

See The Mount Holly All-Stars vs North Belmont Game Tonight at Hutchison-Lowe Field

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Mount Holly Furniture Moves On July First

Boys Club Drive For Funds Starts

Over \$1,000 Raised For Quota Of Over \$2,500

Once again the Mount Holly Boys Club has begun a drive for funds to finance one of the most valuable programs ever inaugurated for the benefit of youth in this community. The drive for funds began officially last Friday, and the Board of Directors of the local organization is happy to report that even so early in this effort, a number of substantial donations have been made by citizens and industry interested in the future of the younger generation of boys. This is a good indication of the faith in which parents of Mount Holly and others interested in the movement regard the Mount Holly Boys Club. This is a good indication that the \$2600 goal sought by the Boys Club to finance their program this summer will be reached. It is an indication of the faith that Mount Holly parents are putting in the efforts of a few men to help the boys learn the things that will mold their character for the better... the things that will remain with them throughout their lives; and who can dispute the words of a former champion who says "No boy with a baseball mitt in his hip pocket ever stuck up a grocery store."

The Boys Club movement has grown beyond a community project both here and over the nation where hundreds and thousands of Boys Clubs are springing into being. Last year the representatives of the local Boys Club attended a state tournament for similar clubs held at Raleigh. This year a national tournament will be held. This is proof that the program is valuable. This is proof that it must mean something to everyone concerned.

"How do the boys feel about the Boys Club?" is the question sometimes phrased by those not familiar with the program. The answer was seen last Tuesday morning when more than 150 boys turned out for the first day of the program this summer. Last summer's average attendance was approximately 150 boys per day. And not just for a week or two, but for the entire duration of the athletic program.

On the grounds of Hutchison-Lowe Field this summer, the better athletes of the future in high school and even college sports will be molded. During these summer months, when possibly the only alternative offered the boy not attending the daily meetings will be hours of fruitless loafing in front of a drug store, boys attending the program will be receiving topflight athletic instruction and careful supervision. Any coach, and any sports fan, knows that training is something which must be carried out through a continuous program with no layoffs permitted. It is on Hutchison-Lowe field this summer that the cream of the athletic crop of the future will be found.

Citizens of Mount Holly should fall whole-hearted behind the drive this year. National organizations have met with success in their drives for funds in Mount Holly this year. Surely a program purely for the benefit of Mount Holly boys will be an even greater success.

The Board of Directors of the club have gone into the details of the program and expenses and are backing the movement to the hilt. Mr. Springs has devoted much time and effort for the boys and the success of this financial drive will have much to do with the future of the summer playground program here.

Everyone is urged to make a donation if it is only for \$1. In

New Shares On Sale For Local Bldg. Association

The Mutual Building and Savings Association increased both its loan and membership greatly since last July. Next week a report will be published along with the announcement of the New Series of Shares to be offered during the month of July.

The growth, as the report will reveal, will show a definite and healthy increase of the local Association for the past year. The increase proves that more and more of our people are commencing to realize that a strong Building and Savings Association is an outstanding asset to the building of the community and the promotion of home-ownership in our area.

The new series of shares being offered next month by the Mutual Building and Savings Association will extend a wonderful opportunity for saving money in a systematic manner and starting on the goal of ultimate home-ownership. It is expected that at least 150 new members will be added to the rolls during the July Series of Shares.

The goal is 150 new members and officials of the Institution are confident that it will be reached and perhaps surpassed. With the steady gains in assets of the Association and another 150 shareholders there will then be money available for many new homes in Mount Holly and this community.

Several loans were made and many repaid during the past year of activity. However, business in general has been good in Mount Holly and there has not been enough public attention given to the local Association. The leaders are determined that this will not happen for the next 12 months. Definite plans are being made to acquaint the public with the great good that Mutual Building and Savings Association has done here and can do in the future.

Make your plans now to take out some shares. The offices are in the First State Bank and Trust Company and any of the employees will be glad to assist you and work with you in making a program for savings and give you the information you require.

