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BAND JOINS GLEE CLUB AND CHORUS IN CONCERT HERE



The High School Band, the Girls' Glee Club, and the Boys' Glee Club and Mixed Chorus will be presented in a concert at the high school gymnasium next Tuesday night, May 23, at 8 p. m. It was announced this week. With the exception of an appearance by the high school band June 19 at the Lions Club convention to be held in Charlotte, this will be the last appearance of the band and other groups this year. No admission will be charged at the concert and a large audience is expected to attend.

The complete program is listed below:

Girls' Glee Club
Directed by Mr. Price and Accompanied by Bill Johnston
Creation's Hymn—Ludwig Van Beethoven
Lift Thine Eyes (from "Elijah")—Felix Mendelssohn
The Hallelujah Chorus (from "The Messiah")—G. F. Handel
The Little French Clock

Boys' Glee Club
Directed by Mr. Shue and Accompanied by Delores Rhyme
God Ever Glorious—Alexis Lwoff
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones—Goodhart
God So Loved the World (from "The Crucifixion")—Sir John Stainer
Set Down Servant (Negro Spiritual)—Robert Shaw
Mixed Chorus
O Lord, Increase My Faith—Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
There Is A Balm in Gilead—Wil-

CENSUS SHOWS A BIG GAIN IN RIVERBEND TOWNSHIP

Stanley Leads Towns In Growth; M. H. Also Gains

Action Delayed On Extension

Last Monday night the Town Board of Aldermen held their second meeting with opponents of the town limit extension. The results of the meeting was the postponement of final action until the regular June meeting on the first Monday of the month.

The Town agreed with the opposition attorney, John Small of Charlotte, to cut off some of the acreage or farm land on the Mountain Island road. However, nothing was finally worked out on this matter.

Several members of the Board stated that at the next meeting a definite announcement would be made on the question.

Riverbend Township, according to the unofficial figures of the 1950 census, showed a gain in population of about 25 per cent. In 1940 Riverbend had a population of 8,041. This year the population is 9,967. The figures, of course being unofficial, are subject to changes either way. However, there is a possibility that the township may reach a total of 10,000 when the reports are officially completed.

Stanley showed the largest increase with Mount Holly running behind both in numbers and percentage. In 1940 Mount Holly had a population of 2,955. The census this year reveals a population of 2,252. This is a gain of approximately 10 per cent.

Stanley had a gain of approximately 61 per cent. In 1940 our neighbors had a population of 1,036. This year the census gives them credit for 1,650. This is a gain of 61.

Of the 1,926 increase for Riverbend township, Stanley had approximately one third of the number. Stanley and Mount Holly together accounted for nearly one-half of the increase. The remainder of the increase was made closely around the communities.

Merchants Asso. Progressing

The Riverbend Township Merchants Association had a meeting on Wednesday night of the Board of Directors at the offices in the bank building. It was reported that a steady and constant progress is being made daily toward perfecting the association. All necessary office equipment has been purchased.

The executive secretary is now busy compiling accurate and full reports and information in regard to credit risks and credit reputations of more than 6,000 people in and around Mount Holly and Stanley in this township. As this information is gathered it is systematically filed for the benefit and use of the members. These records are being made up from the credit files of member merchants and other resources.

It was also reported that 18 new members had made application for membership and have been accepted by the Board of Directors. These new members joined since the last meeting two weeks ago.

President Dewitt Beatty stated that in view of the fact that all of the aims and purposes of the association are in the direction of improving this entire vicinity of Riverbend township it is the determination and purpose to include every merchant in the township as members.

It was also reported that the Stanley merchants have almost reached a 100 per cent goal in membership. Several industries, professional men and business organizations that do not do credit business have asked for and received memberships. The memberships in the association definitely afford benefits other than credit information.

Legion To Honor Dead On May 30

The Johnson-Lineberger Post of the American Legion will be in charge of the Memorial Day services in Mount Holly this year. Commander Jack Summey announced this week and plans for the service honoring the dead of both World Wars are now being made by a committee of Legionnaires, it was stated. Last year the services were in charge of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who sponsored a Memorial Service with veterans attending church in a body. Commander Summey stated, and the Legion members plan a similar service this year. Further announcements concerning the services will be made next week.

ATTEND CHURCH

Cancer Drive Makes Record Locally

The 1950 cancer drive in Mount Holly reached almost \$500 the chairman, Mrs. Charles Holtzclaw, reported this week following the completion of county reports. Mrs. Holtzclaw expressed her thanks to everyone who assisted in the drive this year and commended them highly on their excellent work.

