

# SPORT SHOTS

By Charles Carpenter

Of the two conference teams Kings Mountain posted wins over this season, one went on to defeat the loop champs and the other defeated winners of the two loops in the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association.

Lenoir high's Bearcats, led by Paul Beck (whom many American Legion baseball fans will remember as a Hickory junior), topped Wilkes Central 19 to 14 at Hickory last week to give the Western (AA) loop champs a victory over the South Piedmont co-champs.

Wilkes won a share in the SP title after a season of "doubling up" to become eligible for the Western loop. They played a previous schedule in the Highland loop along with the Western card, on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Lenoir lost only to Rutherford-Spindale in the circuit, the 21-19 verdict the first in the last 39 starts for the Bearcats. Wilkes went through the SP loop schedule undefeated but tied by Mooreville in the opener.

But during the season both teams lost to Coach Burt Barger's Valdese powerhouse. The Tigers downed Lenoir 12-0 and beat Wilkes Central 13 to 7 in winning 10 and deadlocking one to take the Highland Conference crown.

But in the Cherry Bowl last Saturday night in Cherryville Coach Hines Quinn's more powerful Cherryville high Ironmen took the measure of the conquerors of the Western and South Piedmont titles by 33 to 7.

Cherryville finished in the Western runner-up post, winning six and losing one, that to Coach Art Welner's Kings Mountain high Mountaineers. (Several papers over the weekend listed Cherryville's only loss to Lenoir, however. The two teams did not play each other this season.)

Assisting Coach Barger at Valdese this season was John Charles, former Lenoir Rhyne college

tailback, who was at one time considering a job with Kings Mountain high.

Many of the Valdese stars played on Barger's Valdese American Legion team, while several other Lenoir aces were Hickory juniors.

And looking back, Cherryville also took the measure of Lexington, SP co-champs with Wilkes, in the Dairy Bowl clash two weeks ago. The Ironmen finished with 11 wins in 12 starts.

Western Results  
The final official Western (AA) standings as released by Secretary W. C. Clary, of Winston-Salem:

Team	Won	Tied	Lost	Pct.
Lenoir	6	0	1	.857
Cherryville	6	0	1	.857
Hickory	7	1	1	.833
Shelby	6	0	3	.666
Forest City	4	1	4	.500
Belmont	3	1	4	.437
Marion	3	1	4	.437
Newton-Conover	2	2	4	.375
KINGS MOUNTAIN	2	1	4	.357
Spindale	0	0	8	.000
Morganton	0	0	8	.000
Lincolnton	1	2	5	.250

Kings Mountain had a season record of four wins, four losses and a tie, posting victories over Bessemer City and Mount Holly (dropped from the conference this year after a brief stay on the inside) in addition to the loop work.

Kings Mountain won over Cherryville and Rutherford-Spindale, tied Lincolnton and lost to Forest City, Marion, Newton-Conover and Shelby.

**Davidson Star**  
Jack Ruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Ruth, of Kings Mountain, completed a good season quarterbacking for Coach Crowell Little's Davidson College Wildcats last Saturday with a 24-yard pass to End Dick Kelly to set up his team's only score against the powerful, Orange Bowl bound Ga. Tech Yellow Jackets.

Ruth has been playing good ball this year, is high in the Southern Conference's records on passing. He worked behind a not-too-great forward wall and many

times had to eat the leather trying to spot a pass receiver.

Ruth was a high school sports star here, ran from the single wing. At Davidson he took to the T-formation quarterbacking like a duck takes to water and, with the experience he gained this year, will be plenty more trouble for Davidson opponents next season.

He is one of the few Kings Mountain football players to earn a steady job with a college eleven. You can count the remainder on one hand.

### Cats and Dashes

T. W. Grayson, Glee A. Bridges, W. G. Grantham, J. B. Keeter and Max Boggs, Jr., are duck hunting at Ocracoke Island.

Bobby Edens bagged a big buck deer at Pisgah National Forest on a hunt November 19th. His was one of around a dozen killed on the hunt which some 300 hunters, including his father, C. C. (Shorty) Edens, was on.

