

Be Sure And Attend The Street Dance To Be Held Here Tonight: Jaycees To Give Prizes

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Leo Fuller Is Elected To Head Lions Club

Boys Club Is Off To Big Start Here

Director Thompson Is Pleased With Interest

The Mount Holly Boys Club swung into gear Wednesday of this week with Athletic Director Dick Thompson again in charge of the summer program for boys which will be held each day of the week except Saturday and Sunday at Hutchison-Lowe Park.

Discussing the turn-out of boys this year, Coach Thompson told a News reporter that he was well satisfied with the number of boys out so far and that Wednesday morning he had 35 Midgets and 125 Bantams out for practice. This is about the average daily attendance which took part in the program last summer and such an enthusiastic turnout during the first few days of the program indicates an enthusiasm with which the boys are greeting the program.

The Boys Club program last year gained popularity daily among the younger boys who took part in the various athletic programs offered by the club, and from all indications will be even larger this year. Coach Thompson said that plans are already underway for both Midget and Bantam teams to participate in a local baseball league and that horseshoes, volleyball, and that possibly boxing will also be offered the boys under capable supervision.

Four teams of Bantam baseball players are already playing each afternoon and one team of Midgets is playing during the morning hours Coach Thompson said. A Midget league is being organized this summer with players from surrounding towns and cities taking part in the league and it is hoped that a schedule for the smaller players will be completed and ready to release soon. The Bantam league schedule has already been released.

The four teams participating in the local league this year in the Bantam class are the Adrian-Madora, the Woodlawn-Nims, the American-Town, and the Superior teams. Midget teams from these clubs should also be organized within the next week to provide plenty of competition between the clubs with local league games being played daily. The Gaston County Baseball League for Boys entry will be a group of Bantam all-stars selected from these four clubs to represent the Boys Club.

Midgets are boys 14 years of age and under and Bantams are boys who were not 19 years of age before June 1st.

Last year's Bantam all-stars were winners of the state tournament held at Raleigh and plans are now being made to enter the state tournament again this year. The winner of this tournament will also have an opportunity to enter a national competition.

A possibility that transportation might be given the boys from the various clubs to Hutchison-Lowe Park each day through the use of the Boys Club bus was also being discussed this week by the Board of Directors and announcements concerning this will be made at a later date.

Jack Thomas Is Back In States

Jack R. Thomas, quartermaster, third class, USN, of Mount Holly, N. C., is scheduled to arrive in Norfolk, Va., June 3, after a four-month cruise in the Mediterranean as a crew member of the destroyer USS Vogelgesang.

While in the Mediterranean he was afforded an opportunity to visit many of the countries in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Street Dance Uptown Tonite

Ticket sales for the Jaycee sponsored street dance which will open the summer months here tonight on East Central Ave. hit an all-time high this week and a huge crowd is expected to attend the first dance of the season tonight, Jaycees announced.

A number of valuable prizes will be given away at the dance, including a radio-record player combination valued at \$125 and purchased from Abernathy Electric Company at cost by the Jaycees for the occasion. This beautiful radio and record player has been on display for two weeks at Ivey Henkle, Jeweler.

It will not be necessary to be present at the dance to win prizes. The radio-record player, the Jaycees said, but it will be necessary that winners of the many other prizes be given away by presenters.

These dancing and his band, local musicians who helped to make the dance held at intervals last year and during the Durene Festival a great success, will furnish music for the dance tonight, it was announced.

The dance will begin at 8 p. m. and dancers are urged to be there well in advance to be sure of getting an opportunity to join in the first round.

Among the other prizes listed by the Jaycees in addition to the first prize were an ice-cream freezer donated by the Mount Holly Ice and Fuel Company, a bill-fold donated by Summey Drug Company, candy donated by Charley's Drug Store, free wash cleaning jobs donated by Ivey Henkle, Jeweler, a free wash and grease job donated by Central Service Station, an Arrow shirt donated by Paul Derr, and two sheets donated by The Quality Store. Proceeds from the dance, as in all Jaycee-sponsored projects, will go to the Community Building Fund, it was announced.

