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CITY LIMITS EXTEND ON 15th

Jaycees Expect Throng At Square Dance

"Shop-portunity Days" Underway

Stanley And Mount Holly Merchants Promote Event

"Shop-portunity Days" open today (Friday) in Mount Holly and Stanley. Sponsored by the Riverbend Township Merchants Association in Mount Holly and Stanley, Shop-portunity Days will offer Christmas shoppers in the two towns values never exceeded in the past, and merchants, who are members of the association, are planning one of the biggest events ever held here.

A Fifty Dollar Cash Prize will be given to some lucky person in Mount Holly Friday, December 22, when each merchant who is participating in the event brings the box of ticket stubs, one of which will be given with each \$1 cash purchase, to a big drawing in the afternoon. The location of the drawings has not yet been set.

Each merchant begins giving tickets with each dollar cash purchase today and the ticket stubs will be deposited in a box in each participating store both in Mount Holly and in Stanley. Each merchant here will hold drawing from the box at his store at 2 p. m. Friday for one or more valuable prizes donated by his store. Then the tickets will be combined with every participating store putting their stubs together for the main drawing for the fifty dollar prize.

In Stanley, participating merchants will hold their drawings Saturday afternoon, December 23. A fifty dollar cash prize will also be given to the winner of the main drawing at Stanley Saturday.

The drawings in Mount Holly and Stanley are expected to attract the largest crowds ever witnessed in both towns. According to plans released by the Merchants Association, the drawings, both from the individual store boxes and the main drawing, will be held at a centrally located point in both towns.

Members of the Merchants Association are offering exceptional values during the Christmas shopping season. Shop-portunity Days have been designed by merchants who are members of the progressive Riverbend Township Merchants Association to attract attention to the fine values they are offering.

Members of the association want to encourage shoppers to do their shopping in their own towns this year where they can shop with friends, where they are sure of the quality of the merchandise, backed by the fact that they personally know the merchant, and where values will equal and exceed those in the bigger towns and cities. "Why waste time, gas, and temper hunting parking places and battling crowds in big

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LEGION BOX SCORE

- 1951 MEMBERSHIPS
- 212. Shirley Robinson
 - 213. Aaron L. Jenkins
 - 214. Paul L. Sigmon
 - 215. John A. Barrett, Sr.
 - 216. John L. Ellis
 - 217. Robert Hartsell
 - 218. Milton C. Beatty
 - 219. Robert L. Conrad
 - 220. Clyde T. Murphy
 - 221. Floyd P. Hendrix
 - 222. Carl E. Broome
 - 223. Ellis L. Kever
 - 224. Frank H. McKinney
 - 225. Robert W. White
 - 226. Henry L. Grahl
 - 227. James C. Wallace
 - 228. Henry I. Mullis
 - 229. Ralph D. Huffstetler
 - 230. Dewey Hollandsworth
 - 231. Jack Warren
 - 232. Levi A. Huskins
 - 233. Thad A. Grice
 - 234. Leonard B. Norwood

A.Y.P. Kiddies To Get Theatre Party

The American Yarn and Processing Company announced plans this week for a Christmas Theater Party for children of employees of the company. The party will be held at the Gaston Theater at 9 a. m. December 20 and 21, it was announced, with provisions being made for both white and colored children to enjoy the party on one of the two dates.

This is the first year the party has been inaugurated by the American Yarn and Processing Company and it is expected to be a great success. Favors will be given each child attending, the announcements stated.

Each employee of the company is requested to turn into the Superintendent at his mill a list of his children's names and ages by Tuesday, December 5. Tickets for the Picture Show Party will be given out after the children's names are received. For all children five years of age or under, an extra ticket will be provided in order that one adult may accompany the child, the announcements stated.

Santa Here Today In Person 3:30

Santa Claus is finally coming to Mount Holly to visit youngsters here at Harris-White 5-10c Store this afternoon (Friday) at 3:30 p. m. The old gentleman telephoned News reporters this week to assure them that he would be right on time in his afternoon visit here today and he said that he was unusually looking forward to seeing all his little followers again.

Santa wasn't definite about how long he would be able to remain at Harris-White because of his extremely crowded schedule around the Yuletide season. He wants parents to wrap their youngsters up warmly and bring them to Harris-White as near 3:30 p. m. as possible so none of the little fellows will miss the opportunity to talk to him.

