

MOUNT HOLLY THEN AND NOW

THIS IS A LISTING OF THE BUSINESSES IN MOUNT HOLLY THAT I
REMEMBER FROM BEING TOLD ABOUT THEM OR LIVING
DURING THE TIME THAT THESE BUSINESSES EXISTED.

ANY CORRECTIONS OR UPDATES THAT ARE KNOWN PLEASE
NOTIFY BOBBY JOHN RHYNE.



Land grants were first issued in the Mount Holly area by King George II of Great Britain around 1750. In 1754, a land grant was issued to James Kuykendall of Holland in the locale known as Dutchman's Creek. Later in 1838, a post office in the area was named Woodlawn. In 1875, the name of the town was changed to Mount Holly, after the Mount Holly Cotton Mill that was started that year. The name "Mount Holly" was used in recognition of the famed yarn made at a spinning mill in Mount Holly, New Jersey.

A.P. and D.E. Rhyne and Ambrose Costner originally owned the Mount Holly Cotton Mill. It was the fourth mill to be built in Gaston County and is the oldest surviving mill today. The mill's success and the prosperity of the area as a whole led local residents to petition the North Carolina General Assembly for incorporation of Mount Holly in 1879.

The first railroad in Gaston County, the Carolina Central Railway, began serving Mount Holly in 1860. The line, which runs parallel with North Carolina State Highway 27, is still in service and operated by CSX. In 1911, construction began on the area's second railroad known as the Piedmont and Northern Railway. On May 20, 1912 it made its first run from Charlotte to Gastonia.

Electricity became available to homes and businesses around the turn of the twentieth century. The Woodlawn Mill, located on Woodlawn Avenue, was built in 1906 and was the first mill in Gaston County to be served with electricity.^[4]

MOUNT HOLLY MAYORS

? -1889	R. K. DAVENPORT	1942-1945	J. T. DAVIS
1890-1896	W. T. LOVE	1945-1951	G. L. KENDRICK
1896-1902	W. B. RUTLEDGE	1851-1955	D.S. BEATTY
1902-1904	LAWSON H. STOWE	1955-1957	B. D. MOORE
1904-1906	J. A. COSTNER	1957-1961	W. G. ALLIGOOD
1906-1909	P. E. LENTZ	1961-1967	A. U. STROUPE
1909-1911	H. A. RHYNE	1967-1969	J. L. DAVENTORT
1911-1913	I.B. COVINGTON	1969-1971	RAYMOND MOORE
1913-1914	R.G. RHYNE	1971-1973	H. R. BROOME
1914-1917	W. B. RUTLEDGE	1973-1977	J. C. WHITT
1917-1919	A. P. RHYNE	1978-1979	T. A. BELK, JR.
1919-1920	J. W. HOLLAND	1979-1995	C. B. BLACK, JR.
1920-1922	A. P. RHYNE	1995-2001	F. E. McLEAN
1922-1935	O. L. HOFFMAN	2001-2003	R. D. BLACK
1935-1937	W. H. HAMMOND	2003-2005	B. M. HOUGH
1937-1941	D. S. BEATTY	2005-2009	R. C. WHITT
1941-1942	C. E. HUTCHINSON, JR.	2009- ?	B. M. HOUGH

NORTH MAIN STREET BUSINESSES

IN 1930 MAIN STREET WAS PAVED BY THE STATE AND BECAME KNOWN AS NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 273 AND RAN FROM BELMONT ABBEY TO NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 27 IN MOUNT HOLLY. IN 1940 NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 273 WAS EXTENDED TO NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 16.

100 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS HOLLAND DRUG COMPANY. (THE CORNER DOOR SET AT AN ANGLE DUE TO THE RAILROAD RIGHT-A-WAY. AT ONE TIME THERE WAS A BRONZE MARKER IN THE CONCRETE SIDEWALK THAT DESIGNATED THE PROPERTY CORNER.) THIS BUILDING CONTAINED THE BEATTY'S AUTO PARTS UNTIL THE DRUG COMPANY REMODELED AND WHAT WAS 102 NORTH MAIN STREET BECAME PART OF 100 NORTH MAIN STREET. DISCOUNT PET STORE IS CURRENTLY AT THIS ADDRESS.

AT 102 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS BEATTY'S AUTO PARTS. THIS PART OF THE BUILDING LATER BECAME PART OF HOLLAND DRUG'S BUILDING.

AT 104 AND 108 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS A SERVICE STATION, HORNBuckle MACHINE SHOP IN THE REAR WITH THE CHEVROLET DEALERSHIP IN FRONT AND THEN THE SKIDMORE MEAT MARKET, A SKATING RINK (WHICH LATER MOVED TO APPROXIMATE SITE OF THE CITY CAFÉ.) THERE WAS A TAXI LOT ON THIS SITE DURNING THE WAR YEARS. THEN THE A&P MOVED FROM 117 NORTH MAIN STREET TO THIS LOCATION WHICH LATER BECAME MOUNT HOLLY FURNITURE COMPANY. THE LOCATION OF 104 IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY WILLIAM HENRY SIGNATURE SALON & SPA AND THE LOCATION OF 108 IS PREMIER MED SUPPLY, INC..

AT 105 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS RHYNE'S HALL. (SINCE THIS BUILDING HAD MORE AREA FACING WEST CHARLOTTE AVE. SEE THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE WEST CHARLOTTE AVE. BUSINESSES FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE USAGE OF THIS BUILDING.) THE BUILDING HAS BEEN REMODELED SEVERAL TIMES. THE TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY HELD ITS MEETINGS UPSTAIRS IN THIS BUILDING UNTIL THE OLD CITY HALL ON SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS BUILT. THROUGH THE YEARS THIS BUILDING HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT BUSINESSES. (MOSTLY FINANCE BUSINESSES.)

AT 107 THRU 119 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS THE FARRAR'S BUILDING WHICH INCULDED THE FARRAR'S GENERAL STORE. WITH A FUNERAL HOME AND A HOTEL UPSTAIRS. THIS BUILDING INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES THROUGH THE YEARS - 107 IS OCCUPIED BY SCULPTURE HAIR AND 111 NORTH MAIN STREET THE COUNTRY STORE, 113 IN BYGONE DAYS WAS MOORE BROTHERS GROCERY STORE, AT 115 A FIVE AND DIME STORE WAS LOCATED AND AT 117 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS THE A&P WHICH LATER MOVED TO THE 104 AND THE 108 NORTH MAIN STREET AREA. AT 117 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS THE NATIONWIDE INSURANCE OFFICE. CURRENTLY AT 117 NORTH MAIN STREET IS LOCATED THE CARAVAN COFFEE BAR AND 119 IS THE LOCATION OF THE BLACKWOODS RESTAURANT. UPSTAIRS IN THIS BUILDING IS BAKER AND BAKER ACCOUNTING SERVICES.

AT 112 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS DALE CLARK'S APPLIANCE STORE. IT IS NOW OCCUPIED BY RAPID TAX REFUND..

AT 114 NORTH MAIN STREET THE NOLES JEWELRY STORE WAS LOCATED. LATER THERE WERE SEVERAL BUISNESSES OPERATED FROM THIS BUILDING (ONE WAS DEWITT BEATTY, JR. REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE BUSINESS.) IT IS NOW OCCUPIED BY CREECH COMPUTER CONSULTING.

AT 121 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS JACK AND WARD RHYNE'S GROCERY STORE. IN LATER YEARS THIS BUILDING WAS OCCUPIED BY DR. R. L. DUKE. IT IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY BARBIE'S ENCORE DANCES..

AT 123 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS OCCUPIED BY THE A&P, THEN NATIONWIDE INSURANCE THIS BUILDING IS NOT OCCUPIED AT THIS TIME.

AT 125 NORTH MAIN STREET IS THE KIMBRELL'S BUILDING WHICH WAS BUILT SOMETIME DURING THE 1960'S. THIS BUILDING IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE **NEW HOUSE IN CHRIST - HOLY HOUSE OF PRAYER**. DURING THE WAR YEARS, THERE WAS A TAXI LOT ON THIS PROPERTY.

AT 140 N. MAIN STREET IS THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

AT 201 NORTH MAIN STREET WAS THE TRIANGLE SERVICE STATION OWNED AND OPERATED BY CARL STROUPE AND REID ABERNATHY. LATER OPERATED BY CARL MOORE STROUPE AND JULIAN CHAPPEL. IN THE LAST FEW YEARS THE SERVICE STATION WAS RENTED TO SEVERAL DIFFERENT OPERATORS.

WEST CHARLOTTE AVE. BUSINESSES & OTHER OLD STRUCTURES

THE 105 NORTH MAIN STREET BUILDING EXTENDED ALONG WEST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS ORIGINALLY NAMED RHYNE'S HALL. (SEE ATTACHED PHOTO.) THIS BUILDING CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES: (OWNER) A.P. RHYNE'S OFFICE, A GENEAL STORE AND UPSTAIRS OF THE BUILDING WAS USED FOR THE TOWN MEETINGS, GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND OTHER CEREMONIES. THE MAIN BUILDING WAS REMODELED SOMETIME AROUND THE LATE 20'S OR THE EARLY 30'S. IT WAS REDUCED IN SIZE AND MOVED BACK FROM WHERE HIGHWAY 27 RUNS TODAY. THE OWNER PASSED AWAY IN 1932 AND HIS SON BECAME OWNER. THE DOWNSTAIRS BECAME A DRUG STORE AND LATER A SERVICE STATION WHICH WAS OPERATED BY MR. B. NIXON AND THERE WAS A TAXI LOT ON THE PREMISE. AFTER THE BUILDING WAS REMODELED FOR THE SECOND TIME IT CONTAINED A MOTORCYCLE SHOP AND NOW HAS A SALON THAIRAPY WHERE THE MOTORCYCLE SHOP WAS LOCATED. (HIGHWAY NC 27 DID NOT RUN BETWEEN THIS BUILDING AND THE RAILROAD TRACKS UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER 1923. THE 1923 LISTING OF N.C. ROADS STATES THAT HIGHWAY 27 RUNS FROM LINCOLNTON TO STANLEY, THEN HICKORY GROVE ROAD TO THE MOUNT HOLLY- HICKORY GROVE ROAD. (N.C. HWY 27 MAY HAVE AT THAT TIME FOLLOWED -WHAT IS NOW- RANKIN STREET TO TUCKASEEGE ROAD TO THE TUCKASEEGE FORD.) THE NORTH CAROLINA ROAD LIST DOES NOT LIST WHERE NC 27 CROSSED THE CATAWBA RIVER IN 1923. AFTER THE 1923 ROUTE WAS USED SEVERAL YEARS, THE STATE BUILT WHAT WE KNOW AS OLD 27 AND LATER THE STATE BUILT WHAT WE KNOW TODAY AS THE CHARLES RAPER JONAS HIGHWAY.

AT 108 WEST CHARLOTTE AVE. (WHICH WAS PART OF THE RHYNE'S HALL BUILDING) WAS THE OFFICE AND PAWN SHOP OF HENRY A. RHYNE AND IN LATER YEARS HIS SON, HENRY HENKLE RHYNE.

AT 126 WEST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS THE OFFICE OF DR. A. U. STROUPE WHICH WAS LATER OCCUPIED BY DENTIST BRUCE HAWKINS AND NOW BY DENTIST R.A. JOKUBAITIS.

AT 130 WEST CHARLOTTE AVE. IS THE BUILDING THAT FIRST WAS OCCUPIED BY TAYLOR MOTORS (FORD DEALERSHIP), THEN BY NAPA. THERE WERE SEVERAL DIFFERENT AUTO REPAIR SHOPS THAT RENTED THE REAR AND BASEMENT OF THIS BUILDING AFTER THE DEALERSHIP CLOSED. IN LATER YEARS THE BUILDING WAS OCCUPIED BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT RESTAURANTS - - IT IS NOW OCCUPIED BY THE HJO & CC'S WING SHACK.

AT 132 WEST CHARLOTTE AVE. IS THE DOCTOR EMMETT'S BUILDING.

THERE WAS A BUILDING THAT CONTAINED TWO DIFFERENT BUSINESSES IN IT. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT AS YOU TRAVEL OUT OF TOWN THAT THE FIRST BUSINESS YOU COME TO WAS A GARAGE. IT WAS REMODELED INTO A SANDWICH SHOP OPERATED BY MR. FLYNN WARREN. IN THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUILDING WAS GROVER ALLEN'S BARBER SHOP AND ACROSS THE STREET WAS A METAL BUILDING WHICH CONTAINED A GARAGE.

