

Roaring Lions End Brilliant Season

The Roaring Mountain Lions, local basketball team, ended a brilliant season here last Thursday night, with a narrow margin victory over the hard fighting Dixie Clippers at Spartanburg. The final score, which the Mountaineers hung up after a lead which began in the first period, was 32-30.

Smart, despite the fact that he was soundly by Munnyham all evening, rang the bell with 14 of the winning points, while Munny himself shot seven. Gold, in second place for the season, had 12 points. The Clippers and Crisp shooting four each. Four more points came from four other players.

Hodges, the lad who ran all over the Mountaineers in a previous encounter, led the losers scoring with 12.

The Mountaineers began the onslaught early in the first period, chalked up a good score long before the half, and decided to take a rest. The second string got into action a few minutes before the half, and let the Clippers get a look at the ball, which they hadn't been able to do before. The half rest-period came with the locals still leading.

The Clippers came back and threatened the leaders in the last half, but couldn't quite overcome the lead when the final gun went off.

The game brought to a fitting climax the season which the Mountaineers waded through with only one defeat. The Belmont game, there, was not even chalked down in the books as a game. They won nine games, in eluding two victors over the Clippers, two over Shelby, took Firestone, Rex Raulo, and Belmont in stride. The Clippers defeated them once. The one defeat was by the score 34-30.

College Kids Coming Home

"Home again, home again... whoopee!" That's the boys and girls who have been away to school shouting. It's spring holidays, and the fellows and girls who call Kings Mountain "home" are overturning the town, yelling across the street to friends they haven't seen in ages and — in general — doing things.

Carolina and State have already returned. Thornton Harrill, George Plonk, James Ratterree, and the other lads are getting ready for the Easter Stag dance, and doing the other things they usually do to help them forget studies for awhile.

Paul M. Neisler, Jr., is home from McCallles Prep school, to spend Easter and the spring holidays with his family.

Davidson opens its doors today, and this afternoon and tonight the Kings Mountain lads who are getting knowledge over there will hit town. Buren Neill, Jim Nickles, Paul Patric, and Jimmy Darraco't are the lads who'll be singing the glad tidings from over there.

The girls from up Greensboro College will get in today, it's hoped. Maude and Dorothy Plonk, popular daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Plonk, are the K. M. girls who do things up there.

The Womens College of Greensboro have a little longer to wait — in fact — won't get home for Easter. Dorothy Hoke, Margaret Ratterree, Sue Ruddock, and Cora Herndon are the W. C. girls who'll be coming home from up there Saturday week, March 30th.

Clemson's boys will get home about the same time — they get out on the 29th. Johnny Kezziah, Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., who recently rated a corporal's rank, and Cecil Crook, are the Kings Mountain lads who are seeking knowledge at the South Carolina Agricultural and Military School.

Others couldn't be learned, but they'll be getting in this week or next.

The Meredith girls start yelling "whoopee" today. They'll be getting into town this afternoon or tonight. Local girls representing Kings Mountain at the Capitol City school are Misses Hazel Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Curtis Falls, Margie Rhea, daughter of Mrs. Monroe Rhea, Elizabeth Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill, and Sarah Mae Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Falls.

Aged Colored Woman Dies

"Aunt" Sallie McElwaine, age 87, well known and highly respected colored woman, passed away at the home of her niece, Blanche Berry, Saturday afternoon.

Aunt Sallie's death took away one of the few of the older colored people who had lived their entire lives in this section.

She was a daughter of Uncle Lawson Taylor and wife Mariah Taylor who have been dead for many years but are remembered by older residents, as an honest, reliable, hard-working couple, respected by white and black.

Aunt Sallie is survived by one brother, John Taylor, of Aberdeen, who is well known in Kings Mountain.

Mountaineer Moundsmen Looking Good

Kings Mountain High School's baseball team, out on the field a couple of days, are looking pretty good, and, according to Coach A. E. Smart, should be ready for competition when it comes along in about three weeks.

Moundsmen are looking especially good. Jim Goins, who has tried pitching on a couple sand lot teams, might pan out better than was first expected, and Charlie Ballard, the lad who kept Shelby in the Legion Junior race for a long time last season, should do as well for the Mountaineers this year. Smart thinks he might be better than he was then.

Other positions on the team still remain hotly contested, with the exception of the catcher and center field. Bennett, veteran infielder, will have the second base position "in the bag," and Gibson, tar-bucket outfielder, isn't worried about his position. Gibson, who has had two seasons with the Mountaineers, is also a fairly consistent hitter.