Legion Officers Installed Monday

Hugh Q. Alexander, Kannapolis attorney and a candidate for Department Commander of the American Legion in North Carolina, was installing officer at the installation of officers of the Johnson-Linberger Post of the American Legion last Monday night. Mr. Alexander installed the new commander of the local post, Jack Summey, and other officers and addressed the Legionnaires attending the ceremony briefly.

Other officers of the post who assumed office for the coming year at the Monday meeting included Rufus Ingles, first vice-commander; John Allen, second vice-commander; Leonard Jones, third vice-commander; L. B. Stowe, adjutant; and Graham Cloninger, chaplain.

NOTICE

In the P. C. Godfrey advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue of the paper there is a mistake concerning dates on reduction of Hot Point refrigerators. The date in the ad states that there will be reduced prices between the hours of 9 and 5 on June 3. The date is June 10, which is Saturday of this week.

TO SPEAK HERE



E. A. MILKER

The Men's Club of the First Methodist church will meet on Tuesday night, June 13, for a special meeting. The speaker will be E. A. Milker, prominent lawyer, columnist of the Charlotte Observer, author and lecturer with address of the First Methodist church here on Tuesday night at 7:30.

The club considers itself indeed fortunate in securing Mr. Milker. He will be introduced at the supper meeting by W. O. Barrett, editor of The News. His message will be of great interest since he himself is interested in the Methodist church. He has served for many years as the men's club teacher of Myers Park Methodist church. Every male member of the Methodist church, along with visitors are urged to attend.

Duke Dept. Head Graduate Speaker

Dr. Malcolm McDermott, Professor of Law at Duke University, was principal speaker at the Mount Holly High School graduation exercises held at the gymnasium last Monday night. Dr. McDermott delivered an interesting and comprehensive address which was entirely appropriate for the occasion. Fifty-seven seniors were awarded their diplomas by Principal S. H. Helton and Mr. C. S. Clegg preceding the Farewell talk which was delivered by the Valedictorian, Bill Johnston. The Welcome address was given by Esther Ward, Salutatorian of the class of 1950.

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. C. C. Roberts and the Benediction was given by Rev. C. H. Fisher. A processional, "March from Tannhauser," by Wagner, and the recessional, "Coronation March" by Meyerbeer, was rendered by Ben Shue, member of the high school faculty and a well-known local pianist.

Special awards were made to outstanding students during the evening and athletic letters were awarded by Coaches Max Beam, John Ellis, and Katherine Knox. A capacity crowd packed the gymnasium to witness the exercises.

AT METHODIST CHURCH
Miss Ella Frances Sowers of Concord, a Christian Education major and rising senior at Duke University, Durham, arrived here Friday to take up her duties as Director of Christian Education at First Methodist Church, the pastor, Rev. Ivon L. Roberts, has announced. Miss Sowers will remain here throughout the summer vacation period, and will reside at the Methodist parsonage.

ATTEND CHURCH

Other Officers Elected For Coming Year

Leo Fuller, well known local resident and owner and operator of the Mount Holly Furniture Company, was elected president of the Mount Holly Lions Club at elections held Tuesday night at the Lions Club building here. Succeeding the immediate past president, Henry Patrick, President Fuller and the other newly elected officers were installed in office at the Tuesday night meeting since the local club expects to be participating in the Lions Club Convention in Charlotte at the time of the regular installation meeting.

Other officers elected and installed at the meeting included: 1st vice-president, Frank Bantam; 2nd vice-president, G. B. Kendrick; 3rd vice-president, Ed Painter; secretary, Ed Bantam; treasurer, Frank McKinley; mail twister, O. H. Hankins; and hostmaster, Dale Clark. Directors elected at this meeting included: 1 year—Jim Holland and Dr. E. W. Connell; 2 years—Herman Cross and Charles Clegg; and 3 years—Milton Craig and Jimmie Daventon.

A majority of the members of the local Lions Club expect to attend the Lions convention which will be held in Charlotte this month and the local club is planning a number of activities in connection with the convention. Miss Gloria Stroupe was elected recently to represent the Mount Holly Lions Club in the beauty contest which will be held during the Charlotte convention. The state winner will have an opportunity to participate in the international contest among hundreds of beautiful entires representing Lions Clubs from a number of foreign countries as well as the United States.

