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SCHOOL BUILDING STARTED

A. Y. P. Has Building Program Underway

Catawba Heights Gets Big Store

Abercrombie Sets Up Big Super Market For Citizens

T. M. Abercrombie, of Mount Holly, has purchased the Community Service Store in Catawba Heights and remodeled and renamed the business. It is now known as Abbe's Cash Self-Service. Mr. Abercrombie has had more than 25 years experience in the grocery business and was for 12 years manager of an A. and P. Store. His experience covers both chain and independent stores. The store is located between Mount Holly and Belmont on the main road.

Earl Payseur has been named manager of the Meat Market. Mr. Payseur has had good experience and comes to the store with splendid background of meat experience. He is a veteran of World War 2 and took G. I. training specializing in meats and market management.

The newly renovated Self Service store has plenty of parking facilities for their patrons. Mr. Abercrombie secured the lot next to the store and has graded and gravelled it for parking. New display islands are arranged throughout the store and selection is easy. As one patron stated yesterday, "This may not be the largest super market in this section but it is certainly as neat and clean as any and the atmosphere is one of friendliness." This remark aptly described the store.

Wiley Bishop, postmaster of the Catawba Heights post office, started the store a few years ago. He later added the Post Office which will remain in the store at least for the time being. The new owner has plans for the future that call for continued enlargement and the policy will be as business demands it.

Among the new equipment is many items for the meat department. First and most important is the installation of the big meat cooler and refrigerator box. This will allow Mr. Abercrombie to carry at all times a most complete selection of choice meats. In fact the meat department of the new store will be the pride of the firm. Nothing has been left undone to guarantee the quality of the department and the high standard of service and sanitation necessary for a first class market.

Mr. Abercrombie stated that he was inviting the public to visit the Abbe's Cash Self-Service especially this week-end. During his opening, which is all this week, he will welcome any comments from the patrons. "I do not mind in the least constructive criticism and since I am running this business with the first thought in mind of pleasing the people I welcome your suggestions," Mr. Abercrombie told this writer.

You will like the new store and it is being well advertised in both Mount Holly and Belmont as well as Catawba Heights and through this entire area.

Boy's Club Drive Is Progressing Slowly

The Mount Holly Club drive is still proceeding slowly this week the Board of Directors announced Wednesday, and no report had been prepared, but by next week it is hoped that a long list of contributors will be ready for release. The \$2600 sought by the Boys Club in the annual drive for expenses is the minimum amount which necessary equipment can be purchased and expenses paid, and the Board of Directors is hopeful of reaching that goal within the next few days. A more complete report will be published next week.

Local Citizens Talk About War

The News, in obtaining a cross-section of the feelings of local people, learned that Mount Holly citizens are much concerned about the Korean war and some of the atrocities that have been committed. Merchants, workers and people in all walks of life have the war on their minds and in conversation almost all the time.

One of the perturbing factors of most people is the let down feeling caused by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson in a statement he made not too long ago. We were surprised to learn how many people remembered his statement which was, "if war starts at 4 o'clock we will be ready for the enemy at 5 o'clock." People believed this statement and now are shocked at Korean situation after just a few weeks. They feel the Secretary made a mistake or just didn't know what he was talking about.

In fact, if other communities throughout the nation are of a like mind, Secretary Johnson may be ousted by public opinion. The people here are certainly of that frame of mind in the great majority of cases. His statement has caused local concern about others who might be advising President Truman about the war.

Mount Holly people, and we believe that we are representing them, want this country to go all out to stop the war as soon as possible. Most people that we talked with always mention the Atom Bomb as a method of ending the conflict.

V.F.W. Clean-Up Drive Success

A large part of the membership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Mount Holly turned out Tuesday night of this week to take part in the clean-up program which was held in the park around the V. F. W. hut, Commander Ken Davis reported this week. The veterans, even though hindered by rain, finished cutting the grass and weeds in the park which the V. F. W. is building, and laid out the location of the barbecue pit which will be finished Tuesday night of next week, weather permitting.

