

### Central Quint In 52 to 44 Win Over Forest City

Kings Mountain defeated Forest City high boys at Forest City Tuesday night 52-44 for the fifth win in six starts this season. Forest City's girls won the opener 56-47.

Coach Don Parker's quint put in a third quarter blitz to pull far enough out front to ride out the contest after leading by only two points (28-27) at halftime.

Center Ollie Harris paced the successful effort with 27 points against the man-to-man Forest City defense. Forward Milton Hope, evidencing a bad night, got 10 points for runner-up honors.

The Mountaineers started strong, hitting the hoops for 16 points in the opening frame. Harris was the big gun, hooking in five goals and adding three free tosses for 13 of the 16 markers. Hope had a goal and Guard Richard George a free throw for the other points.

In the second quarter, Harris hit two more goals to close the first half with 17 points. He also picked up three personal fouls in the first two periods. Hope added a goal and two charity shots, George a goal and Guard Don McCarter a goal and a free throw as the Mountaineers went into the rest period with a 29-27 advantage.

Harris and Forward Ronnie Layton each hit two quick goals to move the winners out fast in the third canto. Harris added two more goals and Hope and George one each to the margin as the Mountaineers held the host team to 8 points during the quarter.

Forest City out-scored Kings Mountain 9-7 in the final chapter, with Harris taking his fifth personal early in the period after scoring two free throws to end his total at 27 points. Hope and Layton added field goals and George a foul shot to hold margin.

Center Robert McNair had 21 points to pace the losers.

It was the second win over Forest City for Coach Parker's cagers and ran their South Group, Western AA Conference record to 5-1, good for second place in the loop standings. Kings Mountain trimmed Forest City here last December 18th in the season opener 43 to 25.

The Forest City sextet again proved too much for Kings Mountain's lassies, winning the opener despite a strong last-half bid by the visitors. Trailing 30-16 at halftime, Kings Mountain came back strong to out-score the winners by five points in the last two periods.

Nancy Bishop had 18 points to lead the Kings Mountain scoring. Nora Deese had 13 points and Fern Barrett 11 in the bid for a second victory of the season in six starts.

Forest City edged Kings Mountain 40-37 here in December in the final minutes of the game. Sara Melton was again the big thorn, hitting for 24 points in Tuesday's battle. Lonice Scruggs had 20 points.

In the field goal percentages department, Kings Mountain's boys holed on 21 of 49 shots for 42.9 percent accuracy. Harris was tops with 64.7 (11 hits, six misses). Layton had 60 percent (three hits, two misses); McCarter 50 percent (1-1); George 25 percent (2-6); and Houe 23.5 percent (4-13).

Hope's shots were going in the basket but wouldn't stay, Red Layton, who kept the records, said, but Harris and Layton accounted for three goals each off the backboard on his shots. The McCarter and George to Layton to Harris combine proved very effective, he said, with Harris hitting on 8 of 10 tries off this attack. George drove in for two goals and McCarter hit a set shot from mid-court.

The box scores:

### Freshmen, 'Bantams' To Hit On Thursday

The Kings Mountain high school freshmen boys cagers are slated to meet the recreation department's "Bantams" at Central gym Thursday at 7 p. m.

No admission charge will be made and all citizens are invited to witness the game.

Coach Shu Carlton, along with John Gamble, practice teacher, is coaching the ninth graders.

### "Bee" Cagers, Wolves Split

Kings Mountain and Lincolnton high schools' "B" basketball teams split a twin bill at Central gymnasium here Monday night, the visiting girls winning the opener 44-19 and the Mountaineers coming back to take the Wolves 34-32 in the nightcap.

Derice Weir paced the Kings Mountain sextet with 14 points as the Lincolnton lassies pulled far out front in the final period.

In the boys game, Coach John Charles' quint jumped into the lead early and stayed on top until the last three minutes, when the visitors went ahead 29-28 on a free throw by Guard Bynum, who had tied the contest with a field goal moments before.

With 50 seconds on the clock, Guard Ronnie Cole put the Mountaineers ahead for good at 31-30 with a charity toss.

Forward Fred Falls paced the winners with 13 points. Center Charles Bridges had eight and Cole had seven.