AS THE ROAD CROSSED OVER DUTCHMAN'S CREEK THERE WAS A BRIDGE THAT HAD A 75 DEGREE CURVE TO THE RIGHT. (MANY SCHOOL BUSES COMING TOWARD DOWNTOWN WOULD SLIDE INTO THE STEEL GIRDERS OF THE BRIDGE ON COLD WET DAYS.) AFTER YOU CROSSOVER THE BRIDGE, TO THE RIGHT OF NORTH MAIN STREET IS LOCATED THE ALSACE MILL.

AT THE CORNER OF NORTH MAIN STREET AND EAST NIMS AVE. WAS C. MULLIS GROCERY STORE.

THE NEXT BUSINESS GOING ON TOWARD MOUNTAIN ISLAND WAS AT THE CORNER OF JENKINS AVENUE AND NORTH MAIN STREET. IT WAS A SERVICE STATION AND GARAGE -- OPERATED BY A. C. HOLLAR, SR.

WEST CENTRAL AVE. BUSINESSES & OTHER OLD STRUCTURES

THE TOP OF THE LINE DRY CLEANERS' BUILDING ON THE CORNER OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AND WEST CENTRAL AVE. HAS A SIDE DOOR ON WEST CENTRAL AVE. THE BUILDING HAS TWO MORE DOORS ON WEST CENTRAL AVE. THE SECOND DOOR LED TO DENTIST O. S. MOORE'S OFFICE AND THE THIRD DOOR WHICH IS NUMBERED 101 WEST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE OFFICE OF DOCTOR B. D. MOORE. THE TWO DOORS ON THE RIGHT REAR SIDE OF THE BUILDING IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE ON CENTRAL.

AT 105 WEST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE RHYNE AND WORTHEY SHOE SHOP. IN THE 40'S THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO J.C. RHYNE'S SHOE SHOP. IT IS UNOCCUPIED AT THIS TIME.

AT 111 WEST CENTRAL AVE. THERE WERE SEVERAL BUSINESS. THE STEPS GOING UPSTAIRS WAS TO ROOM RENTALS AND THE TUCKER FUNERAL SERVICES. DOWNSTAIRS WAS THE DUKE POWER COMPANY OFFICE UNTIL THEY MOVED TO SOUTH MAIN STREET. CURENTLY OCCUPIED BY LIVE FIT HEALTH CLUB.

AT 113 WEST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE DENTIST OFFICE OF RAYMOND MOORE. LATER THE OFFICE OF DENTIST HARRIS AND NOW IT IS OCCUPIED BY THE REAL ESTATE OFFICE OF ROGER HAWKINS.

AT 117 WEST CENTRAL WAS THE ABERNATHY ELECTRIC COMPANY. THE BUILDING IS NOW THE CRO BUILDING.

AT 119 WEST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE MOUNT HOLLY NEWS OFFICE AND PRINT SHOP. THIS BUILDING HAS SERVED VARIOUS BUSINESSES SUCH AS JOHNSON ANTIQUE SHOP AND NOW IT IS OCCUPIED BY LOVE HOME IMPROVEMENTS.

AT 121 WEST CENTRAL AVE. LOCATION IS THE BUILDING THAT WAS OCCUPIED BY GRIER'S DRY CLEANING. IN THE YEARS SINCE GRIER DRY CLEANING WAS CLOSED, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL TAVERNS IN THIS BUILDING. IT IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE SIDE TRAX SPORT BAR & FOOD.

AT 125 WEST CENTRAL AVE. LOCATION IS THE CHARLIE'S DRUG BUILDING.

SOUTH MAIN STREET BUSINESSES & OTHER OLD STRUCTURES

AT THE CORNER OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AND CENTRAL AVE. THERE WAS A BUILDING THAT WAS DESTROYED IN ORDER TO HAVE THE SITE FOR A NEW BANK BUILDING. (I AM UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE STREET NUMBERS FOR THE ADDRESSES OF THE BUILDINGS THAT WERE DESTROYED, HOWEVER; THEY ARE BEING LISTED IN THE ORDER THEY WERE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET BEFORE THEY WERE DESTROYED.) THIS BUILDING CONTAINED THE OFFICE OF DOCTOR A. U. STROUPE WHICH FACED EAST CENTRAL AVE. -- IN THE LEFT REAR CORNER OF THE OLD BANK BUILDING. THE FIRST STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY WAS LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR FACING SOUTH MAIN ST. -- ALONG WITH THE BUILDING AND LOAN. NEXT DOOR LED TO THE HOTEL WHICH WAS UPSTAIRS. THE NEXT STORE WAS IVEY HENKLE'S JEWELRY SHOP (WHICH ALSO WAS THE ENTRANCE TO BILLY SPITTLE'S GAS APPLIANCE STORE IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDING). THE NEXT BUILDING ON THIS PROPERTY WAS PETE McCORKLE'S POOL ROOM (THE POOL ROOM WAS LATER DR. R. L. DUKE'S OFFICE) FOLLOWED BY SUMMEY DRUG'S (NOT THE SUMMEY BUILDING WHICH IS ON UP THE STREET).

ON THE NEXT LOT WAS AN OLD STREET CAR THAT HAD BEEN CONVERTED TO A CAFÉ. THEN THERE WAS THE OLD HOTEL WHICH WAS A LARGE FRAME BUILDING THAT HAD A PORCH ACROSS THE FRONT. (YOU HAD IT MADE WHEN YOU COULD GO UP TO THE PORCH WITH THE MEN, SIT AND SWING YOUR FEET.) ALSO, THERE WAS A TAXI LOT ON THESE PREMISES. AFTER THE OLD FRAME HOTEL WAS DESTROYED, THE MASSEY HARDWARE WAS INCREASED ITS SIZE AND THIS BUILDING WAS ALSO DESTROYED FOR THE NEW BANK.

HAVING THE STREET NUMBERS FOR THE OTHER BUSINESS ON SOUTH MAIN STREET, THE LISTING RETURNS TO THE BUSINESS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE STREET.

AT 100 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS A BANK. IT MOVED ACROSS THE STREET TO 101 SOUTH MAIN STREET. IN THE 40'S THE BUILDING BECAME CHARLIE'S DRUGS. LATER, IT BECAME A LADIES CLOTHING STORE AND THEN THE LITTLES HAD AN ANTIQUE BUSINESS AT THIS LOCATION. IT IS NOW OCCUPIED BY TOP OF LINE DRY CLEANERS.

AT 104 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS THE HOLLAND DRUG CO, LATER SUMMEY DRUG CO. FOLLOWED BY THE VARIETY 5&10 STORE, AND THEN LATER A FLORIST SHOP. IT IS NOW OCCUPIED BY DIGI PRINTING COMPANY.

AT 106 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS THE STORE OF R. K. DAVENPORT AND C. E. HUTCHINSON. THIS LATER BECAME THE QUALITY STORE (THE OWNER AND HIS WIFE LIVED UPSTAIRS). THEN THIS BUILDING AND 108 SOUTH MAIN STREET BECAME THE LEADER DEPARTMENT STORE. IT IS NOW REMENY HAIR DESIGN AND MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION OFFICE.

AT 108 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS CATHEY AND CAMPBELL GROCERY STORE. THIS BUILDING ALONG WITH 106 BECAME ONE STORE UNDER THE NAME OF THE LEADER DEPARTMENT STORE. IT IS NOW A CREAM & BEANS SHOP.

AT 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET IS THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THIS CHURCH BUILDING IS ONE OF THE OLDEST CHURCH BUILDING IN THIS AREA.

THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER BUILDINGS ALONG WEST SIDE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET THAT HAS BEEN DESTROYED. THE EXPANSION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH COMSUMED THE LOCATION OF FOUR BUSINESSES THEY WERE: THE RIVER VALLEY CHEVROLET CO., JOHNSON'S BARBER SHOP, HOLLWAY'S DRY CLEANERS AND A CAFÉ.

AT 119 SOUTH MAIN STREET THE GASTON THEATRE WAS LOCATED. IT IS NOW C&M INTERIORS.

AT 121 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS THE HOWARD AND RANKIN'S DEPARTMENT STORE. LATER IT BECAME THE RANKIN DEPARTMENT STORE AND CURRENTLY IT OCCUPIED BY BEL-HOLLY TRENDS..

AT 122 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS SAM ABERNATHY'S GROCERY STORE. THEN MOUNT HOLLY FARM SUPPLY AND CURRENTLY IT IS A ELECTRONIC SALES AND REPAIR SHOP.

AT 123 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS PAUL DERR'S CLOTHING STORE (THIS STORE HAD TWO ENTRANCES ON MAIN STREET AND INCLUDED 125 SOUTH MAIN STREET). THE 123 ADDRESS IS CURRENTLY THE SALON & SPA ON MAIN.

AT 124 SOUTH MAIN ST. WAS THE DUKE POWER COMPANY'S OFFICE. THIS OFFICE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ON CENTRAL AVE.

AT 125 SOUTH MAIN ST. WAS THE OTHER HALF OF PAUL DERR'S CLOTHING STORE. IT IS NOW A TIME FLIES CHRISTMAS AND SWEET SHOP.

AT 127 SOUTH MAIN ST. WAS JONES BROTHERS' MEAT MARKET BEFORE MOVING ACROSS THE STREET. THERE WERE SEVERAL AUTO AND HOME BUSINESS IN THIS BUILDING. IT LATER BECAME SUMMEY DRUG'S AND NOW IT IS SWEET PEAS.

THE SUMMEY BLDG. UPSTAIRS RAN FROM 123, THRU 127. IN THIS AREA UPSTAIRS WAS DR. W J. SPRINGS' OFFICE, MS. SISK HAD A BEAUTY SHOP. MR. PURVIS SUMMEY HAD AN APARTMENT AND MR. WALLY THOMPSON'S OFFICE AT ONE TIME WAS IN ONE OF THESE APARTMENTS.

AT 128 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS THE POST OFFICE FOR MOUNT HOLLY. THE POST OFFICE MOVED AND JONES BROTHERS BOUGHT THE BUILDING FOR STORAGE. NOW IT IS OCCUPIED BY THE CATAWBA RIVER ARTISANS SHOP.

IN BY GONE DAYS, THE SKATING RINK WAS MOVED FROM NORTH MAIN STREET TO A LOCATION IN THE AREA OF WHERE THE CITY CAFÉ SITS TODAY.

THE NEXT LOT ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS THE CITY HALL. (THE POLICE STATION, FIRE DEPARTMENT, JAIL AND WITH THE COURT ROOM UPSTAIRS.) THE BUILDING AT THIS LOCATION HAS BEEN DESTROYED AND A FLOWER GARDEN REPLACES MOST OF THE AREA.

AT 130 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WHICH WAS MOVED TO 300 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN 1924. THE LOCATION WAS LATER BILL & KEN MOORE'S USED CAR LOT AND INSURANCE COMPANY. STOWE INSURANCE COMPANY IS LOCATED ON THIS SITE.

AT 131 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS THE KAPLAN'S STORE AND LATER A&E OFFICES WHICH BECAME THE CITY HALL WHEN A&E BUILT NEW OFFICES.

AT 133 SOUTH MAIN STREET IS THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

AT 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET IS THE BRANCH BANK & TRUST COMPANY.

ON THE CORNER OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AND WEST CATWABA AVE. WAS A McCOY SERVICE STATION. ORIGINALLY THE HOUSE THAT IS ON 208 WEST CATAWBA AVE. WAS ON THE CORNER. THE OWNER SOLD THE LOT TO McCOY SERVICE STATIONS AND MOVED THE HOUSE BACK OFF OF MAIN STREET.

ON THE CORNER OF SOUTH MAIN ST. AND EAST CATAWBA AVE. WAS THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. THIS CHURCH WAS LATER MOVED TO 140 NORTH MAIN STREET.

AT 200 SOUTH MAIN STREET THERE WAS A HARDEE'S AND LATER IT WAS THE KNIFE AND FORK RESTAURANT. THIS BUILDING IS CURRENTLY NOT OCCUPIED.

AT 201 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS A SERVICE STATION (UNABLE TO ESTABLISH WHO THE OLD OWNERS WERE.) IT IS KNOWN THAT A MR. HUNTER OPERATED THIS SERVICE STATION BEFORE LEWIS EWING AND VEARLIE WALDROP OPERATED THE STATION BACK IN THE 40'S AND THEN ADRAIN BEATTY OPERATED IT. THERE IS A CAR DETAILING IN THE BUILDING NOW.

