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## STREET PARADE SATURDAY

### Books Open For Town Extension Vote Here

### Farmers Day Will Draw Crowds

#### Good Program of Events Is Completed by Jaycees

Harold Henkle, chairman of the Durene's Farmers Day program, stated today that many prominent farmers, agricultural leaders and local farmers and citizens are expected to be present for the event. L. Y. Balentine, secretary of agriculture for North Carolina who attended last year's Farmers' Day that was rained out, has been invited to attend.

During the coming week announcements will be made as to the principal speaker of the program. Mr. Henkle has invited several outstanding men interested in agriculture to attend and the entire program, with the exception of a speaker, has been arranged. Grady Cole will be present some time during the demonstrations probably at about 1:30 o'clock.

There will be a large scale demonstration and display of the very latest types of modern 1950 Farm Machinery and Equipment. Among those who are participating are Morris Farm Equipment Company with Massey-Harris equipment; Godley Brothers Implement Company with Allis-Chalmers equipment; Summey Hardware and Implement Company with John Deere equipment; Abernathy Equipment Company with Oliver equipment; R. and A. Tractor Company with Ford tractors and equipment; and many others.

There will also be a modern irrigation demonstration with the latest equipment by H. B. Owsley and Son of Charlotte. This demonstration in itself will be worth the attendance of all farmers to the big program. There will be a pond built for the irrigation demonstration by the G. and C. Grading Company of Mount Holly.

There will be a full three hours of activity to interest all who attend, whether you are a farmer or not. Mr. Henkle and his committee of Jaycees have worked up a splendid program of events and have met with the whole-hearted co-operation of all who were asked to help make the day a success.

#### Craig Dancing School To Open

This week Mrs. Christine McConnell announces the opening of the Craig School of Dance at an open house on Wednesday afternoon, September 6, from two until five o'clock at 211 West Glerdale Avenue.

Interested parents and students are invited to come to discuss classes and observe demonstration classes held at 2:30, 3:30, and 4:30 in the studio.

According to Mrs. McConnell, the departments of the school can be summarized thus:

TAP—basic rhythms, basic steps, varied routine.

BALLET—rigorous exercises, correct positions, some toe work.

ACROBATICS—posture and stretching exercises, advanced training.

MODERN DANCE—basic body movements, combinations, interpretation.

Mrs. McConnell will supervise the school and give tap instruction. On her staff are Miss Anne Craig as head of the acrobatic department, Miss Bette Craig, who will head the modern dance and ballet departments and Miss Delores Rhyne, pianist.

HERE FROM VISIT

Miss Rachel Smith has returned home from a visit with friends in Cartersville, Georgia, making the trip by air.

#### Durene Events Are Greater Than Ever Here

Among the events which last year drew a capacity crowd which will probably repeat the performance this year is the boxing tournament which is scheduled for Tuesday night, August 29 at Hutchison-Lowe Field. Ten fights are scheduled on the Durene card for that night and fight fans will see plenty of punches thrown when Mount Holly Boys Club sluggers mix with Red Shield ring lads to provide a full evening's entertainment which will be a part of the annual Durene Festival.

Paul Springs is chairman in charge of the fight for the Jaycees who sponsor the Durene Festival, and he listed the names of a number of fighters who will be seen in action this week. Among the Mount Holly and Stanley fighters already signed are Jim McManus, Paul Pryor, Lee King, Johnny Wike, Raymond Walls, Berl Davis, Max Davis, Jack Martin, Cecil Ballard, Pug Waters, Bob Smith, and Junior Tallent. Several of these boys fought in the Durene bouts held at Belmont Abbey last year.

Farmers Day is growing in scope under the chairmanship of Jaycee Harold Henkle and final announcements concerning the program which will be scheduled for the Saturday afternoon event will be announced in the next edition of The News.

