

# Mountaineers Set For Hilltopper Battle Here Friday At 7:30

Central high school's Mountaineers, victory hungry after a tough 6 to 7 loss to the pace-setting Morganton football eleven here last Friday night, will be gunning for their second Western conference (Class A) win in City Stadium Friday night, when they tangle with the Hilltoppers from Rutherfordton. Spindale high school. Game time is 7:30.

The Hilltoppers boast a loop record of two wins, one loss. The teams should be evenly matched for the clash with the visitors wearing the favorite role by virtue of their higher conference win-percentage.

All set to go after missing last Friday's game is Tailback Richard White. White was injured after performing brilliantly in the Mountaineer's 12 to 6 victory over N.C.S.D.

"Tailback find" in the Morganton game, Fullback Delvin Hufstetter, is also in top condition and is rating to run from full or tail. He substituted for the injured White in last Friday's contest.

Coaches report the Mountaineer forward wall in "A-1" condition. The Central line has been playing good football against much heavier lines all season.

Kings Mountain has two home games remaining on the schedule—both this month. On next Friday the locals meet Cherryville in a "homecoming" game and on October 29 the Mountaineers are hosts to Mt. Holly in a non-loop affair.

## Helen Jenkins Plans Trip To Hollywood

Helen Jenkins, owner of Billie Gene Beauty Shop, announced yesterday plans for additional study in hair styles under her former instructor, Betty Reeder, in Hollywood, California.

She will leave Saturday night by plane and plans to be in California for three weeks, including two weeks study, and stated she would attend the Hollywood Screen Guild cosmologist show at the Ambassador Hotel, in Hollywood.

## More About Tax Valuation

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levy for that year as \$82,119.69. The board heard a plea from Hal and Fred Plonk, owners of Crescent Hill Development Company, for reimbursement for water and sewer lines per agreement with the city. The agreement had called for city reimbursement when a minimum of ten houses had been constructed in the development. The commissioners were informed by Attorney E. A. Harrell that Glee A. Bridges sought reimbursement for similar installations on his property on Landing street.

Mayor Pro Tem Carl Mauney, who was presiding in the absence of Mayor H. Tom Fulton, suggested a special meeting at an early date to determine settlement. Amounts for this purpose were not included in the current year's budget.

The board voted to ask the local Red Cross organization to vacate its City Hall office by November 15, due to need for space for city work.

It formally charged City Attorney Harrell with the 1947 tax sale certificates and City Clerk Crouse with the 1948 tax levy, and formally transferred to the general fund a \$13,377 bank balance of the dissolved city recreation commission.

On a request from the city schools to build a band stand at City Stadium the board voted to furnish the labor if the schools would furnish the lumber. The city engineer was also instructed to make repairs on the main grandstand.

The board voted to send Mr. Brandon to a three-day city manager's institute convening in Chicago Sunday.

## more About Capital Needed

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"A continual program of departmental personnel development and training of department heads is a must requirement to be considered. The time has passed when we can easily employ men suitable to fit our needs. They must be developed from among our employees. The future worth of an employee must be weighed along with his other qualifications prior to employment.

"It will be noticed that above list of projects does not include street paving, gutters, or sidewalks. It is not intended that this necessary work be neglected. Contrarily, it should be a continual process, but be done in a 100 percent assessment basis. The fact that municipal service demand has been on the increase with no appreciable increase in revenue, coupled with the fact that the owner of abutting property benefits directly and to the greatest extent from this type of work has caused cities to adopt the above recommended policy. Some cities are requiring the assessment to be paid prior to the letting the contract in order that the city be relieved of supplying the required money.

"No report of this type could be complete without suggestions for revenue to cover the needed work. Bond issues have been mentioned. The City of Kings Mountain, at the beginning of this fiscal year had a bonded indebtedness of \$357,000.00 and a property valuation of \$5,417,072.00 which is an indebtedness ratio of 6.6 percent. The General Statutes of the State of North Carolina allow only an 8 percent indebtedness exclusive of water and sewer bonds. The Local Government Commission by which all municipal bond issues must be approved in this state, will not consider any bond issue which increases the indebtedness ratio to over 14 percent. Municipal financial advisers for the nation as a whole advise a 10 percent maximum and this is limited so that the annual expenditure for bond principal plus interest not exceed 25 percent of the annual budget (ours is 16.25 percent for this year).