AT 215 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS THE THIRD PLACE IN MOUNT HOLLY WHERE THE A&P WAS LOCATED. LATER THE SHOOTER'S EXPRESS AND NOW IT IS THE CAROLINA HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS.

AT 226 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS DOCTOR'S TAYLOR HOME, THEN THE CAROTHERS' FUNERAL HOME AND NOW IT IS THE MANOR ON MAIN.

AT 233 SOUTH MAIN STREET IS THE CITIZENS SOUTH BANK.

AT 300 SOUTH MAIN STREET IS THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

AT 321 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS STROUPE'S GROCERY STORE FOLLOWED BY THE CATHEY CAMBELL GROCERY STORE OR VICE VERSA. LATER IT WAS THE LIONS CLUB BUILDING WHICH ALSO WAS THE MOUNT HOLLY BRANCH OF THE GASTON COUNTY LIBRARY.

ON THE CORNER OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AND OAK GROVE WAS GARDNER'S SERVICE STATION.

ON SOUTH MAIN STREET THERE IS A STRIP MALL KNOWN AS SOUTH MAIN PLAZA WHICH CONSISTS OF FIVE BUSINESSES WITH THE FIRST BUILDING BEING 602 SOUTH MAIN STREET. IN BY GONE DAYS THERE WAS A BEAUTY SHOP IN THIS BUILDING. CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE SALON SOUTH.

AT 604 SOUTH MAIN STREET IS SCRUBS AND MEDICAL UNIFORMS STORE.

AT THIS TIME, 606 SOUTH MAIN STREET IS UNOCCUPIED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT A SPORTING UNIFORM COMPANY OCCUPIED THIS BUILDING.

AT 608 IS LOCATED THE SAFARI SUN.

AT 610 IS LOU'S BARBER SHOP. IN THE PAST THIS LOCATION WAS THE MICHAEL'S PIZZA BUSINESS.

AT 612 IS THE HOME OF MOUNT HOLLY EYE CLINIC.

AT 613 SOUTH MAIN STREET IS THE FAMILY VIDEO.

ON THE CORNER OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AND RANKIN AVE. THE PRYORS OPENED A SERVICE STATION. THE PANTRY IS CURRENTLY AT THIS SITE.

ON THE OTHER CORNER OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AND RANKIN AVE. WAS McCONNELL'S GROCERY STORE.

AT 701 SOUTH MAIN STREET WAS A GENERAL STORE OPERATED BY A. U. STROUPE, SR. THIS SITE IS NOW THE LOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY ONE BANK.

EAST CENTRAL AVE. BUSINESSES & OTHER OLD STRUCTURES

ON THE EAST CENTRAL AVE. SIDE OF THE OLD BANK BUILDING (LEFT REAR CORNER) WAS THE OFFICE OF DR. A. U. STROUPE.

ON EAST CENTRAL AVE. THERE WAS SIGMON SHOE REPAIR SHOP THAT PREVIOUSLY WAS LOCATED AT 119 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. THERE WAS A BRICK BUILDING BEHIND THE BANK BUILDING THAT HOUSED THE PRACTICE OF DENTIST CONNELL. THE BUILDING WAS DESTROYED FOR THE NEW BANK BUILDING.

GOING DOWN EAST CENTRAL AVE., THE NEXT BUILDING AT 110 EAST CENTRAL WAS DOCTOR RANKIN'S OFFICE, A FLORIST, ELDRIDGE'S GAS AND APPLIANCE, AND LATER IT WAS AN INSURANCE OFFICE. THIS BUILDING WAS ALSO DESTROYED FOR THE NEW BANK.

AT 112 EAST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE OFFICE OF DOCTOR HUFF, LATER THE OFFICE OF DENTIST W. J. LUCAS. THIS BUILDING WAS LATER DESTROYED FOR THE NEW BANK.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT CHAGARISES BUILT THREE BUILDINGS THEY WERE AT 114, 116, AND 118 EAST CENTRAL AVE. THE 114 BUILDING WAS A RESTAURANT WHICH IS NOW NAILS BY HELLY AND THE OTHER TWO ARE EMPTY AT THIS TIME. ONE OF THEM, 116 WAS THE DELLINGER INSURANCE OFFICE BEFORE MOVING TO EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. THE 118 WAS THE ORIGINAL CHARLIE'S DRUGS LOCATION AND LATER THE BUILDING WAS OCCUPIED BY MILLSAP PRINTING. CHAGARIS LATER INCREASED THE SIZE OF THE RESTAURANT TO INCLUDED 114 AND 116 LEAVING ONLY 118 FOR RENT. THE RESTAURANT IN LATER YEARS WAS OPERATED BY A MR. LITTLE AND THEN SOMEONE ELSE RENTED THE RESTAURANT. IT APPEARS THAT NOT ANY OF THE THREE LOCATIONS ARE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED.

AT 120 EAST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE MOUNT HOLLY LAUNDRY AND LATER A POOL ROOM THAT WAS OPERATED BY MR. FRED THOMAS.

AT 122 EAST CENTRAL AVE. THE DOOR LEADS TO THE ROOMS ABOVE THE POOL ROOM (122) AND CAFÉ(124). THE ROOMS UPSTAIRS IN THIS BUILDING WERE RENTED BY THE MONTH IN THE 40'S & 50'S. NOW OCCUPIED BY TRILOGY PROUDICTIONS.

AT 124 EAST CENTRAL AVE. IN THE LATE 30'S WAS A FORD DEALERSHIP. IN THE REAR OF 120, 122, AND 124. THERE WAS AN AUTOMOTIVE GARAGE. THIS LOCATION LATER BECAME A CAFÉ AND AT THIS TIME IT HAS A BAKERY (SUGAR DIVA'S CUSTOM CAKES). LOCATIONS 120, 122 AND 124 WERE OWNED BY MR. FRED THOMAS.

AT 126 EAST CENTRAL AVE. WAS ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL FRED THOMAS BUILDING. AT THE CURRENT TIME THIS BUILDING IS EMPTY.

AT 128 EAST CENTRAL AVE. IS THE CHICK BOUTIQUE CONSIGNMENT SHOP.

AT 132 EAST CENTRAL, JOE ROBERTS LAW OFFICE WAS IN THIS BUILDING. THE OCCUPANTS OF THIS BUILDING NOW IS THE UAW.

AT 138 EAST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE POST OFFICE BEFORE MOVING TO WEST CENTRAL AT THE GLOBE. IT IS NOW OCCUPIED BY STROUPE ELECTRIC.

AT 140 EAST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE BEATTY AUTO PARTS, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE BUILDING.

AT 204 EAST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE RITCHIE SHOE REPAIR SHOP THEN THE HAMILTON SHOE SHOP. IT IS NOW UNOCCUPIED.

AT 206 EAST CENTRAL AVE. WAS A LAUNDRY MAT AND IT IS BELIEVED TO BE A PAINTING CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME..

AT THE CORNER OF EAST CENTRAL AVE. AND HIGHLAND STREET WAS A BUILDING THAT CONTAINED A CANNERY, LATER A ROLLER CO. AND AFTER WWII A FLORIST.

AT THE TOP OF THE HILL BETWEEN CENTRAL AVE. AND THE RAILROAD TRACKS WAS THE MOUNT HOLLY ICE AND FUEL CO.

AT 400 EAST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE WHITEHALL KNITTING MILL WHICH LATER BECAME PROPERTY OF AMERICAN AND EFIRD. THIS BUILDING IS NOW OUR CITY HALL, POLICE STATION, ETC.

AT 500 EAST CENTRAL AVE. IS THE MASSEY COMPANY. THIS BUILDING ORIGINALLY HOUSED MR. ALBERT CRAIG'S GROCERY STORE. ALSO AT A LATER DATE IT WAS A HATCHERY.

BETWEEN CENTRAL AVE. AND THE RAILROAD TRACKS WAS THE SEABOARD COAST LINE RAILWAY DEPOT.

AT 530 EAST CENTRAL AVE. WAS THE P&N DEPOT. IT NOW HOUSES THE
EDOO HAIR STUDIO AND PROVIDENCE HOME HEALTHCARE AGENCY.

WHERE EAST CENTRAL AVE. ENDS, IT IS PERPENDICULAR TO LEE STREET.
IF EAST CENTRAL HAD CONTINUED STRAIGHT, IT WOULD HAVE ENDED UP
ON THE PORCH OF MR. SHORTY FRYE'S CAFÉ. A DRIVER WHO WAS
DRIVING TOO FAST AND NOT ABLE TO MAKE THE TURN ON TO LEE
STREET, OFTEN WOULD VISIT MR. FRYE'S PORCH. BEHIND THIS BUILDING
WAS THE COTTON GIN. A TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN AND DESTROYED
THE GIN AND THE REAR OF SHORT'S BUILDING.

EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. BUSINESSES & OTHER OLD STRUCTURES

AT 105 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. (THE DOOR NEXT TO HOLLAND DRUG CO.) WAS THE GROCERY STORE OF MARVIN AND JOYCE CLARK. THIS LOCATION THEN BECAME THE OFFICE OF DR. TAYLOR. AFTER WHICH IT WAS THE NATIONWIDE INSURANCE OFFICE OF MR. CHERRY AND LATER BILL CRAIG.

AT 107 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS THE U.S. POST OFFICE. LATER IT WAS OCCUPIED BY H&R BLOCK TAX SERVICES. AT THE CURRENT TIME IS OCCUPIED BY GASTON TAX & PAYROLL SERVICES.

AT 109 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. ARE THE STAIRS TO THE SECOND FLOOR WHICH CONTAINED THE TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD AND TICKTOCK CLOCK REPAIR SHOP. VARIOUS BUSINESS OFFICES ARE LOCATED UPSTAIRS TODAY.

AT 111 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS THE HOLLY THEATRE. THE BUILDING HAS SINCE BECAME THE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING.

AT 113 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS THE RESTAURANT OF CLIFF BEATTY. IT LATER BECAME THE NICK CHARGRAS RESTAURANT -- FOLLOWED BY MR. BRITTIAN AND BY TOMMY WEST. THIS BUILDING IS NOW THE OFFICE OF UAW.

AT 115 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS CARPENTER BARBER SHOP. IT IS NOW PART OF THE RABB'S FLORIST BUSINESS WHICH ADDRESS IS 117 EAST CHARLOTTE.

AT 117 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS A FLORIST OPERATED BY MS. BLACK. THE BUSINESS BECAME WHAT WE KNOW AS RABB'S FLORIST. THIS BUSINESS IS NOW OPERATED BY REGGIE HENKLE.

AT 119 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS SIGMON SHOE REPAIR UNTIL IT WAS MOVED TO EAST CENTRAL AND LATER AN INSURANCE OFFICE OPERATED BY MR. MACK DELLINGER OCCUPIED THIS SITE. IT IS NOW PART OF THE RABB'S FLORIST BUSINESS WHICH ADDRESS IS 117 EAST CHARLOTTE.

AT 121 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS A TIRE PLACE OPERATED BY MR. DEWARD ROBINSON. BEHIND THE TIRE PLACE WAS AN AUTO GARAGE OPERATED BY MR. T. B. DUCKWORTH. THIS SITE IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THKE DANCE WORKS ON MAIN STREET.

AT 125 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS THE SERVICE STATION OWNED AND OPERATED BY MARION FLETCHER AND COLEY PRYOR AND LATER OWNED AND OPERATED BY BILL CHAINEY AND THEN BY IVEY HENKLE. THE BUILDING WAS DESTROYED AND A DUKE POWER OFFICE WAS BUILT ON THE SITE. THIS SITE LATER WAS THE MOUNT HOLLY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CURRENTLY IS OCCUPIED BY STANTON ENTERPRISE, INC..

AT 417 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS THE LEAKSVILLE WOOLEN MILL DYE PLANT.

AT 431 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. AND THE CORNER OF ALEXANDER ST. WAS A SERVICE STATION OPERATED BY MR. COLEY PRYOR FOLLOWED BY GENE LUCKEY AND JAMES WOMACK AND LATER THERE WAS A ELECTRIC MOTOR BUSINESS IN THE BUILDING.

ON THE CORNER OF EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. AND THE CORNER OF NORTH LEE STREET WAS THE MOUNT HOLLY HOTEL. THE HOTEL WAS DEMOLISHED SOMETIME IN THE LAST HALF OF THE 1900. THIS SITE IS VACANT AT THIS TIME.

AT 605 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. THERE IS A BRICK BUILDING THAT WAS SETH LUMBER COMPANY OFFICE. THIS BUILDING LATER HOUSED A FLORIST. SEVERAL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN IN THIS BUILDING THROUGH THE YEARS..

