

# Sport Shots

BY CHARLES CARPENTER

This corner sneaked off and visited the new Hickory recreation center over the weekend and it is a thing of beauty.

The building, of modern design is not quite completed and the grounds — baseball diamond, softball diamond, tennis courts, front landscaping, etc. — aren't finished up yet but you could tell it was a super undertaking.

Entering from the side-front door you come into a huge arena, with a full size basketball court and a fancy-looking ring for boxing sitting over the center jump circle. Some boxing matches had just been reeled off the night before.

Don't know how many people could be seated for basketball but the folding-into-the-wall-

type seats ran 10 or 11 rows high more than the full length of the cage court. Lots of folks are already saying the place is not big enough—can't seat enough people.

Shuffle board courts were laid off so that they were uncovered when the stands were folded up and near the main front entrance was a foyer and stair case (downstairs) that is with two large rooms leading off—a reading and "candy bar" room and a larger reception room.

Downstairs you encounter rest rooms and numerous teen-and individual dressing rooms and beneath the basketball court EIGHT beautiful new bowling alleys, four brand spanking new billiard tables and space for 20 ping pong tables or whatever

type games the plans called for. The back wall of the downstairs game room was glassed in and over-looked a field large enough for a baseball diamond, softball diamond, football field, horse shoe courts, etc.

The reception room upstairs over-looked a spot of ground large enough for a dozen tennis courts.

Future school plans are integrated with the recreational program. Plans call for a new junior high school building on the opposite corner of the recreation area. And the school board plans several gymnasiums at grammar schools.

We were escorted through the layout by one John Charles, star tailback with the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears for the past several seasons, who will spend the summer working for the recreational department.

Let us start dreaming! You can never tell, maybe someday...

## Tar Heel Finance Firm Opens Here

Formal opening of Tar Heel Finance Company at 118 Battleground road was announced this week.

M. E. Stanton, well-known Kings Mountain man, is manager of the firm. Mr. Stanton, a native of Clover, S. C., and veteran of World War I moved to Kings Mountain on March 1, 1949, to assume a position as teller with First National Bank. He was previously employed at the First National Bank of Clover, and is married and has two children. He is a member of the Lions club and First Presbyterian church.

The firm, a branch office of Tar Heel Finance Co., of Charlotte, is located in the J. E. Herndon building formerly occupied by Marlowe's Home & Auto Supply. The building has been extensively remodeled since the Marlowe company moved to new location on Mountain street.

The new company makes small loans on household furniture and other chattel, handles automobile loans and does industrial factoring.

## Lions Schedule Talent Shows

The Kings Mountain Lions club's third annual local talent show will be conducted on two evenings, March 23 and 24. It was announced this week by Gene Timms, chairman.

Mr. Timms said the March 23 show would be for elementary students, while the March 24 show will be for high school student performers.

Dan Huffstetler is entry chairman, Mr. Timms said, and entries are open to students of Beth Ware school, Grover school, Park Grace school, as well as Central, West and East schools in the city system.

School teachers are assisting Mr. Huffstetler with the work of obtaining entries.

All types of amateur entertainment are expected for the events, with suitable prizes to be awarded the winners.

Admission to the shows will be 30 cents for students and 60 cents for adults. Other members of the committee in charge include Joe Towles, Dr. Nathan Reed, Bill Osborne, J. C. McKinney, J. W. Webster, Estie Powers, and George Houser.

## Mrs. Bookout's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Gazzie Irene Bookout, 78, wife of William Bookout, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Bethlehem Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

The rites were conducted by Rev. T. W. Fogleman, assisted by Rev. W. G. Camp, and the body lay in state for half hour prior to the funeral services.

Mrs. Bookout, native of Cleveland county, had lived at 504 W. Mountain street for the past five years. She succumbed on Tuesday morning at 2:30, following a year's illness. She was a daughter of the late Nancy and Ira Beam.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sons, Buford Bookout and George Bookout, both of Fairfax, Va., two brothers, William Beam and Monroe Beam, both of Grover, and three sisters, Miss Ellen Beam, of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Florence Johnson of Badin, and Mrs. Blanche Herndon, of Rebooth, Va.

