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## VFW Gives Toys To 15 Families

Fifteen families and a large number of underprivileged children enjoyed a Merry Christmas this year thanks to the James Parks Warren post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the generosity of Mount Holly residents. Closing their drive recently for used and new toys and other items needed by families in this community which are underprivileged, the veterans reported co-operation far beyond their greatest expectations and promptly set to work to put the toys in shape for delivery.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary assisted in the work of renovating the toys where possible and last Friday night, two nights before Christmas Eve, four groups of vets set out to deliver the toys.

The town and adjoining area was divided into four sections by Commander Rudy Cole, who displayed a trip to assist in delivering the toys. A large number of veterans were on hand to deliver the toys and the trips began about 8 p. m.

A number of local residents and merchants also made last minute contributions to the toy pile which really made the program of assistance to needy families a success. One local resident who did not wish his name disclosed, brought four electric trains to the V.F.W. hut just before the vets started their deliveries and Commander Cole said that several other individuals also brought nice toys.

Vets reported grateful thanks to donors of the toys from parents who received them Friday night and put them away so Santa could make his visit Christmas Eve on schedule.

## Square Dance Again Monday

The last in the series of Jaycee-sponsored square dances will be held next Monday night when the Jaycees sponsor their New Year's dance which they hope will attract the largest crowd of any of the series. The dance will be held at the American Yarn and Processing Company building formerly owned by the Whitehall Mills on East Central Ave., and will begin at 8 p. m. Couples are expected to begin arriving at about 7:30 p. m.

Admission to the New Year's dance will be only 50 cents per person, the Jaycees pointed out, as at the other dances, and holiday crowds are expected to top all records at the Jaycee dances this year.

Thad Lawing and his band will play for this dance. The local square dance band is known as one of the finest in this section and has furnished music for each of the Jaycee dances in the past.

Mount Holly Jaycees who originated the series of indoor dances several weeks ago with proceeds from the dances slated for the Community Building Fund and each dance has proved to be a tremendous success with many couples traveling to Mount Holly from surrounding towns and cities especially to attend the dances. Billed as "the biggest indoor dances in the world" the square dances have more than lived up to the expectations of the members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Mount Holly.

Grab your partner and head for the Whitehall Mill building next Monday night come 7:30 and enjoy an evening of old fashioned dancing and fun on the first night in 1951.

## WE APOLOGIZE TO CHARLIE'S DRUG STORE

Last week the Christmas Greeting advertisement of Charlie's Drug Store was inadvertently omitted. Mr. Taylor has always ran an advertisement of thanks and greetings to his friends and during the rush and bustle of Christmas business the ad was overlooked by us. We are sorry, Charlie and hope this explains to the public why your ad was not in the paper.

## Schools To Open

Superintendent S. H. Helton announced today that schools of Mount Holly would open on Monday for both high school and grammar grades. Mr. Helton stated that of course if ice or bad weather continued that the schools would not open but barring bad weather the kids will start back again Monday.

## THE KEY TO THE NEW YEAR



The Key to Success in 1951 is to do whatever task you have to do the best you can. Remember that extra effort means extra production, and the more that we produce the closer we come to Victory in this impending war. Also, the closer we will come to the ultimate Goal of Everlasting Peace. We must not allow any outside, insidious forces to divide this community. We must work together and give Our Boys in the Armed Services what they need in Cotton Yarns. We must remember that we have built up here more Textile Industry than all the New England States have in their combined fields. We must build Mount Holly. Remember to read our Editorial Page in this issue.

## Building And Savings In Big Growth During 1950



Keith M. Pennington, lithographer, third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pennington of Catawba Heights, Mt. Holly, N. C., is shown at work aboard the amphibious force flagship USS Mt. McKinley, operating off Korea. Pennington entered the Naval service July 17, 1948, and received his recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. (Official U.S. Navy Photograph-1062624)

The Mutual Building and Savings Association of Mount Holly opens its twenty-eighth series of shares here January 1st. The local Building and Savings Association has enjoyed a very successful year during 1950 and anticipates an even better year in 1951. One of the most impressive figures in the report for the association through November of 1950 is the \$4331.92 which represents profits paid out to shareholders through November of this year.

Also impressive is the increase in total assets which jumped from \$199,623.92 at the beginning of the year to \$230,239.41 through November. An increase in the reserve for contingencies of \$4000 in the past year has put the fund at \$9000 now, it was learned.

Both 1949 and 1950 have been busy years for the building and savings association with an increase during 1949 a jump from \$169,744.36 to \$199,623.92.

The total amount which has been loaned through November this year is \$88,450 officers stated this week and during the year loans for the financing of 46 new homes were made by the Building and Savings association.