Superior Plays Parkers Saturday

Superior Yarn Mills will meet Highland Park's mighty Piedmont Textile League nine at Superior Park tomorrow night in what many fans predict will be the best game scheduled here this season. Highland Park, facing Superior for the first time, will be looking for a tough game and having dropped games to Maiden this year, will be leery of the strong Superior forces which may rally to hand the Parkers a surprise licking.

Superior has a lot to offer the Mount Holly fans this week with two home games scheduled, including the Highland Park game here tomorrow night and a game with the Belmont Combers next Tuesday night at Superior Park. Belmont has changed places in the league standings faster than most fans can follow, pulling out of their losing rut once to take two straight victories and then dropping back to the bottom of the league standings again. Having signed three new pitchers this week who will be eligible for the Tuesday night game, Belmont may be on the rise again and fans can look for a good game here Tuesday night.

Superior whipped Granite Falls in a Tuesday night game played here last week with the final score 6-3 and Hopkins and Armstrong carried the pitching load, leaving veteran "Lefty" Kerr fresh for the Highland Park or Belmont encounters. Lawrence Maps led the hitting for the Superiors in the Granite Falls game nailing a single and a triple in four trips to the plate.

Manager Doyt Morris said this week that he hopes to see a strong following of Superior fans out for both home games this week and next week, and that he still is not sure of his probable starting lineup for either game. Most fans feel that Kerr, who has an outstanding record as a Piedmont Textile League pitcher, will be the probable choice for the Highland Park game, leaving Belmont for one of the other members of the pitching staff.

Added to Superior's distinction in placing high in the Textile League from the start was the announcement last week that "Lefty" House, one of the favorite players on the squad, is leading the league in hitting to date with .571.

Golf Range Is Opened To Public

Bill Hawley and Bill Rhodes have opened a modern Golf Driving Range at the Mount Holly Airport on the Stanley highway. The new range is well equipped with modern lights, new golf clubs, tees, balls, etc. It is open every afternoon and night.

Another feature about the new driving range is that they have a completely equipped refreshment stand for those who drive out for golf or just want to watch and refresh themselves.

Mr. Hawley and Mr. Rhodes stated arrangements could also be made for airplane rides and charter trips anywhere. The airport is very popular and being the center for the C.A.P. of Belmont and Mount Holly is most always buzzing with activity.

Another Big Combat Film For The V.F.W.

Another combat film, the best to be scheduled by the Mount Holly Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be shown at the next meeting of the organization to be held next Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m., it was announced this week. This film, a combat film entitled "Road to Glory", covers the entire European campaign and was filmed in actual combat by U. S. Army Photographers. The film will run 90 minutes. Commander Kenneth Davis said.

Refreshments are also on the schedule for members of the V. F. W. and other eligible veterans who attend the meeting. Commander Davis said.

Tomorrow Is Flag Day Here

Tomorrow (Saturday) is Armed Forces Day. Commander Kenneth Davis of the Mount Holly V.F.W. pointed out this week, and V. F. W. members hope that local merchants will display the flags which most of them have during the day. V. F. W. began action last year to see that as many local merchants as possible obtained flags with mounts suitable for their places of business, and has been active in promoting the displaying of the nation's flag on all proper occasions since that time.

"The V. F. W. feels that much of this country's strength which is so necessary to advancement in time of peace and victory in time of war, is based on pride in the flag of our country and the hardships overcome which it represents," Commander Davis said, "And the members of the Mount Holly Post of the V. F. W. hope that every merchant will take this opportunity to display the flag."

The flag should also be displayed on other specified days of the year and the V. F. W. will be happy to give any merchant who wishes these dates, a list of the correct occasions.

Senior Schedule For High School

Commencement schedules for Mount Holly High School and Mount Holly Junior High School were released this week by Principal S. H. Helton. Class Night exercises for the high school graduating class will be held June 2, at 8 p. m. at the high school gymnasium. The Baccalaureate Sermon will be given on the night of June 4, at the First Baptist Church at 8 p. m. Commencement exercises will be held Monday, June 5 at 8 p. m. at the high school gymnasium.

Commencement speaker at the high school graduating exercises will be Dr. Malcolm McDermott of the Duke Law School faculty. Speaker at the Baccalaureate Service will be Rev. Donald O. McInnis.

Mount Holly In Clinic Record

Mount Holly set a record for the pre-school roundup in this county to date, it was learned this week, and more than 105 children who will enter school next year reported to the clinic for examinations. Parents accompanied most of the children the helpers at the clinic reported and the entire examination of the large number of children was handled in record time and with little delay.

