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DURENE FESTIVAL PLANS

Mutual Building & Savings Makes Record

City Appoints A Probation Board

Group To Have Charge Of Juveniles In The Court

A number of local men, headed by Kenneth Davis, chairman, have been appointed to serve on a newly established probation board which will have jurisdiction over all cases concerning juveniles which are brought before the Recorder's Court in Mount Holly, Mr. Davis, who with each of the other members of the probation board is known for his interest in the young people of Mount Holly, was named chairman of the board by the Aldermen, who discussed the functions of the new board at their Monday night meeting this week.

Other members of the board, in addition to the chairman, are Rev. Carl Fisher, Arthur Wright, W. M. Beatty, and Robert Ward.

The local board, which will go into action in dealing with the juvenile cases immediately, will work under the same system as that used by the county organization which works in cooperation with recreation programs for youngsters. A number of the cases coming in the jurisdiction of the probation board here will probably be handled through the Mt. Holly Boys Club with the boys involved being assigned to report to the Boys Club a certain number of days each week. This system has been tried in the county and found to be very effective.

Although all of the functions of the board have not yet been decided on, members of the board said that in all probability each member of the board would be assigned a particular case to follow, lending his aid wherever needed.

New Name On Semi-Pro Roster

One new name has been added to the roster of the Mount Holly semi-pro baseball team this week, and the new player, Rufus Fox, a former American Yarn and Processing Company player, is expected to take to the diamond ready for action in the next scheduled game. Fox will handle first base for the Mount Holly team.

Teams in the Gaston Textile League took a week long holiday this week to celebrate the Fourth of July and the first scheduled game for the locals will be the opponents of the local ball players in the Monday game which will be played at Davis Park in Belmont.

Belmont has plenty on the ball this year and has been riding high over most of the other teams in the Textile League in games this season. Mount Holly has been one of the toughest opponents the Firemen have had to face each time and has taken the majority of the games by a narrow margin. The locals expect to smash Belmont again in the Monday game and will be setting their sights for the Firemen.

IN MISS.
Mr. and Mrs. Baxter McIntosh and son, Johnny are visiting Mrs. McIntosh's relatives in Mississippi.

Postoffice Receipts For Quarter Drop

Post office receipts for the June quarter of 1950 dropped \$657.18 beneath the receipts from the June quarter of 1949, Postmaster O. L. Hoffman pointed out this week in listing receipts for the quarter ending June 30 of this year. Total receipts for the June quarter of 1950 were \$4130.57, Mr. Hoffman said, while receipts from the June quarter of 1949 totaled \$4787.75.

This decrease in receipts for the local post office was partially attributed to the closing of one hosiery mill in Mount Holly early this year, which greatly effected receipts since a great deal of business went through the Mount Holly Post Office as a result of that industry. However, the loss over the entire quarter was very small in proportion to the estimated total of lost business through that source which means that there has actually been a substantial gain in post office receipts over the corresponding period of last year but that the gain was not large enough to completely cover the deficiency caused by the loss of business which sometimes amounted to \$50 per day.

With post office receipts gaining each quarter the majority of the time, it is hoped that this loss in receipts will be completely made up within the next quarter.

Boys Club Drive Receipts Are Slow

The Mount Holly Boys Club drive, entering its third week, is dropping behind again, members of the Board of Directors of the local organization told News reporters this week. A number of donations have been received this week, but the drive has not been as successful as it was last week and the board is hoping that another swing upward in donations will begin this week.

The \$2,600 sought by the Boys Club this summer in the drive will buy much equipment which is sorely needed by the 150 boys taking part in the program and this equipment, to a large extent, may be stored and used in the program next year as well. The members of the governing board stated, \$2,600 is absolutely the minimum amount needed for operation of the club, purchasing of the needed equipment, and for other expenses, they said.

Donations received this week in the drive bring the total raised thus far to \$1,075 with a balance of approximately \$1,590 needed to put the Boys Club in good financial condition.

Donors this week include: Tom McConnell — \$1
Billy Thompson — \$1
Southern Dyestuff — \$20
River Valley Gas & Ap. — \$5
Rankin Dept. Store — \$5
United Variety Stores — \$3
Mount Holly Ice and Fuel — \$50
Charley's Drug Store — \$5

SOME IMPROVEMENT

Friends of Dr. E. H. Kohn will be glad to learn that a late report from his bedside in High Point stated that although his condition is still considered critical, some improvement is noted. Dr. Kohn, for many years the beloved pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd here, was stricken in High Point while visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Gluyas and Mr. Gluyas, and was removed to a High Point Hospital.