COME FROM PENN.
Mr. and Mrs. Yates Lentz and sons, Lowery and Paul Edwin, of Petrolia, Penn. are in town visiting with several of Mr. Lentz's relatives. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Springs, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mast, and Mr. Lee Lentz. They arrived on Friday for a ten day visit. While in the South they will also visit Mrs. W. C. Thomas and Mr. Thomas and family at Myrtle Beach.

The Directors feel that if everybody gave a dollar there would be more interest shown in the project. The names of the donors will be published each week until the drive is over. The report to date is as follows:

Paul Derr	\$ 25.00
J. A. Costner	10.00
Summey Drug	15.00
Gary Kendrick	25.00
Kendrick Brick and Tile Company	50.00
American Legion	10.00
American Yarn	850.00
Total	\$985.00

A Minute Editorial We Are Factors

At last Gaston County is recognized as a political factor and is important, along with other textile communities, in North Carolina politics. We base this recognition on the report of Lynn Nisbet, the afternoon daily newspaper representative in Raleigh.

Mr. Nisbet, in answer to the circulars and the page advertisement published yesterday in the Gastonia Gazette by Pat Cooke, manager of Graham's campaign in this county, regarding statements that Willis Smith favored 10 and 15 cents an hour with 66 hour work weeks for textile workers stated, Nisbet said:

"Then there's the story about Senator Graham demanding that circulation of a circular proclaiming that Willis Smith wanted to go back to a 12-hour day, 15 cents an hour, industrial schedule, be stopped. His Durham county and his state headquarters denied sponsorship of the circular. But a letter from Graham state headquarters a few days before notified county managers that such a circular was upcoming and might prove effective in textile centers only."

So it looks like that we in Mount Holly, Belmont and the other sections of Gaston County are important enough to try to sway at any cost. The only thing that will bother Graham supporters is that our people have just a little more intelligence than they are given credit for having and know that no man can bring us back to those times. In other words this circular and advertisement is a reflection on the Textile workers ability to reason, think and make their own decisions. In plain words it is a direct personal insult to each individual.

B'hoppers Here Wednesday Nite

The Briarhoppers, radio station WBT's famous hillbilly stars, will appear in person at Hutchison-Lowe Field Wednesday night of next week in a special program sponsored by the Mount Holly Boys Club. The program, which will include many of the Briarhoppers' best known songs and acts, will begin promptly at 8:15 p. m. Admission to the program will be 50 and 25 cents, and proceeds will go to the Mount Holly Boys Club.

Advance tickets for this performance are on sale now in Mt. Holly. Get your ticket now and plan to attend this program presented by the widely known radio troupe. A program jam-packed with fun and laughter is guaranteed by the radio artists.

Legion Executive Committee Named

Commander Jack Summey of the Mount Holly post of the American Legion announced this week appointments to the Legion Executive Committee made recently. Listed among the Legionnaires who will serve on the committee for the coming year are Harold Stroupe, Past Commander; Cliff Head, Dr. Raymond Moore, Rufus Ingles, and James Cullen.

The Legion here has adopted a resolution urging citizens of Mount Holly to vote in the election Saturday, taking advantage of their opportunity as citizens of the United States to select the man whom they feel most capable for public office.

New Store To Be As Fine As In County

The Mount Holly Furniture Company will be in the beautiful new building which has been under construction next door to the present location on July first. Leo Fuller, owner of the popular furniture company, said this week. Some of the stock of furniture which has been stored in the old building was being moved into the new building this week and Mr. Fuller told News reporters that the entire stock would be moved late next week and that the new store would open its doors to the public by July first.

The new building, which has been under construction for several months, is a proud addition to the buildings located on North Main Street and its two story, modern appearance promises to make it the most attractive building in Mount Holly. Full sized plate glass windows fill the front of both the first and second floors and the brick construction of the building adds much to its attractiveness.

Mr. Fuller told News reporters that he was planning to put both ground and second stories to display use. A new stock of the latest in furniture will be purchased from the July market to make the wide selection offered by the Mount Holly Furniture Company complete to the last detail, Mr. Fuller said.

