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DURENE PLANS GIVE PROMISE TO BE BIGGEST FESTIVAL EVER HELD HERE

Merchants Association Shows Big Growth

Almost Doubles In Membership

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Executive Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Directors of the Riverbend Township Merchants Association, Inc., was held Monday night, August 7, in the City Hall of Mt. Holly. Several members other than Directors attended and took part in matters of interest that were freely discussed. There was a representative attendance of the entire Township merchants.

The accomplishments and progress of the Association were reviewed and discussed at length by those present and all agreed that it was performing a much needed mutual service and benefit to the consuming public and the merchants of the entire Township as a whole that no other organization could perform. It is now a corporation—deriving its existence under and by virtue of the laws of North Carolina.

The fact that the membership has increased in number from 49 when it first took form 3 months ago to 83 at the present time definitely established the fact that all the merchants are deeply interested in its past, present, and anticipated future aims and activities. The records are obtained and kept available for use at all times during business hours on all credit risks in the Township facilities matters and negotiations for the merchant and purchaser alike because the reputation of a purchaser for meeting his legitimate obligations may be easily had in a very short time as all records are accumulated, and alphabetically filed in the Association's office in Mount Holly. This information may be had by telephone or in person. A great part of this information is obtained from the records of the members of the Association. However, there are other valuable sources from which this information is easily obtained. It, therefore, follows that each person designs his own credit rating by the way and manner in which he meets his obligations. The Association doesn't make the rating; the individual designs his own; and the Association merely records and disseminates that design to any person that is entitled to receive it. Such service enables the desirable credit risk to obtain credit anywhere in a very short time. One of the most noticeable results observed by all members is the increasingly high regard being held by the purchaser for his good credit rating—something which is devoutly to be wished for.

Unfortunately, there are a few who have a reckless disregard for meeting their honest and legitimate obligations and are absolutely devoid of intentions to meet their promises to pay. The functions of the Association might not be so relishing to that type of person because, incidentally, it is possible that he might be eliminated from future credit extensions from merchants in places other than Riverbend Township. Then it follows that elimination of the undesirable credit risk eliminates loss and consequently enables the merchant to sell at a lower cost.

It is also noticeable that the Association is of considerable service and benefit to the professional man—Doctors and Dentists in particular—since the membership of those professions has well nigh reached the 100% mark. The services they perform constitute an indispensable commodity of the consuming public, the rendering of which services very often necessitates the consideration and advisability of extension of credit. Hence, the interest of the professional man in its functions is

Hawk's Schedule Is Announced

Coach Max Beam of the Mount Holly Hawks, has released the football schedule which the Hawks will face this season with the announcement that practice begins Tuesday of next week. Six home games are scheduled for local football fans in the coming season and following the reporting of the team to school next week and early workouts, Coach Beam will be able to calculate team strength this season.

Last season the Hawks got off to a slow start with less than a full team reporting for practice early in the season. This year, prospects for a strong eleven look good, Coach Beam said this week and with a number of key men coming back the Hawks should be in condition to give opponents a taste of defeat.

THE SCHEDULE:
Sept. 15—Lincolnton here
Sept. 22—Newton-Conover there
Sept. 29—Lowell here
October 6—Bessemer City there
October 13—Crampton here
October 20—Hartsell here
October 27—Kings Mtn. there
Nov. 3—Dallas here
Nov. 10—Cherryville there
Nov. 17—Forest City here

The Junior Varsity schedule will be released at a later date, it was announced.

Parachute Jumps Here On Sunday

A free exhibition parachute jump will thrill crowds expected to visit the Mount Holly Airport this Sunday, August 13, according to an announcement made this week by Bill Rhodes, owner of the local Airport. Also a feature of the Sunday "Operation Airport" which Mr. Rhodes is planning, will be airplane rides for one-half the usual rate, it was announced. Two passenger airplanes, three passenger planes, and four passenger planes will be on hand to take local residents around the skies surrounding Mt. Holly for only one dollar per passenger, Mr. Rhodes stated.

