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## JAYCEES GIGANTIC SQUARE DANCE HERE DECEMBER 8th

### Basketball Schedule For Hawks Is Released

#### Little Eight Teams To Start Games December 8

Basketball is going to be rugged at Mount Holly High School this year. Only one member of the championship boys' team which copped the Little Eight Tourney Championship last year is back this year. Six girls who saw court this year. Six girls who saw court this year. Six girls who saw court this year.

#### Little Eight Schedule Given

The schedule for members of the Little Eight Basketball Conference has been released this week by Mount Holly High School. While the gymnasium is serving as temporary lunchroom and for other purposes, it may be necessary to schedule games which should be played at home on the other team's court where possible.

December 8 (possibly December 7)  
Mount Holly at Bessemer City  
December 12  
Belmont at Mount Holly  
January 5  
Dallas at Mount Holly  
January 9  
Mount Holly at Cramerton  
January 12  
Mount Holly at Tryon  
January 16  
Stanley and Mount Holly (Bye)  
January 19  
Lowell at Mount Holly  
January 23  
Stanley at Mount Holly  
January 26  
Bessemer City at Mount Holly  
January 30  
Mount Holly at Belmont  
February 2  
Mount Holly at Dallas  
February 6  
Cramerton at Mount Holly  
February 9  
Tryon at Mount Holly  
February 13  
Mount Holly and Stanley (Bye)  
February 16  
Mount Holly at Lowell  
February 20  
Mount Holly at Stanley

#### Summey Named Veterans Adviser

A concentrated drive to locate thousands of widows, children, dependents, and orphans of veterans of the two World Wars, also the Spanish-American War, and of the Korean War is swinging into action in this state immediately. Kelly N. Summey, Sr., has been advised by the North Carolina Veterans Commission that he will act as adviser to such dependents and work with the veterans organizations in Mount Holly to locate such dependents here who may possibly not be aware of the numerous benefits and help they can receive.

In a letter from J. M. Caldwell, Director of the North Carolina Veterans Commission, Mr. Summey was advised this week that the purpose of the drive is to help locate and inform all the "forgotten" war widows, orphans, and dependent parents of the deceased veterans in this county and in the state regarding the benefits to which they will be entitled when and if they properly apply for them.

The letter stated "There are more than 488,000 veterans in North Carolina. We believe that there are literally thousands of such widows and orphans of your deceased comrades and mine who have never been properly informed of what is justly due them under existing legislation and who consequently have never filed their claims and are not receiving the benefits which our grateful nation has made possible for them through legislation now on the statute books which was enacted into law at the request of the various leading organizations."

Mr. Summey has been provided with information regarding the benefits available and those entitled to them. This information (Continued On Back Page)

#### Theater Party Nearly Ready

Practically all of the merchants and places of business in Mount Holly have been contacted during the past week for their contributions to the Christmas Theater Party which will be held Friday morning, December 22, at 9:30 a. m. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Auxiliary who are assisting the theater management in calling on the merchants, report only a few left to visit and expect that all donations will be in by the middle of next week. It is estimated that approximately \$90 in cash has already been contributed to the annual kiddies' event.

Grocers donate fruit, to the theater party each year, it was pointed out, and many merchants contribute prizes to be given away. Others usually donate three dollars to help purchase nuts, candy, more fruit, and meet expenses of the annual party.

Mrs. Helen Davis, manager of the two local theaters, who is in charge of the party this year, said that a list of the local merchants and businesses which have contributed to the cause will be released for publication next week.

The cartoons to be shown the youngsters attending the party this year have not been completely booked yet and the program will be announced at a later date. Santa Claus, who always pays a personal visit to the theater party to meet the children, will be present again this year.

#### LEGION BOX SCORE

1951 MEMBERS  
206. Marshall M. Lindsay  
207. Donald Stack  
208. Ocie O. Goude  
209. John F. Dameron  
210. Leo B. McIntosh  
211. Leonard M. Jones

### Local Lady Saves Son And Self In Mt. Blizzard

After spending nearly twenty hours marooned in a stalled automobile in temperatures approaching fifteen degrees below zero, Mildred Harkey and her small son, Alan, are back in their home at Riverbend, alive, and not harmed too much by the experience. The Riverbend mother and her son are glad to be back; so glad they aren't spending any time speculating on what might have happened had Mildred used less judgment. And Alan, with the true resilience of extreme youth, is bouncing around in top form again despite the doctor's orders to rest.