"No city should so closely approach its borrowing limit that emergency borrowing is jeopardized. By that is meant that provision should be left for a sizable amount to be borrowed at a reasonable figure if power lines or water and sewer installations were damaged by some unforeseen and unexpected catastrophe such as a tornado. Too, it should be remembered that the power to borrow is one of our most useful and important assets, but it must be within reasonable and safe limits. Strong credit — the ability to borrow when necessary on the most favorable terms offered by the market for municipal securities — is an objective that no city can afford to ignore. Therefore a sound borrowing policy is one which seeks to conserve rather than exhaust credit. This involves, in general, borrowing as sparingly as possible and repaying as rapidly as possible. One other fact to consider is that Kings Mountain, industrially speaking, is a one type industry city, and its economic stability is dependent entirely upon the textile industry. This would indicate that a Pay-as-you-go Plan is by far the best financial policy, and it is strongly recommended that such a goal be set as the ultimate objective of the city.

"After consideration of the above facts, it will be seen that Kings Mountain could not afford any bond issue greater than \$250,000, which would give a ratio of 11.2 percent. If an issue of this size were sold, the average life would approach 40 years, giving a principal repayment of \$6,250.00 a year plus a starting interest payment (at 2.9 percent) of \$7,250.00 a year and a total of \$13,500.00 a year for the first year and decreasing only \$181.25 a year. This amount would mean an increase of \$0.25 on the present tax rate, if a tax increase were used to finance the bond issue.

"One other consideration regarding bond issues should be brought out. The period of repayment on bonds should never extend beyond the minimum estimated life of the project financed. To illustrate this, our filter plant is now operating an average of 13 hours per day as compared with 7 hours per day in 1942. In 6 years we have average increasing operations one hour per day per year. At this rate, in 8 years we will reach the maximum capacity of the plant, but we have 14 years to pay on one large water bond issue and 18 years on another.

"Other revenue sources being used by cities include service charges on such services as garbage collection and sewage disposal. The average sewer fees imposed by cities in North Carolina is a flat 25 percent of the water charge per month. This would net our city approximately \$7,000.00 a year. A complete tax mapping of the city would undoubtedly increase the revenue from ad valorem taxes, and of course, the much discussed revaluation and equalization of all property in the county is a dire necessity.

"The purpose of this report is to bring to light our general situation

and to request a careful study of the outlined projects and the establishing of a definite 5 year or longer range improvement plan and capital expenditure budget. A legal framework should be enacted to insure continuity of such a program, and coordination with the annual operating budget."

The board received the report for study and discussed only minor phases of it.

## More About Red Cross

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man of the blood program drive of the Red Cross chapter, stated this week that plans were rapidly nearing completion. "...it will not be long before our first call for blood donors is sent out," he said. "When that call is made, it will be up to the good people of Number 4 Township to realize the significant opportunity they are being given to support a great humanitarian philosophy — man's humanity to man."

The purpose of the blood program, which is nation-wide, is to obtain plasma which can be moved to meet demands caused by disasters, disease, etc., or by a greater-than-normal demand from any one section. Plans call for twice-yearly trips here of a mobile unit from Atlanta. Blood collected here would be processed at Charlotte.

Chairman Huncutt said this week that "the all-important task of the donor recruitment committee will be to contact groups and individuals in order that every person eligible to contribute to this great undertaking will have an opportunity to do so. The Donor Recruitment committee, like all others, will serve without pay — as this is a volunteer program in the truest sense of the word.

"The professional and technical

## Two Bound Over From Court Here

Two defendants were bound over to the next criminal term of Cleveland county Superior court and 15 other cases were on the docket in regular weekly session of City Recorder's court held at City Hall Monday afternoon, Judge O. C. O'Farrell presiding.

Probable cause was found against Sammie Roseboro, charged with breaking and entering, McCurdy Cleaners-Dyers on Sept. 21, in preliminary hearing at City Hall on the afternoon of October 7 and Roseboro was bound over to Superior court under bond of \$250. He hasn't made bond and is in Shelby jail.