AT 607 EAST CHARLOTTE AVE. WAS THE OIL COMPANY OF MR. HUGH PASCHAL. THE PASCHAL OIL COMPANY HAD EARLIER BEEN LOCATED OFF OF SOUTH LEE STREET.

TEXTILE MILLS BUILT IN MOUNT HOLLY, N.C.

DATE	NAME AND OFFICERS
1846	? WOODLAWN MILL - PLANNED ABOUT THE TIME OF MOUNTAIN ISLAND, BY CABEL J. LINEBERGER, J. LABAN LINEBERGER, JOHN LINEBERGER, LEWIS LINEBERGER, JONAS HOFFMAN, MOSES H. RHYNE, JOHN CLEMMER. BEGAN OPERATION 1852. ALSO CALLED PINHOOK MILL. (THIS MILL WAS NOT IN MH)
1879	WOODLAWN MANUFACTURING CO. - AUG. 7, BY CABEL J. LINEBERGER, JOHN M. LINEBERGER, LEWIS LINEBERGER, HENRY SETZER. SUCCESSOR TO OLD WOODLAWN MILL. \$40,000 INC. 1920; IN AYP CO., MT. HOLLY
1888	MOUNT HOLLY KNITTING CO., MOUNT HOLLY, FEB. 6 BY A.P. RHYNE, R.E. COSTNER, J.A. COSTNER, T. F. COSTNER M.R. DEWSTOWE. \$8,000. CHANGED TO ALBION MANUFACTURING CO., IN 1-28-1890. TAKEN OVER BY CATAWBA SPINNING CO, 9-23-1918. DISSOLVED IN 12-1918
1890	ALBION MANUFACTURING CO., MOUNT HOLLY- JAN 28 BY (ADD C.E. HUTCHINSON TO MOUNT HOLLY KNITTING)
1891	NIMS MANUFACTURING CO., MOUNT HOLLY-MAY 4, BY LUTHER NIMS, C.E. HUTCHINSON, R.K. DAVENPORT, M.R. DEWSTOE, J.A. ABERNATHY, JOHN C. RANKIN. \$25,000. MERGED WITH AY&P CO. 1920
1905	WOODLAWN MANUFACTURING CO., MOUNT HOLLY - DEC. 22, BY C.E. HUTCHINSON, J. W. HOLLAND, J. M. SPRINGS, R.K. DAVENPORT. \$150,000. 10,800 SPINDLES. MERGED WITH AY&P CO. IN 1920
1908	ALBION COTTON MILLS CO., MOUNT HOLLY- JULY 28 BY A.P. RHYNE, E.R. CANNON, H.A. RHYNE . NO MILL BUILT - MAY HAVE BEEN AT 108 SOUTH MAIN ST. MOUNT HOLLY COTTON MILLS, MOUNT HOLLY - JULY 28 BY A.P. RHYNE, H.A. RHYNE AND E.R. CANNON. \$50,000 BECAME ALSACE MANUFACTURING CO., MARCH 29, 1920
1916	X ADRIAN MANUFACTURING CO., MOUNT HOLLY - FEB. 2 - BY C.E. HUTCHINSON, I. C. LOWE, PAUL H. ALLEN, J.H. CUTTER. \$300,000. MERGED WITH AY&P IN 1920.

1918 AMERICAN PROCESSING CO., JUNE 10, BY C.E.
HUTCHINSON, I.C. LOWE, C.I. BURKHOLDER. \$500,000.
MERGED WITH AY&P CO. IN 1920

1919 ALSACE MANUFACTURING CO., MOUNT HOLLY - DEC. 20
C.E. HUTCHINSON, I.C. LOWE, AL. SMITH FROM
MOUNT HOLLY COTTON MILLS CO., \$250,000
MERGED WITH AY&P CO. IN 1920

1920 AMERICAN YARN AND PROCESSING CO., MOUNT HOLLY
(MERGER) - JULY 31. (1) AMERICAN PROCESSING CO.,
(2) WOODLAWN MANUFACTURING CO., (3) MADORA
MANUFACTURING CO., (4) NIMS MANUFACTURING CO.,
AND (5) ALSACE MANUFACTURING CO. IN GASTON COUNTY,
UNION COTTON MILLS IN CATAWBA COUNTY, BY C.E.
HUTCHINSON, I.C. LOWE, J.M. SPRINGS, J.M. HATCH
C. M. HUTCHINSON - PRES. & TREAS., T. H. McKINNERY,-
VICE-PRES. & GEN MGR., I.C. LOWE - VICE PRES.,
EDWIN HUTCHINSON, - ASST. SECY., \$2,000,000.
PROCESSING PLANT, 50,000 SPINDLES

X (ADRIAN WAS LISTED AS BEING PART OF THE ABOVE
MERGER BUT WAS NOT LISTED IN THE MERGER LISTING.)

1919 GLOBE YARN MILLS, INC., MOUNT HOLLY - OCT. 18 BY
J.W. HOLLAND, R.F. CRAIG, S.M. ROBINSON, JOHN C.
RANKIN. \$400,000. REORGANIZED AS GLOBE MILLS CO.,
5,040 SPINDLES

1933 GLOBE MILLS CO., MOUNT HOLLY- MAY 8, BY W. L. NICHOLSON,
W. L. NICHOLSON, JR., LULA S. NICHOLSON, L.S. NICHOLSON,
PRES., C.S. CLEGG, SECY & TREAS., W.L. TAYLOR, SUPT.
\$75,000, 5,040 SPINDLES

THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM: THE COUNTY OF GASTON BY
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The following information was taken from a pamphlet that the faculty from the various Gaston County Schools produced covering a 100 year period. (This material needs to be updated to cover the buildings that have been built and/or destroyed since 1957 including the Rollins School.)

The title for the pamphlet was:

**GASTON COUNTY'S EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE
1857 - 1957**

The following faculty members of Mount Holly Schools contributed to the writing of this pamphlet:

Mrs. Ann Rollins, Miss Ida Rankin, Mr. Laxton Hamrick, Mrs. Walt Spears, Mr. Allan Craig, and Mrs. Mary Etta Ware



AERIAL VIEW OF MT. HOLLYS' SCHOOLS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES.

MT. HOLLY SCHOOLS

The Little Red School Houses have disappeared, replaced by the gleaming structures of our modern educational plants. Yet we look back with nostalgia to the simple structures which were the beginning of our present-day educational system. Mount Holly's prototypes of the Little Red School House were the Wells School followed by the Hunter School, both located on Spring Hill, and "The Academy" on Dewstoe Street.

The Wells School was the first school located on Spring Hill near the present water tank. Abram Wells, teacher, minister, and the first local man to attend the University of North Carolina, taught in this school. He taught from textbooks of his own composition. His granddaughter, Mrs. Sarah Rankin McConnell, owns one of his arithmetic copybooks that was used in this school.

The Hunter School superseded the Wells School. Mrs. J. A. Costner says that when her family moved to Mount Holly in 1887 from Dubuque, Iowa, her father entered her in this school. She describes the building as one room about twenty-five feet long with a wood stove in the middle. The children sat on long benches that held eight Pupils, with long desks between the benches. There was just one teacher, Mr. Claude Holland, who was also a lawyer. He taught all grades from the "A B C" group to grown men. When it was time for school to "take in" the teacher would hit the side of the building with a stick. Other teachers in the Hunter School were Sally Withers Abernathy, Irene Hunter, and Mr. Hudson.

The Academy was the next school. This was a two story building located on what is now Piedmont Street. Postmaster James Nantz's home is located on this lot. The early teachers of the Academy were Mr. Brevard Nixon (a prominent Charlotte lawyer), Miss Ada Dunn, Miss Pattie Shankle, and Miss Jennie Johnson.

The Green School was located on the R. K. Davenport property. The late W. B. Rutledge was one of the teachers in this school. Other teachers were Julia Johnson of Davidson, Lola Thompson (Mrs. Ronle Dellinger) and Pearl Rutledge (Mrs. Mack Henderson).

These schools were supported by the state for four months. Any additional schooling was called "pay school."

In 1902-1903 the late F. B. Rankin was Superintendent of Gaston County. Under his leadership plans were made to organize a graded school in Mount Holly. The town band played for a big parade by the children of the community. A school bond election was held and passed with only one vote cast against it. After the election the town built a graded school, a two-story building with six rooms downstairs and four rooms upstairs. This building is located on North Main Street and is used today as an apartment house.



Mr. Charles Jonas, father of Congressman Jonas, was the first principal. He served for two years and was followed by Mr. Owen who served one year. In the fall of 1906 Mr. J. B. Henson became principal. During his tenure the first class was graduated from the Mount Holly School. Those in this graduating class were Excelle Rozzelle (now professor of Bible at High Point College), Fay Davenport (Mrs. C. C. Harmon of Gastonia, Area supervisor for N. C. State Employment Service), Sarah Rutledge (who recently resigned as principal of a Statesville School), and Jean Henderson (Mrs. Thistlethwaite). Both Miss Rutledge and Mrs. Thistlethwaite taught in the Mount Holly school.

The graduating class of 1910 had only one member, Miss Dorothy Nims, who later taught in the Mount Holly School.

Commencements, which were held in Rhyne's Hall, were long, drawn-out, elaborate affairs for community celebration.

By 1910 the enrollment had outgrown the building. The present site was purchased and the first brick building erected. It was thought that this building would be adequate for twenty-five years. However, commencements were still held in Rhyne's Hall.

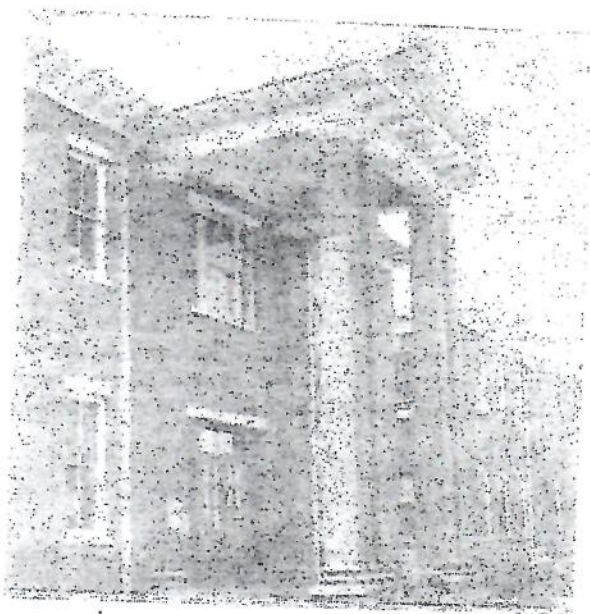


1st BUILDING

Mr. Ray Funderburk was principal from 1912 to 1916. In 1914 there was not enough room to accommodate the increased enrollment. Therefore, two rooms were rented downtown over what is now Holland Drug Store and Beatty Auto Parts. Here one room was used by a first grade and the other room by the newly-added Home Economics Department.

Miss Lois Faires was the first home economics teacher. A number of the good cooks and seamstresses in Mount Holly had their first lessons in these arts under her guidance. One girl had used eleven yards of material in cutting out one dress and said, "When Mama gets some more money she's going to buy some material, so I can finish my dress."

Mr. M. L. Barnes became principal in 1916 and served two years. During this period the second of the present buildings was constructed. This building originally housed the auditorium on the first floor, the high school on the second floor, and the Home Economics Department on the third floor.



2nd BUILDING

It was also during this period that the first organized athletics in the form of basketball and baseball was instituted. The gymnasium was the play area in front of the buildings. These were the days of the bloomer girls. It took five yards of black sateen to make a pair of bloomers. White middy blouses were worn with them. Lillian Dunn was one of the

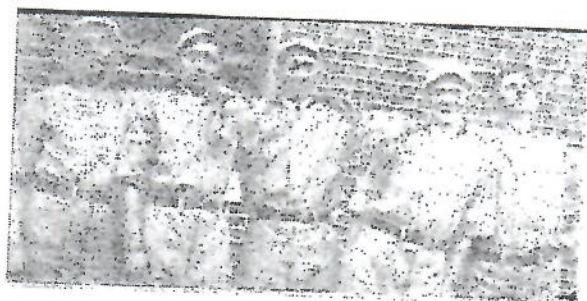


FIRST BASKETBALL TEAM

1st Row: Ogden Lineberger, Eugene Craig, George Black, Magnus Edwards, and Earl Connell. 2nd Row: Supt. E. A. Thompson and Coach M. L. Barnes.

first outstanding girl basketball players. She later served as girls' basketball coach from 1933-1942.

