

SPORT SHOTS

BY CHARLES CARPENTER

Unusual bit of scoring took place in the Independents - Belmont basketball game played here last week. Four players scored total points corresponding to numbers of their jerseys and one scored total points with one digit on his jersey.

Parker, wearing No. 4, scored four points; Rawles, No. 3, 3 points; Hul-

ender, No. 2, 2 points; and Neill, No. 9, 9 points. Canipe, No. 7, had 17 points to his credit.

YULE STUFF — down in Orangeburg, S. C., Christmas Day and watched "Hub" Covington, former North-South champ, and now pro of beautiful Orangeburg Country Club, and Missus. Jane Crum, famous woman amateur golfer from those parts, doing a little "green" work on about the fifth green of the spacious nine-holer. It was a beautiful day down there, as it was just about everywhere else around here, and the good fellows were chasing the little white ball all over the course, having plenty of fun and exercise — plenty of basketball activity around here what with the Independents fangling with some top class opposition and the Central high cagers busy as bees in preparation for their opening debut in the Charlotte Invitational Tournament — hunters, around

their yule joints but not much trouble staying under the bag limits, evidencing the game shortage in this area. Of course those hunters who knew where to go had all the luck as far as killing the limit was concerned. Another plug for the Wildlife Federation's separation plan that has hopes of doing some game and fish replenishing work in the sportsmen's natural wonderland, North Carolina — Incidentally, all Sportsmen who have not signed the important petition on the separation issue be sure and see a member of the KMSWC membership committee and get on the petition. It's to back up the legislative committee in this month's political battle over the game and fish question.

Central's cage aggregation, the Mountaineers, are stepping into a fast field of cage outfits in the Charlotte Quarterback Invitational basketball meet and this corner is sure that all the hard work the coaches and the players have been doing during the holidays will not be in vain as we believe the team will show up well against the big boys!

Their opener, against Tech high of Charlotte, puts them up against what has been called the best team in Charlotte.

What ever the results happen to be in the meet, Kings Mountain will have gained experience and pleasure in having played in the first pre-season basketball tournament of its kind around here and fans are sure to be well pleased with the high calibre squad coaches Clyde Canipe and Don Parker field against their foes this year.

Independents Win One; Drop A Pair

Kings Mountain's Independents, collegiate basketball team, scored one victory against two defeats during holiday games, winning one and losing one to the Grover All-Stars and dropping one to Belmont.

On December 23 the Independents won a close 33-32 game from Grover in Central gym here. The locals went ahead in the closing moments on Henry Neisler's side shot; "Dub" Hicks put the visitors ahead with a long set shot; and the winning marker was David Neill's long shot in the last 15 seconds of play. Hambright of Grover was high scorer with 10 and James Herndon, Neisler, and Neill had 8 for the locals.

On Dec. 26th, with Canipe, Plonk and Rawles out, the Independents lost in Grover by 38 to 34. Grover leading all the way. Hambright and Crisp were top scorers.

With Henry Neisler and R. G. Plonk out, the locals dropped a game to Belmont here by a score of 50 to 39. Clyde Canipe, local high coach, scored 17 points.

Total scoring for the Independents for the three games:

| Player | fg | 3p | tot |
|------------|----|----|-----|
| Herndon | 6 | 3 | 15 |
| Throneburg | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Gamble | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Canipe | 10 | 1 | 21 |
| Hullender | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neill | 11 | 1 | 23 |
| H. Neisler | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| C. Neisler | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Rawles | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Parker | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Total | | | 106 |

Patterson Family At Home For Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Patterson had as holiday house guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smathers of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Etheridge, of Back Bay,

Miss Smith Will Wed Max Pearson Friday

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Smith have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Helen, to Max E. Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Pearson. The marriage will take place on Friday, January 3.

LEGION MEETING

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