Davis said that the members plan to work again Tuesday night of next week although no meeting will be held. All members who wish to take part in the construction of the barbecue pit and the other work which is being done around the hut and park are urged to drop by at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Following the work program last Tuesday, the veterans were served refreshments and saw several films obtained by the organization.

Dr. Taylor Is On A Summer Schedule

Dr. B. C. Taylor will be out of his office for the rest of the summer on Monday and Tuesday of each week. The rest of the days he will be on duty for his patients. The popular doctor deserves the rest he will get for two days each week and we feel sure his patients will co-operate with his new schedule for July and August.

Hunter Laundry Had Slight Fire Yesterday

The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department answered an alarm at the Hunter Home Laundry at approximately 9 a. m. Wednesday morning and the blaze was quickly smothered with little damage to the building or equipment, Hugh Bishop, fireman on duty Wednesday, reported. The fire was apparently caused by a short circuit, Bishop said, and resulting sparks set paper which lined the walls of the laundry afire. Bishop stated that the fire was quickly put out by the local volunteer firemen.

Drivers License Exams Each Week

Walter V. Foil, Driver's License Examiner for Mount Holly, will be here one day each week in the future, instead of only two days per month, Chief of Police R. C. Robinson announced Wednesday. The exact schedule for the examiner under the new ruling had not been completed Wednesday, but Chief Robinson stated that he believed the examiner would continue to visit Mount Holly on Thursdays.

The new order, allotting one day each week to Mount Holly rather than two days per month, will do much to relieve the crowds which have been applying for licenses each time, Chief Robinson said, and will prove more convenient for local residents who have in the past had to travel to the examiner's office in Gastonia on occasion to take their examinations before the deadline.

The License Examiner set-up was first established by the state, an examiner was assigned to Mount Holly each week but the orders were later changed, removing him entirely, and it was only recently that he was again assigned to Mount Holly two days per month. This system proved to be insufficient to serve the number of drivers applying for licenses here, and Chief Robinson requested that an examiner be assigned here weekly a number of times before the request was granted early this week.

Company Is Constructing New Addition

Two new warehouses are under construction at one Mount Holly plant of the American Yarn and Processing Company and improvements and additions in buildings and equipment are underway simultaneously at other plants here, A. W. Bell, General Manager of the company, told News reporters this week. Two new warehouses are under construction at the Woodlawn Mill, Mr. Bell stated, and when they are completed they will add storage space totaling 100 by 150 feet each to the present space.

In other local plants, the management of the company is taking steps to improve final quality of the finished product by adding more cleaning and picking equipment and by making new additions in space available to the picking and cleaning rooms. This work is now underway at the Adrian and the Madora plants, Mr. Bell said, and should be completed soon. Enlarging of the cleaning and picking rooms will permit the installation of the new equipment which the company is adding, Mr. Bell pointed out, and the plans for the building additions call for extensions totaling approximately 80 by 35 feet in each plant.

The addition of needed space in the cleaning and picking rooms, the addition of new equipment in those rooms, and the construction of the two warehouses at the Woodlawn plant is being made with the final aim of improving the yarn being manufactured by the company, Mr. Bell stated, and a higher degree of efficiency and quality is expected to be reached through these improvements.

ATTEND FAMILY REUNION

Mrs. C. P. Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright attended the Hoover family reunion Sunday at Suttle's pool on the Wilkinson Boulevard. A picnic dinner was served, and relatives coming from a distance included Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoover of Philadelphia, Pa.

Robert H. Black Named Band Leader

Robert H. Black, formerly of Kannapolis, has been named band instructor at Mount Holly High School for the coming year, succeeding Dwight Price who has returned to school, Principal S. H. Helton announced this week. Mr. Black is a graduate of the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, having studied music for four years at that well known conservatory, and is a graduate of Cannon High School at Kannapolis prior to his studies at the conservatory. At Cannon High School, which is renowned for having one of the best high school bands in the state, Black was very highly rated as a bandman.

Lady Hit By Bus Yesterday

Mrs. Emma Jordan, a resident of Central Ave. in Mount Holly, was struck by a City Coach bus early Wednesday morning just after alighting from another bus on her way home from work, police reported Wednesday. The elderly lady had just alighted from the bus which she had taken to return home and had stepped around it, according to witnesses, when she stepped into the path of a second bus which was pulling up alongside the parked bus.