The inside appearance of the store is extremely attractive and the finished appearance will combine modern compactness and good taste. Watch The News for next week's edition, which will have more information about the opening of Mount Holly's newest and finest store.

Cemetery Funds To Aid Cleaning

Hickory Grove Cemetery is undergoing a thorough cleaning this week. The News learned from Mr. J. L. Hunt, and donations toward the cost of cleaning the beautiful cemetery, the largest in Gaston County, are being invited and will be greatly appreciated. Mr. Hunt said that men have been hired to do the work at considerable expense and that those who have loved ones buried in the cemetery are urged to take an active part in the work through donations.

Hickory Grove Cemetery has served families in Lincoln, Cleveland, Mecklenburg, and Cabarrus counties as well as in Gaston county, and is easily one of the most beautiful cemeteries in this section of the state.

Donations to assist in paying the expenses of cleaning the cemetery may be sent to L. M. Flowers, Earl Smith, E. B. Smith, E. R. Smith, or J. R. Hunt.

Court Of Honor On Monday Night

The Boy Scouts will hold a Court of Honor meeting in Lowell on Monday night, June 26th, at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will be at the Art Cloth school. The public is cordially invited. Mail blanks to Rev. I. L. Roberts at 111 Catawba Ave., here in Mount Holly.

All-Stars Play At H-L Field 8 P. M. Tonight

The Mount Holly semi-pro baseball team will play host to Gastonia's Red Shield Club tomorrow (Saturday) night at Hutchison-Lowe Field at 8 p. m. This game should be an easy victory for the Mount Holly team which has already defeated the Gastonia Red Shield team in three previous trips to the diamond. The locals are still breaking even in Textile League standings, with six wins and six losses to date in the racy league, and competition for top place in the league, which was held by Maiden, is stiff. Maiden dropped out two weeks ago.

Last Tuesday night the locals dropped a game to Clover, which is one of the more rugged teams in the league, 14-4.

Next Tuesday night they will travel to Crumpton to meet the new Crumpton addition to the Gaston Textile League. Crumpton joined the league when Chester dropped out, filling the vacancy in the schedule.

Dan Brooks has been one of the outstanding players on the Mount Holly squad in recent games, holding down his second-base position with all the skill of a veteran while at the same time carrying a heavy part of the batting load. In the Tuesday night game with Clover, he was high man for the Mount Holly squad with two triples and a single.

Plan now to see the Red Shield-Mount Holly game at Hutchison-Lowe Park tomorrow night. The game time is 8 p. m. And remember, proceeds from the game go to the Boys Club.

Legionnaires To Attend State Meet

A large delegation to the North Carolina Convention of the American Legion expects to attend the convention which opens in Charlotte tomorrow (Saturday) from Mount Holly. Alternates from the local post will also attend the convention in many cases and Mount Holly Legionnaires will take part in the voting on Tuesday for state officers of the American Legion.

Delegates to the convention include Jack Summey, Dr. Raymond Moore, Pete Chagaris, Leonard Jones, Junius Miller and Johnny Allen.

The convention will feature nationally known speakers and a jam-packed program during the four day session.

More than 4000 delegates from North Carolina posts are expected to attend the convention, state officers announced. Votes which will be cast in the state election of officers are allotted to posts in this state on the basis of membership.

VFW Meets Next Tuesday Night

The Mount Holly post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold its next regular meeting next Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. at the V. F. W. Hut, Commander Kenneth Davis announced this week. Another combat film has been scheduled for this meeting and refreshments will be served the members attending.

Much Activity Indicates Big Vote In Local Polls

Local Boy Is Selected For Foreign Trip

Billy Joe Abercrombie, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Abercrombie of Mount Holly, has been officially notified that he will be one of the two Civil Air Patrol Cadets from North Carolina to take part in the summer Cadet Exchange program, The News learned late yesterday. Cadet Abercrombie, a member of the Mount Holly-Belmont Flight of the Civil Air Patrol, was one of numerous cadets making applications for the exchange program earlier this summer.

The Cadet Exchange program includes four foreign countries in its list and Cadet Abercrombie will be assigned to a two weeks tour of duty in Canada, announcements stated. The other countries taking part in the program include Great Britain, France and Switzerland. Lieutenant Edward Mauney, Commander of the local Flight said.