Kings Mountain's boys hit on 11 of 49 shots from the floor for 22.5 percent accuracy, with Falls' 4 of 11 for 36.4 tops. Lincolnton had 23.5 percent, hitting on 12 of 51 tries.

The boxes:

GIRLS	
Kings Mtn. "B" (18)	Lincolnton "B" (24)
Weir, f	13
McCart, f	11
Gibbons, f	3
Guston, f	3
Nance, f	1
Sellers, f	2
Falls, f	2
GUARDS: Arnette, D. Aderholt, J. W. Ward, Harolds, S. Stafford	
Spake, Biddix, M. Benfield, Cody, Buff, Boyd, Black, Peiser, J. Bellinger, Thompson, Cain	

BOYS	
Kings Mtn. "B" (34)	Lincolnton "B" (32)
Falls, f	13
Jackson, f	10
Houser, f	0
Ormand, f	0
Bridges, c	1
Barnes, c	0
Wilson, f	0
Cole, s	3
McCarter, g	0
George, g	0
GUARDS: Arnette, D. Aderholt, J. W. Ward, Harolds, S. Stafford	
Spake, Biddix, M. Benfield, Cody, Buff, Boyd, Black, Peiser, J. Bellinger, Thompson, Cain	

4 11 19  
SCORE BY PERIODS:  
KINGS MTN. "B" 6 8 4 1-18  
LINCOLNTON "B" 12 8 4 18-44  
OFFICIALS: Don McCarter, referee; Milton Hope, umpire; Pat Owens, scorer; Billy Sumpster, timer.

4 11 24  
Kings Mtn. "B" (34) Lincolnton "B" (32)  
Falls, f 13  
Jackson, f 10  
Houser, f 0  
Ormand, f 0  
Bridges, c 1  
Barnes, c 0  
Wilson, f 0  
Cole, s 3  
McCarter, g 0  
George, g 0  
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### Capacity Crowd

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The "Duetino Concertante" by Mozart (arr. Busoni) followed a light and sparkling composition, typically Mozartian, with a perky, delicate theme.

Next number of the first group was "The Lark," by Glinka.

Other numbers included were "Variations on a Theme of Beethoven, Opus 35" by Saint-Saens, "Petes," by Debussy, and "Larghetto" by Poulenc.

In the last group were "Preludes" in C Sharp minor, No. 2, and E flat minor, No. 3, by Gershwin with their blues strains and syncopated rhythms, "Parrtomime, from El Amor Brujo" by de Falla, with its Spanish fire, and the flippant "Paraphrase on Airs from 'Die Fledermaus' by Strauss-Dovaacs.

Very generous with encores, the twins also played "Waltz" in C major; Arensky, "Sheep May Safely Graze"; Bach, "Polka," from the ballet "Age of Gold"; Schostakovitch, "Turkey in the Straw" and the "Blue Danube."

### Unemployed

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each week he is unemployed.

Maximum number of weeks the benefits are available during a benefit year is 26, while the maximum benefit check is \$30 per week. The minimum benefit payable is \$7 per week.

The total of claims for unemployment benefits at the Kings Mountain branch for the month ending January 25, follows:

Week ending January 1, a total of 554 claims.

Week ending January 8, a total of 930 claims.

Week ending January 15, a total of 510 claims.

Week ending January 22, a total of 732 claims.

Mr. Wase said that Tuesday's claim total alone totaled 168 claims, including 52 initial claims.

Generally, one textile man reported, textiles are in a hand-to-mouth situation. However, he added, customers are demanding immediate shipment when they place orders.

### CHICK SPECIAL

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Forest City (56)  
Sara Melton, f 10  
Louie Scruggs, f 9  
Carolyn McGinnis, f 5  
Betty Lane, f 3  
Susie Sheldin, f 0  
Dot Grindairt, f 2  
Marilyn Tate, g 2  
Marian Neal, g 2  
Anna Lou Davis, g 1  
Carol Bradley, g 1  
Watkins, g 1  
Nancy Weik, g 1  
TOTALS 24 9 56 20 7

Forest City (44)  
Bob Neal, f 0  
Eric Smart, f 0  
Charles Plack, f 0  
Culliver, f 0  
Robert McNair, c 4  
Jerry Ingle, g 7  
Frank Hamann, g 7  
W. T. Price, g 2  
TOTALS 16 11 44 13 15

SCORE BY PERIODS:  
FOREST CITY 18 18 11 15-56  
KINGS MTN. 9 7 18 18-44  
OFFICIALS: Jesse Taylor, referee; F. W. Corawell, umpire; Buddy Murray, scorer.