## GIRL SCOUT News

**Troop 24** Brownie Scout troop 24 of the First Baptist church met Saturday afternoon for our regular meeting. After regular opening of the meeting we made chocolate cookies. We sang our Brownie Smile song, and had our good-bye circle and then we went home. Betty Sue Kirby.

**Troop 4** Girl Scout Troop No. 4 of St. Matthews Lutheran church met Wednesday, March 1 at the home of our leader, Miss Helen Ramsey and were entertained with a hamburger supper. The troop colors of yellow and green were used in attractive table decorations with green shamrocks as place cards.

Jonquils and other early spring flowers were placed throughout the home. After the supper we played bingo until time for us to attend Lenten vespers at Saint Matthew's Lutheran church. Jo Anne Smyre.

Girl Scout troop No. 4 met Tuesday, March 7, in the recreation room of St. Matthew's Lutheran church. After roll call and short business meeting at which time order blanks for Girl Scout cookie sale were distributed, we learned a folk dance which we are to give Saturday night at the Juliette Low birthday party at the Woman's Club.

Sunday, March 12, we are to celebrate the birthday of Juliette Low, founder of Girl Scouts in America.

We closed our meeting with our Good-Bye circle song. Jo Anne Smyre.

**Troop 33** Brownie Scout Troop Number 33 met Tuesday afternoon in the church basement. The meeting was called to order by the president and the roll was called. Mrs. David Hamrick visited our troop and made a talk about Juliette Low. We worked on our aprons and those who finished their aprons helped make cookies. We started learning a new folk game. We ate our cookies and had our good bye circle.

Next week we meet at our regular time on Monday. Peggy Black, Reporter.

**Troop 32** Troop No. 32 of the Presbyterian church met March 8. President Polly Page called the meeting to order. Secretary Kathy

Hoyle called the roll. All were present, except Martha Houser. We had the Pledge to the Brownie Flag and sang our two Brownie songs. Then we said the Pledge to the United States Flag. Mrs. Hamrick, a visitor, told us that they would give all the Brownie troops a party at the Woman's Club Saturday night the 11th, at 7:00. We will start selling Girl Scout cookies Monday the 13th. Georganna Moss, Reporter.

**Troop 32** Troop No. 32 of the Presbyterian church met Wednesday, February 22 at 3:30. We had the Pledge to the Flag. Then Mrs. Page, our leader, gave us a short history on two great Americans, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Then Polly Page, Ann Falls and Diane Gamble sang two songs. The names of them were "George Washington" and "Americann Flag." We played some games. Then our leader dismissed us and we went home.

## Personals

Georganna Moss, Reporter. Dr. and Mrs. Zeno Wall of Thomasville spent last week with their daughter, Mrs. Ollie Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Harris, Ollie, Jr. and Becky, spent last Sunday in Greenville, S. C., with his father, Mr. J. F. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fortune and children of Hickory were weekend guests of Mrs. Fortune's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Hudson of Charlotte spent Sunday with Mrs. W. L. Fortune and Mrs. Pauline Weaver.

Mrs. Otto Ware returned Sunday from the Memorial hospital in Charlotte where she underwent a serious operation two weeks ago. She will be confined to her home for several weeks but is improving nicely.

Miss Helen Chandler, of Providence, R. I., returned to Providence Thursday after spending several days in Kings Mountain as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. King and other friends.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill were Mrs. Gordon Leslie and Gordon Leslie II of Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Oetes and children of Spartanburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grose of Statesville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Teague. The many friends of Mrs. Teague will be happy to learn she returned from the Gaston Memorial hospital last week.