The ordeal took place last Saturday night, November 25, when Mildred's car stalled immediately after plowing into a six foot snow drift on top of 6000 foot Craggy Dome, one of the extreme points along the Blue Ridge Parkway near Linville, and ran into snow shortly after reaching the 4000 foot level but kept going, since the road was clear until she ran into the snowdrift.

The point where the car stalled is about 22 miles from Asheville, according to Blue Ridge Parkway rangers who rescued the young mother and her son near noon of the following day. The snowdrift which Mildred's car hit and stalled in was only about 200 yards long, and once free of that drift, she could have driven on into Asheville since the rest of the road was mostly downgrade and not in too bad condition to permit traffic crossing in such a case.

But to Mildred, stalled on one

#### Visiting Pastor At Church Of God

Rev. T. J. Looney, pastor of the Church of God at Taylorsville, will be guest minister at a series of special services which are being held at the Church of God in Mount Holly each evening through Sunday night. This announcement was made by the pastor of the church, Rev. H. D. Suster, who stated that the special services will begin at 7 p. m. each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend each of the services.

The special meetings have been in progress each evening since Wednesday, November 22.

#### Baptists Plan Special Night

Monday night at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church in Gastonia a mass meeting of Training Unions of the Gaston Baptist Association will be held, and this special night will be designated as "M" night, which stands for Mobilization Night.

Similar meetings are being held in every association throughout the Southern Conference which numbers some 28,000 churches in its roll, it was announced.

Speaker for the Mobilization Night meeting will be Dr. R. G. Lee, President of the Southern Baptist Association and pastor of Bellefonte Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn. The Association Director is T. S. Summey of Dallas, and Rev. O. B. Reel, pastor of the Tuckaseegee Baptist Church in Mount Holly, is Pastor Advisor. Special music will be presented during the program and a large attendance is expected from the churches in the Gaston Baptist Association.

#### ATTEND CHURCH

#### Cornerstone To Be Laid Sunday

A cornerstone laying ceremony will be held at the Tuckaseegee Baptist Church next Sunday, December 3, as a continuation of the regular morning worship service which begins at eleven o'clock, Rev. O. B. Reel, pastor of the church, announced this week. Rev. Reel will preside over the special service which will mark the laying of the cornerstone of the new church.

The laying of the cornerstone will take place at noon, Rev. Reel announced, and the Building Committee, which has been in charge of the work of constructing the new Tuckaseegee Baptist Church will take part in the program.

On the Building Committee are Foy Lowe, chairman; C. Y. Smith, Ray Helms, and Boyd Auten. A number of special guests have been invited to attend the ceremony.

#### Legion To Have Big Fish Fry

Tomorrow (Saturday) night at 6:30 p. m. the American Legion post in Mount Holly will present another of their extremely successful fish fries for veterans. The fish fry will be held at the Legion Hut near Spring Hill and the only charge to be made will be 50 cents per plate.

All veterans in Mount Holly are being extended a cordial invitation to attend the fish fry which is one of several which have been held by the Johnson-Linberger Post of the American Legion for the members of the post and other veterans.

A program of entertainment is being lined up for the fish fry, Commander Jack Summey, head of the local post, stated Wednesday.

#### Whitehall Mill Building To Be Used For Crowds

#### Schedule For Buses Given

The Riverbend Bus Company will go into operation next Wednesday morning with the first bus leaving Mount Holly for Riverbend at 6:15 A. M., opening the new transportation service between the two points, it was announced this week. Roe Payne, owner of the Riverbend Bus Company, said this week that the buses were ready but that he did not believe it would be possible to begin operations before next Wednesday since one or two small details still remain to be worked out.

The schedule and rates for the transportation service were announced this week by Mr. Payne. Rates to Riverbend will be twenty-five cents, Mr. Payne stated, and the rate to mid-way point, designated as McIntosh's Store will be ten cents.

Five trips per day will be made at the start of operations it was announced. More will be added later if demands prove them to be necessary.

The buses will leave from the City Taxi lot in Mount Holly and from the vicinity of the steam plant in Riverbend.

The first bus will leave Mount Holly at 6:15 A. M. for Riverbend. The bus will arrive at McIntosh's Store at 6:30 and will arrive at Riverbend at 6:50. It will leave Riverbend on the return trip at 7:15; and will arrive at McIntosh's Store at 7:35; and will arrive in Mount Holly again at 7:50.