There has also been a definite and healthy increase in the interest which local residents are showing in the association during the past two years and more and more local people are beginning to realize that a strong building and savings association is an asset to the building up of the number of people who own their homes here.

Installment shares in the building and savings association here can be started with as little as one share with each share one dollar per month. These shares mature into \$100.

Any member of the personnel at the First State Bank and Trust Company here will be glad to explain how you can join the Mutual Building and Savings Association of Mount Holly at any time. The office of the association is located at the First State Bank and Trust Company.

## Merchants Give Numerous Prizes

Shop-Portunity Days closed in Mount Holly last Friday and in Stanley last Saturday with huge crowds attending the drawings held in both towns for the awarding of prizes donated by merchants participating in the two week pre-Christmas sales promotion. Winner of the fifty dollar cash prize given by Stanley merchants in the Saturday drawing was Mrs. Clarence Clemmer of the Hickory Grove section. Winner of the fifty dollar prize given away in Mount Holly was Mrs. John D. York.

Merchants who participated in the sale each donated two prizes for the drawing and contributed to the fifty dollar cash prize. W. O. Barrett, Editor of the Mount Holly News, was in charge of the program here.

Merchants donating prizes in Mount Holly and winners included: Barnett Flowers—Mrs. Barbara Hovis, Mount Holly Furniture Company—H. W. Steppe and Barbara Green; Clark-Noles Jewelers and Radio Service—Mrs. B. B. Thomas and Mrs. Joe Koon; Pryor's Esso Service—Gene Hendrix; Mathis and Son Shell Service—Ernest Stowe; Edna Black, Florist—Brady Stamey; Holland Drug Company—Lura Hopkins; Massey-Clark Hardware—E. R. Hoyle; Clara Rogers—Mrs. C. W. Hendrix; Clara Rager—Carl Jackson; Paul Derr—H. W. Jetton, and Nell Aiken; Ivey Henkle Jeweler—Martin Holloway (winner of both prizes); Charlie's Drug Store—Mrs. Russell Farris; Western Auto Store—Mrs. Clarence Cloninger; Harris-White Store—Loretta Norris; Central Shell Service—Earl Payne; Rankin Department Store—Terry Arrowood, and L. A. Sifford; River Valley Gas Company—Mrs. W. G. Allgood; Triangle Service Station—David Auten.

Merchants in Stanley donating prizes and the winners were: Shook's Clothing—Mrs. Lacy Homsley and Ray Cloniger; Martins Esso—Mrs. Lon J. Spargo and Mrs. John Calvin Russell; B. J. Cauble Drug—Charlie Hoyle and Miss Patsy Rabb; Shook's Cash Grocery—Mildred Helton; Stanley Service Station—Mrs. John Weathers and Ralph Handzel; Stanley Super Market—Vep Linberger and Harold Ballard; Wallace Furniture Company—A. B. Philbeck and Harold Ballard; Hammack-Derr—Ralph Brooke and Mrs. Jack Morris; Stanley Supply Company—James Brown and Ralph Handzel.

The promotion was considered a great success by the merchants who participated in the event and stores in many cases reported practically empty counters following one of the biggest shopping years in Mount Holly in the past several years.

## CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Abernathy and son Jimmy of Belmont were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Harris of Mountain Island Road.

## Bank Goes On Par Basis First

Effective January 1st, 1951, as an advertisement in this edition of The News points out, the First State Bank and Trust Company in Mount Holly will begin paying all checks drawn on the local bank at par, Carl G. Carpenter, president, announced this week. This will also apply to the First State Bank and Trust Company at Bessemer City, of which Mr. Carpenter is also president, it was stated.

Paying checks at par means briefly that no charges will be made for paying checks drawn on either of the two banks which are mailed to the bank from other banks. Checks drawn at the window of the two banks have always been paid at par, whereas charges have been made in the past for checks coming through the mails and from out of town banks.

Mr. Carpenter stated that the Board of Directors of the Mount Holly and Bessemer City branches of the First State Bank and Trust Company believe that by taking this step they will be making another provision to give their customers the best service possible.

## Hollis Dunn Opens New Tax Offices

Hollis Dunn, accountant of Mount Holly, has opened offices in the Summey Drug building. Mr. Dunn will specialize in filling out all types of income tax forms and returns for both the State and Federal governments. He will do individual, corporation and business forms.

Mr. Dunn has had a great deal of experience in this type of work and considered a very competent accountant. He requests that as many as possible see him early in order that he may be able to take care of his friends and customers. There is a great advantage in attending to your tax forms early, before the last minute rush.