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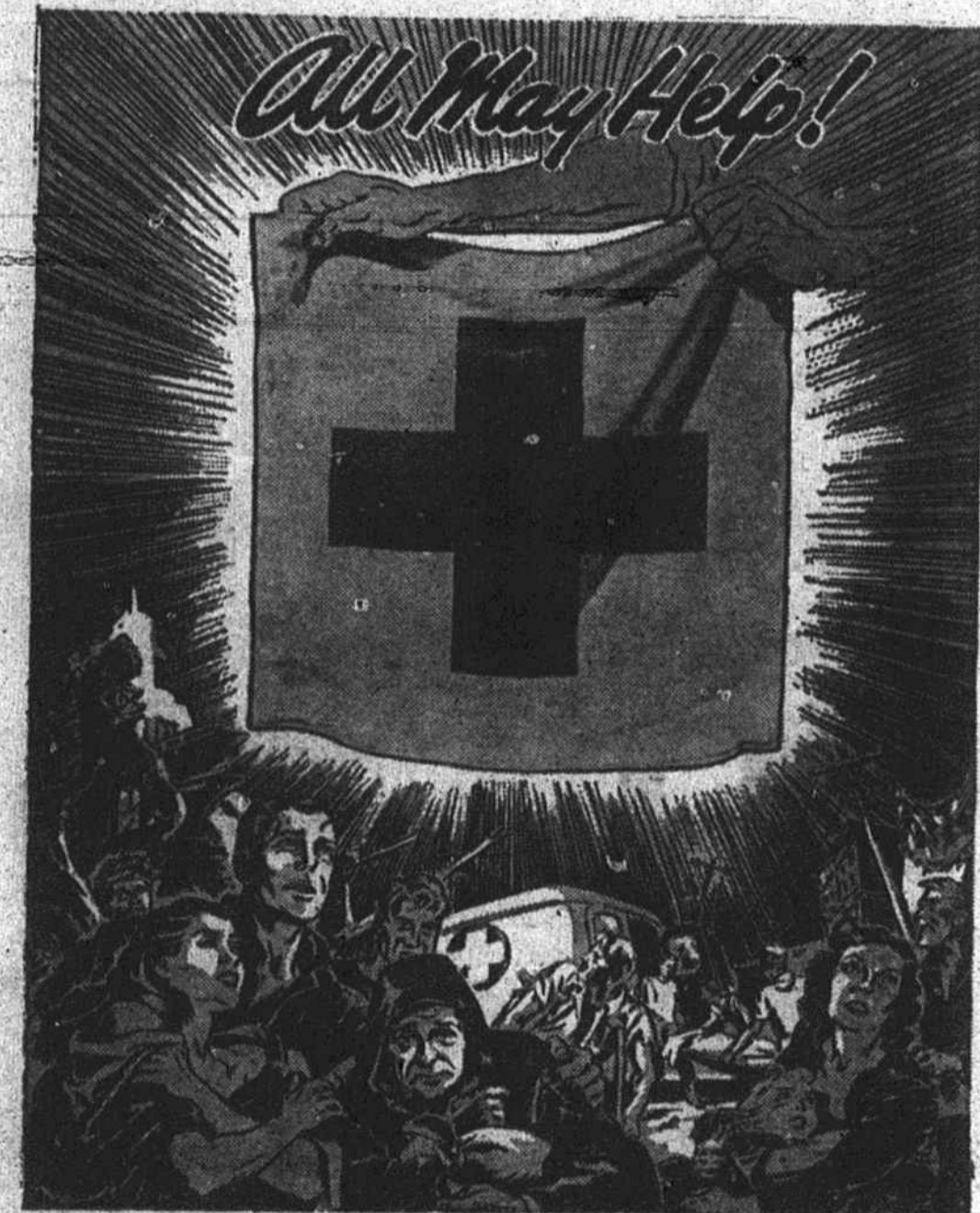
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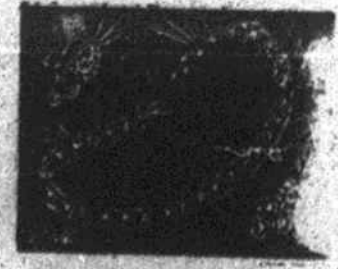
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