Massey-Clark To Open On Tuesday

Massey-Clark Hardware Company in Mount Holly announce this week that beginning Tuesday, June 13, the store would be open each Tuesday afternoon. This store has previously been closing each Tuesday afternoon but the management stated this week that under the new policy it is felt that customers can be rendered better service and that much customer inconvenience can be eliminated.

Vets To See Big Film At Meeting

The combat film "Road To Glory," which the members of the Mount Holly post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars have been eagerly awaiting has definitely been booked for showing at the next meeting. Commander Kenneth Davis announced this week. The film will arrive in plenty of time for showing at the next meeting, which will be Tuesday night of next week, Commander Davis said. This outstanding combat film covers the entire European Campaign during World War II. Commander Davis stated, and has attracted a great deal of attention at every showing.

Refreshments will also be served at the meeting and all members of the post and eligible veterans are urged and invited to attend. Meeting time will be 7:30 p. m. Tuesday night at the V.F.W. Hut.

Summer School Opens On Monday

Announcement has been made this week that summer school classes will be conducted this summer as in the past beginning next Monday morning, June 12, at 7:30 a. m. Parents wishing to enroll children in the summer school are requested to contact either Miss Topsy Dunn or S. H. Helton immediately in order that enrollment can be completed.

Boys Club Opens Drive For Funds

The Mount Holly Boys Club officially opened its drive for funds this morning with an announcement from the Board of Directors of the boys organization that \$2500 was being sought to operate the summer program for youngsters this year. The drive will last exactly five weeks, the directors announced and they hope that it will be possible to meet the goal within that length of time. Announcing the drive goal, directors of the Boys Club said that a carefully pared budget showed \$2500 to be the minimum amount for operation this year.

The Boys Club has advanced rapidly since its organization last summer and at the end of the program last summer had an average of 150 boys attending the supervised athletic program under the direction of Dick Thompson each day. Opening for the season last Wednesday, the Boys Club started off in high gear with more than 150 boys out the first day.

Included in the list of sports for which equipment is being purchased and which the Boys Club expects to make available to the youngsters this year will be boxing, volleyball, baseball, and possibly boxing.

The Boys Club recently purchased a used athletic bus from American Yarn and Processing Company to use in transporting the Bantam all-stars who will represent the Club in the County Baseball League for Boys to their games. The bus is now being used to transport the Mount Holly semi-pro baseball team to their games. All proceeds from these games go to the boys club through the generosity of the volunteer players.

An even larger program than last year is being considered by the boys club this summer provided sufficient funds can be raised by the community which has the interests of its youngsters at heart in backing the program. Last year the Boys Club Bantam team was state winner in a tournament held at Raleigh at the close of the season when they met Boys Clubs from many cities and towns in this state there. This year plans are being made for the state winner to enter a national tournament and the Mount Holly Boys Club has set this tournament as a goal for the Bantam baseball players to aim at.

Four Bantam and four Midget teams have already been organized by Director Thompson to play in a local league giving the boys a chance to play plenty of baseball games in competition with boys from the other clubs here. The four clubs now under the wing of the Boys Club are the Adrian-Madora, the Superior, the American-Town Club, and the Woodlawn-Nims Club.

Many plans for keeping interest at a peak during the two weeks drive are being formulated by the Board of Directors it was announced this week and local residents, parents and others interested in keeping youngsters occupied under competent supervision during the summer vacation, are urged to support the drive fully.

Fuel To Be Piped Into Homes And Industries

Boys Club Vs Stanley Tonite

The Mount Holly Boys Club Bantams will play host to Stanley's Bantams at Hutchison-Lowe Field tonight at 8 p. m. with admission to this first Boys Club game of the season to be 20 and 40 cents. Athletic director Dick Thompson announced this week. This will actually be a pre-season game for the Bantams, Coach Thompson said, and the line-up in the game tonight may not be the line-up which will be used by the Boys Club Bantams in their Gaston County Baseball League for Boys schedule this summer. The official league season opens Wednesday afternoon when the Boys Club goes to Gaston to meet the Red Shield Bantams.

