

### Pat's **Peckings**

### WNCHSAA Changes All-Star Picks

Pickups and leftovers from the whirl of sports . . . The WNCHSAA comes up with something new in all-star athletic teams starting next school season . . . The Association voted in its meeting last week to increase the mythical se-lection to squad size, instead of merely picking an all-lea-

The Conference football teams, for instance, will be day afternoon, and have called 22-man selections, broken down by four boys each at end, the second pre-season workout at tackle and guards, two centers and eight backs . Ten-man 4 o'clock this Saturday. The Samuel Company of the Saturday boys basketball and 12-member girl cage club will be se- will continue to work at City Stalected on the same basis of two players for each position .

. Fifteen-member squads will be picked for the two spring sports of baseball and track . . . The baseball breakdown will show five infielders, four outfielders, two catchers and Meanwhile. local Legionnaires

Marion cast the only dissenting vote in the balloting the local program are busy sellwhich defeated the re-alignment proposal for Western to aid in various phases of making the junior diamond season Conference and the other eight in the Northwest loop vo- a successful one. ted to leave the two leagues as they stand . . . The regrouping of the Piedmont Conferences into the "haves" and the "have nots" in football will become effective with the 1960 grid season.

If folks think that Area Four has its problems in juning a house-to-house canvas to baseball, state commissioner Charlie Smith suggests of tickets. A group of Legion be on hand later. Coach Bill Powlie Carpenter, who has been lar-turn." you consider one he will have to workout down east . . . A-hoskie enters the program this year and has trips up to 130 miles to play some of its Area Two foes . . . There's nothing like travel, they say, to broaden ones outlook.

### N. C. Almost Lost Regional Tourney

North Carolina faced the possibility of losing the Region Four Legion junior baseball tournament this season, if National Commissioner Lou Brissia had his misseason, if National Commissioner Lou Brissie had his way about to the Southwest Conference it . . . The Ole North State Legion champion, you know, has been awarded the regional tournament every year because this is the only state in the four (with Virginia, ions won their 13th straight loop has been awarded the regional tournament every year be-cause this is the only state in the four (with Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky) which draws for the program.

But Memphis put in a bid for the event this summer, and Brissie asked North Carolina Legion baseball officials if it suited them to move the tournament to the Tennessee city . . . State commissioner Smith notified Brissie that "it certainly would not suit us to give up the tourney."...So, been a foregone conclusion for the four-state event remains in the Ole North State again, weeks...the SWC baseball title to be held in the home town of the state champion.

Some folks figured this has been a wet and ramy spring... But you can't prove it by the Mountaineers baseball schedule... The local lads had six rain-postponed games through March and April of last year, but only one rained out this spring, and the boys played three innings who was battered out of the box against the Mountaineers last week, held Cool Spring to two hits Tuesday.

James Robbs finally returns to action with the Mountaineer nine after missing most of the schedule with a couple of broken toes suffered in a basketball game . . . James has been spending his time during the idleness by learning Bill Saunders tossed the win for ball club this spring. They are the only two players on the team by High which relinquished its record on the campaign and No. Coach Withers.

A couple of Queens played for the Kings Mountain High girls basketball team last winter . . . Guard Gertie Tuesday. Pearson was the May day Queen last week, and high-scor-Southweek. ing and all-conference forward Judy Medlin was the Kings standings: Mt. Queen in the Carrousel Parade in Charlotte last fall.

### Mountaineers To Wear TV-jerseys

The Mountaineer football team will be dressed-up fit for tee-vee next autumn . . . Coach John Gamble has pur- R. S. Central chased a brank new set of white nylon jerseys with the "TV-numbers" on the shoulders, plus huge 12-inch num- Caroleen bers in the back and 10-inch figures on the front of the Cliffiside

Two of the Mountaineers top sophomore baseball players this spring may be forced to miss junior baseball due to summer school . . . Chip Thorburn in planning to attend summer school at Western Carolina, and Punch Parker will be in the summer session here.

An early look suggests that the local juniors should field an experienced team, with good pitching this summer . . . Eleven players move up from Kings Mt. High and three returning regulars from Bethware lend a veteran look to the club . . . Pitching looks good with right-handers Bobby Biddix, Jerry Wright, and Perry Champion, and possibly some help from Steve Harmon, a junior last summer and track performer this spring.

George Wilson's big bat caused the St. Louis Cardinals to forsake their youth movement at Rochester and sign the heart-breaking one-hit game in less through the first six frames veteran outfielder to provide more left-handed hitting po- the opener, 1-0. The Minnette ace and seemed well on his way tower . . . The Red Wings are the youngest team in the International League and loaded with future Cardinal stars . . . The team boasted speed, good defense and pitching, but needed punch . . . Wilson is expected to provide that . . And Wilson left word that he's happy to make his debut in the International circuit . . . The majority of the parks have a short right-field fence and that suits left-handed through with another fine pitch-

The Milwaukee Braves refuse to push their prized bonus baby, Tony Cloninger, too fast . . . He has been assigned to the Class B Three-I League this summer, with Cedar Minette with a first inning dou-Rapids, Iowa . . . Gil English, the scout who owns the pen ble. which inked Tony, says that the big right-hander could have been sent to a higher classification this year, but the third straight double-header in Braves decided to "hold him back and get him ready."