# Central Cagers Hit Shelby At Center Friday

### Hilltoppers Here On Tuesday

### Two Big Clashes To Have Important Bearing On AA Conference Standings

Kings Mountain and Shelby clash on the hardwood at the Shelby Community Center Friday night in the big Western AA Conference battle of the year for Cleveland County. The girls opener is slated for 7 p. m. and a large turnout is expected at the spacious center court.

On Tuesday night, Kings Mountain will be host to Rutherford Spindale, with the boys battle slated to have an important bearing on the standings in the South Group, Western AA Conference.

Rutherford Spindale handed Kings Mountain its only defeat on the Rutherford County court January 8 (49-39) and has won six of seven games to date, losing only to undefeated Lincolnton (44-37).

Kings Mountain will take a 5-1 record into the Shelby battle Friday. Shelby has posted three wins in six starts and appear to be an improving club.

Shelby has won games from Cliffside (51-22), Belmont (72-33) and Caroleen (in overtime Tuesday night). The Lions have lost to Lincolnton (51-29), Forest City (50-48) and Rutherford Spindale (44-37).

Coach Don Parker's quint has defeated Forest City twice (43-25 and 52-44), Caroleen (49-34), Cliffside (53-37) and Cherryville (50-35), while losing only to Rutherford Spindale.

Kings Mountain has not yet met the undefeated Lincolnton five, the first meeting scheduled here on February 9. The Mountaineers have also not yet met Belmont, last Friday's scheduled game being postponed by bad weather.

Shelby's girls also have a 3-3 record, winning from Cliffside (54-49), Belmont (49-43) and Caroleen while losing to Lincolnton

### Kiwaniis Club Had Busy Year

The 79-member Kings Mountain Kiwanis club had an active year during 1953, according to a report by Rowell Lane, chairman of the club achievement committee, at the meeting of the organization last Thursday evening.

Mr. Lane listed major events of the year's work for several committees and noted that the net membership gain during 1953 totaled six, or 9.24 percent. The club had an average attendance of 77.37 percent, the report showed.

Highlights of the club's boys and girls work included sponsorship of a delegate to Boys State, donation of lumber to the Negro Girl Scout camp, award of a citizenship medal to a high school student, sponsorship of a boy's basketball team, and sponsorship of a little league baseball team.

In public and business affairs, the Kiwanis club conducted a successful "Get Out the Vote Campaign" for the May city election, and sponsored resolutions asking the construction of a county health center, and asking provision at Shelby hospital for quarters for mental patients awaiting admission to the state hospital.

Among the many aids for underprivileged children were four loans to students, organization of a Negro Boy Scout troop, outfitting of two boys with school clothes, paid expenses of a student to Union Mills school for one month, distributed an estimated \$500 in goods to needy families at Christmas, and donated to the Red Cross, and the Christmas Cheer fund of the State Hospital for the Insane.

The club, noting it had 15 wheel chairs in use, reported addition of one to its inventory during the year.

Improper use of driver's license resulted in loss of driving privileges for 55 North Carolinians last year.

### Harmons To Attend Press Institute

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harmon will go to Chapel Hill Thursday, where they will attend the 29th annual Mid-Winter Press Institute of the North Carolina Press association.

Mr. Harmon will preside at the Friday afternoon group meeting of non-daily newspapers. Discussion will cover the 1953 non-daily newspaper contests. Mr. Harmon served as chairman of the contest committee, along with W. C. Russ, of the Waynesville Mountaineer, and Gordon Tomlinson, of the Mocksville Enterprise. The press awards will be announced Friday evening.

### Dover Janitor At City Hall

The city's paid firemen were relieved of city hall janitorial duties at a special meeting of the board of commissioners last Thursday night.