New Ag. Teacher For School Named



DON BIGGERSTAFF

Don A. Biggerstaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Biggerstaff of Bessemer City, was named head of the Agriculture Department at the Mount Holly High School by Principal S. H. Helton in a statement issued this week. The young teacher, who will head the shop and agriculture classes at the local high school is a recent graduate of North Carolina State College at Raleigh, receiving his B. S. at that school. He is now working on his M. A. degree in Agriculture, and came to Mount Holly High School highly recommended, Mr. Helton said.

Mr. Fred Biggerstaff, father of the new faculty member here, is well known in Gaston County as one of the heads of the state highway department in this county for a number of years.

The new agriculture teacher and his wife, a native of Wallace, N. C., live on East Catawba St. in the Rankin apartment.

Mr. Biggerstaff has already begun work at the high school, visiting members of the agriculture class at the high school who are working under a supervised farm program which gives them an opportunity to raise crops or do any other work related to agriculture during the summer months under the supervision of their teacher. These crops or livestock raising experiments count as projects for the members of the agriculture classes and the boys are graded on their work.

Mr. Biggerstaff is a veteran, having served with the U. S. Navy during the recent war for two years. At the time of the Japanese surrender he was a graduate of the Naval Gunnery School at Florida and at Norman, Oklahoma, and was awaiting assignment to a fighter squadron.

Fire Destroys Ledford Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ledford on Hickory Grove road was completely destroyed by raging flames Wednesday night. The home, a comparatively new log house, was unoccupied when the fire started since the family had gone to a show after returning earlier in the day from a trip to the mountains. The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department answered the alarm but the roof was already caving in when the fire trucks arrived and the fire was completely out of control. Furniture and all of the possessions of the family were completely destroyed, firemen said. The fire alarm was turned in at 9 p. m.

COME FROM HIGH POINT

Mrs. James Beam and daughters, Misses Jane and Ann Beam of High Point, are spending a few days here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Holland.

\$600,000 In Local Loans For Buildings

The Mutual Building and Savings Association, which has already announced a new series of shares for this month, has a record here that far surpasses the expectations of the shareholders. There have been scores of homes bought and built through the loans and savings of the Association.

The Association has made 451 loans since its organization in Mount Holly. Of this number, of course, many were for alterations and modernization of homes. It can conservatively be stated that at least thirty per cent of the 451 loans went for home ownership. The total amount of loans in dollars and cents that have been made is \$602,685.00. This figure shows that the loans averaged more than \$1,350 each.

The shareholders, those who participate in the earnings of the Association, received dividends last year of \$4,821.79. The shareholders are those who make regular and systematic payments into the Association to apply toward home-ownership, college educations for their children or for investment purposes.

The Association has shown a regular and steady growth but on the other hand has not been phenomenal. The officers and directors are all local business and the Association is run on a conservative basis and in assets and financial condition in general ranks with any in the State of North Carolina.

The very fact that more than \$600,000 has been loaned to local people, 451 of them, and that far more than 100 people in this area are home-owners through these loans, is proof enough that a Building and Savings Association is an asset to any community. The officers of the local Association are anxious that during July another 100 new shareholders start with the Association.

It costs very little, in fact 50c will get you a start, in the Association. It has been proven as the best method of savings that has yet been devised. The earnings are good and the work of your money is most assuredly put to a good use, that of promoting home-ownership in our town and community.

Go by today and talk with any member of the staff of the First State Bank and Trust Company and they will gladly tell you about the advantages of the Association without any obligation on your part.

VFW Plans To Clean Up Park

Members of the Mount Holly Post of the V.F.W. are requested to attend the regular meeting next Tuesday night at 6 p. m. instead of the usual meeting hour, Commander Kenneth Davis announced this week. Beginning at 6 p. m. the members will hold a "field day" at the V. F. W. Hut, cleaning up the premises and constructing the barbecue pit which they have planned for sometime. Commander Davis said, and at 8 p. m. refreshments will be served and combat films will be shown.

All members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are requested to attend both the meeting and the clean-up session which begins at 6 p. m. The veterans hope to build a small park on the lot occupied by the hut and the barbecue pit will be the first step in that direction.

Occupies New Store This Week

The Mount Holly Furniture Company moved this week and are now in their new home. Leo Fuller, owner and manager of the store, stated that the Formal Opening would be held sometime in August when the new fall furniture styles arrive. A most outstanding selection of every type of home furnishings has been bought, and will be on hand soon, from some of the leading manufacturing firms of the Nation for the store. There is no doubt but that Mount Holly will have one of the finest furniture stores in this entire section of the State.