The parachute jump, to be made during the afternoon, will feature a professional jumper "hitting the silk" for the benefit of the audience and no admission will be charged to watch this thrilling jump, Mr. Rhodes told News reporters.

The local airport, headquarters of the Belmont-Mount Holly branch of the Civil Air Patrol, is a beehive of activity lately, Mr. Rhodes stated, with the golf driving range attracting many amateur golfers who want to increase distance on their drives and practice their stroke while the airport in itself is becoming a valued asset to the town, housing one of the largest C. A. P. squadrons in the state.

UNITED WORSHIP

On Sunday, August 20, the congregations of First Presbyterian Church and Westview Presbyterian Church will unite for the morning service, which will take place at 11 o'clock at the First Church. L. S. Magbee, student pastor of Westview Church, will deliver the message at this service.

WEEKEND IN ASHEVILLE

H. M. McElduff spent the past weekend with his son, W. A. McElduff in Asheville.

Part Of Durene "Farmer's Day" Event



Above is a scene from one of the highly successful Farmer's Day demonstrations held here during Durene Week in recent years. The latest heavy equipment such as that pictured above with demonstrators, is sent to the Farmer's Day program for exhibit and demonstration each year. Chairman Harold Henkle, in charge of Farmer's Day this year stated that he already has a number of equipment manufacturers listed who will bring equipment to the program Saturday, September 2, and an irrigation demonstration will also be given by H. B. Owsley and Sons of Charlotte. Equipment manufacturers include R & A Tractor Company, Morris Farm Equipment Co., Godley Brothers Implement Co., Sumney Hardware and Implement Co., and Abernathy Equipment Co., Heakle said. More will be announced later.

Library Nearly Doubles Work

The circulation figures for July, 1950 at the Mount Holly Public Library show 8628 books loaned during the year, as compared to 5431 last year (1949), according to an announcement by Mrs. John W. Holland, librarian. This is an increase of 3197 over this time last year, and shows the constant increase of book circulation in the local library.

Mrs. Holland stated that this increase in circulation makes it imperative that patrons return books at the stated time, and that overdue books be turned in at once, as any delay in returning books borrowed from the library holds up the circulation and keeps the waiting lists for various books at great length. Patrons are urged to search their homes for any overdue books which might have been overlooked, and return them to the library at once. The library hopes to have all overdue books returned by the opening date of school, Sept. 8th, as the opening of school also creates greater demands on the book supply.

Dr. Bernard Boyd Here On Sunday

Dr. Bernard Boyd of Davidson will preach at the morning worship hour, 11 o'clock, Sunday at First Presbyterian Church here, officials of the church have announced. Dr. Boyd, a nephew of the Rev. W. K. Beatty, of Columbia, S. C., a former pastor of the Mount Holly Church, has resided in Davidson for some time and has been professor of Bible at Davidson College. He will join the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall as Bible teacher. Dr. Boyd has preached and taught on a number of previous occasions at the local church.

Rev. Donald O. McInnis, pastor, Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock, sermon by Dr. Bernard Boyd of Davidson. Pioneer and Youth Fellowship groups meet at 6:30 p. m. The Women of the Church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the church. Prayer service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal Wednesday, 8 p. m.

License Examiner Is On Vacation

The State Drivers License Examiner in Mount Holly will not be in his office here again until August 17, it was announced this week, due to vacation schedule. The office in Mount Holly will be closed until that date and motorists who wish to take their examinations for new licenses before August 17 will have to go to the Gastonia or Charlotte offices which are open Monday through Friday. Beginning August 17, the local office will again re-open each Thursday, the announcement said.

G. A. Hobbs Died Of Heart Attack

C. A. Hobbs, popular retired grocerman residing just across the Catawba in Mecklenburg, passed away yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hobbs had been in ill health for some time and his death was the result of heart trouble. He had many friends here who will regret to learn of his death. (The News learned of Mr. Hobbs' demise just as we were going to press.)