Harris-White Store has gone to a great deal of trouble to persuade Santa to visit youngsters in their store today and they hope that the jolly gentleman will have an opportunity to talk to every child.

An advertisement in this edition of The News calls attention to the many bargains which they are offering in their fine toyland and they cordially invite every parent and youngster to look around toyland as much as they please while they visit with Santa.

Special Study Course

Two special study courses will be held next week at Adrian-Madora Baptist Church, according to an announcement by the pastor, the Rev. C. C. Roberts.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Sunbeams will study the book, "Zombo" at the church. The study will be taught by the leaders of the group, and a social hour, with refreshments will follow.

Mrs. Margie Wilson, leader of the G.A. organization, will teach the book, "Listen to the Drums" to G.A. members on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the church. This study course will also be followed by a social hour and the serving of refreshments.

High School Thanks Jaycees For Service

The students and the staff of Mount Holly High School sincerely appreciate the fine job Kenneth Davis, Ivey Henkle, Dan Davis, and Gene Painter did in their play by play announcement of our home football games over the public address system. They covered the games like professionals.

This service helped the fans in following the games and in identifying the players.

We are sure that the fans are grateful for this service.

The school and the fans are indebted to the Mount Holly Junior Chamber of Commerce for the loan of the Public Address System.

This is another community service by the Jaycees.

Hawks Away For First Game

Mount Holly's Hawks, taking to the basketball court for their initial time this season, travel to Bessemer City this afternoon (Friday) for the first game on the schedule. Bessemer City, always a producer of a strong basketball squad, will probably be keyed up for this visit by the Hawks and with practice just opening here, the Hawks may not be up to top form for the game.

The Hawks have only had a little more than one week of practice this season, and with almost a completely new line-up replacing the championship squad of last season, the Hawks will be on the short end of most predictions as to the game outcome.

Coach Max Beam, who led the Hawks to their Little Eight Tournament Championship last season, is not making any confident predictions concerning this game. Bessemer City will be far stronger in experience than the Hawks and the game should be a battle royal.

Coach Katherine Knox's girls will travel to Bessemer City with the boys for the opener. The girls are not in much better shape than the boys as far as experienced players go, but Coach Knox is definitely looking for a victory.

The Hawks will jump away from the schedule next week long enough to play Belmont at Belmont Tuesday night, December 12, in a game that was specified as a home game on the schedule, and then will travel to Lincolnton Thursday night. Lincolnton is a member of the Little Eight conference and this game is only tentatively scheduled. Coach Max Beam stated, however, he was sure Thursday that it would be played.

The reason for the Bessemer City games being played this afternoon instead of night as usual is because of a schedule mixup at that school, it was announced. The starting time of this afternoon's game has not been announced but Coach Beam said the Hawks will leave Mount Holly about 1:30 p. m.

Plan to attend the Hawk games today and next Tuesday and Thursday and give the support they are going to need to get the season underway with a bang.

Tickets For Duke U. Banquet At Summeys

The Gaston-Lincoln Chapter of the Duke University Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting and banquet on Tuesday, December 19, 7 P. M. at the Masonic Temple in Gastonia, North Carolina. Dr. Hollis Edens, President of the University and an outstanding educator, will be present and present the principal address. After the address there will probably be shown a moving picture of the Duke-Georgia Tech or the Duke-Carolina Football game.

An outstanding program is being arranged and it is expected that a large number of alumni, prospective students, and friends of the University will be in attendance. Tickets for the banquet may be secured from Jack Summey at the Summey Drug Store.

Another Famous Ham Supper Is On Tap

There will be a ham supper at Hills Chapel Methodist church Saturday night, December 9th. Besides country ham the ladies will also serve chicken pie with all the trimmings. Proceeds from the supper will go toward buying seats for the new church.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Dancers Will Gather At The Whitehall Mill

The big Jaycee sponsored square dance will get underway at 8 p. m. tonight (Friday) in the building formerly occupied by the Whitehall Mills on East Central Ave. A huge crowd is expected by the Jaycees who have spent the last few days getting the wing of the building which will be used in shape for the dance. Colorful decorations have been hung and the building is ready for the many dancers and spectators expected to attend.

