

SPORT SHOTS

BY CHARLES CARPENTER

Jake Early has signed his contract with the St. Louis Browns. Catcher Jake will be playing his 10th year of major league baseball this summer and will be eligible for retirement benefits. Here's to a good season, J. W. . . . Boyce Henry Stone has inked with Raleigh of the Carolina league. He's the big right-hander who twirled for the 1946 Vets here . . . John George, hustling first sacker says, he's waiting before he signs but that he has had lots of inquiries . . . George Wilson, another first sacker from Crowders Mountain section, has signed with the Boston Red Sox and is expected to have a good season this summer after an excellent one with Roanoke of the Piedmont loop last year . . . Louis Norman (Bobo) Newson, the Hartsville, S. C., kidder, is expected to ink with Lenoir in the Western Carolina league this year. Wes Ferrell has already signed as manager of the Lenoir entry . . . Johnny Allen, former major league pitcher, is manager of the Lincolnton entry in the WC this year . . . John Moss says he has signed Cy Young and Steamboat Johnson for a barnstorming tour of the WC circuit this year — reports have it that DuPont mills here will field a team this summer . . . have heard no more

from the Crai-span ball club . . . we'd like to see both these teams in a league this summer . . . where is my spikes . . .

—us—

Unfortunate situation, that's the only way to describe the Central-Blue Ridge game last Friday night. 'Nuff said!

—it—

It's too bad! The rough weather deprived many Kings Mountain fans of witnessing junior-college calibre basketball last week during the Lions club tournament and that's what it was.

With the exception of perhaps two games, the seven games played was on par with good junior college ball. Probably better!

And the weather, we believe, kept many local fans from attending the tournament.

Better luck next year, Lions!

—no—

Dick Weaver, diminutive Shelby guard-center-forward, captured the most outstanding player award and was a favorite with the fans . . . Kings Mountain's red-hot "Davidson college" team was the class of the tournament in our estimation, living up to our report of last week. A really fast-breaking team, every man that played contributed to the winning of the championship trophy. And the two Grover members, although they were not aboard for the last two games, contributed their share in the 44 to 40 last minute vic-

tory over Firestone of Gastonia in the first round game Jan. 28. Al Crisp and John Gold played a bang-up floor game to aid the locals in that one. And Bill Williams, Charles (Red) Neisler, Owens, Manier, Jim Herndon, Dave and Bob Neill, and Houston Black added their part. Henry Neisler and Ed Hopper banged the baskets for 25 and 30 points each to lead the scoring . . . two of the Shelby players also excell in baseball. Loy Paige and Harvey Bowen were members of the 1945 Legion champs . . . Monroe's Trull had 28 points in the two games he played and teammate Johnson hit 27. Russ Greer was the coach of the Kings Mountain team. He was on crutches most of the tournament.

The best time to house the laying flock is when the pullets are ready to lay their first eggs, although they may be housed any time during the growing season.

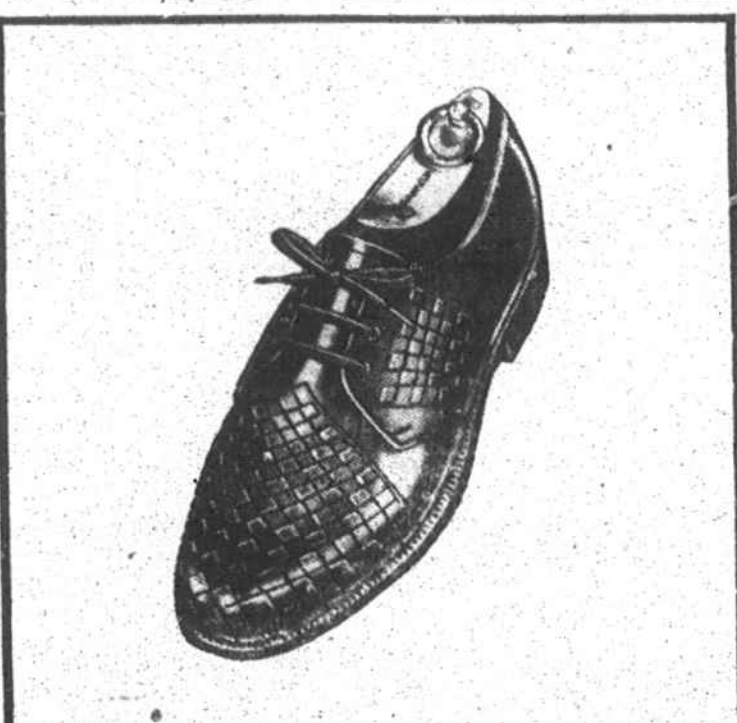
Central Boys Drop Game To Blue Ridge

Kings Mountain boys basketball team dropped a "football game" to Blue Ridge School for Boys from Hendersonville in Central gymnasium last Friday night, score 22 to 27.

The lineups:
KM (22) Ruth, 4; Medlin, 9; Mauney, 4; Huffstetler, 2; Amos; Subs — KM: Patterson 3, Jackson; BR: Piper 6, Wier, Bowman 3. Official—Kit Carson, Cherryville. Score by periods:

KM	6	15	18	22
BR	2	11	15	27

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