Nathen Elder, Negro of Gastonia, aspects of bleeding and processing of the blood itself will, of course, be handled by the professional staff of the Atlanta center. The mobile unit staff will include a physician, nurses, a technician, and other trained specialists. But playing an even more vital part in the operation of the program will be such volunteers as Gray Ladies' nurse's aides, staff assistants, and canteen workers, who will be named soon by Mrs. Robert Miller, chairman of the chapter's volunteer services committee.

"In response to the recurring question of who is eligible to give blood, it should be mentioned that, generally speaking, any healthy person from 21 to 60 years of age and weighing 110 pounds or more may give blood without suffering ill effects. Tests given at the center prior to donations constitute a final precaution. Minors, 18 to 20 inclusive, may donate blood if they have written permission from their parents or guardians."

was bound over to Superior court without privilege of bond in connection with the pistol-shooting of Lucille Jackson, colored, on East Ridge street around midnight Oct. 7-8. He was charged with assault with intent to kill and with carrying a concealed weapon. Elder was allowed to post a \$1,000 bond when Shelby hospital authorities pronounced the Jackson woman as "out of danger," according to Police Chief N. M. Farr.

Five defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness, one defendant drawing two fines on the same count.

Other cases were: Wilson Freeman Love, of Charlotte, for running a red light, paid costs.

Robert Dawkins, for larceny, \$10 and costs.

Joannus D. Wright, of Shelby, for speeding, paid \$5 and costs.

John Paul Eskridge, of Charlotte for driving drunk, was given a six-months sentence, suspended on payment of a \$100 fine and costs and loss of his drivers license for a year.

William Eugene Allen, for running a red light, was charged costs.

David Jackson Barbery, of Charlotte, for driving drunk and reckless driving, was fined \$125 and costs and was ordered to surrender his drivers license for a year.

Bobby Jean Green, for disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and costs.

William Harold Adams, for driving drunk, was fined \$100 and costs and ordered to surrender his license for one year.

Harry R. Galloway, of Shelby, for running a red light, paid costs.

Reports show that more than 80,000 persons died from the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Medical authorities believe as many as 20,000 would have survived if adequate amounts of whole blood had been available.

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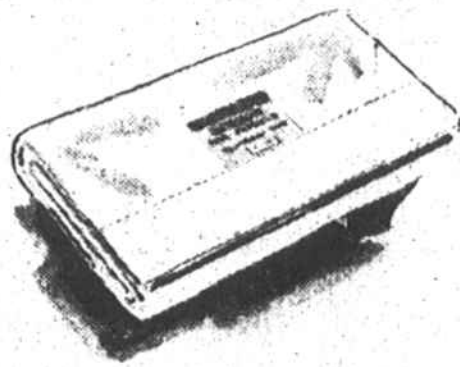
A noted psychiatrist says that if the Foreign Ministers of the big nations were given a dose of truth serum they might be able to settle their differences more quickly. That could be good or bad. It depends on the truth. However, it would be interesting. Instead of beating around the bush, the Foreign Ministers might go out on a limb immediately. Diplomatic language would become as simple as the ABC's. "Yes" would mean just that, instead of having as many interpretations as sky writing in a hurricane. If the truth hurts, it couldn't hurt worse than a lot of double-talk.

Our Mountaineers are really playing good football and everybody should turn out to for the three remaining home games. And don't forget to be ready to make your appointment to give blood for the Red Cross chapter's blood service program.

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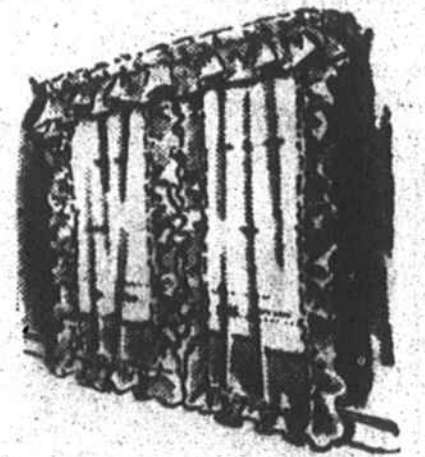
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