Admission to the dance tonight will be only fifty cents per person. This will be the first square dance, with the exception of the annual street dances, to be held in Mount Holly in several years.

Thad Lawing and his band will provide music for the dancers at the dance tonight. The Jaycees expects the crowds to begin arriving about 7:30 p. m. with dancing slated to begin at 8 p. m.

The Jaycees are billing this dance as "the biggest in the world" and intend to do everything possible to make it one of the most enjoyable projects they have ever sponsored for local residents. The dance has been advertised over two radio stations in this county and a number of out of town dancers are expected to attend.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the cakewalks which the Jaycees are planning with at least two delicious home-baked cakes to be given to the lucky winners. Although nearly everyone is familiar with cakewalks, the Jaycees wish to remind dancers that a mark is placed on the floor for the cakewalk and dancers move in a circle until the music stops. The person nearest the mark at that time is winner of the cake being given away. The Jaycees hope that it will be possible to obtain more than two cakes for the dance since cakewalks are usually among the most popular features of square dances.

Grab your partner and go to the Jaycee square dance tonight at the Whitehall Building. Remember... 8 p. m.

Supers To Meet

The American Yarn and Processing Company Supervisor's Social Club will hold its annual Boss's Night meeting Saturday night, December 9, at the American Dining Hall. The program will be in charge of R. S. Dickson, who will make a brief address. Jim Cole is president of the Supervisor's Club.

A.Y.P. Announces Christmas Holidays

Plants of the American Yarn and Processing Company in Mount Holly, Gastonia, Maiden, and Whitel, will shut down four days for Christmas holidays this year, company officials announced this week. The plants will cease operations at 8 a. m. on December 23 and will remain closed until 8 a. m. December 27. The plants will also shut down for New Years Day which is the Monday following Christmas, it was stated.

Holly Knit Finishing and Holly Knit, Incorporated will begin Christmas holidays December 22 when the two plants shut down at 7 a. m. and will remain closed until 7 a. m. January 2.

Polio Chairmen For Town Named

Tommy Holland and Ed Painter have been appointed co-chairmen of the annual March of Dimes drive which will be carried out between the dates of January 15-31, 1951 inclusive. Named chairman of the Women's Division for the annual drive here in 1951 was Mrs. Frank L. Rankin.

The chairmen attended a meeting in Charlotte Tuesday night where, with other representatives from the county chapters, they mapped plans for the 1951 campaign.

At the meeting, these representatives from Mount Holly learned that 1950 has been the worst year in polio history, with only one year, 1949. This is not a commonly known fact, and since the dread year of 1949, when thousands were stricken with Infantile Paralysis, the residents of this state and this county have been inclined to treat any lesser epidemic as "not too bad."

Before 1950 ends, the March of Dimes funds will have assisted in some measure more than 54,000 polio victims of this and other years.

What is important to the residents of this state, however, is the fact that through November of this year, this state had 717 new cases of polio, and that the terrible epidemic of 1949 had only 861 for the entire year. This points out vividly the fact that 1950 has been and will continue to be, a bitter year for those who are touched by the finger of Infantile Paralysis.

The last three years have been the blackest polio years in the nation's history. Cumulative incidence for this period reached the monstrous total of 100,000 cases—almost as many as the entire case load for the preceding ten years.

Plan now to do your part to combat polio during the 1951 drive. Watch for the containers and when the drive begins, give generously.

Two Stanley Boys Complete Training

Two Stanley, N. C. seaman, recruits, Bobby F. Sapargo, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Spargo of Box 11, and Owen C. Chronister, USN, of Box 132, recently completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., and are now available for assignment to a Fleet unit or to one of the Navy's schools for specialized training.

During this period of training, they underwent intensive drill in such subjects as signaling, navigation, basic ordnance and seamanship. They also was indoctrinated into the ways of the Navy and learned the customs of the service.

Stores To Remain Open On Tuesday

All stores which are members of the Riverbend Township Merchants Association except grocery stores will remain open each Tuesday afternoon until Christmas beginning next Tuesday, December 12. Mrs. Kathleen Herold, secretary of the association, made this announcement for the benefit of shoppers and explained that grocery stores did not feel that it would be necessary for them to remain open.