Chairman Ivey Henkle, in charge of the double header baseball game which will see Riverbend invading Mount Holly in force with the Riverbend Old Men scheduled to play the Mount Holly semi-pros and the Riverbend girls slated to tangle with a Mount Holly team which is now training, listed more prizes to be given away at the game. Among prizes which fans attending the game will have an opportunity to win are an electric perculator, a pen and pencil set, a year's supply of light bulbs, a four quart electric ice cream freezer, a 17 jewel mens wrist watch, a bill fold, a five cell flashlight, a Gem razor set, a living room chair, and a wash, grease, and oil change, among others, Henkle said. The girls' softball game is expected to draw many who will be taking this infrequent opportunity to see wives and girl friends in action on the softball diamond as well as a full quota of regular baseball and softball fans.

Golfers are also keeping an eye on the Durene Golf Tournament which is now underway at the American Golf Course and Jordan Sprott, last year's defending champion, is reported to be having a tough time with some of the competition which he is facing this year. Sprott, an excellent golfer by any standards, is still playing in the low numbers and is generally favored to take the championship again.

Plan now to attend each and everyone of the Durene events listed above beginning with the opening day parade Saturday of next week.

#### RETURN FROM TRIP

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Roberts and son, David returned Tuesday from a vacation trip. While away they visited relatives in Commerce and Athens, Georgia and the Cherokee Indian Reservation and other points of interest in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

#### DURENE SPEAKER



WOODROW JONES

The Democratic Nominee for Congress from this district to succeed Major A. L. Bulwinkle will be the principal speaker at the Durene Banquet at the American Dining Hall on Monday night, of next week, August 28. Mr. Jones is an outstanding speaker and will bring a message of interest to those attending the banquet. There will be distinguished guests from all sections of the county present and the tickets are about sold out. However, those desiring to attend the banquet can contact Peter N. Chagaris, chairman of the event, Ken Davis, general chairman of the Durene Festival, or D. B. Thompson. Please contact one of these Jaycees so as not to be disappointed.

#### Legion Drive Very Successful

Below is published the names of the new Legionnaires and the renewals being secured in the local membership drive. Other names will be published each week until the drive closes. Watch this box score and watch the Legion grow.

1. Walter G. Holobaugh
2. Charles A. Ward Jr.
3. Lawrence E. Armstrong
4. Glenn F. Burleson
5. George Craig
6. Clyde B. Dzris
7. Morris L. Funderburk
8. Ralph L. Hart
9. Samuel B. Kale
10. T. R. King
11. Roby F. Lutz
12. Clarence L. Marshall
13. Baxter E. McIntosh
14. Jackson B. Ramsey
15. Oliver L. Rick
16. L. B. Stowe
17. T. C. Patterson
18. John O. Painter
19. James W. Little
20. Gus N. Chagaris
21. Charles M. Luckey
22. Carl R. Elliott
23. James W. Reeves
24. George M. Michael
25. Herbert T. Stirewalt
26. C. Lamar Sasser
27. Albert S. Baris
28. Moses A. Boyter
29. Frank B. Rankin
30. A. O. Duckworth
31. Joseph R. Pillow
32. Ray E. Martin
33. R. C. Sifford
34. Billy C. Spittle
35. Boyd L. Lawing Sr.
36. R. N. Clawson
37. W. T. Mace
38. Kelly N. Summey Sr.
39. Purvey B. Summey
40. Peter N. Chagaris
41. Max L. Childers
42. Jack Summey

#### RETURN FROM CONFERENCE

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Reel and son, David returned Wednesday from Ridgecrest where they attended the Baptist Bible Conference.

#### Saturday Is First Day To Register

The registrations book open on Saturday, of this week, August 26th for the Town Extension vote to be held on September 19th. The registrar for the election is Ross McConnell with Dwight Scoggins and Johnson Miller acting as judges. The registration place and the polls for voting will be the Woman's Club Building at Lawings Store on the Woodlawn Road extension.

The opening of the registration books will mark the beginning of activity by both proponents and opponents of the proposed extension. It is expected that the efforts to carry this election will be clean and that no bitter fight will be staged. This reporter has talked with leaders of both sides and from every indication the vote is going to be large but at the same time we cannot fix anything to indicate other than a hard but clean attempt by both sides to win.

