

SPORT SHOTS

BY CHARLES CARPENTER

Jacob Willard (Jake) Early, Kings Mountain's hustling catcher with the St. Louis Browns of the American League is currently pleasing local fans with his hitting after breaking into the regular lineup two weeks ago.

Jake is now hitting a healthy .361 percentage (as of May 20) with 13 hits in 36 trips. He has 9 runs batted in to his credit and two home runs.

Judging by talk one hears in the local baseball circle 'talking spots', St. Louis definitely gained favor in Kings Mountain with the addition of Catcher Early.

This time last year the Old Fox, Clark Griffith's, Washington Senators were in the local spotlight as far as major league baseball was concerned.

Now it's the Browns, and many fans of Jake's here are happier, believing he has a better chance of playing under another system. The Old Fox and his managers haven't seemed to get the most out of their players in recent years.

Kings Mountain is pulling for Jake full-time now, and it looks like he is definitely on the way to a darn good season.

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Legion Junior stuff—Kings Mountain Juniors baseball team of 1947 got off on the right foot Tuesday with a 9 to 6 win over "Pop" Simmons Rutherforddon-Spindale team.

Gene Brook's, right hander of last year's team, struck out 13 of the opposing hitters in gaining the victory and with another good pitching prospect in the offing, the team stacks up well according to local observers.

Hitting, sadly lacking on the team last year, looks improved.

Addition of players from Grover and Waco high schools has also added power to the team.

Regular daily practice was started last Monday by Coach Don Parker and with first round eliminations scheduled to begin on June 9, the team is expected to shape up into a strong aggregation.

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No information on the Area 4 set-up has been received here other than that published in the Gastonia Gazette Tuesday, giving the Area break down.

According to the report Kings Mountain, has been bracketed along with Gaston and Mecklenburg counties, Mt. Holly, Bessemer City, Shelby, Cliffside, Forest City, and Charryville.

Blanton Child Dies At Duke Hospital

Jimmy Blanton, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Blanton, died at Duke hospital, Durham, Tuesday afternoon following a long illness.

The young boy had been taken to Duke hospital last week for treatment.

Funeral rites were to be held at the home Thursday afternoon, with Rev. W. H. Stender officiating, and burial was to take place at Bethel cemetery.

National Farm Safety Week will be observed during the week of July 20-26.

Standings Western Carolina

	W	L	Pct
Forest City	6	1	.857
Newton	5	2	.724
Morganton	4	3	.571
Kings Mountain	4	3	.571
Marion	4	3	.571
Bessemer City	3	4	.429
Shelby	2	5	.286
Valdese	0	7	.000

X—All games of May 21 rained out

Vets Split Pair With Red Rocks

Kings Mountain's Vets split a two game series with the Red Rocks over the week end, taking the game there Friday night by a 11-2 score and rapping the return game here Saturday night before a packed house in City Stadium by a 12 to 8 score.

Left Haynes sent the route for the Vets in the 11 to 2 victory Friday night giving up seven hits, one a triple by Harold Deal in the first inning.

Gus Hartsoe started the Saturday game for the Vets and was relieved in the second by Coley Guyton, who was the losing pitcher.

Beal and Forest Rogers nimered for the Red Rocks in the second game.

Third Baseman Hull had three for five for the Vets Friday night and Dermont Lohr had three for four Saturday.

Saturday night box:

	AB	R	H	PO	A
E. Nickols, 3b, 2b	3	4	1	1	
Franklin, 2b	2	2	2	4	1
Beal, cf	5	1	3	0	0
Rogers, rf	5	2	4	2	0
Millwood, c	5	0	1	6	2
Hinkle, lf	4	0	1	1	0
G. Nickols, 1b	4	0	0	11	0
Sherman, 1b	1	0	0	2	0
Dixon, ss	5	2	3	0	5
Harmon, p	4	0	0	0	10
Dixon, ss	5	2	3	0	5
Harmon, p	4	0	0	0	10
Williams, 3b	3	1	1	1	1

TOTALS	43	12	19	27	19
	AB	R	H	PO	A
Guyton, cf, p	5	0	0	1	9
Halliburton, 2b	5	0	1	5	4
Wells, lf	5	2	2	0	0
Lohr, 1b	4	2	3	12	0
Hull, 3b	4	2	1	1	1
Gold, ss	4	0	2	2	4
Haynes, rf	4	1	1	1	0
West, c	1	0	1	0	0
Biggerstaff, c	3	1	1	5	1
Hartsoe, p	0	0	0	0	1
Parker, cf	4	0	2	0	0

TOTALS 39 8 14 27 20
 z—Thrown out of game by Umpire Lee in 2nd.

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Bessemer City	230 012 040 12
Kings Mountain	010 410 200 8

SUMMARY — E—E. Nickols, Beal, Millwood, Lohr, Wells, Haynes, RB—E. Nickols, Williams, Franklin, Beal 5, Rogers 3, Guyton, Lohr, Gold 2, Haynes 3, Biggerstaff, 2B—Franklin, Hull, 3B—Rogers, Halliburton,

Plans Mapped For Semi-Pro Tourney Here

Tentative plans for holding the western district North Carolina tournament of the annual National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress were mapped here Tuesday night, as Smith Barrier, state semi-pro baseball commissioner and sports editor of the Greensboro Daily News, conferred with members of committee from the Lions club, which is sponsoring the event.

Present at the session with Barrier were John Henry Moss, who will serve as general chairman of the event, Carl F. Mauney, and Martin Harmon.

Tentative plans call for 12 teams to play here in a single-game elimination tournament on June 30, July 1, 2, and 3. While all semi-pro teams in Western North Carolina will be offered an opportunity to enter, an over-abundance of entries will force selective choice of the 12 participants. This selection will be based on previous record of the teams, with due consideration to competition faced.

The entry deadline is June 10, and it is expected that the leader and runner-up in the Western Carolina league will be two of the 12 entries.

The tournament winner and runner-up will earn the right to participate in the state tourney at Asheville, with the winner there to represent North Carolina at Wichita, Kansas, to compete for the national championship.

Mr. Barrier reported that more interest is being shown in the events this year than ever and said he felt Kings Mountain's portion of the state competition would be handled in fine style.

Tentative schedule calls for playing four games on June 30, four on July 1, the semi-finals on July 2, and the finals on July 3. On the first two days, there will be both afternoon and night double-headers.

Further announcements concerning the event are expected in the near future.

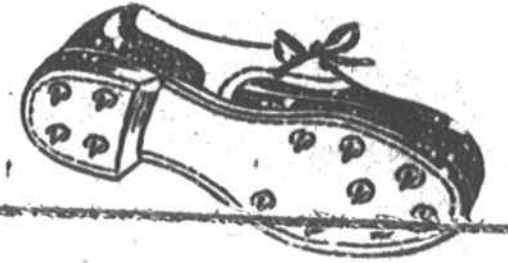
Total cash receipts including Government payments, in April from livestock and livestock products were around 1.9 billion dollars.

Lohr, HR—Beal, Rogers. SH—Harmon, Lohr, DP—Gold to Halliburton to Lohr 2, E. Nickols to Sherman. LOB—BC 6, KM 6. BB—Off Harmon 1, Guyton 1. SO—Off Harmon 4, Hartsoe 1, Guyton 4. H—Off Harmon 14 in 9; Hartsoe 6 in 1-3; Guyton 13 in 7 2-3. SB—Hull, E. Nickols. PB—Biggerstaff, Millwood. Winning Pitcher—Harmon; Losing Pitcher—Guyton. Umpires—Lee and Shehan. Time—2:15.



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