Many Services Start In New Area On Next Friday

Railway Plans To Widen Crossing

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Mount Holly learned this week that the Seaboard Railroad is planning to widen the crossing from West Central Ave. to Charlotte Ave. across from the Sanitary Cafe. This work will be begun as soon as possible, a railroad representative told the board at their regular Monday night meeting. This intersection and crossing needs to be widened, the Board agreed, and the crossing has represented a traffic menace for sometime.

The Board of Aldermen also voted to have the Town of Mount Holly join with a number of civic clubs which are sponsoring a rat eradication program in this county. The members of the board also granted permission to preachers to use loudspeakers in town between the hours of three to five on Saturday afternoons for sermons. The loudspeakers have to be used in an orderly manner, it was pointed out. This provision was made in response to a request by a preacher.

News Placed In Cornerstone

A large number of church people and visitors attended the cornerstone laying service held Sunday at Tuckasee Baptist Church here. A continuation of the morning worship service, the ceremony was opened with scripture reading and prayer. The church choir sang "The Church's One Foundation" and the service was closed with the doxology.

Present at the ceremonies, and recognized on the program, were J. Clyde Johnston, O. H. Hankins and Haskell Troutman, representing the Superior Yarn Mills, Mr. Ivey of Charlotte, representing the V. P. Loftis Contracting Company, builders of the new church building, the building committee, composed of Foye Lowe, chairman, C. Y. Smith, Boyd Lowe, and Ray Helms, and Mrs. C. F. Lowe, Mrs. Fannie Riley and Alex O'Daniel, charter members of the church. N. H. Huffstetler, Sr. and J. M. Huffstetler, two of the remaining five charter members still alive, were unable to attend the service.

Foye Lowe read the contents of the cornerstone, which were a copy of the Training Union Magazine, a copy of the Sunday School Builder, a copy of the Biblical Recorder, a copy of the Church Covenant, a picture of the old church, names of present active members, and a copy of the Mount Holly News.

The marble cornerstone is the gift of Scoggins Memorial Art Shops of Charlotte, it was by the Rev. O. B. Reel, pastor of the church.

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On Friday, December 15, the new Town of Mount Holly City Limits will go into effect for the first time. This means that immediately after December 15, hundreds of residents in the sections which were annexed in the recent city limits election will begin to receive services which are given by the Town of Mount Holly.

Town Attorney Max Childers told News reporters this week that the first services to become available to residents of the new annexation will be police protection, fire protection, and garbage pick-up.

These services will be put into operation in the area comprising the new city limits as rapidly as possible, Mr. Childers stated, and plans for garbage pick-up to begin almost immediately are now being made.

City water will be available to many residents in the new annexation if they request such service, Mr. Childers pointed out, since water lines are in many cases already laid in the areas recently voted in, and homeowners and residents of the section will be able to obtain the water as soon as lines to their homes are laid. However, Mr. Childers stated that he did not have any estimate of the number of people who will request city water, but those who desire it will have to contact the Town Office.

Police protection and fire protection, which do not demand any excessive changes to meet the requirements of the new city limits, can be extended immediately into the new sections of the town, it is believed.

Special Services At New Church

Special organization services were held last Sunday at the Catawba Heights Baptist Church, formerly the Catawba Heights Mission, with the new pastor of the church, Rev. R. G. Mace, presiding. The services, which were held at 2:30 p. m., were well attended. Rev. Mace reported, and a bright future faces the church which was organized as a mission only one year ago.

The church now has 43 members with approximately 80 members in the Sunday School. Sunday School classes, Bible Training Union, and other church organizations at the Catawba Heights Baptist Church are exceptionally active and Rev. Mace said that he was glad to find such a fine spirit existing at the church.

Rev. Mace succeeds Rev. Rush Stroupe, who organized the church and led it through its year of activity in the nearby section. Rev. Mace is a former pastor of the East Belmont Baptist Church, having served as pastor of that church for nearly 19 years after he assumed the pastorate in 1916. He was later transferred to Clyde where he stayed more than three years and then was returned to Belmont as supply pastor for two years. Following his service as supply pastor he was sent to Long Island, N. C. where he has just completed a new church. He is now working on a new church at Berea which is nearly finished.

Regular services are being held at the Catawba Heights Baptist Church on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. and prayer meeting is being held each Wednesday night at 7 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend each of these services.

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