The election was ordered, under an act of the legislature, by the Town Board of Aldermen on July 26 of this year. There were several meetings held with opponents of the proposed extension and some changes made in the original lines before the legal advertising for this election was started.

In fairness to both sides the Town Board requested that James M. Mullen, chairman of the county Board of Elections, conduct the election. Mr. Mullen then certified the appointment of the registrar and the judges.

Saturday, the first day of the Registration, will see many people registering to vote. No one could predict the vote or the total registration but there will be several votes cast.

The Extension, in this election, is open only to those people living in the effected areas. The people of Mount Holly cannot vote, under the law, in this special election. The majority of the qualified voters who register and vote will decide the outcome.

#### Hill's Chapel Has Ham Supper Date

Do you like Country Ham? Then you have a chance to get the finest Country Ham supper in the country on Saturday night, of this week, August 26, at the Hill's Chapel Methodist Church at Lowesville. The Young Adult class in serving and preparing the Ham plates for only \$1.25 per person. They will start serving at 8 o'clock at the church.

All the proceeds go for work at the Church. So come, get a real Country Ham Supper at very reasonable price and bring your friends because everybody is invited and urged to be there.

#### Mrs. Davis Named To District Office

Mrs. Helen Davis has been elected Junior Vice-President of the Thirteenth District Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was learned following district elections which were held at the V.F.W. Club in Charlotte recently. The election of Mrs. Davis makes a total of two Mount Holly members of the national organization who are officers in the Thirteenth District since Dr. A. U. Stroupe of Mount Holly has served as District Surgeon for some time.

Included in the Thirteenth District of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are seven posts surrounding Charlotte, it was stated, and

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#### Broom Sale To Be Held Here

One again the Mount Holly Lions Club will sponsor a door mat and broom sale in Mount Holly in conjunction with a similar sale to be held in Charlotte by the Lions Club there, it was announced this week. The sale here will take place between September 11 and September 29, and local residents will undoubtedly remember the enthusiasm with which local Lions handled the door to door sale of the brooms and mats last year.

The Lions Club sponsors these annual sales of the handmade products as a part of its number one project, sight conservation work and rehabilitation of the blind. Brooms and door mats to be sold by the Mount Holly Lions during the sale are handmade by blind workers in the Greensboro factory which is maintained by the Lions Clubs of this state.

Only the highest quality materials are used in the manufacture of the brooms and mats and they are carefully made by the hands of the sightless workers who are limited in the types of work which they can do.

A list of Lions in the Mount Holly Club who will help organize and direct the sale here will be released next week and further plans for the sale, which will probably again include a door to door canvass of homes in Mount Holly will also be announced.

Plan now to buy your new broom or door mat from a member of the Lions Club when they open their 1950 sale. You will be helping a worthy project.

#### ARRIVES HERE

Julian Chappell of Norfolk, Va. arrived here Tuesday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stroupe. The wedding of Miss Betty Jane Stroupe and Mr. Chappell will be an event of Saturday evening at First Methodist Church.

#### Local Band And Gastonia Drum Corp To Participate

#### Frank Hollar Is Reported Improved

Frank Hollar, who was seriously injured in an explosion at Sodyco last Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, is reported to be some better. He is confined to the Memorial Hospital for treatment. He suffered injuries about the eye and his condition was serious. Friends will be glad to learn that he reported as showing some improvement now.

#### Lucia School Will Open September 6th

Lucia schools will open September 6 at 9 a. m. to begin the regular schedule for the year. Lawrence Pittman, principal, announced this week. The installation of a new heating system in the school building was begun this week, Mr. Pittman told News reporters Thursday, and the complete installation of the boiler and all steam heating equipment should be completed by September 7, he stated. The same faculty will return this year.

A number of new pupils are expected to be enrolled in the school at Lucia this year because of increased employment in the steam plant at Riverbend, and new students are asked to report at the school on Tuesday, September 5 between 9 and 11 to register.

#### MOVING TO STANLEY

Miss Ruth Martin, a member of the faculty of the Mount Holly Elementary School for a number of years, will teach in the Stanley school this year, The News learned this week.