Mrs. Jordan was rushed to Memorial Hospital in Charlotte by ambulance, and the latest report Wednesday morning said that she appeared to have suffered bruises and lacerations and possibly other injuries, but that the exact nature of her injuries had not yet been determined. Police officers Tom Dunn and Guilford Huit, investigating the accident, said that she appeared to have suffered injury in one arm also. The bus did not run over her according to witnesses, but struck her and knocked her down. The accident took place at approximately 6:15 a. m.

The driver of the bus which struck Mrs. Jordan was Fred Saunders, Chief of Police R. C. Robinson told reporters.

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Davis Gives Complete Plans For Annual Durene Festival

Chairman Ken Davis, who is chairman this year of the Durene Festival sponsored annually by the Mount Holly Jaycees, listed this week part of the schedule for the annual event which is now the number one project with the Jaycees of Mount Holly. The first event on the schedule, opening the Durene celebration which will be held here August 28 through September 2, will be a parade on Saturday, August 26, Chairman Davis said. Jaycee J. B. Thompson is chairman in charge of the parade and is working now to complete plans for making it an affair which will attract a large crowd to Mount Holly prior to the formal opening of the festival. Tentative plans include having a bicycle parade for youngsters plus a number of bands and marching units, Mr. Thompson told News reporters this week. Further plans will be announced later.

The first day of the festival, August 28, will mark the date of a Durene Banquet with Jaycee Pete Chagaris acting as chairman in charge of this event, it was announced. Further details concerning the banquet will also be announced later. Tuesday, August 29, boxing matches between the

Mount Holly Boys Club and the Gastonia Red Shield Club will be held at Hutchison-Lowe Field and Paul Springs will be acting as chairman in charge of this event. Wednesday, August 30, is an open date and will be filled later by the Durene Committee, Chairman Davis said.

On Thursday night, August 31, one of the most popular events of the year, the annual street dance, will be held with Jaycee Donald Davis acting as chairman. A number of prizes will probably be given away at the popular street dance, it was stated, and heading the list will be an apartment size gas range which has already been obtained by the Jaycees.

Friday night, September 1, the annual beauty contest to name "Miss Durene" will be held with Jaycee Emmett Venning chairman in charge of the program, Davis announced. The beauty contest views with the street dance and Farmer's Day in popularity each year and plans for the contest this year indicate an even better contest with more entries participating than in the past.

Saturday, September 2, closing the annual event which boasts Durene products, the Farmer's Day program will be held at a suitable location with Jaycee Har-

old Henkle in charge. This is always one of the largest programs of the entire festival with machinery manufacturers and others participating in the program, demonstrating equipment, and the latest in farming methods. Saturday night, as the final Durene Festival activity, a baseball game will be played between two local teams at Hutchison-Lowe Field with chairman Ivey Henkle in charge of arrangements. It was not announced which teams are to play but Henkle told reporters that the game is guaranteed to provide plenty of spectator interest.

All during the week, Chairman Davis announced, a Durene display with Jaycee Hugh Ballard in charge, showing the many products which bear the trademark Durene, will be seen in the window of the River Valley Chevrolet Company on Main Street. With all sub-chairmen cooperating in making their individual projects as big and as entertaining as possible, Davis predicted that the festival this summer will be the largest and best yet and that huge crowds will be present at each of the activities scheduled. More plans will be announced later in The News. Watch for the Durene Festival announcements.

Modern New Lunchroom Included In Local Plans

Odd Facts Are Given Reporter

Two "freaks of nature" have been unearthed this week by subscribers to the Mount Holly News who promptly reported them to this newspaper as rare events. One of the strange acts of nature is a cat with six paws, which is owned by Sam Dyer, local resident who found the kitten when it was very young and took it home to care for it. Mr. Dyer described the cat's peculiar pedal digits as being fully formed feet, two on each front leg, and with the usual one on each rear leg, making a total of six paws. Mr. Dyer lives in the American village in house number 5 and invites anyone who is dubious about this kitten to drop by for a look.

