

## VFW Team To Begin Workouts Mar. 25; Manager To Be Named Soon

### SPORT SHOTS BY CHARLES CARPENTER

Basketball has its last fling in the local sports picture for this year with the reeling off here of the American Legion sponsored high school cage tournament pitting some of the top teams in this section of the state.

Among the stellar list of cage stars to appear here with their team mates are Jack Ward, high scoring ace of the Ramblers of Belmont Abbey, and Joe Hamrick, stout-hearted captain of the Flying Five from Bessemer.

There are many other stars on the eight competing teams and interest all over the county and in Kings Mountain is running high.

Officials who will work the tourney include W. J. Fulkerson, former coach here, coaches Don Parker and Clyde Canipe, and Bill Hooper, local Bible teacher. They will serve as referees, official scorer, and official timer.

Listed on a hospitality committee are the seven high school boys basketball team seniors, representatives of the Monogram club. The seven—Bob Neill, Jim Black, Don Glass, Jake Harry, Dwight Ware, Bill Putnam, and Bill Dettmar—will serve with Bill Gault, football senior, on the group that will attend to the inter-functions of the gymnasium building.

Local Legionaires will be on hand to aid the paying customers and make duties on the public address system will be handled by George Flowers, Shelby radio station WOHS sports announcer.

Baseball begins to bloom round these parts with the near appearance of Spring weather and write-ups in the sports pages of Grapefruit activities.

Jake Early, local major-leaguer, was behind the mask Tuesday in the St. Louis Browns 4 to 3 win over the Boston Braves.

Special SPORTSHOTS correspondent W. L. (Bill) Plonk is currently in the middle of the Grapefruit league activity as local emissary to the national pastime's spring training and first report from him is that Jake (Early) looks in good shape and likes his new team-mates—says manager "Muddy" Ruel is fine.

Correspondent Plonk reports he's been taking in a game every day and is having a swell time on his assignment.

Bob Wells, Vets slugger of last year, reported yesterday that he's going to sign up with the Mt. Airy team in the Blue Ridge loop, the outfit he finished up with last year. Boyce Stone has inked with Rex of Gastonia in the Mid-State loop.

Announcement of the playing manager of the Vets, this year in the infant Western Carolina league, is expected to be announced next week, along with announcements about players secured for the local entry.

### Final Rites Held Friday For Infant

Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones was conducted at the home last Friday afternoon at 3:30 with Rev. W. H. Stender officiating.

Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery. The baby died on Thursday after living only six hours.

### Robert B. Dettmar At Fort McClellan

Fort McClellan.—Pvt. Robert B. Dettmar, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dettmar of 607 West King street, Kings Mountain, N. C., who arrived at Fort McClellan, Ala., 8 February, 1947, is now a member of Company D Battalion 117th.

Pvt. Dettmar expresses satisfaction in his brief Army career, and is particularly enjoying continuing his pre-enlistment interest in bowling, movies, dancing, by using the Post Recreational and Athletic facilities.

He formerly attended Kings Mountain high school in Kings Mountain, N. C., and was a member of the American Legion.

### Will Lee Harmon Rites Conducted

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 4, in Kannapolis, for Will Lee Harmon, 78, who for several years was a resident of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Harmon was a brother of the

late Mrs. Mary Falls of Kings Mountain, who preceded him in death by one year, to the day and hour.

Among his survivors are a niece, Mrs. Bessie Dickey, and a nephew, Oliver Falls, of Kings Mountain.

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The scores:

KINGS MOUNTAIN	
Jim Hamrick	328
Buck Falls	315
Tom Gamble	359
Connie Blackwell	315
Bob Wells	366
Ed Early	337
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2020</b>
BESSEMER CITY	
Shuler	351
Hill	328
Schofield	287
Price	269
Totenbury	304
Parton	284
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