

**Creighton Given**  
and coaching the squad, dealing with players and handling what is a piece of work that falls into these categories.

"I am very happy over the agreement," said Creighton, sidelined yesterday with a virus infection. "I plan to leave as soon as I can for Canada to look for players."

Creighton came to the Checkers from New Haven last fall. The rugged defenseman guided the team to a third place finish in the Southern Division and to within four points of second place. Injuries and illness which hit the team during the final week of the season claimed a No. 2 finish.

Charlotte dropped three straight games to Nashville in the division playoff.

Al Manch also announced that the hockey office at the Coliseum would remain open during the off-season and ticket orders are being accepted.

**Goodwill School Sets Collection**

The Students of the Cleveland County and Shelby City school systems will participate in a discard collection on March 29 - April 13.

The purpose of the program is to collect donations of used and discarded clothing, rags, shoes, toys and small appliances for the handicapped working and training at Goodwill Rehabilitation Center in Winston-Salem.

The discards make available vocational training and jobs for 170 handicapped persons from many counties of North Carolina. The discards are cleaned and repaired and then sold in six Goodwill stores. Students will be glad to receive the donation from parents and neighbors to help fill their Goodwill bag. All donations of discards will be helping a disabled person to get a new lease on life by giving him a means of vocational therapy.

**Hardin Rites Held Tuesday**

Funeral rites for R. W. Hardin, 59, of Shelby, were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. from Davidson Baptist church, interment following in Bethel Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. Hardin succumbed Sunday evening. He was a retired employee of Cleveland Mills and a member of Davidson Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Lily Irene Hardin of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Hardin of Grover; and four half-sisters, Mrs. James Bell, Mrs. James Carroll, Mrs. Harvey Goforth and Mrs. Frank Hoffman, all of Grover.

**BETHWARE OAK GROVE NEWS**  
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**BETHWARE** — The Bethware School Parent Teacher Association met last Thursday night. Richard Culyer gave the devotion. Dr. Phillip Padgett spoke on the child-teacher-parent relationship. Grade Mothers of the two seventh grades served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Babb have returned home after spending some time in Winston-Salem where Mr. Babb was hospitalized.

Robin Porter of Augusta, Georgia was a weekend visitor of Misses Debbie and Kim Porter.

Week of Prayer for WMU was held last week at Oak Grove Baptist church. Monday night, the brotherhood met and had a program pertaining to the Week of Prayer. Tuesday night, the Fannie Heck Circle had the program; Wednesday night, the Mae Cleo Circle, and Thursday night, the Kate Ellen Circle.

The Rev. C. O. Crow was guest speaker Sunday at Oak Grove. Services were cancelled Sunday night, so that members could attend the Gardner-Webb Convocation.

The flowers at the altar Sunday were furnished by Mrs. Blanche Phillips in memory of her husband and son.

**Entries Invited To Talent Show**

The Junior High School Auditorium and gymnasium in Mooresville will be the scene where some of the best Rock n' Roll bands in the Piedmont area big cash awards being awarded head on to try to take the winning groups. This big Rock n' Roll show and dance will be held on Saturday, April 3rd, starting at 7-29 p.m.

Joey Glen, of Radio Station WDBM will emcee this big event.

The proceeds will again go toward providing a \$500 scholarship to some worthy high school senior in the Mooresville area. In view of this, the Lions are urging all teenagers and adults to come out and support this worthwhile cause and receive an evening of enjoyable entertainment.

Shaw Brown, chairman, stated today that the Mooresville Show has grown each year and is now one of the largest and finest shows in the Piedmont area. Brown further stated that this big event is attracting outstanding Rock n' Roll groups who will compete for the \$150 cash prizes, which will be awarded to the best Rock n' Roll group and to the best dancing couples.

Sixteen groups have indicated they will be present.

Entries are still being received and any Rock n' Roll group wishing to enter this big event write or call Shaw Brown, P. O. Box 1, Mooresville, N. C.

Mexico produces sulphur.

Twenty thousand homeless children roam Viet Nam.

**Letter To Editor**

Dear Editor:  
I have just finished reading a copy of Senate Bill 95, which is the legislation proposed by the power company - rural cooperative alliance. This bill is the result of a getting together of the power company-co-op combine in an attempt to settle their differences over the sale of electricity in North Carolina. The third interested party was not invited to attend this meeting in which their rights were being divided to settle a long standing feud. The third party being the municipalities who retail electricity to than 300,000 customers.

Belatedly, the municipalities were called in but the ensuing discussions led to no changes in the proposed power company - rural cooperative legislation. The bill was introduced within 2 hours after cessation of the last joint meeting. The quickness in the introduction of this bill leads one to believe that maybe the last meeting was adjourned before being called.

