

Mountaineers Lose Opener

Red Smart's Mountaineers, this year's crop of baseball aspirants who represent the Kings Mountain High School in the Western Conference, opened up Tuesday afternoon

at Cherryville, bowing to Jack Kiser's crew as the Cherries crossed the plate four times to the Mountaineers none.

Willis and Smith kept the day from being a complete flop by batting out a hit each off Cecil Slak, another offspring of the line of Iron Men who have kept Jack Kiser in the race for the past several years. Kiser's proteges took Ballard for four hits, one for each of their runs. Both the Bennett boys marked up errors, along with Smith. Burton's at the backstop position brought one man in from third as he tried to tag the man before he got his hand on the ball.

The Slak lad mowed the Mountaineers down, with a beautiful drop that had a kink like a shoe buttoner. Ballard was in pretty good condition, but not showing the spark that brought him so close to no-hitters in the Junior race last season.

Tomorrow afternoon the lads show the home town folks their stuff, taking on Forest City for their home debut. It promises to be a well-worth seeing affair, with Golins probably seeing some action on the mound, and Bennett scrambling after them behind the batter.

Sister of Mrs. Ben F. Beam Dies

Mrs. J. M. Sprouse, sister of Mrs. Ben F. Beam of this place, died at her home in Anderson, S. C., last week after an extended illness. Mrs. Sprouse and family lived in Gaston for a number of years where her husband was manager of the A. and P. Stores. She visited in Kings Mountain frequently and has many friends here who were grieved to hear of her death.

The body was carried to Newberry, S. C., Wednesday and services were conducted at Central Methodist Church at that place. Interment was made in Rosemont cemetery.

Mrs. Sprouse was a faithful member of St. Johns Methodist Church, in Anderson, S. C., during her residence there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hamell, of Clarksville, Va.

She is survived by her husband, J. M. Sprouse, two sons, Hamell, of New York City and Macbeth, a sophomore at Clemson College, a daughter, Mrs. E. D. Evans, a granddaughter, Elizabeth Evans; one brother, B. H. Hamell of Lincolnton, three sisters, Mrs. Ralph Crum of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Haley Ligon of Clarksville, Va., and Mrs. Ben F. Beam of Kings Mountain.

Negro Wrecks Car

Joe Gray, local negro, commonly known as "Peg," is resting in jail here as the result of the wreck of an auto belonging to Chas. S. Williams, local Textile Machinery dealer, in whose employ Gray has been for the past five years. The accident occurred on Chestnut Ridge Monday morning, after Gray allegedly stole the auto while Mr. Williams was away from home, got drunk, and decided to raise whoopee.

Mr. Williams, along with his wife, and Mrs. Charles Dilling and daughter, was in Covington, Ga., visiting Mrs. Williams' relatives when the accident occurred.

The auto, which was damaged to the extent of approximately \$600 is in a local garage. Mr. Williams had ordered the Negro to leave the car alone while he was away, but the Negro decided to take advantage of his employer's absence.

Mr. Williams reported that the auto was not insured.

Chief of Police J. A. Burns told the Herald late last night that Gray had been turned loose after Mr. Williams decided not to prefer charges against him.

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