One Cadet could be chosen from each State to take part in the cadet exchange program this summer, Lieutenant Mauney said, but two were selected from North Carolina. While Billy Joe is in Canada receiving regular Canadian flight training and observing the military aviation functions there, a cadet from Canada will be in the United States on a similar tour of this country.

Boys Club To Play Gastonia

The Mount Holly Boys Club All-Stars will play host to North Belmont's county baseball league team at Hutchison-Lowe Field tonight at 8 p. m. and fans who want to see some fast baseball should make it a point to see this game. The All-Stars are looking plenty good this year and a trip to Stanley yesterday gave them a chance to iron out a few final kinks before latching onto the North Belmont squad. The North Belmont game tonight will complete the first round in the county baseball league schedule.

Next Wednesday, June 28, is an open date on the All-Stars calendar and coach Dick Thompson said Thursday that he is trying to fill this date as soon as possible to avoid too long a layoff between games for the classy youngsters who have started the season off with a bang.

Last Friday night the All-Stars played host to Gastonia's Optomist Club team here, taking an easy 8-5 win over the visitors, and getting 8 hits and 7 runs, while the visitors gathered 5 runs with 5 hits. The Hall brothers dominated playing in the Optomist game for the locals, with Luther Hall pitching an excellent game and Earl Hall standing highest in batting honors with 2 for 3. Line-up for the Mount Holly All-Stars included Loftin, Gobel, Pressley, Burgess, Washam, L. Hall, Greene, E. Hall, Blanton, L. King, Broome, and King.

Interest has reached a high pitch in Mount Holly over the Primary being held here tomorrow, June 24th. There will be only two ballots to vote. One of the ballots has the Senatorial and Congressional candidates and the other has the township Constable candidates. They will read:

For Senate
Willis Smith
For Congress
Frank Graham
Charles Hamilton
Woodrow Jones
For Constable
W. L. "Bill" McKinney
Luther S. Abernathy

Each voter will vote for three candidates.

There has been much activity here for all the candidates. The Hamilton and Jones forces both have good organizations as have the Smith and Graham forces. Wednesday night a meeting of some 25 Smith workers was held and the leaders of the campaign predict an even bigger majority for Mr. Smith than he carried in Mount Holly last time.

Predictions are also made, by both sides that at least 250 more votes will be cast in the second primary than were cast in the first. Cars and workers will be on hand and everyone is urged to vote and to place Mount Holly in the ranks of the more interested communities of the county.

The polls will be open from 6:30 until 6:30. Precinct No. 1 is at the fire station and No. 2 is at the River Valley Chevrolet Company.

Superior Here Tomorrow Nite

Superior Yarn Mills will play host to Maiden at Superior Park tomorrow night in a game that local fans expect to be one of the hottest to be played here in some time. Superior is definitely gunning for Maiden, which is standing second high in the Piedmont Textile League now, trailing only the invincible Highland Park. Using a Tuesday night win over the Crumpton Eagles as a spring board back toward the upper brackets of the Textile League, the Superiors were slated to meet Crumpton again last night. This game was played too late for The News to carry the score.

Crumpton fell before the Superior big guns 6-4 Tuesday night, with pitchers Collins and Barkley handling the mound for the locals. Collins started and twirled for three innings before being relieved by Barkley, who allowed the Crumpton only 2 hits in the remaining six innings. Whether or not the locals could repeat the win over the Crumpton last night was a matter of some speculation among fans who have watched Crumpton play some surprisingly good baseball on occasion.

Two bad innings in the game with the Belmont Combers last Saturday night cost the Superior men the game, and the Combers racked up their second win of the season, 6-1, over Superior at Davis Park. This evened the Combers with Superior for the Superior showing two nights before when the game was rained out in the fifth inning with the Combers trailing.

In league averages of games through June 13, Superior was standing third high in the league with .946 in the percentage column and 19 games out of the way. The Belmont Combers trailed Superior in fourth place with .937 in the percentage list and 19 games under their belt.