LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by a community recreation program with the proper facilities and supervision.

total social stability.

it, but old so and so would put passage of all issues involved. it in his own back yard." Friends, this is a senseless assumption. We have on our City Board five men that have proven their integrity in this community. They were placed there by a majority of our voters. They in turn appointed five men that have proven their interest in community recreation. These men hired a trained architect who has made We must distinguish between spade in the ground. the two and vote, not for a party Mountain and all the people

In the first place most of us as- proves self-supporting. why? It's simple. There are more ufacturing plant had voted in a kids than grown-ups. Believe me, solid block in any of our recent solid block in any of our recent alections they would have proven to me last week. have a men's team here in Kings the entire town heretofore. Mountain and the other night we traveled over to Shelby to Gym. I counted 47 men and wo-

have several pools but had you nis and numerous other activities. thought of this? That will only All this is recreation and I know furnish recreation for about three that if any of you know that your months. What about the other 9 fellowman has the facilities to months? Oh yes! School work: enjoy the same things altho his Did you know that 85 percent of income may be below yours you the crime by juveniles last year will get a warm feeling that you was committed from September haven't felt before. to March? Did you know that 80 percent of all boys in a neighbor-ing City gets all of their recreation through recreation clubs farmers were getting an average such as Optimist, Rotarians, Red Shields, Boys Clubs and City re- of \$1.34 per bushel for corn creation? If the churches of this 26 cents below the national avertown were not doing such a won- lage support level.

derful job with so many of our Nuttall To Head youth I shudder to think of what could happen. I visited Jackson Training School several weeks ago and found six boys from this area there. Their misdemeanors were petty but the surrous but OPEN LETTER TO THE HERALD were petty but the purpose be-AND THE CITIZENS OF KINGS for thought: Three were there for trying to raise show fare, two for our community a few facts and one candle out of 3,000 or curse the evils that can be eliminated the darkness? It cost the State Mills. over \$4,000 to keep these boys

The third argument for a ma-A few of the arguments I have jority of us is no argument at all. heard from people that are for "What's it going to cost in the and against community recrea- way of taxes? Fellow citizens, tion I shall list below and try to you don't get something for nothanswer them to the best of my ing. If you had a hole in the head ability and knowledge, and I you wouldn't shop around for a must say this, there are very doctor, you would get one irrefew neonle in Kings Mountain gardless of the cost That is the scope of a city-wide recreation like a gang of blind dogs in a program, for recreation is now meathouse: we're banging our accepted as a major force in so- heads against a stone wall. Don't cial well - being. Recreation tak- listen to idle gossip, get the facts. es its place with education, heal. Here are some facts: Our town is th, religion, and work as an es- one of the soundest in the state sential process molding individ- when it comes to borrowing monual personalities and creating ey. We are in better shape finanabundant community living. All cially today than we have been these elements, in proper bal-ance, constitute the nucleus of churches, from all indications, three of our largest Civic groups The first and most used argu-ment is this: "I would vote for it but ald several of the town's largest tax-payers are all in favor of a

Think of this: Most cities would trained architect who has made a survey of our town and selected several sites. All of these sites are centrally located and accessible to a majority of our received by the service of th ble to a majority of our people. to keep our streets repaired and Now I ask you: What other sensible way could we possibly hope line with less fortunate commufor? If we don't trust these men's nities because we do not have judgment whom do we trust? large corporation taxes to pay. This coming bond issue is not a To be blunt, we are sitting on a political issue, but a necessity, gold mine and afraid to stick a

Don't be misled by our utilities. or a creed, but vote for Kings It costs money to maintain and operate these necessities and there will always be taxes, but I The second argument is even would judge by all available in-nore absurd than the first: "Ah! formation I have been able to more absurd than the first: "Ah! formation I have been able to Recreation is only a summertime gather that on a home valued at program, the kids go to school \$5,000 your tax would not increase in the winter and have their over 5 cents on the hundred dolhands full. All we need is a lar value or around \$250.00 per swimming pool and a ball- year of the 5 cents for maintance ground." This is pure poppycock. or maybe less if the project

grown-ups like to play. A good bond elections they would have cast more votes either for or a We gainst any issue than was cast by

I believe that those are the play Cliffside. There was so three basic arguments and I fermuch activity going on at the vently hope that there is no sorerecreation center that our game head in this town that has any along with Hudson Hosiery boys political axes to grind and use and girls, Howard Business Col. this bond issue as a springboard lege and Casar had to transfer for what we do on January 16th. our games to the Shelby High Some of us may not see the ultimate good a passage will bring men in the bowling room, 21 in but of this I am certain — this the game room and 12 men and group that votes will be rememwomen basketball teams or a to- bered. Some folks say we don't tal of over 194 men and women spend anything on recreation. not including the kids playing What about the movies, plays, table tennis and shuffleboard. swimming trips, parties, golf, Does that sound like a summer- bridge games, baseball and footime program?

