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Extension Should Pass

The election to decide on the extension of the Town limits of Mount Holly will be held next Tuesday, September 19th. The polls will be located at Lawing's Store and will be open from 6 A. M. until 6 P. M. Last week the registrar had reported that only 291 eligible citizens had registered to vote. However, the last day of registration on last Saturday brought the number of registrations to 446. There were a number of people who reported at the polls too late to register last Saturday as the books were closed for the election.

It is believed now that the election will carry in favor of the extension of the Town limits. Frankly, this newspaper hopes that it will. In the last extension trial we opposed it due to the unreasonable length to which the limits were to be extended. We grant that the extension will cause an increased tax load on a few people but not many. However, to offset this the natural increase in the valuation of the property, once inside the Town limits, will in our opinion compensate those who will have a tax increase.

Mount Holly needs this extension. We need it for \$175,000 it will bring in extra taxes from industry alone in a ten year period. We need it because it will add some size and much population to the Town thereby creating a better and more progressive community because more people will be interested in our progress.

We believe too that the leaders in the Town will take favorably to the proposal which is being talked now of dividing the Town into wards so that each section will have representation on the Town Board. We would then be patterning after the modern method of selection of city officials. If the Town limits are extended this proposal, it is understood, will be made to the officials.

The News is proud that both the proponents and the opponents of the proposal to extend the limits have conducted a gentlemanly and clean fight. Regardless of how the election comes out there is apparently no hard feelings existing between our citizenship. The election is also fair in that only those who will be effected are allowed to vote.

Regardless of how you vote be sure and go to the polls. This paper hopes that the majority will see their way clear to vote for a bigger and better Mount Holly.

HAWK FOOTBALL OPENS WITH LINCOLN TONITE

Team Trying To Avenge For Defeat Of Last Year

In an attempt at vengeance for the 32-0 defeat handed them last year, the Mount Holly Hawks take the field tonight against Lincoln High School at Hutchison-Lowe Park. The Hawks are in top form this week and the coaching staff is confident that they will settle affairs with the visitors tonight. Game time will be 7:30 p. m. Tickets will be on sale at the gate, it was announced and season tickets, for fans who plan to see all home games this year, will be on sale immediately.

Lincolnton is reported to be even stronger this year than they were last season and reports from the visitor's camp say they are counting heavily on winning this game.

Both teams run from single wing formation and fans can expect to see plenty of hustle on both sides tonight. The Hawks have prepared carefully for this game which will be their opener. Practice sessions this week have been devoted to defensive work with offensive tactics receiving some attention also, although the Hawks are believed to be in top offensive condition now.

Last night, a short practice session was scheduled at Hutchison-Lowe Field under the lights and today the Hawks were resting in preparation for tonight's clash with the Lincolnton squad.

The probable starting lineup for the game tonight as released by Coach Max Beam includes:

Left Guard—Larry Waldrop
Left End—Dicky Carpenter
Left Tackle—Johnny Wike
Center—Paul Dunn
Right Guard—Estridge or Hendrix
Right Tackle—Robert Lee
Right End—Holloway or Black
Full Back—Rueben Waldrop or Ted Waldrop
Tail Back—Ted Waldrop or David Wright
Blocking Back—Cogdill
Wing Back—Klestler or Norwood

Plan now to come out to Hutchison-Lowe Park tonight and support the Hawks.

School Body Shows Growth

An increase in enrollment at the Mount Holly Schools of nearly 100 students over last year, was reported this week by Principal S. H. Helton. Sixty students above year's total were listed in the elementary school and an increase of 24 students over last year was reported in the high school.

Total enrollment in the elementary school is 938 this year, Principal of Schools S. H. Helton stated, and total enrollment in the high school is 310.

With work still going on in the elementary school buildings, classes are scattered about the grounds with three class rooms in the basement of the elementary building being used as well as building being used as classrooms in the Home Economics building and gym. The largest increase in enrollment at the schools was in the first grades, Mr. Helton stated, with a total of 156 children beginning their school work this year.

The second floor of one elementary building is being used for classes, with the only excess to the upper floor via fire escape but the indoor staircase was to have been completed immediately. The interior of the building is of fire-proof construction and concrete steps were being poured Wednesday.

The cafeteria is receiving concentrated attention in order to put it back into operation as soon as possible, Mr. Helton pointed out. While the building which will house the new cafeteria is undergoing renovation, students are obtaining their lunches at home or in town.

IMPROVING
Mrs. C. T. Williams, who has been ill at her home for some time, is now improving.