He is survived by his wife and two sons, C. A. Jr., of New Jersey and Ralph L., of Winnsboro, S. C. who was at his parents home at the time of the death of his father. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon in Dublin, Ga. Carothers Funeral Home has charge of all arrangements.

Riverbend Team Off To Andrews

The Riverbend baseball team, one of the popular semi-pro baseball teams which have played games here this season, will travel to Andrews, N. C. as guests of L. N. Ellis, manager of the Andrews baseball team, this week end, announcements said this week. Mr. Ellis, who manages the Andrews team, has scheduled the Riverbend players for two games during their visit to the mountains, one to be played Saturday night and one to be played Sunday. Mr. Ellis is the father of John Ellis, member of the high school faculty here, and also a member of the Riverbend team.

READ THE ADS!

Committees Working On Entire Weeks Program

Boys Club Team In Tourney 15th

Athletic Director Dick Thompson of the Mount Holly Boys Club listed this week 19 members of the Boys Club Bantam team who will travel to Raleigh August 15 to enter the state Bantam tournament to be played there. The Boys Club was winner of last year's tourney and is planning to bring home the trophy this year.

Listed on the roster of boys who will make the trip are Earl Hall, Jim Lawing, Buddy Rhinehart, Calvin Greene, Ted Blanton, Curtis Broome, Johnnie Wyke, Jerry Patterson, Roy Farmer, Benny Carpenter, Bearl Davis, Jack Martin, Grover Goble, Jerry Prassley, Joe Huffstetter, Doyle Broome, Clifford Sisk, Bobby Abercrombie. Two of these boys are utility men being taken along for standby duty since only 18 players are permitted.

A last minute rush rounding up birth certificates for players making the trip when it was learned that the certificates would be required, has taken a lot of the Bantams' time this week, but one practice game with the Gastonia Optimists was put out of the way Wednesday afternoon in Gastonia. The Bantams lost this game, one of the recent and frequent losses they have suffered this season. The Optimists topped the locals by one-run, 8-7 Wednesday, placing the Boys Club Bantams in second place in the league with 10 won and 5 lost. Their other loss to the Optimists was an 11-5 loss for the locals in a recent game.

The Bantams believe they can iron out the wrinkles which are cropping up in their game before the tourney and with only one game remaining in their schedule, a trip to North Belmont next Monday afternoon, they will have plenty of time to practice.

Davis Dancing School Planned

Classes in the Davis Dancing School will begin soon after the first of September for the coming year, Mrs. Margaret Davis Hoey announced this week. The Davis Dancing School has been held each year here for a number of years and registration for the coming year is expected to be held shortly after the first of September with a large number of students signing up for the various types of dancing taught, Mrs. Davis said.

Among the courses to be taught this year are tap, ballet, and for the first time in several years, an acrobatic dancing course which has been added after a number of requests for this course were received. Also to be added to the regular tap and ballet courses this year is a special supervised study period. Further information concerning this can be obtained from Mrs. Hoey.

Mrs. Leo Fuller will be accompanist for the Davis Dancing School again this year. Cards will be mailed to those who have already announced their intention of studying dancing when the opening date is definitely set, Mrs. Hoey said. The school auditorium, formerly used for the dancing classes, will not be available this year, but space at the school has been provided, Mrs. Hoey said.

Hawks To Start Football Practice

Football practice at Mount Holly High School will begin next week, Coach Max Beam announced Wednesday. All athletes who plan to try out for the team this year are requested to meet at the high school at 4 p. m. next Monday. Practice will start Tuesday with Coaches Beam, Ellis, and Hipps working out the team.

Local Teacher Gets Promotion

Richard Ashe, principal of the Mount Holly Elementary School last year, has accepted a position as principal of the Avery Sherrill school at Statesville, N. C., and will not be a member of the Mt. Holly faculty this year. Principal of Schools S. H. Helton announced this week. Mr. Ashe completed work on his Master's Degree this summer and will receive a substantial increase in salary in his new position, Mr. Helton said.