## ATTEND CHURCH

## New Savings Bonds National Poster



Here is the new Treasury poster which will help to stimulate interest in a nationwide effort to step up participation in the Payroll Savings plan for buying Savings Bonds.

## Police Report Quiet Holidays

Chief of Police R. C. Robinson of the Mount Holly Police Department reported the quietest Christmas on record in many years during the recent Yule season and told News reporters this week that he wished to express the appreciation of the local officers to everyone who cooperated in helping to make it so. Police had a very quiet holiday season with only three or four arrests made on small offenses, it was reported. Chief among these of course were the usual holiday drinkers who indulged in too much beverage of an alcoholic content.

Chief Robinson stated that officers thoroughly enjoy a holiday season without a wave of petty breaking and enterings and other small offenses. This year has set records in several of the much larger cities of the United States; it is understood with at least one huge industrial city reporting not a single arrest during Christmas.

## ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Williams of Memphis announce the birth of a son December 14.

## Grocers To Close New Years Day

The grocer store division of the Riverbend Merchants Association in Mount Holly announced this week that the local grocer stores would be closed on next Monday, New Years Day. They will open for a half day Tuesday, January 2nd and go back on their regular schedule the following Wednesday. They appreciate the co-operation of the public.

## Dry Good Stores Open New Years

The majority of local stores which are members of the Riverbend Township Merchants Association are planning to remain open New Year's Day which is next Monday, January 1, 1951. This announcement was made this week by Mrs. Kathleen Herald, secretary for the association, who said that the merchants had indicated their plans to continue "business as usual" throughout the day. Local stores were closed Monday and Tuesday for Christmas this year following one of the largest shopping seasons in several years.

## March Of Dimes Drive Starts Soon

Chairmen Tommy Holland, Ed Painter, and Mrs. Frank L. Rankin, who will head the men's and women's divisions of the annual March of Dimes drive next month, will attend a county organization meeting to be held in Gastonia next Tuesday night. Plans for the drive in Gaston county will be made at this meeting and quotas will be set for the towns and cities in the county which will participate in the drive. Judge Julius T. Sanders, who is one of the key men in the county organization for this year's drive, this week named the sum of \$32,000 as the county goal for 1951.

The organizational meeting will be held at the Elk's Club in Gastonia. Mr. Holland stated this week and the dinner meeting will begin at 7 p. m. Assistants to the community chairmen who will be aiding in putting the drive over have also been extended invitations to attend.

The March of Dimes drive this year will begin on January 15 and will continue through January 31.

Neither of the local chairmen is ready to release any of the details concerning their organizational plans locally until after the county meeting where literature and supplies will be given out. However, the March of Dimes drive this year will probably follow the same general plan of the preceding years with the women's division handling special donations by mail and the men's division in charge of the collections instores and by canvassing.

Mr. Painter, pointing out the importance of the drive this year stated that though it has not been as widely publicized as in the past, polio struck heavily again during the year 1950. Only one year exceeded the past year in violence and that was the year 1949. More than 30,000 men, women, and children were stricken by polio this year.

Before 1950 is over, March of Dimes funds will have assisted in some measure more than 54,000 polio victims of this and other years, Mr. Painter said. The cost of this assistance is more than \$20,000,000.

## Firemen Busy During Holidays

Members of the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department were kept busy during Christmas holidays with six alarms between December 18 and December 26. Worst of the blazes answered by the firemen here was the blaze which gutted Gene's Cafe in Catawba Heights. The Mount Holly Fire Department was called to this blaze when the Belmont Fire Department which received the alarm began to run short of water, but the fire was quickly brought under control with a minimum of damage to the outside of the building. The smoke and flames of the huge blaze caused one traffic accident on the Mount Holly-Belmont highway partially blocking the Belmont Fire Department from the scene for a short time.

On December 18 the firemen answered an alarm in North Belmont but before they could arrive following the delay in receiving the alarm, the home was completely lost. The Belmont firemen answered the call first and called for Mount Holly assistance when their pump failed.

On December 19 a home in the Hickory Grove section was lost but the local firemen saved other outbuildings after arriving on the scene.

On December 22 a false alarm called the firemen to River Street here. The cafe fire in Catawba Heights was on December 24 and on December 26 the firemen answered an alarm reporting a grass fire dangerously near oil tanks at the Atlantic Oil Company here. This was quickly brought under control and a second call on December 26 was to a grass fire at the home of Hub Massey here. This fire was also put out with no damage.

## RETURN FROM VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McCorkle have returned from a visit with their son, Bill McCorkle and Mrs. McCorkle of Jacksonville, Florida. They also visited their daughter, Miss Betty McCorkle, of Atlanta, and she returned home with them on her Christmas vacation.