The new furniture store is two stories with elevator facilities. The building is modern in every respect and is certainly something that this entire community can be proud of at all times. Large plate glass fronts on both the first and second stories add to the modern home of the local company.

There still remain many finishing touches to be added but that will be done between now and the Formal Opening. The opening will draw hundreds of people from over this entire section. The News will work with Mr. Fuller in advertising the formal opening in August and the people of Belmont, Stanley, Cramerton, Lowell, McAdenville, North Belmont and in fact this entire section of the county will be invited.

Mr. Fuller stated that he wanted all of his friends, customers and in fact everybody to drop in and see the new store. The fact that much work remains to be done does not detract from the new store. It is located next to the old building on Main Street.

Superior-Belmont To Meet Tuesday

Superior Yarn Mills will travel to Belmont to meet the Belmont Combers Tuesday night of next week, July 11, when the bats begin to crack again for the first time in more than a week of Piedmont Textile layoffs. The Superior men are still holding a lead over the Combers in game standings between the two teams, having won four out of six meets with the Combers, who fluctuate in their playing more than any other team in the league, showing plenty of power in one game and absolutely nothing in the next.

Following the Tuesday night meet at Belmont the Superior men will return to Mount Holly Thursday night when they will meet Cramerton's Eagles at the Superior Park. Cramerton is plenty tough this season and only last week astounded many fans by rudely dumping Highland Park in Charlotte although they lost to the Parkers on the return game at Cramerton the following night.

The return of baseball to the diamond following the week-long layoff recently will probably see some of the best games to be played this year in the Piedmont Textile League. Highland Park, standing far ahead of the other teams in league standings, will be the target of every team in the league and this second half of the season may see the Parkers fallen from their number one position. Fans will in all probability see plenty of baseball in the next few games.

VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spray and sons, Butch and Sam of Spartanburg, S. C. spent the weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Spray.

IN ALABAMA

Mr. and Mrs. James Benton left Friday for a visit with the former's relatives in Alabama.

To Be Bigger Than Ever This Year; Start Work

The annual Durene Festival, sponsored by the Mount Holly Jaycees, and one of the highlights of the year in Mount Holly, will be held here August 28 through September 2 this year, Jaycee Ken Davis announced this week. Davis, who is chairman of the Jaycee committee in charge of the annual event, told News reporters, in making preliminary announcements, that plans for the Durene Festival are now being made and that the Durene Committee expects the festival this year to be even bigger and better than those held in past years.

The Durene Committee made up of members of the Mount Holly Jaycees who will be in charge of various arrangements for the festival includes chairman Davis, Jim Cullen, Emmett Venning, Hugh Ballard, Charlie Landrum, Harold Henkle, W. L. Carricker, Manuel Grier, "June" Huffstetter, Julius Miller, J. B. Thompson, Harold Stroppe, Harry Fowler, Leonard Jones, Jim Smith, and Howard Huff.

A meeting of the Durene Committee Monday night saw many suggestions for the festival activities this year and a number of the plans are already being put into action. Foremost among the Durene Festival activities of course, will be Farmer's Day, one of the most popular events with many local residents each year. Plans for a parade, featuring a number of bands from this county are also underway, and a bicycle parade will probably be sponsored by the Jaycees in conjunction with the opening day parade which the Jaycees plan.

The annual Durene street dance, also one of the most popular events of the festival, will also be held on one of the nights of the festival. Last year's dance attracted scores of dancers as well as spectators including many people from surrounding towns and cities.

Also on the list of activities which the Jaycees are lining up for this year's festival are the annual beauty contest to name "Miss Durene," a baseball game, and many other activities.

Watch The News for further announcements concerning the Durene Festival this year. The Mount Holly Jaycees have done a magnificent job with the festival each year in the past and this year's program will be one of the best.

Editor Attends Press Conference

W. O. Barrett, editor of The News, left yesterday morning for the North Carolina Press Association convention being held this week-end at Grove Park Inn in Asheville. Mr. Barrett was accompanied by Mrs. Barrett. The meeting is of great importance to the newspaper people and an outstanding program has been arranged including talks by foreign correspondents of the Associated Press and other outstanding newspaper men and military leaders.

W. M. Beatty On Rotary Board

Through an error last week the name of W. M. Beatty was left out of the list of new directors elected to the Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Rotary Club. Mr. Beatty will serve with DeWitt Beatty, O. F. Massey, L. E. Chittum, on the Board. Dr. B. D. Moore became an automatic member of the board as Past President.