During the school year 1916-1917 the high school seniors edited the first school newspaper with the English teacher as sponsor. It was named "The Holly" and was published the first and fifteenth of each month. Subscription rates were twenty-five cents a year. Inez Abernathy was the first editor-in-chief. Mr. Avery Kever has a copy of "The Holly" published June 1, 1917. A great part of the paper is devoted to the graduation exercises, the first to take place in the newly completed auditorium.



BASEBALL TEAM

Left to right: Earl Connell, Magnus Edwards, Avery Kever, Ogden Lineberger, and Eugene Craig.

Drinking fountains in the schoolyard at the time of the first and second building were supplied from water tanks filled by a hand pump. High school boys were disciplined by being ordered to man the pump for stated periods and thus insure the water supply.



CLASS OF 1917

From left to right, 1st row: Gertrude Belk Rawlings, Nora Frank Williamson, Elizabeth Craig Armstrong, Inez Abernathy McGhee, Roxanna Cannon Stone. 2nd Row: Eugene Craig, Kathleen Dunn, Sarah Rankin McConnell, Ila Kale Ballard, Magnus Edwards. 3rd row: Litaker Jones, Ogden Lineberger, and George Black.

Mr. E. A. Thompson became principal in 1918 and served in that capacity until 1938. Mr. Thompson organized and coached the first football team, and in 1921 he coached the baseball team to state championship. An eighth grader, Austin Outen, batted

.750 and went on after college to play with the Yankees and later the Dodgers.

Mr. Thompson is remembered with great affection by all who knew him. He always taught high school American history, and one of his former students says that he "could make the people come to life and make you think you were hearing the muskets rattle at Bunker Hill." Mr. Thompson was a natural-born psychologist. He was able to divine the needs and abilities of the individual child. He was a wonderful disciplinarian. He knew the children so well he seemed to anticipate misdemeanors and figure out the perpetrator. He once punished a class for playing hooky on April Fool's Day by telling them to stay in the room after school until he got there. He then played hooky and didn't show up until almost 5 :00 P. M. to dismiss them -- a thoroughly chagrined group. Thompson encouraged versatile development of children (before it was fashionable!) He thought that one who participated in athletics and other extra-curricular activities available at the time and made average grades better fitted for life than the bookworm who memorized the text to make all A's. He encouraged initiative and was most tolerant, looking upon a mischief-maker as imaginative, a good characteristic to him. Children knew if they told him the truth, the punishment would not be severe. All respected him absolutely. Mr. Thompson was able to calm irate parents who came to him and send them away feeling good. However, one mother pestered him so much about her child's grades that he finally told her that the school couldn't make brains, only develop them. The teachers loved and respected him and said he was one of the most understanding people who ever lived. He was a big man with a big heart.

One of the local citizens remembered the commencement exercises during Mr. Thompson's administration and wrote the following article, which was printed in The Mount Holly News.

"Preparation of a history of the local schools has set a number of people to reminiscing, and I suddenly thought about the commencement extravaganzas that used to be staged every spring, in which almost every child in school had a part. Weeks were spent in rehearsal of the international folk dances and the more aesthetic interpretive numbers, the latter chorus lines being costumed as flowers or something indigenous to nature. I well remember when I flowered as a rose, floated as a cloud, and flitted as a butterfly.

"And from the day we were all marched into the auditorium to be assigned parts, we lost identity and became Scotch lassies, toy soldiers, or what not. From then on calls rang out from the stage, 'Are the Butterflies ready?' or 'You Frogs are supposed to hop to the front of the stage as soon as the Tulips go off!'

"Parents and teachers agonized over creating costumes from yards of tartan and reams of crepe paper, hoping to get the right effect. And, when I was in the fifth grade, I just died to be one of the tulips after I saw their voluminous

petaled paper skirts, instead of having to perform an Irish clog or a reasonable facsimile thereof.

"Miss Ida Rankin was always major domo of these events. But then it required years of experience to run one off smoothly. With some four hundred children to make an appearance on the small stage, she drilled teachers and children on when to be ready, in a nearby classroom to file through the back door of the auditorium. I'm sure Miss Ida at that time had never heard of a Broadway production call sheet, but she had devised one of her own. Thus, a certain teacher would have the Indians ready to come whooping on stage just as soon as the daisies tripped off, to be hustled out of the building by still another teacher. If there were seats available in the auditorium, after our stunt was finished, we children could come in and watch the rest of the performance. But that isn't often.

"There were always trouble and mishaps. One of the violets would really be shrinking, and, instead of tiptoeing gracefully on stage, would dash across it in headlong flight. Or at the last minute a couple of the blue birds would have thrown their wings at each other, and these had to be retrieved and pinned back on hastily. And real consternation ensued during the production which climaxed my third year in school, when the queen of the May begged frantically to be excused!

"If Miss Ida ever gets around to writing the book she so well could, I know one long chapter could be devoted to the trials, tribulations, and hilarious incidents of commencement exercises.

"For the sake of the teachers, I am glad they have passed from the scene. Even as a child I realized how hard they had to work on commencements. Still, they made, and left, an impression on the community. To this day I occasionally see someone on the street, and all I can remember about him is that he was an elf in the second



grade commencement."

By 1920 the school had outgrown the two buildings. To care for the overflow a two-room hut was built on the front lawn. The sixth and seventh grades were housed in this until the third building, the original primary building, was completed in 1923.

For a time in the twenties the J. A. Rhyne children drove a pony cart to school. Mr. Rhyne built a small, neat barn for the rig just south of and in line with the front of this primary building. Oddly, children never bothered the ponies.

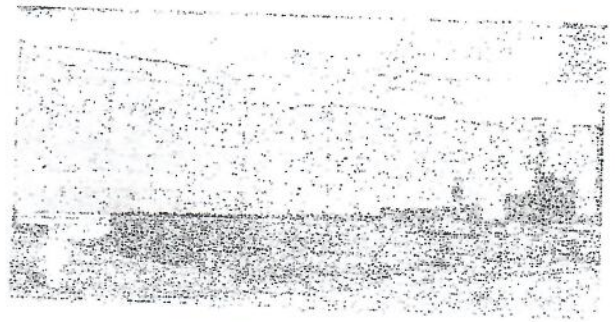
In 1923 a teacherage was built on West Central Avenue. This fifteen-room two-story brick building is still in use.

Our first commercial teacher was Miss Margaret Gettys in 1926. Miss Bessie Smith came to Mount Holly in 1927 as the first public school music teacher.

With the consolidation of schools in North Carolina, bus service became necessary. In 1926 the first buses used by the Mount Holly School brought children from Hickory Grove, Old Stanley Road, Tuckasee, and Lucia. Mount Holly now has five buses transporting 525 children daily.

In 1926 the school boasted only three men teachers, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. P. C. Beatty of Haw River, all of them former All-Southern guards.

The first coach, William Hodgkin, was hired in 1924. He was succeeded by P. C. Beatty, Seaton



HIGH SCHOOL

Holt, Dick Thompson, Harry Adams, Max Beam, and Vernon Morrison. Several outstanding assistants have helped these head coaches.

The present high school building was ready for use in the fall of 1927. It is interesting to note that the west wing, which is now occupied the library and visual aids room, was the gymnasium.

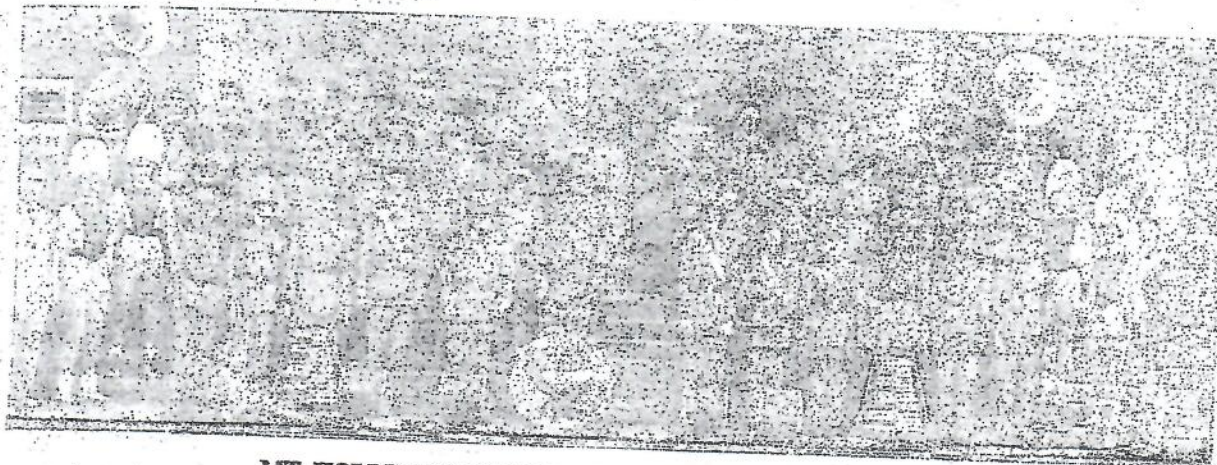
In 1930, despite the depression, the senior class sponsored the first high school annual. Mary Warren was editor and Wilson Moore, the business manager.

The first school band was organized in 1928 by John Holland and was active for several years. Early band instructors were Kenneth Todd, of Gastonia, Claire Shadwell of Charlotte, and C. M. Collins of Paw Creek.



SCHOOL BAND -1930

Band Members, left to right, front row: Dolly Jenkins, Ethel Pratt, Rachel Hamilton, Irene Noles, Jack Dunn, Henry Clark, David Albright, Bruce Sawyer, Edward Batchelor, Hoyle Estridge, Amy Holland, James Cole, Harry Lee Tarleton, Lois Estridge, and Susan Stroupe. Second row, left to right: Robert Leslie, Inez Kelly, Gilbert Hart, Jim Tucker. Third row, left to right: Franklin Johnston, Forney Michael, L. M. Flowers, Jr., Roy Mayberry, Otto Schuster. Last row: Kenneth Bumgardner, John W. Holland, and Alonzo P. Reed.



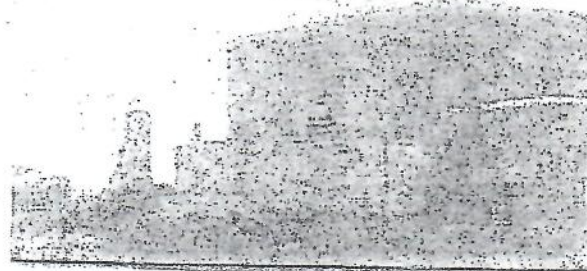
MT. HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL BAND - 1956-1957

In 1938 the second school band was organized under the direction of H. S. Beatty of Charlotte. After a few years this band was discontinued. The special tax voted in 1943 and 1945 made possible a full-time band director. Virginia Isaacs (Jones) served as band director, followed by Dwight Price. The present director, Mr. Robert Black, came to Mount Holly in 1950, and under his able direction the band has continued to grow until today there are sixty-five members in the senior band. The town of Mount Holly is very proud of its school band. In 1953 the local Lions Club sent the band to the Lions Club International Convention at Chicago, and in 1956 to the Lions International Convention at Miami. In the fall of 1956 the band was invited to play for North Carolina Band Day in Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill, at the Shrine Bowl game in Charlotte, at the Carousel parade in Charlotte, and in many prominent parades in other towns. New uniforms patterned after Confederate uniforms were purchased in 1956.