The proposed legislation provides that the municipalities would no longer have the right to furnish electric service within their own limits to areas within 600 foot exclusive corridors reserved to power companies or the rural cooperatives. Request of the municipalities would not be honored. An important source of revenue which the cities would ordinarily receive as the inevitable expansion comes would instead revert to the supplier - awarded the privilege of serving the customer.

The effect of this legislation, if passed, would probably not be felt right away but in the long run the municipalities will be forced to hunt for new sources of revenue or to raise the tabs on the existing sources.

Kings Mountain, as well as the 72 other municipalities, deserves a better shake than Senate Bill 95 affords.

Joe H. McDaniel, Jr.  
City Clerk  
City of Kings Mountain

**Police Report Four Accidents**

Kings Mountain police investigated four highway accidents during the past week, the first occurring Friday, March 19 at 2:45 p.m. at the intersection of West King and Watterson streets.

Thomas G. Wells of Route 1, Mt. Holly, was charged with improper passing following an accident between the 1957 model Oldsmobile he was driving and a 1959 model Ford driven by Brenda Boyd Wright of 303 North Tracy Street.

Both cars were traveling west on King Street. Mrs. Wright began to make a right turn onto Watterson Street and Wells began to pass her on the right side. Wells said that Mrs. Wright had on her left turn signal and when he began to pass her on the right she made a turn onto Watterson.

Damage to the right front of the Ford was estimated at \$125, and damage to the Oldsmobile was reported at \$25.

Charles Wallace investigated. The second accident occurred at 11:10 p.m. Friday night at the intersection of Ridge Street and

**Birth Announcements**

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Huffman, route 2, Box 263, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, March 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, 305 S. 12th Street, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, March 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Junie Cook, PO Box 181, announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, March 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carpenter, PO Box 374, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Friday, March 19 Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, 193 Carpenter street, announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, March 22, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Deaver Bridges, route 3, Box 17, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, March 24, Kings Mountain hospital.

The Unitarian Church at Harvard, Mass., recently destroyed by fire, was 100 years old.

Dawson Creek is the southern terminus of the Alaska Highway.

Cigarette sales are zooming again.

Cleveland Avenue.

Walter B. Norman, Jr., 25, of Route 1, Bessemer City was charged with improper lights following the accident involving his car, a 1959 Chevrolet, and a 1960 Chevrolet driven by John Walter Kelley of Waco Road.

Kelley was traveling east on Ridge Street and turned onto Cleveland Avenue and was struck by the '59 Chevrolet.

Damage to the right side of Kelley's car was estimated at \$200 and damage to Norman's was estimated at \$300.

Charles Wallace and William Roper investigated.

George Lamar Fletcher, 19, of 409 Baker Street was charged with failure to yield right of way following a Sunday afternoon wreck involving his 1956 model Ford and a 1962 Ford driven by Agnes Elaine Burton of 307 East Parker Street.

Miss Burton was traveling north on Dilling Street when the car which she was driving was struck by the '56 Ford driven by Fletcher, which was traveling east on Hill Street.

Damage to the left front fender of Fletcher's car was estimated at \$75 and damage to the left front fender of the '62 Ford was reported to be \$150.

Wayne Russell and Jackie Barrett investigated.

Harry Malone Jackson, 19, of 2506 Parkdale Circle was charged with failure to yield right of way following a Monday afternoon accident between the 1965 model Chevrolet he was driving and a 1956 model Pontiac driven by Beatrice Thompson Howell of Route 2.

Mrs. Howell was traveling west on Mountain Street when Jackson pulled into the path of her car.

Damage to the left front of the Pontiac was estimated at \$100 and damage to Jackson's car was estimated at \$25.

Robert Green investigated.

**Budget Message, Utility Measure Pose Jigsaw Puzzle For Assembly**

NOTE: This is the sixth of a series of weekly summaries prepared by the Legislative staff of the Institute of Government on the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1965. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

**The Budget**

A week that saw lively floor debates on Daylight Savings Time and auto insurance (See "Tombstone Territory"), plus spirited commentaries on the newly unveiled utilities compromise, ended on a note of rising excitement with the Governor's Budget Message. The message was delivered on Friday morning, too late for extended analysis, but its highlights can be stated in a paragraph.

Governor Moore in his message has departed from the Sanford budget in four principal recommendations - a 10% State employee pay raise for employees covered by the Personnel Act; a cumulative 10% pay raise to public school teachers, one half of which would be delayed until the second year of the biennium; spending proposals to implement his 7-point public school program; and a \$12 million addition to capital outlays, in lieu of any capital improvement bond issue.