ball, joy riding, dancing, sakting, books, bowling, billiards, ten-

In mid-October United States

At Smithfield

SMITHFIELD - Benjamin F. I truly hope that you can print this letter in its entirety for I have heard so many different was just bored, with nothing to do. Who would you of Burlington Mills with the of Burlington Mills with the tersville, Ala., and Textron Southversions of recreation that I feel blame, the parents, the boys, or transfer of John Brasch to ern at Anderson, S. C., and then it my duty to give the people of yourselves? Had you rather light Greensboro, announced J. C. Co-

> Brasch is being promoted to the Nuttall joined Burlington Mills Greensboro at the textile con- posts. cern's executive offices. Brasch The change will be effective has been superintendent of the January 1.

local plant since February 8, 1945. Nuttall is a native of Cordova, ma Tech at Auburn, Ala., where noted outdoors cameramen, this he received the B. S. in textile enmonth completed a movie on the gineering. He comes to Smithfield from the Modena plant of Bur- enjoyed on North Carolina's Out-

was sent by Textron to Puerto thodist. He is a veteran of World the two groups during the holiwan, Jr., president of Burlington Rico as superintendent of Textron War II, having held the rank of days. The teams meet at Concord

post of division manager of cot- in January of 1950 and has been ton spinning, of which division associated with plants at Kings tions on October 1 averager 56 and Mayor Glee Bridges has the Smithfield plant is a unit, and Mountain and Gastonia, where he will make his headquarters at has held various supervisory

DO DARE STORY

The New York Times Outdoor Ala., and is a graduate of Alaba- Editor, Ray Camp, and Lee Wulff unique fox hunting from jeeps lington Mills, located at Gastonia. er Banks. Camp and Wulff head-Before joining Burlington Mills | quartered at Nags Head. Between sequences, they went hunting and bagged five wild geese and duck's.

> Nuttall has a wife and a 10year-old daughter. They are Me-

United States pasture condi-1936, when conditions averaged mesage. 54 per cent.

RECREATION

The recreation's department's Midgets and Intermediates played two inter-squad games Saturday morning with the white the Intermediates.

Practice will get underway for at Concord early in January. The commission, in coopera

tion with the city commissioners per cent of normal, as low as any mailed out over a hundred recorded for that date in nearly Christmas letters to various mu-

the recreation movement more and sing it out, sense more the with 23 points. drama of the world, see beauty more clearly all about them, feel the poetry of the world, like to be among frees, find joy in watching plants grow, have pride in their bodies, want to be more skillful in their hands and all team winning for the midgets their powers, are happy to use and the Blue team winning for their mindsa just for the fun of it, enjoy people more, find sat-

> borhoods and their cities. "A little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6."

isfaction in serving their enigh-

The Kings Mountain "Bobcats" led by Buddy Medlin, Dave Neill and Gene Goforth out-scored the Gastonia Red Shields club 83 to four decades except in 1934 and nicipalities with the following 67 here last Wednesday night.

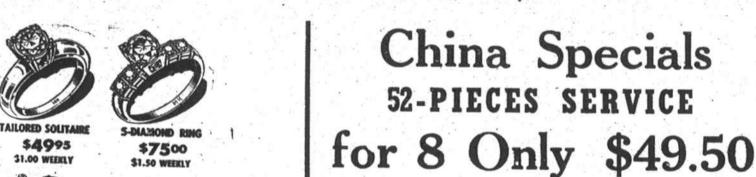
"We believe that because of played three complete teams." Gerald Adams, former K. M. namen have a song in their hearts tive paced the visitors scoring

In Thursday night's action, the locals were nosed out at Cliffside by nine points, Medlin, Walt Harmon and Sanders paced the Kings Mountain was late for the game and started playing with-

out any pre-game warm-ups Collegians home for the holidays were scheduled to play the Bobcats Monday night at Central gym. College boys participating: Charles Mauney, Johnny Kiser, Jim Kimmell, Harold Pearson,

North Carolina farmers paid 20 cents per pound more for bacon Kings Mountain used all their on September 15, 1953, than on

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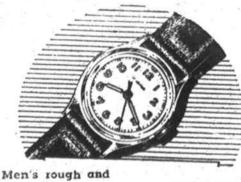
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