A number of ladies who are members of the P.T.A. assisted in handling the crowd of children attending the clinic and refreshments were prepared by Mrs. Loftin's Home Economics Department at the high school. Assisting during the roundup were Mrs. Joe Jones, Mrs. Charles R. Holtzclaw, Mrs. Joe Wright, Mrs. James Arthur, Mrs. Carl Fisher, Mrs. Bill Moore, and Mrs. Henry Patrick.

Dr. Raymond Moore and Dr. E. W. Connell, local dentists, conducted the dental examinations at the clinic.

Ray Broome, a student at State College, spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Broome.

SALUTATORIAN



Esther Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ward, is Salutatorian of the 1950 graduating class at Mount Holly High School. Esther, active in church and school activities, held a number of offices in her class during both her Junior and Senior years in high school. During her senior year, Esther served as Beta Club secretary, Football Sponsor, co-editor of the Holly Hawk annual, and as president of the French club.

During her junior year she was Senior Marshall, president of the junior class, and pianist for the Boys Chorus. She was chosen the "most talented" in class superlative elections this year. Active in church work also, Esther is president of the Youth Fellowship of the First Presbyterian Church here, pianist for the Men's Bible Class, and sings in the Adult Choir. She plans to enter the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro next year.

BIBLE SCHOOL SET
The dates for the annual Daily Vacation Bible School for the Presbyterian Church have been set from June 12th through June 19th. An enriching program of study has been planned.

The school will be under the direction of Mrs. D. O. McInnis, who is Children's Work Counselor for the Presbyterian Church. There will be daily sessions Monday through Friday for the two weeks of the school.

ATTENDS DENTAL MEETING
Dr. E. W. Connell is attending the North Carolina Dental Association meeting which is being held in Pinehurst from May 17-19.

ATTEND CHURCH

VALEDICTORIAN



Billy Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Johnston, was named Valedictorian of the 1950 graduating class of Mount Holly high school. Billy has engaged in many school activities during his high school career and has served as representative on the Student Council, as accompanist for the Girl's Glee Club, as Chaplain of the Bible Club, and was active in dramatics. He is a member of the Beta Club, the Bible Club, and was secretary of his Junior class.

Riley Fowler Has Accepted New Job

B. R. Fowler, head of the Agriculture Department at Mount Holly High School for a number of years, has accepted a position as head of the Agriculture Department at Salem High School in Morganton. It was learned this week. Mr. Fowler will begin his duties at the Burke County school when school opens next year.

FISH FRY SATURDAY

There will be a fish fry on Saturday night, beginning at 5:30 p. m. and lasting until the crowd is satisfied on the lawn of Hunter's Home Laundry. Fish, hot dogs, ice cream, and cold drinks will be served to the public. Piccolo music is to be furnished and the public is cordially invited.

VISIT IN CLOVER

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clark spent Sunday at Clover, S. C. with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Farris.

ATTEND CHURCH

Poppy Day To Be On May 27

A committee from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Mount Holly, headed by Delores Childers, will be in charge of the Poppy Day sale to be held here Saturday, May 27. President Helen Davis announced this week. Mrs. Davis said that the committee is planning to extend the sale throughout the day and that a large number of poppies, made by veterans in Government hospitals, have been ordered for the occasion.

Members of the Girls Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church have volunteered to handle the sale of the poppies in town Saturday, Mrs. Davis said.

Band Leaders Chosen Here

Drum Majors, Twirling Captain, Majorettes and Tumblers, for the next school year were chosen at try-outs held at the high school on Monday, May 15th.

The following students were picked from a group of approximately twenty entries by three judges: Dwight Price, Bank Director, Ben Shue, Majorette trainer and Gloria Stroup, graduating drum major.

Peggy McKinney and Dean Barber were picked to lead the marching band as co-drum majors.

Backing up the drum majors will be the colorful strutting and twirling majorettes; Betty Garrison, Barbara Oglesby, Marlene Wallace, Janet Davis, Gaynell Hight, and Barbara Evans.

Betty Garrison was elected for the position of Twirling Captain by the incoming majorettes. The duties of the Twirling Captain will be to work out all the twirling routines and to train the majorettes.

Tentatively set as the tumblers troupe are Joanne Cline, Ella Frances Sisk, and Louise McManus.

A corps of mascot majorettes will also be added to the twirling line-up next fall. These pint-sized twirlers will be: Emma Arrowood, 3rd grade; Linda Huffstetter, 3rd grade; Juanita Beach, 3rd grade; Linda Thunderburg, 4th grade; Amelia Kelly, 5th grade, and little Miss Wanda Wyatt, 3 years old.

These students were chosen on the basis of twirling and strutting ability, appearance, personality, and music or dancing background.

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