County Music Festival To Be Held

The Annual Cleveland County Music Festival will be held at the Shelby High School tonight at 8:00 P. M., according to an announcement by Supt. B. N. Larnes, who was notified by the County Superintendent.

All schools in Cleveland County will be represented at the festival, which is held every year.

The Kings Mountain schools will be represented by the two High School Glee Clubs of the school. The Boys Glee Club, directed by Miss Carolyn Carlisle, and the Girls Glee Club, directed by Miss Carson, will have a prominent part in the program.

SINGING CONVENTION AT BETHLEHEM CHURCH

There will be a Singing Convention at Bethlehem Church the fourth Sunday afternoon in March. The program begins at 2:00 o'clock. The Ranger, and other good quartets are expected to appear on the program. The public is cordially invited.

Farm Questions

Q.—Do I still have time to file an application for payment under the 1939 agricultural conservation program?

A.—Applications for payment under the 1939 program will be received until March 30. If you are eligible for payment under last year's program and have failed to make application, you should go to your county office immediately and sign the necessary forms. No Applications will be taken after March 30.

Q.—What are the best planting dates for cotton?

A.—The time of planting varies from late March in the extreme southern part of the State to May 5 in the upper Piedmont. The best planting dates for the Coastal Plain area are from April 10 to 30, depending on the locality, soil, and seasonal conditions. For the Piedmont, the best planting dates are April 20 to 30, and up to May 5, in the western portion and along the northern edge of the cotton belt.

Cotton Parity Rates Announced

North Carolina cotton growers will receive a parity payment of 1.55 cents a pound this year for planting within their 1940 AAA acre allotment, announces E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

These price adjustment or parity payments, which supplement the regular agricultural conservation payments, will be made under the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and the 1940 Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act which set aside \$96,000,000 for cotton growers of the nation.

The 1940 Act provided that payment be made on cotton this year if the 1939 average farm price was less than 75 percent of parity. Since the estimated 1939 season average price for tobacco was above 75 percent of parity, no price adjustment payments will be made on the leaf crop this year.

Three other basic crops will share in the \$225,000,000 set aside for parity payments on this year's production. In addition to cotton, payments will be made on rice, wheat, and corn. Since cotton prices improved relatively less than those for the other crops, the proportion of the parity fund going to cotton producers in 1940 will be larger than it was in 1939.

Floyd indicated that estimated increases in participation in 1940 as compared with 1939 estimates are responsible for the somewhat lower rates of the parity payments for this year.

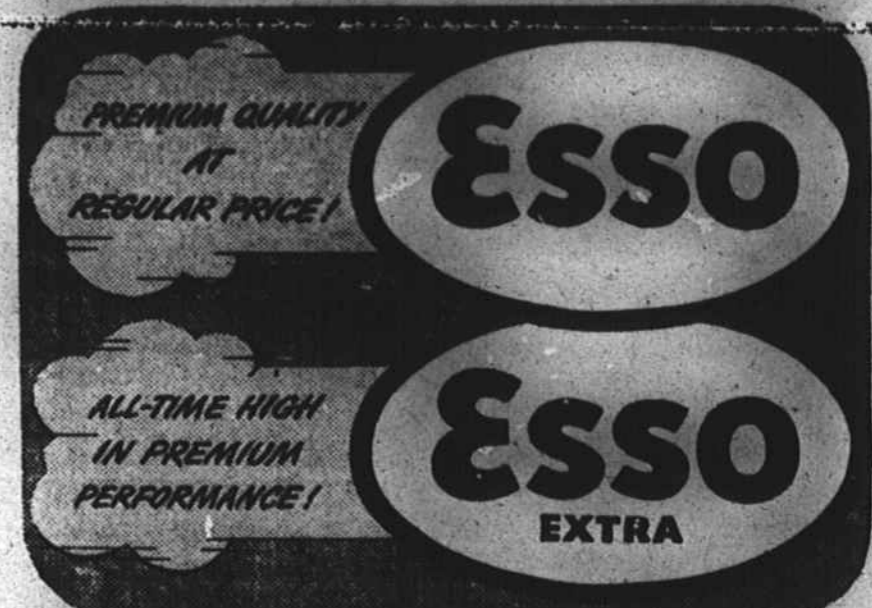
Besides the parity payments, farmers who cooperate in the 1940 AAA program and plant within their acreage allotments will receive agricultural conservation payments. The conservation payment for cotton has been set at 1.6 cents for 1940. This added to the parity payment of 1.55 cents would give farmers a total government payment of 3.15 cents a pound.



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