but that the game will be a highlight of the approaching season.

Game time will be 7:30 p. m. and admission will be 25 and 50 cents, the Jaycees announce. The fans are urged to come early to be sure of seats for the game which may sway either way when Beam's well-trained squad meets the oldsters for this battle of the century.

On the diamond at various intervals for the Jaycees will be "Knuckle-Ball" Ken Davis and "Chompin' Max" Childers, "Ease-A-Base" Gordon Eaves, "Dynamite" Tommy Dunn, "Hurrying Harold" Henkle, "Tip-Em-Off" Wally Thompson, "Butch" Jones, "Lingering Charles" Lingerfelt, "Spitball Dwight" Scoggins, "Call Em-Square" John Calder, "Casey" Jones, "Jumpin' Junius" Miller, "Grabbin' Manuel" Grier, "Bus" Dunn, and manager "Homerun Ivey" Henkle among other stars swiped from near-professional ranks.

For the thrill of the season, don't fail to see this game and make plans now to see the Tuesday night massacre.

Rev. D. S. Schronce, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, is now much better. He has been confined to his home for the past week with virus flu and serious complications. He is now able to receive visitors.

Mrs. F. H. Sloan of Mullins, S. C., the former Miss Mary Sue Moore of this place, is spending this week with relatives here.

Others Also Named For Leading Posts

Kenneth Davis was elected to Commander of the Mount Holly Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the annual election held last Tuesday night. Other officers for the coming year were also elected including Senior Vice-Commander, Rudy Cole, Junior Vice-Commander, James Rankin, Quartermaster, C. C. Mullis, Jr., Surgeon, Dr. A. U. Stroupe, Chaplain, J. E. Gaddy, and Trustee, Henry Grier. These new officers for the coming year will be installed at a meeting to be held April 11 at the Riverbend Methodist Church with the Ladies of the Church serving the installation supper. Cards to each member will be in the mail soon and reservations should be made immediately upon receipt of the card. Speakers for the evening and program, will be announced later.

The new officers will succeed retiring officers of the post during the past year who include Commander F. H. Abernathy, Jr., Senior Vice-Commander, N. H. Huffstetler, Jr., Junior Vice-Commander Kenneth Davis, and Quartermaster Henry Grier.

All members of the post pledged 100 per cent support for the incoming officers and cast a vote of appreciation to the retiring officers at the Tuesday night meeting.

The new commander of the organization, Kenneth Davis, is well known in Mount Holly for his ceaseless efforts in behalf of worthy projects sponsored by the civic groups, schools, and other organizations here. He is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, serves on the board of directors of the Mount Holly Boys Club, and is active in many other groups. He is manager of the Gaston and Holly Theaters and is the son of Sheriff and Mrs. Porter Davis of Wilmington.

Westland Farms Suffers Fire

The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department was called to the scene of a rapidly mounting blaze in the boiler room at Westland Farms Dairy last Monday night and Ernest Kelly, owner of the nearby dairy farm, credits fast response by the members of the fire department and the dairy farm employees with preventing thousands of dollars in damage which might otherwise have been done by the fire. Receiving the alarm about 7:30 p. m. the members of the Fire Department found the blaze apparently originating in the boiler room which houses the boiler that furnishes heat for the washing machines and for pasteurizing several hundred gallons of milk daily.

The fire was quickly brought under control by the firemen and the employees of the dairy farm and damage was estimated at several hundred dollars but would have been much greater had the fire not been discovered before it gained too great a start, the firemen said.

Legion To Meet Next Monday Night

The Johnson-Lineberger Post of the American Legion will hold its regular meeting at the Legion Hut Monday night, April 3, it was announced this week. All members are requested to plan to attend and rides will be provided for Legionnaires meeting at Summey's Drug Store at 7:15 p. m. Meeting time is 7:30 p. m.

Census Begins Here Tomorrow

Housewives of Mount Holly and Stanley can be prepared for the knock of Uncle Sam's official census takers on their front doors beginning tomorrow (Saturday), District Supervisor Hoyt Cunningham announced Wednesday. Saturday marks the start of the biggest job in the country and an estimated six weeks will be required for the count in the Eleventh Congressional District, Mr. Cunningham said. Specially trained enumerators, who have been attending school in Gastonia this week in preparation for the start of the census, will call at each residence in the district assigned to them. Both men and women are being used for the work.

Mr. Cunningham said that the census workers assigned to Mount Holly and Stanley include Ruth Summey Paysour, Crewleader for this group, and enumerators Jack Bentley, Samuel Wilson Abernathy, Mrs. Ann Y. Dellinger, Mrs. David Lathan Friday, Mrs. Sarah F. Hall, Mrs. Lewis H. Harris, Mrs. Ruth Irene Markwalder, Mrs. Mary W. McDaniels, Kenneth H. McAllister, Mason Murphy, Walter D. Punk, Jr., Alexander W. Puett, Mrs. Alma J. Rudisill, Mrs. James T. White, James Caswell Taylor and Leola W. Wilson.

Woodrow Jones Rotary Speaker

Woodrow W. Jones, candidate from the Eleventh Congressional District for Congress, was the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Mount Holly Rotary Club held at the Lions Club building last night (Thursday). Speaking on the general topic that the United States must be put on, and kept on, a sound economic and governmental basis, Mr. Jones said that deficit spending and financing must be eliminated. In line with his point of keeping the country and the government sound, Mr. Jones said that the budget must be balanced, waste eliminated and that unnecessary government expenses must be curtailed.

