

# Cloninger, Valentine To Be Honored

## Pair To Attend Football Banquet In Gastonia

GASTONIA.—Two Kings Mountain High School players and their coach, Shu Carlton, will be among those honored at the second annual Gazette football banquet Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Eagles Club here.

The Mountaineers are tackle Ken Cloninger and halfback Mearl Valentine, both singled out by The Gazette during the regular season for sterling work on the gridiron.



**SPEAKER — Tom Young, Western Carolina football coach, will be the featured speaker at the second annual Gazette football banquet at the Gastonia Eagles club Thursday night.**

Coach Tom Young of Western Carolina Teachers College will be the guest speaker. Young, one of the most popular and respected coaches in the North State Conference, labels Gastonia as one of his "homes" since he attended the third grade here.

A graduate of University of North Carolina, Coach Young has been connected with athletics for the past 25 years. He coached at Lexington High School for eight years and long will be remembered for his excellent teams in the South Piedmont Conference. His teams won the championship five of the eight seasons he was head coach at Lexington.

He was also head coach at University of North Carolina for

one year, 1943. His Tar Heels that fall won six games, including a win over highly-regarded Pennsylvania. He's been coach at Western Carolina for the past seven years and his 1949 Cata-mounts won the North State title.

Each week during the regular football season, The Gazette's sports department picked out what it thought to be the outstanding back and lineman. Among Gaston preps and included Kings Mountain and Lincolnton

Lowell; Leo Foxx, Cramerton; Joe Wooten, Dallas; and Bob Rowland, Stanley.

**LINEMEN —** Ken Cloninger, Kings Mountain; Perry Pearson, Ray Whitaker and Jack Spady, Gastonia; Eddie Thrower, Belmont; Randall Anderson, Lincolnton; Bob Dellinger, Cherryville; Ray Loftin, Mt. Holly; Larry Barringer, Bessemer City; and Reggie Sarrett, Cramerton.

## Mountaineers Trip Belmont Abbey High Quint 60-40 For First Win

for the first time this fall. These will be the youngsters in attendance Thursday night:

**BACKS —** Mearl Valentine, Kings Mountain; Scoop Tino and Doug Hoffman, Gastonia; Doug Mauldin, J. C. O'Daniel and Gary Cannon, Belmont; Ronald Turner, Cherryville; Claude Savage, Coach Don Parker's Kings Mountain high school Mountaineers bounced back against the Belmont Abbey high Ramblers at Central gymnasium last Friday night, drawing a split in the practice series by taking the second of the set by 60-40.

Belmont Abbey's Jayvees took the opener of the twin bill Friday night by 47-25.

The Ramblers took the first game of the series at Belmont on December 7 by a score of 33-30 as the Mountaineers failed to get rolling until late in the game, taking a lead in the final chapter and losing after knotting the count at 30-all with two minutes left.

Friday night, the Mountaineers were a different team. Starting slowly, Coach Parker's quint pulled to within two points on Mearl Valentine's goal in the closing seconds of the first quarter and went ahead to stay on two quick buckets by the big guard opening the second canto.

Kings Mountain widened the gap in the second with a tight defense that allowed the visitors only three points. The Mountaineers led at the half by 26-18 and doubled the count in the third period (14-7) to increase the mar-

gin. With substitutes in the lineup in the final chapter, Kings Mountain outscored the losers 20-15 to win going away.

Center Bobby Littlejohn finished with 14 points to top the Mountaineers. Valentine had 13 points and Forward George Harris hit for 12.

Center Mike Dowling had 17 for the losers.

In the preliminary scrap, Coach Shu Carlton's JV's could manage only seven field goals and missed 21 of 36 free shots. Center J. L. Stewart had 9 points but John Ward won game high scoring honors, getting 14 for the winners.

Coach Parker, minus his entire starting five of last season, went most of the way Friday night with Eddie Goforth and Harris at forwards, Littlejohn at center, and Valentine and Jerry McCarty at the guards. The Mountaineers were sharp but made numerous bad passes. The losers, accurate with their tosses in the opening canto, began missing badly later on and in the final quarter made only five of 15 free shots.

## Bethware Sextet Downs Fallston

Bethware and Fallston split a county loop twin bill at Bethware's gymnasium Friday night before a large turnout of fans. Coach Jeff Woll's girls taking the opener 58-33 and the boys dropping the nightcap 59-34.