The total cost of his program to the General Fund is about \$72.5 million. To foot this bill the Governor has raised the Budget revenue estimates by over \$68 million, relying largely on improved tax collection prospects without any new taxes. (To help him close the gap, State fiscal experts have spotted three other expandable joints in the revenue machinery: higher estimates of revenues from the State Treasurer's investments; reduced debt service requirements resulting from adjusting dates of principal repayment for the school bonds and legislative bonds now outstanding; and a one-shot "windfall" which can be reaped by closing out a reserve for tax refunds that was set up in connection with the installation of income tax withholding in 1959 and is now deemed unnecessary.)

While the Governor's reckonings leave an apparent deficit of \$4-1/4 million he believes that the General Assembly will be able to balance the books by finding some small additional economies

or revenues.

With the advent of the Budget Message and the utilities proposal this week, most of the key parts of the legislative jigsaw are out on the table, and the General Assembly can begin in earnest to assemble the puzzle.

**Public Utilities**

The electric utility industry, case-hardened to family squabbling, is at it again. This time it is not the traditional public vs. private power wrangle. Instead, the opposing gladiators are the municipal electric systems vs. a union of private power companies and rural electric co-operatives (known in North Carolina as "electric membership corporations"). The companies and the co-ops were brought into unaccustomed togetherness under the auspices of Governor Moore late last year, in an effort to settle their long-standing mutual grudges. Settle they did, and the resulting compromise is incarnated in companion bills introduced this week in both houses, SB 95 by Sen. Mills and HB 255 by Rep. Vaughn.

The bill is a far ranging package that cuts a broad swath through utility law in seeking to resolve immemorial intra-industry feuds. Its main features are to assign service territories among competing power distributors; to require the co-ops to pay ad valorem and other taxes; to direct the co-ops to file their rates with the State Utilities Commission; and to give the Commission new authority to certify generating plants. The kingpin of the highly complicated territorial settlement is a 600-foot exclusive corridor around existing lines, reserved to the present suppliers. Introduced in tandem with the big bill were three other measures: SB 96 (HB 256) to retain tax exempt status for telephone membership corporations, and SB 97 and SB 98 (HB 257 and HB 258) to retain the tax exemptions of two small electric co-ops serving isolated Outer Banks territories, in apparent deference to financial exigency.

The mist of mutual rejoicing over the company - co-op settlement was soon rudely rent by anguished cries from the municipal systems, spearheaded by the League of Municipalities. The municipalities - 73 strong, including such cities as Fayetteville,

Rocky Mount, Statesville, Greenville, Shelby and Elizabeth City - objected to the contents of the bill as well as the tactics of their adversaries. They were initially upset over their exclusion from the early negotiations. On the merits of the bill they expressed fears that their territorial provisions would leave the city systems unable to experience normal system expansion because of the 600-foot reserved corridors, with painful financial consequences both to the systems and to the municipal governments that can lean heavily on them for revenues.

At last word the pot was boiling furiously with an apparently endless fuel supply at hand. There is every prospect that the utility bill will occasion one of the stirring scimmages of the session.

**Agriculture**

The first major farm bill of the year, a bill to rewrite the "North Carolina Egg Law", was introduced in the House this week. HB 264 continues control by the State Bd. of Agriculture over standards of quality, grades and weight classes of eggs sold in the state and prescribes certain advertising, marketing, and sanitation regulations. The Dept. is given new authority to issue "stop sale orders" on eggs if inspection reveals the law is being violated. The bill requests an appropriation of \$58,014 and \$69,051 for the next two fiscal years, respectively, to cover the costs of administering the program. Now the inspection program is supported by a two-cent-a-crate fee paid by the producers. One feature of the new egg bill is a brave effort to define the "egg", as "a product of a domesticated chicken in the shell..." While grammarians and jurists may quibble over whether it is the "product" or the "chicken" that must repose in this shell, the eggs will probably keep rolling along none the wiser.

**Tombstone Territory**

Among the early settlers to bite the dust this week were: Daylight Savings Time (HB 63), which failed at second reading in the House after a noble effort, losing by a scant 11-vote margin.

... the auto liability insurance hike (HB 125, HB 126, and HB 127), a hairbreadth one-vote loser, also in the House at second reading.

We have run out of breath (and space) to catalogue the new motor vehicle bills, but they keep coming in. Tune in next week for the results of the House floor debates on abolishing capital punishment, scheduled to begin Tuesday.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their many kind expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. W. F. Osborne  
And Family

The Boston terrier is a cross between the bull terrier and the bulldog.

The almond is a kernel from a fruit tree that greatly resembles the peach.

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