HOME EC and AGRICULTURE

The school lunch program began when the women of the Methodist Church served soup in 1932-1933. Mrs. P. A. Rhyne took over in 1934-1935 and the Home Economics Department in 1936-1937. At this time the Home Economics Department was on the third floor of the second building. When the P. T. A. took charge of the lunch-room in 1938, a cafeteria was opened in a room in the first building. This was later enlarged by using two rooms. Mrs. W. G. Henson, Sr. was hired as manager and is still in charge. Today 1250 lunches are served daily from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



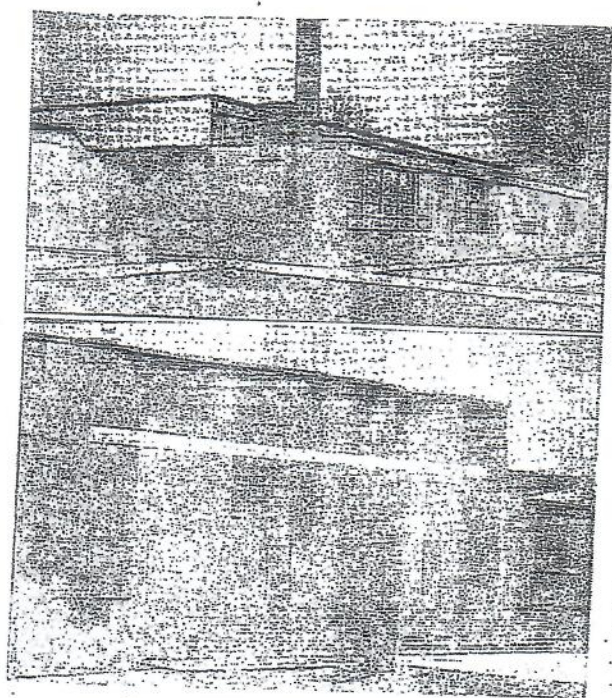
GYM

In 1935 the P. T. A. was organized with Mrs. M. L. Barnes serving as president. This organization has grown through the years and has contributed much to the progress of the school and the community. Today Mount Holly has a very active P. T. A. with over 700 members.

Mr. Fred O. Drummond was principal from 1940 to 1948. During this period the present gymnasium was built. In 1943 and 1945 a special tax was voted to finance extra-curricular activities, particularly athletics and music, and to further enrich the school program. During the latter part of this period the high school athletic events were held on the Hutchison-Lowe Field near the Madora Mill, as this field was lighted for night games.

Mr. A. E. Harrington became principal in 1938 and served two years. During his tenure the vocational building was constructed with aid from the W. P. A. This building provided for agriculture, home economics, and commerce. The W. P. A. also did the initial grading on the present athletic field and worked on other campus improvements. The agricultural department was discontinued in 1925 because of the small percentage of students living on farms.

Following Mr. Drummond as principal was Mr. S. H. Helton, who served from 1948 to 1951. Under Mr. Helton the old auditorium was converted into the present cafeteria which began operating under the Federal Aid Program. Two new buildings, a primary



Top — PRIMARY ANNEX

Bottom — AUDITORIUM

mary building and the auditorium, were begun.

Mr. Laxton Hamrick, the present principal, began his service in 1951. During his first year the primary building was completed, and in 1952 the auditorium was used for the first time at the Commencement exercises. In 1953 improvement of the playgrounds and athletic field was begun. On the evening of October 2, 1953, what is considered the best high school stadium in this area, was dedicated to Mount Holly's number one sports' fan, Mr. J. A. Costner.

In 1952 the school and the P. T. A. began a general campus improvement project. Shrubbery and grass were planted and a paved court constructed for outdoor games.

Since the beginning of organized athletics in 1916, the athletics program of the school has grown from one sport, basketball, to the three major sports and a well rounded physical education program. No records of the cost of the athletic program before 1932 are available. The total expenditures for the 1932 football season amounted to \$222.34 as compared to 1956 expenditures of approximately \$5,000 or 25 times that of 1932. Towels for the 1932 season cost \$1.10, while gate receipts ranged from \$15.00 to \$29.00. The basketball season of 1932-1933 closed with total expenditures of \$86.70. Gate receipts of that season range from \$.40 for the Statesville game to \$20.29 for the Belmont game.

From the beginning until the present, each principal has contributed to the status of the Mount Holly School and has helped to develop the school along lines suggested by the State or needed by the com-

munity. Today the student body numbers about 1550, and there are fifty-six faculty members. The school is filled to capacity; and additional space, land and buildings, will have to be provided to take care of any further growth.

It is interesting to note that the following teachers have given the Mount Holly School twenty or more years of service: Miss Ida Rankin and Mrs. Emmett Rollins, recently retired; the late Miss Marian Clayton and Rev. F. B. Rankin; Mesdames Pinkie Howie, Clara Beatty, Beth Durant, and Margaret Davenport; Misses Goldie Kale, Ruby Kale, Myldred Lipscomb, and Lillian Dunn.

From a Little Red School House to a campus of eight buildings — that, in brief, is the story of the Mount Holly School.

MOUNT HOLLY SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF 1956 - 1957

LAXTON HAMRICK, District Principal ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

First Grade: Miss Doris Clark, Mrs. Mary Carlson Faires, Mrs. Frances Hains, Mrs. Anne Hester, Mrs. Fronia Laidlaw, Mrs. Carolyn Reinhardt.

Second Grade: Mrs. Margaret Davenport, Mrs. Pinkie Howie, Mrs. Virginia Jones, Miss Goldie Kale, Mrs. Thelma Perkins.

Third Grade: Mrs. Clara Beatty, Mrs. Frankie Ferguson, Mrs. Bryte Love, Miss Ruby Kale, Mrs. Nancy Stowe.

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Sally K. Batchelor, Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. Hazel Chiles, Miss Pauline Lawson, Mrs. Sara Norton, Miss Barbara Wallace.

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Ruth Blackwood, Mrs. Beth Durant, Mrs. Helen Hart, Mrs. Hazel Livingston.

Sixth Grade: Mrs. Gwen Hamrick, Mrs. Eunice H. Pratt, Mrs. Willie R. Robinson, Miss Amaryllis Vaughn.

Seventh Grade: Mr. Allen Craig, Mr. Burke Ferguson, Mr. Maxcy L. Johnson, Jr., Mrs. Lois Quilliams.

Eighth Grade: Mrs. Katherine Arthur, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Ruth B. Whitaker, Mrs. Martha B. Wright.

Assistant Elementary Principal: Mr. Walter L. Spear; Elementary Librarian: Mrs. Jane Ware; Elementary Music: Miss Mary Elizabeth Bell; Piano: Miss Floye Lott.

HIGH SCHOOL

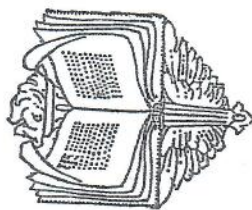
Mrs. Frances Beaver, Librarian; Mr. Robert H. Black, Band; Mr. Bryan Craig, Assistant H. S. Principal, Social Studies; Miss Lillian Dunn, Social Studies; Mrs. Edwina Hunnicutt, English and Civics; Miss Myldred Lipscomb, Latin and English; Mrs. Sara Loftin, Science; Mr. Vernon M. Morrison, P. E. and Driver Ed., and Math.; Mrs. Ruth B. Mundy, English; Miss Maude Sadler, Math.; Mrs. Katherine Shepherd, Home Economics; Mrs. Eva Sisk, English and French; Mrs. Mary Etta Ware, Commerce; Mr. B. T. Wright, Jr., P. E. and Science.

FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A PAMPHLET PUBLISHED BY THE CITY DURING THE REIGN OF O. L. HOFFMAN AS MAYOR. MAYOR HOFFMAN SERVED FROM 1922 THRU 1935 AS MAYOR OF MOUNT HOLLY.

THE VEHICLES SHOWN IN THE PHOTOS OF THIS PAMPHLET APPEAR TO BE OF THE 1920'S ERA.

MOUNT
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NORTH CAROLINA



A GOOD TOWN IN A PROS-
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MANUFACTURING CENTER

Mount Holly High Schools

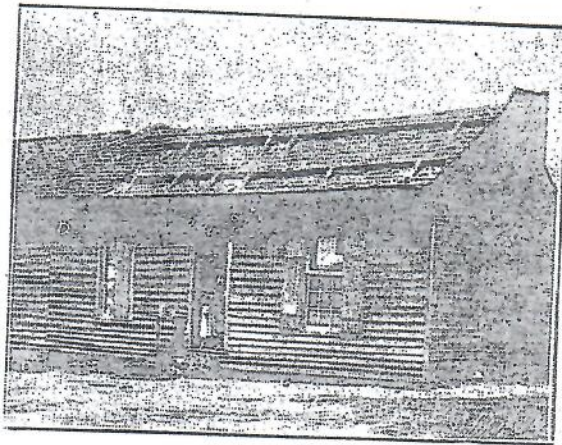


MOUNT HOLLY

HISTORICAL

The town of Mount Holly was incorporated in 1889. Mr. R. K. Davenport was the town's first mayor. Before the village was incorporated it was known as Tuckaseege, Woodlawn and Hutchison. Among Mount Holly's first post masters were Grier Love, Mr. W. B. Rutledge and Stanhope Johnson.

The first school building was located on the crest of Dr. Hunter's Hill, west of town, now known as Spring's Hill. For several years residents of Mount Holly sent their children to this school, which was taught by the Rev. Abram Wells. This school served until the early nineties.



The present magnificent school building was erected in 1922. When this school was built, the people of Mount Holly, encouraged by the local school board, also built a beautiful seventeen-room teacherage. It is said to be the prettiest and best equipped teacherage in the state. Most of the faculty of twenty-seven of the Mount Holly Consolidated Schools reside at the teacherage.

CLIMATE

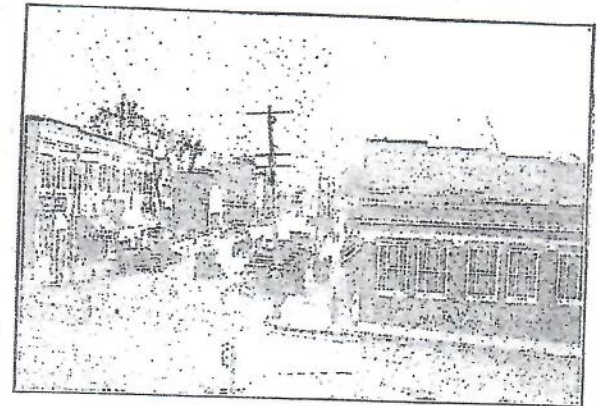
No section of the United States enjoys a better climate than the southern piedmont section of North Carolina; the section in which Mount Holly is situated. Snowfall is a rare thing. The summer heat is not severe. The temperature will compare favorably to that of southern California. The climate is ideal.



The Teacherage

CIVIC PRIDE

Civic pride is the same to a town as patriotism is to a nation. The people of Mount Holly are not lacking in civic pride. They are forward-propulsing, and are always willing to cooperate in any movement making for the betterment of the town. Petty jealousy is unheard of. The business men work in unison for a bigger, better and busier Mount Holly. Manufacturing industries and foreign capital is invited and encouraged by 8,500 big-minded Mount Holly citizens.



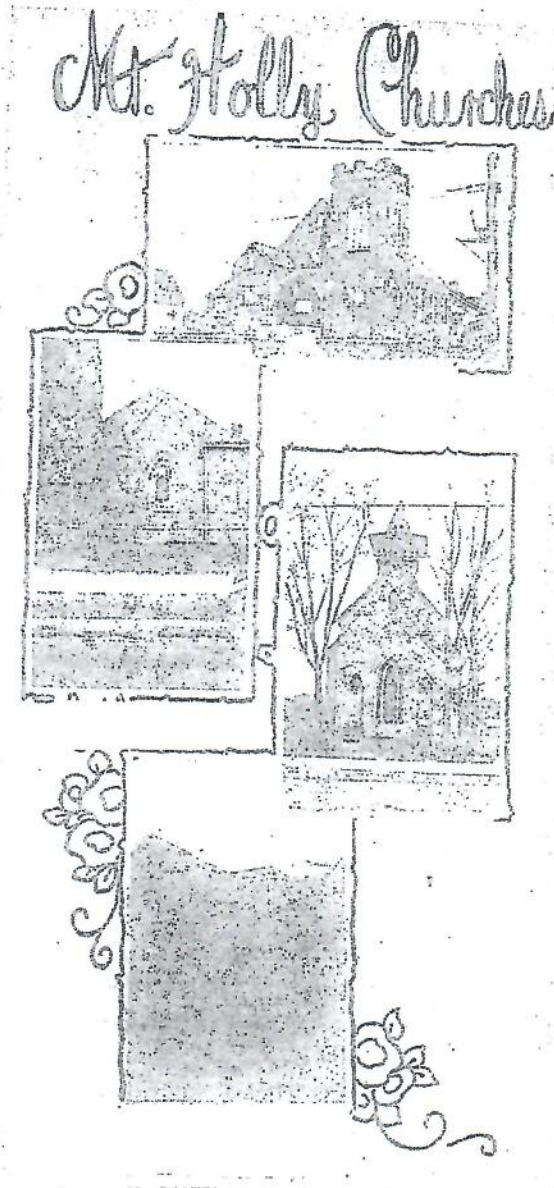
Mount Holly Street Scene

AN AGRICULTURAL SECTION

Mount Holly is situated in the heart of a fertile agricultural section. The soil of the surrounding country will grow any known southern crop. Farmers specialize in cotton, corn, wheat, vegetables, etc. The average price for the best farm land is \$100.00 per acre.