Funderburk Cleared Of Manslaughter Here

Morris Funderburk of Mount Holly has been cleared of the manslaughter charge placed against him after an automobile accident cost one life in Mount Holly several weeks ago. The Grand Jury, investigating the manslaughter charge, found it not a true bill and remanded speeding and reckless driving charges still facing Funderburk to the Mount Holly Recorder's Court.

The speeding and reckless driving charges will be decided in a future session of Recorder's Court.

NO LEGION MEETING

There will be no regularly scheduled Legion meeting the coming Monday night, September 18, Commander Jack Summey announced this week. The meeting has been cancelled and a short business session will be held at the fish fry if necessary, Commander Summey stated.

Peter Chagaris Named To Office

Peter N. Chagaris, who has been a member of the executive committee of the Young Democratic Club in Gaston county for a year, was elevated to the post of the vice president at a meeting of the organization held this week. The group met at the Gastonia at the county courthouse. This is the first time in many years that a local man has received an office in the Young Democrats.

Mr. Chagaris has been very active in the circle of the club and has been a leader in securing memberships for the organization. He will leave here Saturday morning with Max Childers as delegates to the state rally being held this weekend at Asheville. W. O. Barrett, editor of The News, will leave Friday for the meeting.

ATTEND CHURCH

Jones Bros. Super Market Now Celebrating 14th Anniversary

Jones Brothers Super Market in Mount Holly is celebrating their fourteenth year in the grocery business this week with a huge anniversary sale. First established in 1936 when Russell and Duke Jones opened the location now occupied by Western Auto Associate Stores, the growth of the business has been a milestone marker of Mount Holly.

The Jones Brothers Super Market is one of the finest appearing buildings in Mount Holly, and since they moved into their present location on Main Street in January, 1948, the Jones Brothers have been synonymous with good groceries at lowest prices in the minds of their customers.

A number of improvements in the super market have been made during the two year period the Jones Brothers have occupied their new building. New equipment has been added in the meat market, a self-service meat and dairy products counter has been added to the store to speed up shopping and offer more customer convenience, and other improvements have been made.

Foremost among the recent improvements made for the benefit of customers of the Jones Brothers Super Market is the large parking lot in the rear of the building. The lot is being graveled to provide a clean convenient parking lot for customers in addition to the lined spaces already provided at the front entrance of the store. The lot will hold more than 100 automobiles, it was announced, and should be ready for use immediately.

Six brothers now share the operation of this fine super market, making the small grocery which was operated by Russell and Duke years ago look even smaller in comparison. The six Jones brothers now at the super market are Russell, Duke, Judson, Leonard, Paul, and Ralph.

The Jones brothers are natives of Mount Holly, born and raised on the Mountain Island Road, and they have spent most of their lives here. They are Mount Holly businessmen, first, last, and always, as they express it, with their every interest centered here.

Serving lifetime friends, and customers of many years, the Jones Brothers are interested in giving their customers only the best quality groceries. The brand names they carry in their grocery and meat stock are indicative of this fact. Only the best, highest grade government inspected meats are sold through their market.

Their personnel now numbers 15 persons including the six Jones brothers, and each member of the staff of Jones Brothers Super Market is interested in seeing that customers receive the most courteous attention to their shopping wants.

The most modern merchandising methods are studied by the

management of the store to help shorten tiring hours spent in shopping by housewives, and probably the most popular of all the super market features are the refrigerated produce racks and refrigerated self-service meat counter. These keep the produce and meats at a perfect temperature while at the same time displaying them to their best advantage.

The News has a large number of congratulatory advertisements in this issue, offering congratulations to the Jones Brothers on their 14th anniversary in business here. The advertisements represent a cross section of the friends and business acquaintances of the super market management and offer a view of the high regard in which the Jones brothers are held here.

Paper Drive Is Scheduled Here

The Mount Holly Jaycees announced plans this week for a scrap metal and waste paper drive which will be held Sunday October 8 here. This will be the first waste paper drive to be held by the Jaycees in more than a year and the first drive for scrap metal since the war.

The Jaycees are asking local residents to begin saving all scrap paper, old magazines, and pasteboard boxes as well as any scrap metal for the drive. J. B. Thompson is chairman in charge of the drive next month and trucks will canvass every street in the city for waste.

The Jaycees hope to gather enough scrap in this drive to add materially to the Community Building Fund. All proceeds from the drive will go to the building fund it was announced, and with proceeds from other projects, the Jaycees hope that they will have enough money to begin construction.