For a politically sound country, the subtly invading "isms" must be fought to a standstill, Mr. Jones said and a battle against communism and all the others "isms" which are trying to gain a stronger foothold in this country must be waged before it is too late.

"The present financial program and spending by the government is unsound and dangerous for both business and individuals," Mr. Jones told the large audience present.

Mr. Jones is a veteran of World War II and resigned his position as Solicitor in the Recorder's Court of Rutherford county to enter the U. S. Navy. After his discharge from the Navy, he returned to serve two terms in the State Legislature as a representative of Rutherford county.

Tickets On Sale For Big Legion Fish Fry

Tickets are now available for the American Legion Fish Fry to be held at the American Dining Hall April 15. Legionnaires Commander Harold Stroupe reminded local residents this week. Tickets will cost only \$1.25 per person and a special price of 50 cents is being charged for small children. The Legionnaires are urging that everyone who plans to attend the fish fry to buy their tickets now so they can plan for the approximate number attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tarpley are now out after being confined to their home with virus flu for the past week.

Galaxy Of Candidates To Attend Democratic Meet

TO APPEAR HERE



Willis Smith, candidate for the United States Senate who was the first to wire his acceptance to the Democratic Rally in Mount Holly on next Wednesday night, April 5. Mr. Smith was prompt in his reply and stated "It is with pleasure that I will be there driving from Albemarle on the same day. I look forward to meeting the people and exchanging with them views on my candidacy. Reserve me a plate."

Craig Addresses P. T. A. Meeting

J. Milton Craig, a member of the county school board, was the principle speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association held on last Thursday night at the local schools. Before a large audience, Mr. Craig explained the building program which has been under consideration for the Mount Holly Schools for some time and said that blue prints for the planned construction and remodeling were already in Raleigh being studied.

The work should begin early this summer, Mr. Craig said, and it is hoped that it can be completed before next September.

A highlight of the proposed program is the construction of a new building which will house an auditorium modern and large enough to serve the local schools in all activities. Acoustics will be carefully planned in the construction of this modern building to permit perfection in the presentation of school programs held at the auditorium.

The present Elementary School building will be remodeled to permit the addition of 8 new classrooms which are greatly needed to relieve the present crowded situation. A modern lunchroom will be constructed in the present site of the school auditorium after the floors have been leveled and the stage removed.

Indoor toilets will be constructed where needed to meet highest sanitation requirements and Mr. Craig said that each room through the third grades would have a restroom for the students in those grades.

The Finance Committee announced a card party to be held April 25 at the gymnasium for the benefit of the building program. Mrs. Ward Rhyne is head of the committee planning the card party and Mrs. Ed Batchelor is chairman of the ticket committee.

Further announcements concerning the card party will be made in The News at a later date, the chairman in charge of the entertainment announced this week.

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The Young Democratic Club of Gaston county is sponsoring a big fish fry and rally here on Wednesday night of next week. The event will be held at the American Dining Hall at 7 p. m. All senatorial, congressional and county candidates for office in Gaston have been wired invitations.

Willis Smith, candidate for the United States Senate and former president of the American Bar Association, has accepted. He wired Jim Allman, president of the Gaston Young Democratic Club, late yesterday afternoon that he would gladly accept and be here to present his views. Also Charlie Hamilton and Woodrow W. Jones, candidates for Congress have accepted along with Hoyle Efrid, sheriff of the county, and Senator Grady Rankin, Charlie Bryant, David Dellinger and Carl Howard. Other candidates are expected to wire their acceptance during the weekend.

Peter N. Chagaris and Harold Henkle, members of the Young Democratic Club executive committee, are acting as co-chairmen of arrangements. Serving on the committee with them are Mrs. Emmett Venning, Jr., Mrs. Max Childers and James F. Dunn. Plans for the meeting started early yesterday morning and at a late hour last night there had been more than 150 reservations for tickets from over the county.

Many people are looking forward to the visit of Mr. Smith. It is also hoped that Senator Frank Graham and Bob Reynolds will accept. Already the event promises to be the biggest of its kind ever held in Riverbend township. There will be more candidates for public office at the rally than have ever gathered here at one time before, it is said.

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Red Cross Drive Has Reached \$800

The total contributions in the 1950 Red Cross Drive in Mount Holly stand at \$800 with three mills still unreported, Dr. L. S. Clark, pastor of the First Baptist Church and chairman of the drive reported Wednesday. This is double the amount reported last week in The News, Dr. Clark pointed out, and with the final reports from the drive pouring in rapidly, it is entirely possible that Mount Holly will top the \$1,000 mark, he said. However, until every report has been made, no definite estimate can be made by the chairman as to the final total to be reported at the end of the drive.

With the annual drive officially ending tomorrow, Dr. Clark is urging all industrial plants or the other divisions which have not made their final reports to do so immediately. It is important that an accurate report be ready for the Gaston County headquarters for the annual drive in order that Mount Holly will receive full credit for the donations given through the generosity of local residents.

A final total should be available for The News next week, the chairman said, if reports are made, on time.

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