CHURCHES

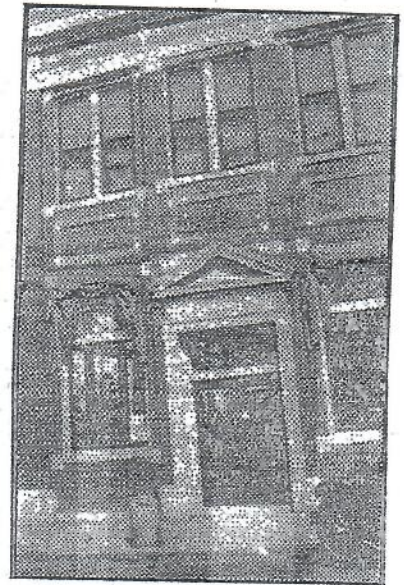
The stranger always inquires of the church, school, and banking facilities of a town before locating. On the cover-leaf is a view of the Mount Holly Consolidated Schools and elsewhere in this booklet a view of the beautiful teacherage. School facilities of Mount Holly are adequate. An average enrollment of 850 students attend the school for a period of nine months.



No town of 3,500 people has better church equipment. The following denominations are represented: Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian. Each has a resident pastor and the attendance is very good.

BANKS

That Mount Holly has adequate banking facilities is evidenced by the fact that the total resources of its banks approximate \$1,000,000.00. The Mount Holly Bank was established in 1903, while the Central Bank & Trust Company was established in 1920. Both of these banks are conservatively managed by some of the best business men in this section of the state. Though conservative, the two Mount Holly Banks are alert to local financial requirements and are always found willing to assist any worthy enterprise.

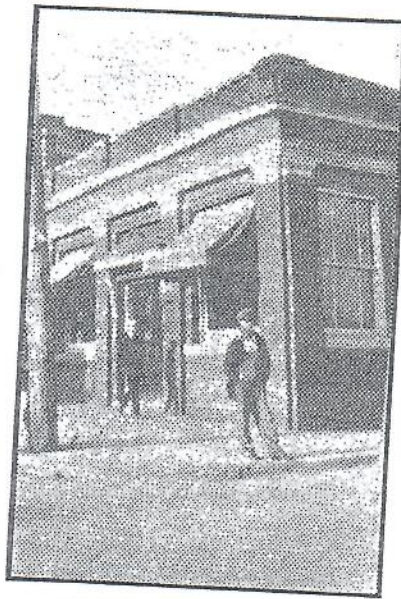


Central Bank and Trust Co.

The Central Bank & Trust Company is capitalized at \$44,000. The officers of this bank are: N. B. Kendrick, pres; C. E. Hutchison, Jr., vice-pres; R. L. Jenkins, vice-pres; S. Q. McCraw, cashier.

The Mount Holly Bank is one of the leading banking institutions in this section of the state. It is officered by H. A. Rhyne, pres; J. M. Springs, vice-pres; J. A. Costner, vice-pres. and cashier and W. M. Cavin, assistant cashier.

The capital, surplus and undivided profit amount to \$40,000.00.



The Mount Holly Bank

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Within the corporate limits and within a radius of one mile of the corporate limits of Mount Holly there are nine cotton mills; they are Alsace, Woodlawn, Nims, Globe, Catawba, Madora, American, Adrian and Tuckaseege. The combined capacity of these mills in spindles is ————. Over 1,800 operatives are employed.

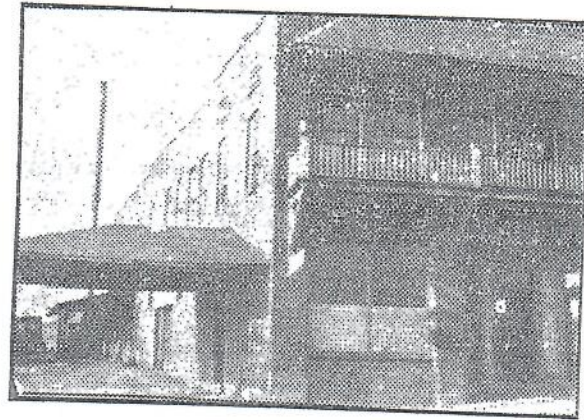
The American Yarn & Processing Company, a local corporation, own and operate Nims, Madora, Adrian, Woodlawn, Alsace and American mills. These mills employ 1400 operatives who live in and around Mount Holly. The pay roll of the American Yarn and Processing Company amounts to many thousands of dollars monthly.

Mr. C. E. Hutchenson, the president, is a native of Mount Holly and one of the best known and most successful cotton mill men in the state.

The manufactured products of the American Yarn & Processing Company are sold all over the United States.

The Kendrick Brick and Tile Company are manufacturers of very fine building brick. They have a capacity of about 90,000 brick daily.

The Mount Holly laundry is modernly equipped and offers to the people of the section one day service. It is home owned.

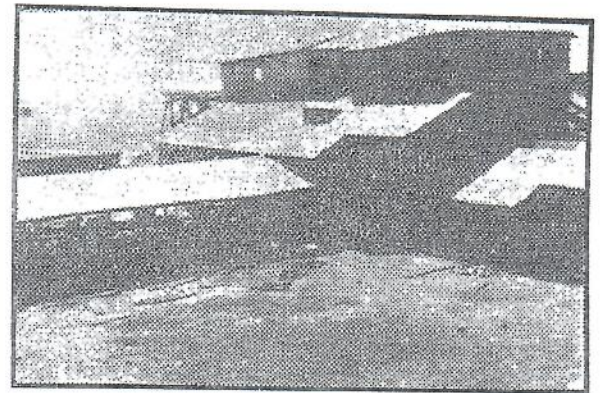


The Mount Holly Laundry

RAILROAD FACILITIES

Mount Holly is served by the Seaboard Air Line and the P. & N. railroads. Numerous freight and passenger trains daily pass through the town. The shipping facilities are adequate.

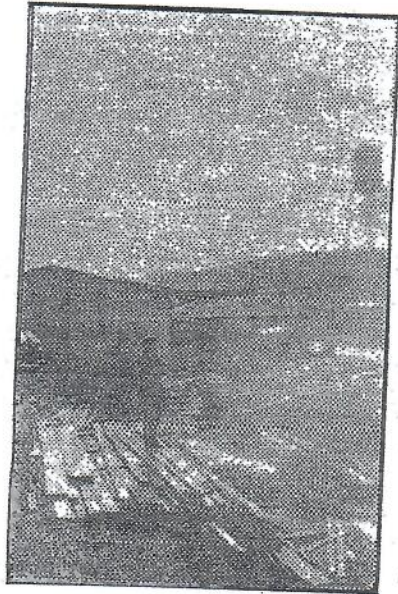
A cotton ginnery is located in Mount Holly. This ginnery is of ample capacity to take care of the requirements of the farmers of the section of country surrounding Mount Holly, noted as a cotton growing section.



Kendrick Brick & Tile Co's Plant

Other manufacturing plants are: ice plant, chemical plant,

The Ballard Lumber Company, manufacturers and distributors of all kinds of lumber and building material, is a Mount Holly organization. They have for their trade slogan: "Better Homes."



Ballard Lumber Co's Plant

WATER, LIGHTS AND POWER

Mount Holly is the seat of the Southern Power Company's activities. This company furnishes power for all of the manufacturing industries and for the town. There is surplus power for any and all requirements.

Mount Holly water and sewerage system is municipally owned, also a 1,000,000 gallon filtering plant. Analysis by experts place the water in an enviable class as to purity and the sewage system was installed with the view in mind of accommodating a growing town.

GOVERNMENT

Mount Holly is governed under the provisions of a charter granted by the General Assembly of North Carolina. The law-making body consists of four aldermen and a mayor. Mount Holly is efficiently policed. O. L. Hoffman is mayor and C. E. Hutchinson, J. W. Holland, R. E. Starns and J. J. Holland are the present aldermen.

TAX RATE

The tax rate in Mount Holly is low; far lower than other towns its size with the same accommodations and privileges. Mount Holly has an efficient fire department: lights, water, sewage, five miles of paved sidewalks and two miles of paved streets. Mount Holly offers big city advantages at the small town tax rate. The tax rate is 95 cent on the one hundred dollars.

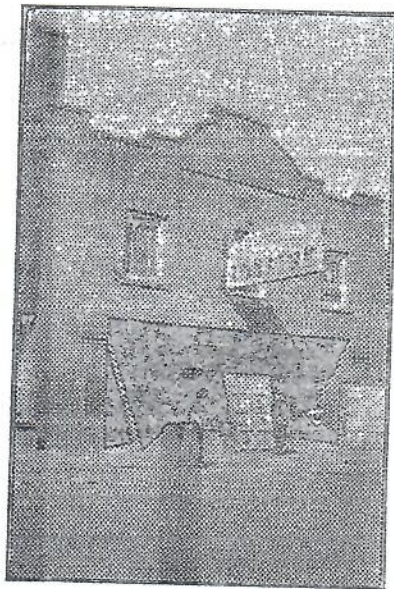
MERCANTILE ESTABLISHMENTS

No town of 3,500 people can boast of better stores and better shopping facilities. By reason of the fact that the Mount Holly merchants enjoy a low tax rate and low rentals they are enabled to offer exceptional bargains to shoppers. Mount Holly has drug stores, hardware stores, dry goods stores, grocery stores, furniture stores, undertaking establishments, etc.



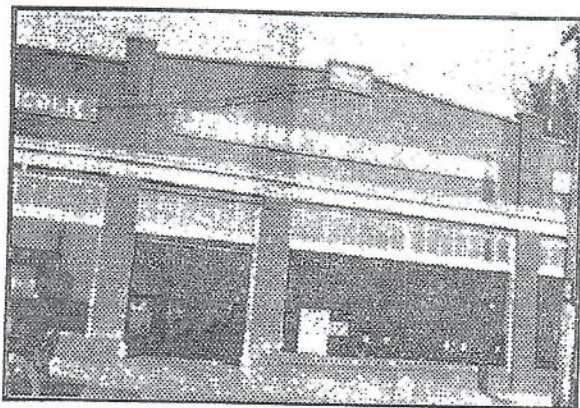
Summey Drug Company

The Summey Drug Company is one of the most solidly established drug firms in Gaston county. It is owned by Messrs. K. N. and P. B. Summey and enjoys an enviable reputation for prescription accuracy.



The Holly Theatre

The Holly Theatre is one of the best equipped movie houses in this section of the state. It has a seating capacity of 382.

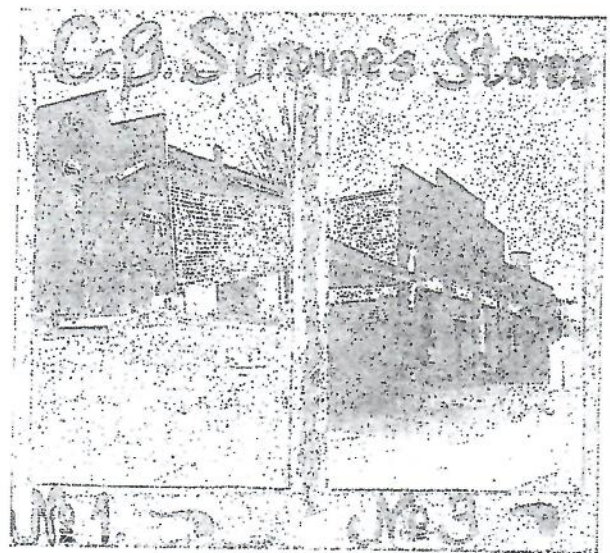


The Jenkins Motor Co.

The Jenkins Motor Company, local Fordson, Ford and Lincoln dealers has a modern and well equipped garage located on one of the principal business streets of the town. They sell accessories, tires, tubes, etc.

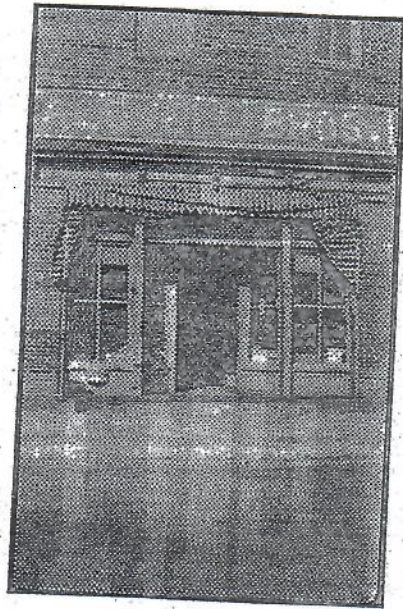
The Mount Holly Citizen, a weekly newspaper, is published in Mount Holly by the Crowson Company. This firm, also, does all kinds of commercial job printing.