The next bus will leave Mount Holly at 10 A. M.; arrive at McIntosh's Store at 10:15; arrive at Riverbend at 10:35. It will leave Riverbend at 11 A. M.; arrive at McIntosh's Store at 11:20; and arrive in Mount Holly at 11:35 A. M.

The third bus will leave Mount Holly at 4:30 P. M.; arrive at McIntosh's Store at 4:45; arrive at Riverbend at 5:05. It will leave Riverbend at 5:30 P. M.; arrive at McIntosh's Store at 5:50; and arrive at Mount Holly at 6:05 P. M.

The fourth bus will leave Mount Holly at 6:15 P. M.; arrive at McIntosh's Store at 6:30; arrive at Riverbend at 6:50. It will leave Riverbend at 7 P. M.; arrive at McIntosh's Store at 7:20; and arrive in Mount Holly at 7:35.

The final bus each night will leave Mount Holly at 10:35; arrive at McIntosh's Store at 10:50; and arrive at Riverbend at 11:10. It will leave Riverbend at 11:30; arrive at McIntosh's Store at 11:45 P. M.

This schedule may be changed at a later date, Mr. Payne stated, if rider load demands.

#### Biggerstaff To Resign Position

Don A. Biggerstaff, Agriculture Instructor at Mount Holly High School this year, announced his resignation this week to accept a position with the Farmers Federation Cooperative of Asheville, effective January 1, 1951.

Mr. Biggerstaff, in making the announcement, stated "It is with deep regret that I have to resign at this time of year but opportunity only knocks once I am told. The position is definitely a promotion."

"My stay at Mount Holly has been enjoyable. I could not ask for any better cooperation than I have received from the school administration and the patrons of the school district."

The first public square dance to be held in Mount Holly in several years, with the exception of the annual street dance, will be held next Friday night, December 8, sponsored by the Mount Holly Jaycees, it was announced this week.

The square dance will be held in one wing of the American Yarn and Processing Company building which was formerly owned by the Whitehall Mills, on East Central Ave. Dancing will begin at 8 p. m. and the crowd is expected to begin arriving about 7:30 so no-one will miss any of the sets.

Thad Lawing and his band will provide the music for the square dance and admission will be only 50 cents per person, it was announced.

The Mount Holly Jaycees are billing this dance as "the biggest in the world" and hope to have a crowd of dance lovers that will pack the building.

In charge of concessions for the Jaycees will be Rufus Ingles; Gordon Eaves will be in charge of dance floor supervision; Harold Henkle will be in charge of musical arrangements; Pete Chagaris is in charge of publicity; Casey Jones is in charge of ticket sales; Donald Davis is in charge of the public address system; "Red" Robinson is in charge of parking; Luther Carothers is in charge of seating; and Dick Beatty is in charge of decorations.

Plan now to pick your partner and swing at the big Jaycee square dance next Friday night, December 8, at the Whitehall Building.

#### Vets Toy Drive Gets Response

The toy drive held last Sunday by members of the James Parks Warren post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was a huge success. The V.F.W. Hut is nearly half packed now with toys which can easily be repaired, painted, and put in shape for youngsters this Christmas.

A special called meeting will be held next Tuesday night for members of both the V.F.W. post and the auxiliary to meet at the hut at 7 p. m. to begin the work of reconditioning the toys, Commander Rudy Cole announced this week.

The veterans are proud of the response from generous Mount Holly residents who answered their call last week for toys which could be repaired and put in shape for underprivileged children this Christmas. The veterans will do their part now, and this Christmas a number of needy children will have new toys to enhance the holidays and to make them believe there really is a Santa Claus.

Commander Cole told News reporters this week that speaking for the members of the V.F.W. he wished to thank everyone who took part in the drive and particularly those who hunted up old and broken toys which can be repaired and gave them to the veterans during the drive.

"The drive has definitely been a success and now it's up to us to get the toys in shape before Christmas," he stated.

All members of both the post and the auxiliary are urged to be present at the hut next Tuesday night to help repair the toys.

#### VISITS HERE

Larry Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore, had as his guest during the Thanksgiving holidays, his cousin, Richard Falls, of Clover, S. C.

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#### CLASS TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Fellowship Class of the Methodist Church will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Check on Highland Street tonight (Friday) at 8 p. m. All members of the class and interested adults who would like to join are cordially invited to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served following the program.

#### ATTEND CHURCH