RANKIN'S LEAVE FOR ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Rankin, Jr. who have been residing in Asheville, spent several days here with the former's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Frank B. Rankin at their home, "Willowside," and left Tuesday for New York. They sailed Wednesday on the Queen Mary for England, where they will pay an extended visit to Mrs. Rankin's relatives. They were accompanied by their small daughters, Nita and Edith.

BAPTISTS TO MEET

Adrian-Madora Baptists will meet at the church at 7 o'clock Saturday evening for a prayer meeting in preparation for the revival meeting beginning in the church the first Sunday in October.

New Meters To Be Installed

Twenty new parking meters of an entirely new design are being installed in Mount Holly this week for testing. Town Attorney Max Childers announced Wednesday. The Board of Aldermen has authorized testing of the new meters, which are of the new double head type, and they will be installed on Main Street to give both the public and town officials an opportunity to see them in operation.

The meters, manufactured by the American LaFrance Corporation, makers of fire-fighting equipment for many years, require a different arrangement of parking space which eliminates one half of the meter posts presently in use and allows much greater maneuverability for drivers than the present system. While eliminating half of the meter posts the new meters allow the same number of cars as previously to park in a designated area.

The new spaces will be marked off so that the new meters will be located at the midway point between two cars, serving both the car in front of the meter and the car behind the meter. The cars will park in the lined space with the front bumper of the rear car touching or almost touching the rear bumper of the car in front. A space will then be left behind the rear car to enable the driver to back up enough to swing clear of the lead car when leaving, while the car in front has a space lined off in front to enable the driver to pull directly into the traffic lane when leaving the parking space.

This style eliminates much backing and turning by inexperienced drivers trying to park which is necessary under the present system when a solid line of automobiles is parked at the curb.

Chief of Police R. C. Robinson, explaining the new system of parking, stated that in his opinion it would prove to be far better than the present system, both for drivers and for traffic officers. He also expressed his belief that the new meters will meet with immediate public approval when they are put into use.

"The American LaFrance Corporation is known all over the world as an outstanding manufacturer with the very best reputation," he stated, "and I believe that these new meters, now on the market for the first time after years of experimenting, will prove far superior in quality to the old type."

Chief Robinson also declared that many towns and cities are testing the new meters now and that they are believed to be the best parking meter ever designed.

Legion Honor Roll Grows

PREVIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED 100
101. Paul A. Craig
102. T. A. Dunn, Jr.
103. Ivey Henkle
104. Thomas M. Holland
105. Sam Dyer
106. William C. Nixon
107. Martin J. Harverty, Jr.
108. Ollin H. Baxley
109. Jack M. Rhyne
110. T. L. Ware
111. Henry H. Rhyne

Vernon Resigns As Bank Head

O. M. Vernon, this week, resigned his position as President of the First State Bank and Trust Company which operates here and in Bessemer City. It was announced that he had also sold his stock in the Bank but he told a News reporter yesterday that he had decided to retain his stock which is approximately 55 per cent of the total stock in the business.

Mr. Vernon has represented this county in the State legislature and has been active in church and civic office. At the present time there has been some rumors as to possible action against Mr. Vernon by the State Banking Commission but as yet there has been no action taken. Friends here are standing behind the local banker and it is known that no serious violation concerning the bank's finances are involved. Any violation would be only technical it is thought.

The local banker joined the institution in August of 1918. In 1919 he was made Cashier of the bank at Bessemer City. He became the majority stockholder in January of 1926 and was elected President during the depression in 1933. He guided the bank through the depression in a strong and healthy condition. At the time he took over the Presidency there was only \$10,000 capital. Today, under his leadership the bank has increased this capital to \$200,000 plus many other assets. The actual book value of the stock is \$280 a share.

Carl Carpenter has been elected to succeed Mr. Vernon as president of the two banks. The local set-up will remain, it is believed, as it is now with Henry Fowler as vice president and W. H. Crane as cashier.

Miss Frances Spratt has returned to Austin, Texas to resume her duties as instructor in home economics at the University of Texas, after spending the summer vacation here at the home of her mother, Mrs. Roy Spratt.

Lion's Plan A Big Broom Sale

The annual Lions Club broom sale will begin next Thursday, September 21 and continue through Saturday, September 23, it was announced this week. Brooms and mats for the sale have arrived and are ready for the sale, the members of the local Lions Club announced this week, and a goal of 1000 brooms and 200 mats has been set for the sale.

Ed Painter is chairman of the three day sale this year for the Lions Club and he released this week a list of committee members who have been appointed to head various phases of the sale.

A door to door canvass during the three day sale is planned by the Lions Club, similar to the canvass held last year during the sale.