Friday night of next week the Boys Club will play their first home game on the regular schedule when they meet the Optimist Club Bantams at Hutchison-Lowe Park. The Bantams are all looking good this year, Coach Thompson said, although he has not really had time to look over the roster since the Boys Club program this summer opened only this week. Last year's Bantam team was state winner in a tournament of Bantam teams held at Raleigh and the Bantams plan to enter both a state and a national tournament this summer.

Merchants Heads Had Good Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Directors of the Riverbend Township Merchants Association was held in the city hall of Mount Holly, N. C., at 7:30 p. m. Monday night. Representation was had from most parts of the Township, including Stanley, Alexis, Lucia and Lowesville, and a very harmonious and interesting meeting was had.

The membership is now in excess of eighty, including merchants, professional men and industries. The fact that various benefits are to be derived—both tangible and intangible—from membership in the Association has attracted the attention of businesses and industry that sell only for cash since its activities and aims are not limited or confined to obtaining credit information.

The close connections and relations it has with other Merchant Associations is a vital and important part of the local Association. Members have reported a decided improvement in the attitude of merchant and customer dealers. It is believed that this is a result of the fact that one of the basic aims is to sponsor, foster and cultivate activities and policies that have a tendency in the direction of mutual and reciprocal benefits among members, customers and the vicinity as a whole. Plans and arrangements are being made for a general get-together and fish-fry by the members and their invitees within the near future.

ATTEND REUNION

Mrs. Frank G. Moore of Tampa, Fla. and Mrs. J. B. Henson of Greensboro are visiting Mrs. W. C. Mast. They will attend the Lewis reunion at Belmont Sunday. On Thursday Mrs. Mast and her visitors, accompanied by Mrs. Kathleen Herald, were luncheon guests of Mrs. R. L. Jenkins.

April of 1949 this newspaper published a story that within four or five years there would be natural gas in our community. Now in about 14 months, the Public Service Company of Gaston announced they have a contract with the Trans-Continental Pipe Line Company to furnish gas for Mount Holly.

The contract to buy gas is now before the Federal Power Commission for approval. (Editorial Note—The government has the right to tell the Pipe Line Company to whom they may or may not sell gas. The F. P. C. will approve. It is believed the contract which calls for the building of lines and also for the installation of gas. Approval means that a task which will get a natural gas here.

The local branch of the public service company, and the newspaper that we should be gas piped into our community within a year after the contract is approved. This contract, if approved, takes care of everything first because they are buying there and selling here, and the work would be completed as quickly as possible in Gastonia. The government, after approving the contract also provides that certain amounts of gas must be bought whether used or not. With this proviso the Public Service Company must build and build quickly or else lose money.

When the government grants, or approves, the application there will be natural gas available for every home and industry in this section. Mr. Zeigler announced that they would have franchise dealers in Belmont, Mount Holly and Cramerton. At least two of these communities already have the dealers to start service as quick as the lines can be built.

Natural gas is a cheap, but highly effective fuel. It is known that Gaston county has lost new industries because the gas was not available. The opening of the lines will appeal to many industrial plants already here and also appeal to new plants looking for a location. The opening of the lines will also mean much employment here, both of a permanent and temporary nature. All in all Piedmont North Carolina as a whole will benefit greatly by the new gas service.

So by this time next year it is believed that work of laying down pipelines for gas service in Mount Holly, Belmont and Cramerton will be started. The time of the completion depends a lot on how quickly the Federal Power Commission acts on the request now before them.

Wright Accepts Johnston Position

Joe L. Wright, until recently connected with the American Yarn and Processing Company, has accepted a position with the Johnston Mills with headquarters in Charlotte. The Johnston organization has nine mills in North and South Carolina. Mr. Wright has already assumed his new duties.

The position which Mr. Wright fills with the Johnston Mills is that of assistant General Superintendent of all the nine mills. He stated that he would continue to live here for the time being and that he was very fond of this community.

IN ALABAMA

Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Childers and son, Max, Jr., and Mrs. Childers' mother, Mrs. Joe Roberts are spending a week with relatives in Alabama.