According to the minutes of the meeting, the board voted to employ Forrest Dover as janitor at \$40 per week, effective Monday, January 25. In turn, the firemen were to be relieved from their janitorial duties and their pay chopped by \$20 per month.

Otherwise, the board adopted a resolution to petition the North Carolina Utilities Commission for a rehearing on its certificate of convenience and necessity just granted. The city wants to serve outside city limits areas, and City Attorney J. R. Davis said the request was filed at the instance of the City of Shelby, which also seeks to serve areas outside the city limits of Shelby, including Grover.

The board also authorized an expense-paid trip by Mayor Glee Bridges and City Attorney Davis to Raleigh to confer with authorities concerning the use of monies voted in a special bond election January 16.

### Lions Members Hear Minister

"The severest of troubles can be blessings," Rev. R. Douglas Fritz pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church told members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Rev. Mr. Fritz further declared that the only way to handle troubles is "to get on our knees and turn them over to God."

Citing examples, many of them humorous, Rev. Mr. Fritz pointed out that no successful man had otherwise been developed for handling troubles, which, he contends, is a major problem in a busy world that refuses to slow down its pace. He noted that escapism methods multiply troubles, that worry makes troubles worse, and that self-pity is of no use.

"It's bad business to worry about something you can't help, a decision that is made, and a fact that already exists," he explained, and added that people would worry less if they didn't try to be self-sufficient.

Mr. Fritz spoke on a program arranged by William Plonk.

Prior to the address, J. W. Webster outlined plans for the annual Lions club broom sale for the benefit of the blind, to be conducted in March.

### Optimist Club

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are already members of the newly organized club and other prospective members have been listed. Other interested citizens are invited to attend Thursday night's meeting.

Present members of the Kings Mountain club are C. E. Carpenter, Robert Herndon, Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., Emory C. Nicholson, Hugh A. Logan, Jr., James E. White, Tommy Owens, Sam D. Collins, James G. Layton, James A. Lybrand, L. E. Davis, W. L. Arrowood, Martin Ware, J. Neal Grissom, Bobby Sanders, Major Loftin, Sam Mitchem, S. A. Blanton, John Lackey, Donald Stowe, and Herbert Kimble.

### BASKETBALL Schedules - Results

Fri., Jan. 29—Kings Mountain at Shelby (Community Center), Bethware at Grover

Tues., Feb. 2—Ruth Spindale at Kings Mtn. Grover at Fallston Belwood at Bethware

Tues., Jan. 26—Kings Mtn. 52, Forest City 44 Girls — Forest City 56, Kings Mountain 47

Fri., Jan. 22—Belmont at Kings Mtn. 44 Bethware 43, Mooresboro 40 Girls — Bethware 78, Mooresboro 68

### PLAY SATURDAY

The recreation department's Little League and "Bantam" cagers are scheduled against Gastonia's Red Shields club in a double-header at Central gym Saturday at 9 a. m.

1,344 Tar Heels suffered temporary loss of their driver's license in 1953 for speeding over 75 mph in an automobile.

"We regret the situation, and the misunderstanding but we'd do the same thing again," Mr. Neill noted.

### Neills "Snowed Out" At Valdese Friday

Bob and Dave Neill, two Kings Mountain men who do night work as men in stripes during the basketball season, got snowed out at Valdese last Friday night.

"All a misunderstanding," Bob Neill, who regularly serves as county tax mapping recorder-keeper, commented on press reports that he and his brother disappeared into the snowy night of Catawba county air at half-time of the girls game.

"We shouldn't have ever gone," Mr. Neill related, "due to threatening weather, but the umpire-in-chief said he'd had no weather reports from Valdese school officials and insisted we try it. As it turned out, most teams cancelled out Friday night games, as Kings Mountain did."

"At half-time during the girls' game," Mr. Neill related, "we took a peek at the snow and it was coming down fast. We had to get some gas and wanted to check the weather. Dave told somebody he'd call back from the service station if we couldn't finish the game. So we went to a Puro station and found the weather bad and the reports worse. We asked the service station man to call the Valdese principal and tell him we'd have to start for home. As it happened, we didn't get any further than Hickory."

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