We'd like to hear more reports of hunting and fishing expeditions concerning local folk. Give us a buzz next time you take a trip... haven't heard any comment on Wilton (Charlotte Observer) Garrison's recently commenced col., "All Outdoors", concerning the doings of Carolina sportsmen and news of wildlife.

If you haven't started reading his notes, better dig up the past several week's issues and get started... Paul Beck, the Hickory junior and more recently the Lenoir high footballer, made the North Carolina Shrine team, along with Jimmy Kiser, of Shelby, and Ray Yoder, of Lincolnton... local basketball players wishing to field a team in the Shelby Recreation Center rec. loop are urged to contact Buddy Medlin here or the recreation director at the Shelby center. Medlin is trying to organize a team and we've heard reports of other prospective teams... The Kings Mountain Keglers, led by Jim Everhart, have been posting a good record in the Shelby bowling loop.

Many Johnston County farmers are buying beef heifers as foundation stock for establishing beef herds.

### Name 4 North Carolina Top Ranking 4-H'ers



Clarence Chappell, Doris Wells, Tommy Seerest, Lynda Wilson

TRIPS to the 30th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago were given four Old North State club members for their outstanding records in the 1951 National Field Crops, Garden, Home Improvement and Poultry programs. The state winners and brief outlines of their records follow:

Utilizing improved field crop methods has earned state honors for Clarence Chappell, 15, of Belvidere, in the 4-H Field Crops program. Long hours and much effort went into learning good farm practices and expert use of farm machinery, but the increase per acre of food, feed and fibre crops has more than compensated. Five years in 4-H Club work this young farmer has made a remarkable showing raising corn, cotton, potatoes, soybeans and peanuts. He has been a member of the State 100-Busied Corn Club twice, this year's crop of hybrid corn being estimated at 132 bushels to the acre. The last three years Clarence has been county winner in Field Crops with district and inter-county awards also to his credit. As club president and junior leader for five years he has been an outstanding 4-H'er. International Harvester provided Clarence's Chicago trip award.

Growing a garden has served a three-fold purpose for Doris Wells, 18, of Marble, state winner in the 4-H Garden program. She has supplied the family with a variety of fresh vegetables, reduced the cash outlay for food, at the same time promoting relaxation and good health. Her trip award was presented by Allis-Chalmers. Doris had to feed and cultivate the soil and spray the plants for disease to get the bountiful crop of potatoes, beans, tomatoes and corn she harvested. She tends a 18-acre of garden and also helps out in the family garden. This young gardener is also an excellent leader and serves as president of local and vice-president of County clubs.

Applying the latest scientific developments in poultry and egg All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

More than a quarter million persons are employed in the textile industry in North Carolina, which leads the nation,

### Mrs. Ross' Brother Buried in Shelby

Funeral rites for Lemuell S. Conner, 72, of Shelby, brother of Mrs. E. V. Ross, of Kings Mountain, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m., for the Shelby First Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. Harlan Harris, assisted by Dr. Zeno Wall, officiated. Burial was in Sunset cemetery and graveside Masonic rites were administered.

A foreman for the Southern Railway for 25 years before his retirement several years ago, he died at his home at 11:15 p. m. Friday after a year's illness. He was a member of Cleveland Masonic Lodge 202 and was a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Florence Setzer Conner; a brother, O. C. Conner, Sr. of Lumberton; and two sisters, Mrs. O. C. Lewis and Mrs. Minnie Poston of Shelby.

### Lt. Womack Receives Air Medal

First Lt. George Womack of Jacksonville, Fla., (formerly of Kings Mountain) has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement, while participating in combat mission over enemy held territory in Korea, the Air Force announced recently.

A member of the Air National Guard before he was recalled, Lt. Womack is serving with the 49th Fighter Bomber Wing of the Fifth Air Force, where he flies a F-84 Thunderjet.

Lt. Womack's wife, the former Patricia Albee of Jacksonville, has just been notified of his promotion to the rank of Captain.

Although the 1951 growing season was far from satisfactory in many areas, livestock production in the United States is now at an all-time record level.

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