The second was reported to the News by Charley Morgan, who had heard from friends that a dog was engrossed in raising three kittens at the home of Frank Parnell near Huntersville and went by to see. Morgan told a News reporter that the dog, which had recently given birth to puppies, which died, was taking care of three tiny kittens which had been left motherless. The kittens follow the dog everywhere, Morgan said, and dinner is served whenever the mood strikes them on a moment's notice. Mama dog is taking a keen interest in her new charges. Morgan said and does all the usual "jobs" of animal paranthood, including washing and feeding the kittens.

Mount Holly Vs Clover Tomorrow

The Mount Holly semi-pro baseball team, pushing first place holders in the Gaston Textile League, will play host to Clover at Hutchison-Lowe Field tomorrow (Saturday) night at 8 p. m., with a large number of baseball hungry fans expected to attend. Clover is an ardent rival of the local nine in the league and has proven several times to be one of the toughest teams in the league. This game is expected to be a rugged scrap from start to finish and guessing the final result will be tough for even the most loyal fan.

Last night (Thursday), the Mount Holly team met Lenoir for the first time this season, when the Lenoir squad traveled to Mount Holly to meet the locals who now hold second place in the Gaston Textile League. John Childers, brother of Mount Holly's town Attorney, is one of the Lenoir hurling squad. This game was played too late for The News to carry a score.

Tuesday night, returning to the diamond after the holidays, the locals showed top form in dropping Rex in a practice game which ended with the locals 14-6 winners over the Rex nine. The Mount Holly nine expects to move into first place in the league within the next few games and the entire team is playing top notch baseball now.

Last week the Belmont Firemen, one of the better teams in the league because expenses were mounting too high for them to continue playing. This more or less opened the top place to the Mount Holly team since the Firemen had been one of the few teams to defeat them in past meetings. The place in the league vacated by the Firemen has not yet been filled at last reports

Construction of the new lunchroom and complete renovation and modernization of the number one building at the Mount Holly Schools is making rapid headway, chairman of the school board C. S. Clegg stated this week. The work is estimated to cost approximately \$117,000 and will be completed before November 15th at the latest and probably much earlier, Mr. Clegg told News reporters this week. Bids were asked for the proposed improvements and renovation work by the Gaston county Board of Education early this summer and were later reopened to obtain the lowest bid possible for completion of the work, Mr. Clegg said.

Among the work to be completed under this program of renovation and construction is the complete renovation of the elementary building and the construction of a modern and up to date lunchroom for the school children in the building which has housed the auditorium for the elementary school children. Among future plans are possible construction of a completely new building to house an auditorium, it was reported.

No equipment, either for the lunchroom or the other buildings, is included in the bids, Mr. Clegg stated and the Mount Holly Parent Teachers Association is working on plans to help provide the necessary equipment for the lunchroom.

Also underway at the schools is the complete rebuilding of the floor in the gymnasium at the high school and the construction of a band practice room in the gymnasium where the stage was formerly located. Other minor repairs are also being made and are included in the bid, Mr. Clegg said.

Further announcements concerning the construction of a new auditorium building may be released in the near future.

Red Cross To Aid Swimmers

The Gaston County Red Cross is offering free water saving instruction to boys and girls over 18 years of age on July 17-21 who have already had 15-hours of Senior Life Saving instruction which can be taken at three pools in this county. The three pools at which the senior courses are offered Suttle's Pool, at Robinwood Lake, or at Lineberger Pool in Gastonia, Miss Janie Harding, announced this week.

This course in water saving will offer the same instruction which is offered through expensive summer camps and is the first such course to be held in Gaston County in several years. Mrs. W. J. McDonald, from the Southeastern Area with headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, will be in charge of the course announcements stated.

Martha's Chapel Plans Homecoming On Sunday

Homecoming services will be held at Martha's Chapel Church near Lowesville Sunday, July 16, it was announced this week, and a cordial invitation to friends of the church and members of the congregation, both old and new, to attend the all day services was issued this week. Rev. Summers, the pastor of the church, will conduct the morning services, and following luncheon at the church, a singing will be held and other events to complete an all-day program are being planned. Rev. C. H. Little will conduct the afternoon services, announcements said.

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