Laura Lane Morris paced the Bethware girls with 30 points as the winners took a 30-14 halftime lead and were never in danger. Lois Gamble had 12 points and

KINGS MOUNTAIN VARSITY BOYS					
Player, Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Eddie Goforth, f	3	2	12	3	2
George Harris, f	3	2	12	3	2
Frank Patis, f	0	0	0	0	0
Bobby Littlejohn, c	2	0	14	4	4
Ronnie Cole, c	2	0	4	2	4
Mearl Valentine, g	5	3	13	2	2
Jerry McCarty, g	1	1	3	0	0
Charles Yalton, g	1	1	3	0	0
Earl Martoway, g	1	2	4	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>

  

BELMONT ABBEY VARSITY BOYS					
Player, Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Bunny Ross, f	1	0	2	2	0
Clyford Cowan, f	1	0	2	2	0
Mike Kane, f	4	0	8	2	0
Mike Dowling, c	5	7	12	0	2
Jerry McRae, g	3	2	8	5	0
Chuck Martin, g	3	4	10	5	7
Joe Person, g	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>

  

KINGS MOUNTAIN JV GAME					
Player, Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Kevin Layton, f	1	0	0	1	0
Frank Graham, f	1	0	0	1	0
Kenneth Balle, f	0	0	0	0	0
J. B. Owens, f	0	0	0	0	0
Randy Cash, f	0	0	0	0	0
J. L. Stewart, c	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Roper, c	0	0	0	0	0
Kevin Layton, g	0	0	0	0	0
Charles Blanton, g	0	0	0	0	0
Buddy Murry, g	0	0	0	0	0
Chris George, g	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>

  

BELMONT ABBEY JV					
Player, Pos.	G	FG	TP	PF	FTM
Porston Melan, f	3	0	6	2	2
Mike Kane, f	2	1	5	2	2
Norbert Snyder, f	2	2	6	5	5
Steve Delaney, f	1	0	2	0	0
Jim Potter, c	4	2	10	4	4
John Ward, c	6	2	14	4	2
Joe Whaley, g	2	0	4	3	0
John Assey, g	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>

## El-Bethel-Bethware News

(Mrs. Leonard Gamble)  
**EL BETHEL - BETHWARE.** Dec. 14, 1954 — The Women's Home Demonstration club of El-Bethel will meet Friday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. at the Bethlehem clubhouse for their Christmas party. Members will exchange gifts. Everyone is urged to come.

Saturday night at 7:00 p. m. the Golden Link Sunday School class of El-Bethel held a social at the clubhouse. Games were played, and names were drawn for Christmas, after which the group enjoyed a pound party with coffee.

Friday night at 7:00 p. m. at the El-Bethel clubhouse, Mrs. Roy Swofford was honored at a miscellaneous shower by her mother and sister. The clubhouse was beautifully decorated for the occasion with Christmas decorations.

Sunday night at 7:00 p. m. the MYF of El-Bethel will present a Christmas play. This will take the place of the evening service. Mrs. Gerald Eaker is directing the play. The little folks are practicing a play to be given Christmas Eve during the Christmas program.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Hass Greene. A good program was presented, after which they enjoyed a covered dish supper.

Thursday night at 7:30 mem-

bers of the Bethware Glee club will present a Christmas program in the school auditorium. Every one is invited. Mrs. Nancy White is the director.

Friday night there will be a chicken pie supper at the Bethware lunch room. Proceeds will go to the activity bus fund. The bus has already been purchased by the PTA.

Saturday night at 6:30 the Juniors of El-Bethel will hold a social at the clubhouse. All members are urged to come.

Sunday at the 11 o'clock service, Rev. Jack Kirby of Gastonia will baptize some babies and af-

terwards hold the first quarterly conference of the year.

Mrs. Love Thrift has been real sick for several weeks.

J. F. Gamble, Lois and Barbara Gamble visited Rohe Hamrick Sunday. He is a patient in the Shelby hospital where he underwent an operation.

Henry Wise has been sick for two weeks. Sunday his children came and helped him celebrate his birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bolin, who were recently married, were honored Saturday night with a shower at the home of Mrs. J. L. Summitt.

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