Crowds of local residents and people of surrounding towns are expected to jam Mount Holly tomorrow (Saturday) for the Durene Parade which will officially open the annual festival at 3 p. m. Two band units will perform on Summit Ave. at 2:30 p. m. and the parade will pass through Mount Holly beginning at 3 p. m. Two band units will provide music for the largest parade ever to be held here, when the Gaston Drum and Bugle Corps and the Mount Holly High School Band march with the many floats and other entries in the first Durene Parade.

Robert Black, new band director for the high school band, arrived here last week to call early rehearsals preparing the high school band for their first parade in several months.

The Drum and Bugle Corps, of Gastonia, famed throughout the state for its military smartness and a prize winner in several competitions, will probably be one of the outstanding drawing features of the parade since this will be their first appearance here.

Floats are being prepared now by many merchants, civic groups, and veterans organizations here, and among those which are definitely scheduled to appear are floats sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Mount Holly Boys Club, a Beauty Contestant float sponsored by the Jaycees, a display sponsored by Mount Holly Ice and Fuel Company, a float representing the street dance, and others, plus marching units of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and C.A.P. Cadets.

Members of the Johnson-Linberger Post of the American Legion here will sponsor an appearance of the Color Guard and Firing Squad which have taken part in many civic and military functions since their organization after the recent war.

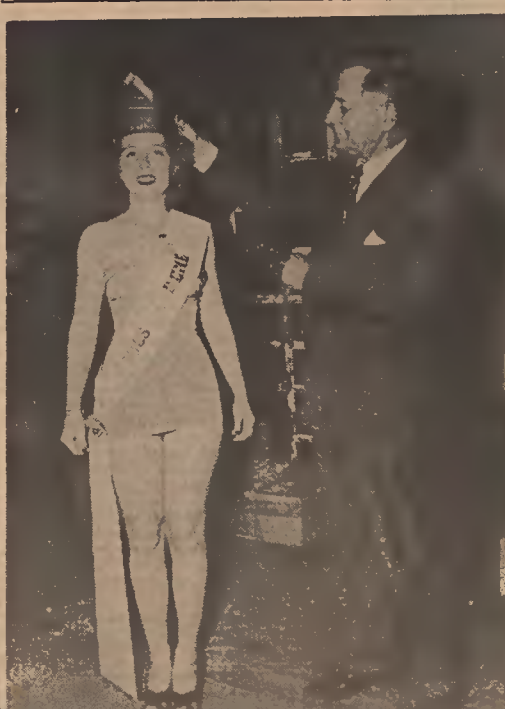
Monday night of next week, as the first event on the Durene Week schedule, which ends next Saturday, the Durene Banquet will be held at the American Dining Hall. Tickets for this event, which will be one of the highlights of the festival, are almost completely sold out according to Jaycees and should be purchased immediately. Woodrow Jones, Congressman-elect from this district, will be guest speaker at the banquet.

The street dance, which will be held Thursday night on Central Avenue beside the bank building, is expected to draw one of the largest crowds to gather during the festival, and the leading prize to be given away during the dance will be a Hardwick gas stove. Tickets for the street dance, which entitle the holder to a chance to win the stove, are on sale from all Jaycees and a huge number have already been sold.

Only a partial list of entries in the Miss Durene Beauty Contest which will be held Friday night, September 1 at the high school gymnasium was available this week since the mills are still holding their elections of representatives and the chairman in charge of the beauty show has not been able to compile a final list of contestants being sponsored by local merchants. The beauty contest was one of the most outstanding events of the festival last year, drawing a crowd which jammed the elementary school auditorium.

Among the girls listed Thursday at noon who will enter the contest sponsored by various merchants are Sylvia Fowler, sponsored by Grier's Dry Cleaners, Estelle Toomey, sponsored by Paul

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Shown above as she was crowned "Miss Durene" after being selected from a large number of beauties competing for the title in last year's Durene Beauty Contest, is Miss Violet Grah. Miss Grah will probably be presented at the beauty contest this year to help crown "Miss Durene of 1950" who will be named Friday night, September 1.