Three of Mount Holly's leading stores are conducted by Mr. C. B. Stroup. We present views of stores number 1 and 3. Store number 1 is located on the Belmont-Mount Holly highway near Adrian mill, while store number three is located on Central Avenue near both depots. We do not present a view of store number two, but it is located near Madora mill. Mr. Stroup carries a full line of general merchandise at all three of his stores. Store number three specializes in feedstuff, fertilizers (Peruina checkerboard feed especially) and all kinds of general merchandise at wholesale and retail. Stores one and two carry a complete line of general merchandise, including shoes, notions, dry goods, staple and fancy groceries, etc. Goodrich tires are sold at store number one and United States tires are sold at store number three.



C. B. Stroup's Stores

The mercantile firm of Caldwell Brothers, general merchants, is owned by Frank L. Caldwell, a native of Gaston county. Mr. Caldwell commenced business about four years ago on a cash basis. He has been successful in operating a cash store in Mount Holly which is attested by the fact that an humble beginning four years ago has developed into one of the best stocked stores in the town. The stock will inventory into thousands of dollars. Mr. Caldwell's motto is: "Short profits and quick turn-overs." His line consists of general merchandise, including dry goods, notions, shoes, staple and fancy groceries, etc.



Caldwell Bros. Store

Messrs. W. F. and R. S. Holland, owners of Holland Drug Co., conduct an up-to-date drug store. They carry a complete stock of candies, smoker's supplies, sick room supplies, rubber goods, etc. The prescription department is conducted by Mr. W. F. Holland, who has been located in Mount Holly for twenty three years.



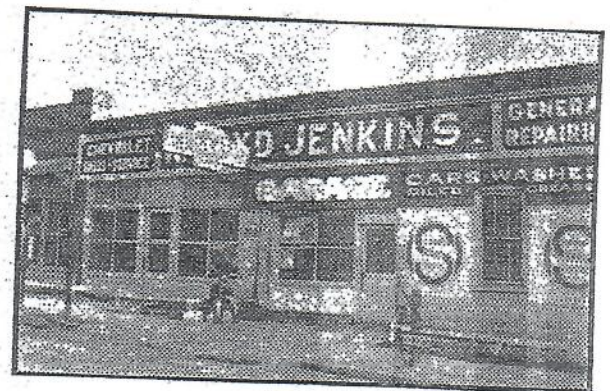
Holland Drug Co's Store

The Home Oil Company, distributors of gasoline, kerosine and motor oils, is owned by Mr. G. I. Rankin. Mr. Rankin operates three delivery trucks and sells to dealers only. The plant is located on the P. & N. Railway. The Home Oil Company sells American gas, greases and oils. These products are known to give more miles and pleasure per dollar.



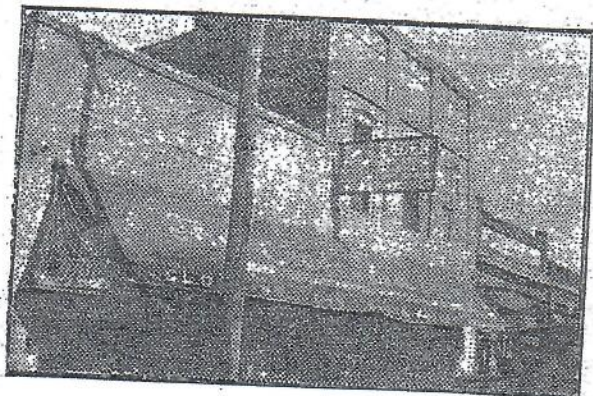
Home Oil Co's Plant

The local Chevrolet dealer is W. Lloyd Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins has a well equipped garage and is in



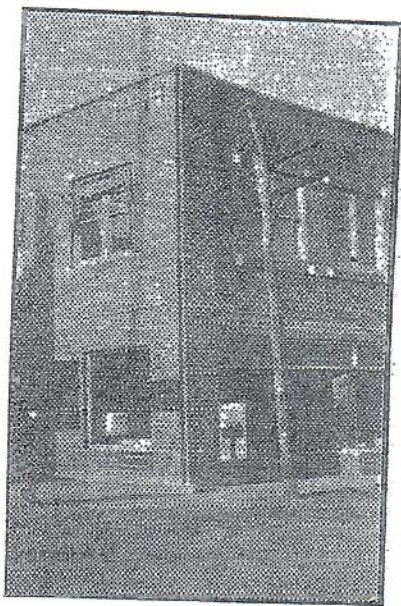
W. Lloyd Jenkins Garage

a position to render service on all makes of cars. He sells automobile accessories, tires, tubes, gas, greases and oils.



The Leader Department Store

The Leader Department Store, owned by Harry M. and John Honigman, carries a complete stock of clothing, dry goods, notions, shoes, furniture, house furnishings, etc. The stock will inventory in the thousands of dollars. It is an up-to-date store in every respect and one that would do credit to any city in the Carolinas.



W. L. Rawlings Establishment

Mr. W. L. Rawlings conducts a plumbing establishment. His activities are not confined to Mount Holly alone. His organization is equipped to handle any job.

Mr. Louis Kaplan's store is a big mercantile establishment. Not many cities have better stores than that of Louis Kaplan.

Mr. Kaplan carries a full line of dry goods, notions, clothing, etc., with a full line of furniture.



Louis Kaplan

J. D. Hobbs & Company, one of Mount Holly's leading mercantile establishments, is located in the Hotel Juliette building. Mr. J. D. Hobbs, the man-



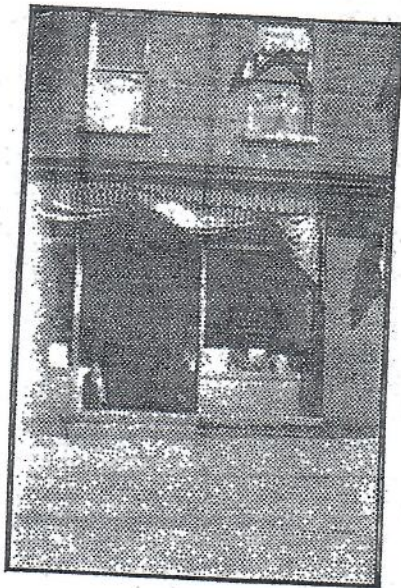
J. D. Hobbs & Co's Store

ager, is considered one of the best merchants in this section of the state. This firm carries a complete stock of nationally known clothing, shoes, hats, dry goods, notions, etc.

MOUNT HOLLY HAS

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| 1 Plumbing Establishment | 1 Theatre |
| 2 Drug Stores | 4 General Stores |
| 2 Banks | 4 Department Stores |
| 9 Cotton Mills | 17 Grocery Stores |
| 1 Lumber Plant | 3 Furniture Stores |
| 1 Ice Factory | 1 Undertaker |
| 1 Chemical Plant | 4 Dry Goods Stores |
| 1 Brick Yard | 2 Hardware Stores |
| 1 Cotton Ginnery | 4 Physicians |
| 1 Laundry | 2 Dentists |
| 2 Automobile Dealers | 1 Oil Company |
| 2 Restaurants | 4 Barber Shops |
| 1 Tailoring Establishment | 3 Feed Dealers |
| 1 Newspaper and Job Printing Office | |
| 1 Building and Loan Association | |

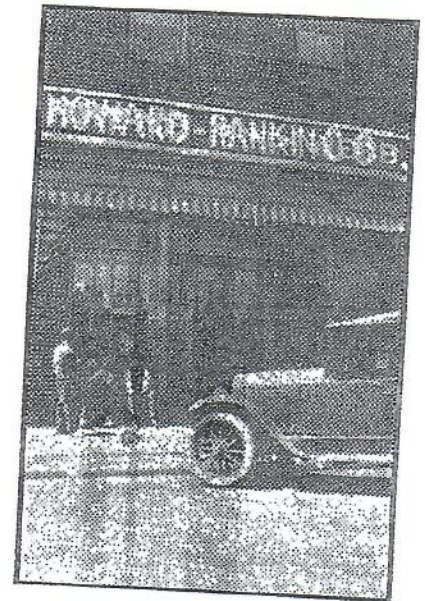
Mr. O. L. Hoffman, the mayor of Mount Holly, conducts one of the best stocked and most up-to-date hardware stores in Gaston county under the firm name of Mount Holly Hardware & Furniture Company.



Mt. Holly Hardware & Furniture Co's Store

Messrs C. P. Howard and F. L. Rankin, who do business as Howard & Rankin, have one of Mount Holly's best stores and cater to the most discrimi-

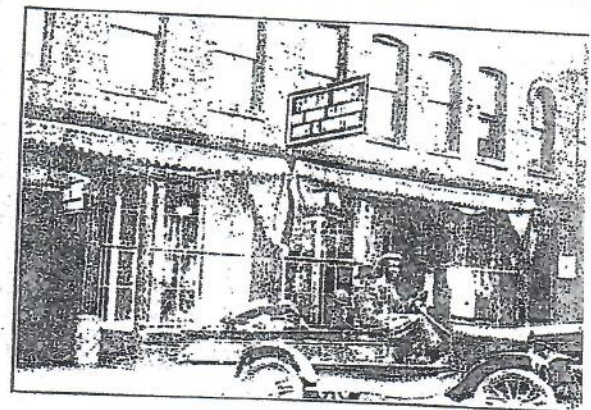
nating shoppers. Their stock consists of the in the mercantile line and is arranged in department store style. The stock will inventory thousands of dollars.



Howard & Rankin's Store

A WARM-HEARTED WELCOME AWAITS YOU IN MOUNT HOLLY. GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES ARE OFFERED. MANUFACTURER HOME SEEKERS AND THOSE IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE. "WATCH MOUNT HOLLY GROW"

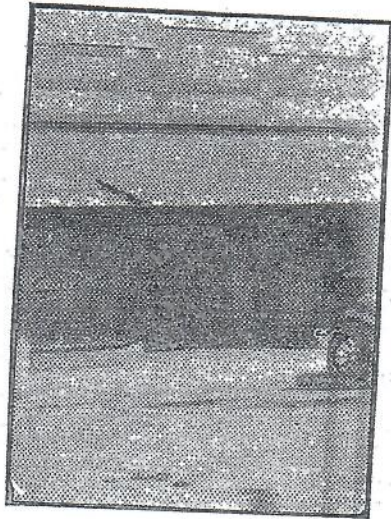
Mr. J. J. Farrar is manager of Farrar Brothers who conducts one of the best and most up-to-date stores in Gaston county. Their store is conver-



Farrar Brothers Store

ently located on one of the principal business streets of Mount Holly. They carry a complete stock of furniture, notions, clothing, dry goods, shoes, carpets, mattings, etc. This is the oldest mercantile establishment in Mount Holly.

Massey-Clark Co., Inc., is another leading Mount Holly mercantile establishment, equipped with modern equipment. They carry a complete stock of high grade hardware, farming implements, paints, oils, etc. Their motto is: "Quality and Service."



Massey-Clark Co's Store

MOUNT HOLLY IS A GOOD TOWN IN A GOOD STATE. POPULATION 3,500 AND STILL GROWING.

HOTEL FACILITIES

The Hotel Juliette is a modern twenty room brick hotel. Rooms are furnished with hot and cold running water, private and connecting bath. This hotel is new and modern. The cuisine is excellent, and special attention is paid to commercial travellers. The hotel is under the management of Mrs. Claudia Beam.

Mount Holly boasts of a population of 3,500 thrifty, intelligent citizens. Mount Holly is still growing. No town in North Carolina presents to the homeseeker or manufacturer better opportunities and advantages. Mount Holly has no poor

quarters; its citizenship is one hundred per cent American. Mount Holly is a progressive and growing town in a progressive and growing county and state. The Southern Power Company has an \$8,000,000 dam at Mount Holly. Enough electric current is generated in Mount Holly to supply a city of 300,000 population. Farm lands are fertile and additional sites can be had.

BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF MT. HOLLY

This booklet was made possible by the cooperation of the following Mount Holly business men and firms, who contributed to its success and who contribute daily to a bigger, busier and better Mount Holly.

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A letter addressed to any one of the forward-propulsing business men listed above in regard to Mount Holly will have their immediate attention. Write and ask them what you wish to know about Mount Holly.