Also of interest to parents, Mr. Helton said that Mrs. Evelyn Lewis, head of the Home Economics Department at Mount Holly High School last year, has accepted a position with the Home Economics Department of the schools at Apex, N. C. Mrs. Lewis made the change to the Apex schools to be near her husband who is studying in dental school. Both positions have been filled as was announced last week when the new faculty list was released, Mr. Helton said.

Petitions For Paving Available

Petitions are being circulated among property owners on several unpaved streets in Mount Holly in preparation for presentation to the Board of Aldermen requests for paving of the streets concerned, Town Attorney Max Childers announced this week. Mr. Childers said that following the requests issued last week asking property owners of any unpaved streets in the city to petition for paving, he had learned that several petitions are being circulated and that Alexander and Elm Streets as well as Pine and Nims Streets are among those which petitions now cover.

The town expects a favorable response to this request, Mr. Childers told News reporters, and he issued a request that all the petitions be completed and turned over to the Board of Aldermen as soon as possible. Last week the Board of Aldermen announced that property owners on any unpaved street in the town could obtain paving by petitioning the Board and sharing a part of the cost.

STUDY COURSE SUCCESS

A large group attended the study course in progress each evening this week at Adrian-Madora Baptist church. Miss Mamie Allison and Miss Myrtle Abernathy were the instructors. The last class session will be held Friday night.

WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

L. S. Magbee, Student pastor, Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Evening Worship at 7:30. Midweek service, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Durene plans are growing steadily, General Chairman Ken Davis announced this week, with the double-header baseball game and the street dance battling for first place spot in probable crowd-drawing appeal. Listed this week by chairman Ivey Henkle, who is in charge of the baseball game which will pit the Riverbend Old Men against the Mount Holly semi-pros and the Riverbend Girl's softball team against Mount Holly girls were a number of girls who will probably play on the Mount Holly team. Henkle stated that while he had not contacted all of these girls, he believed that the majority of them would make up the electric team which will accept the challenge issued by Riverbend two weeks ago. They include Patsy Jones, Rachel Jones, Rachel Wilson, Joanne Kale, Susan Helton, Sue Whittener, Betty Jordan, Joanne Heath, Jean Abernathy, Faye Roberts, L. S. Herring and Bertha Dunn.

A number of prizes which will be given away at the baseball game were also listed by Henkle and they include an electric perculator, a pen and pencil set, an electric iron, one year's supply of light bulbs for the home, a 17 jewel men's wrist watch, and an electric ice cream freezer. More prizes will probably be added before the date of the game, which is Saturday night, September 2.

The street dance tickets for the popular crowd-drawing dance which will be held Thursday night, August 31, are going fast, Ken Davis announced. To be given away at the street dance with other prizes is a Hardwick gas stove which is now on display in the River Valley Gas Company window. Tickets may be purchased from any Jaycee and from numerous merchants in Mount Holly.

Farmers Day also is growing in scope and that attraction of the Durene Festival is expected to attract an unusually large crowd this year. Farmer's day will be held on Saturday afternoon, September 2, and will be one of the closing activities.

The Durene Golf Tournament is attracting a large number of entries and The News expects to publish a list of those who will enter the various flights in one of the next editions. The Hole-In-One contest which will be held during Durene Week is also expected to prove to be extremely popular and many of last year's contestants as well as new contestants are expected to compete in this contest.

J. B. Thompson, chairman in charge of the parade which will open the festival on Saturday, August 26, two days before the official start of Durene Week, said that the parade should be one of the largest and best ever held here and that bicycle parade entries are coming in fast. Reminding young bicycle owners who plan to enter the bike parade that the age or appearance of their bikes won't count; that bikes will be judged on decoration alone; Thompson asked youngsters to get their application blanks in as soon as possible.

Watch for further Durene Festival announcements in The News in future editions.

AT OCEAN DRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Alligood and daughter, Suzie, Mrs. R. L. Jenkins, Miss Topsy Dunn, Mrs. T. L. Ware Jr., Mrs. James Davenport, Maude Sinclair are spending this week at Ocean Drive. They were joined by Misses Carolyn Alligood and Nancy Calvert who have been there for the week prior to this one.