On the merchandising committee for the Lions Club are Henry Patrick, chairman; Frank McKinney, and Frank Rankin. Serving on the territory committee are O. H. Hankins, chairman, and Frank Dameron. Chairman in charge of the street sales committee is Joe E. Jones, and serving with him are G. L. Kendrick and H. J. Cross. Chairman of the advertising committee is Larkin Stowe, and other members of that committee are J. L. Davenport and E. Batchlor. In charge of the finance committee is Ed Painter and working with him are Louis Calvert and Clyde Johnson.

The brooms and door mats which are sold by the members of the Lions Club are manufactured by blind workers in a Greensboro factory for the blind which is maintained by Lions Clubs of this state. They are made of the highest quality materials and brooms purchased during the sale last year are still serving many households in Mount Holly now.

Watch for the members of the Lions Club who will be visiting your home during the three day sale to offer you one of these fine brooms or door mats, and purchase your broom from them. You will be aiding a worthy cause.

Loan Asso. Has New Officers

At a meeting of the Directors of the Mutual Building and Savings Association held on Wednesday night, of this week, O. M. Vernon tendered his resignation as secretary and treasurer of the association. Mr. Vernon had written his resignation on September 9th. His resignation was accepted by the Board which consists of H. J. Cross, J. M. Craig, A. E. Massey, F. L. Rankin, J. J. Holland, C. S. Clegg, W. M. Beaty, P. H. Roberts and H. L. Fowler.

Mr. Vernon was one of the founders of the Building and Savings Association, which was organized in 1938. Under his leadership and management, the directors reported, the association grew from just a few stockholders to the present membership of 294 shareholders with assets over \$200,000.

Henry L. Fowler, assistant secretary and treasurer of the association, was named by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of Mr. Vernon, who had in the past been re-elected at each of the stockholders annual meetings held in February. W. H. Crane who is also assistant secretary and treasurer will continue in that capacity.

Mr. Fowler and Mr. Crane will be on duty at the First State Bank and Trust Company which is to continue as headquarters for the association.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. J. W. McGuire of Daytona Beach, Fla. is visiting the Rev. and Mrs. Ivon L. Roberts at their home, the Methodist parsonage.

Stag Fish Fry On September 23

A stag fish fry for all members of the Johnson-Lineberger Post of the American Legion in Mount Holly, and eligible veterans, will be held at the Legion Hut Saturday night to next week, September 23, Commander Jack Summey announced today.

No admission to the fish fry, which is planned as a Legion get-together for members and eligible veterans, will be charged according to Commander Summey. Serving will begin at 7:30 p. m. September 23, Commander Summey said, and Legionnaires and visitors who plan to attend are urged to be at the hut as promptly as possible to assure them plenty of hot fish.

The local post of the Legion is planning a number of future activities for members and eligible veterans Commander Summey said. Last week it was announced that men leaving for duty with the armed forces would be issued Legion courtesy cards by the local post which entitles them to visit Legion posts wherever they may be.

Film Of Stalin Party Is Booked

A film dealing with the history of the Communist Party in the United States was shown by the V.F.W. at Kings Business College in Charlotte Wednesday morning by C. C. Mullis, Jr., and was scheduled to be shown at the Mount Holly High School Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. This film, one of three shown at the V.F.W. meeting last Tuesday night, has attracted a great deal of comment and is reported to contain accurate information concerning the organization and operation of the Communist party.

The showing in Charlotte and at the local high school was by request, Commander Ken Davis of the Mount Holly Veterans of Foreign Wars stated.

A large number of members attended the Tuesday night meeting this week and no business session was held with the entire meeting devoted to showing the three films.

In addition to the film dealing with the spreading movement of the Communist party which was first organized in 1900, other films shown included a captured Jap film and a history of the Seventh Division. The Jap film explained operations of the Japanese Army and Navy and showed scenes filmed in action, while the Seventh Division film showed operations of that Army unit.

The next meeting of the local V.F.W. will be held at the hut on Tuesday night, September 26, Commander Davis announced.

Season Tickets Now On Sale

Season tickets for the six home games to be played by the Mount Holly Hawks are on sale for the first time this year. The tickets will cost \$3.50 and will admit one person to each home game at a 75 cent saving during the season. The tickets are available now and include tonight's opener with Lincolnton at Hutchison-Lowe Park.

Tickets may be purchased at the high school office, from any of the football sponsors, or from the cheerleaders.

Football sponsors include: Barbara Hoffer, Ann Painter, Joanne Helms, Betty Garrison, Nan Lathan, Delores Rhyne, and Billy Bostic.

Jack Jolly and Billy Loftin will leave for N. C. State, Raleigh, Sunday.