Mason Rodden, Belmont Banner sports editor, tried to losing the opener. pin-point the cause of the Red Raiders slump this diamond season, but couldn't find the answer . . . He wrote that men go to Charlotte for their lea"boys that were counted on to supply the stick work" haven't been producing", then added that the work afield "hasn't been what was expected", and that the "pitching George Wilson Slugs has seemed to crumble all at once." . . . Add all those de-bits and you have good enough reason for a slump.

### **Low Hit Games** Feature In LL

Leftwich of North turned in low tained the two hits for the Jayhit pitching wins to feature local cees. Little League play in games late

Pack hurled a one-hitter as his team defeated Parkgrace, 5-0, and Leftwich turned in a twoover the Jaycees. Both games were played Wednesday at the Jaycees 000 000 Leftwich and Bennett hitter in his club's 2-0 triumph

Murphy and Robbs cracked out

a double each to lead the Burmil win, while Cloninger obtained the lone hit for Parkgrace.

Allen of North smashed the first Little League homer of the season for the big blow in his Richard Pack of Burmil and club's win. Caveny and Ware ob-On April 23 at Havana, Cuba.

> The linescores 000 000-0-1-4 201 11x-5-4-2 Parkgrace Sprouse, Medlin and Mullinax. Pack and Hord.

Hayes, Tignor and Lawrence.

# Jrs. Open Drills, Tickets On Sale Wright And Wilson Spin 3-Hitter, Thorburn, Tignor, Robbs Top Bats

junior baseball program is "turning-to" to put things in shipshape for the opening of the seaKings Mountain H

Coaches Fred Withers and Bill

Meanwhile, local Legionnaires and other persons interested in

ness establishments and several

**Southwest Loop** 

Thirteen didn't prove unlucky

Central, 8-0, behind the two-hit

pitching of Johnny Kouri. Big

John fanned 14 and helped his cause with a triple and a pair of

The victory clinched what has

th place in the league with its

Southwest Conference baseball

12-1 romp over Caroleen here

hits Tuesday.

Snelby

Cherryville

**Minette Still** 

Batting .500

tic Softball League.

Following the tradition of the armed services, everyone connected with the American Legion of the nected with the American Legion of the services also will "set up shop" ell's team is engaged in state region all the gional playoffs and will remain junior program on its feet here intact as a high school team beneficially season, emphasized again to all the home games in the fore starting junior drills.

Butler, cf-1 Walker, rf Lowery, if Green, 3b Railay season, emphasized again this week:

Most of the members of the Bates opened practice sessions for day's opening junior practice, outfielder Charles Bolin, their junior charges last Saturconsisting of several rounds of batting practice. A few of the candida urday jobs and could not make following firms:

> mising catcher, C. B. Green, who has been one of the standouts for Coach Preston Holt's team er's Furniture Co., and McGinnis for Coach Preston Holt's team Furniture Co., and McGinnis for Coach Preston Holt's team er's Furniture Co. Grover was Harold Huffstetler.

The expected prospects from Bethware High School were un-

Mountaineers Maul Tri-High By

Four members of last year's junior team are due to return support for funds to operate the Moore, 2b Kings Mountain High School team are due to return support for Italias to operate the Kings Mountain High School team who are eligible for the juniors were on hand for Saturis, first baseman Don Horn, and ity of Kings Mountain citizens fashers, p

the initial drills.

Grover sent two candidates for opening drills, including a promising catcher, C. B. Green, who mising catcher, C. B. Green, W. B. Green, C. B. G

Another Grover boy, Dean Green, missed the drills due to a leg injury suffered in high school base-jury suffered in high school baseball, but he expects to be ready to resume action this Saturday.

ground Ave., Charles ball Ave., be able to reach everyone interested in the program, we are run-

In the ticket-selling departthe youngsters here deserve a wells, ss
ment, ducats for the first round
full chance to participate in it,
Phillips, if es were tied-up with Sat- have been placed on sale at the and that given an opportunity, the public will support it through

Legionnaires working areas of the City Hall for tickets to sell,

the southside of Mountain St., ning the coupon soliciting aid in and Dick McGinnis on the north-today's edition of the Herald. If Wilson, p

Hillard, 3b

Kings Mt.

Pitchers

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on their biggest run-scoring spree of the baseball season here Tuesday of the baseball season here the baseball season here the baseball season here the baseball season here. 0 High, 12-1, to avenge the third 0 early-season defeat within the past week. Chip Thorburn clubbed a pair of singles and Don Tignor and James Robbs contributed the extra base power, with a double each, to pace the Kings Moun-tain attack. Six Tri-High errors, four walks and five hit batsmen Totals also aided the cause as the Mountaineers batted around in two of the innings.

Pitchers Jerry Wright and Ken Wilson just coasted behind that offensive fireworks. Jerry went Thorburn, 1b the first five frames, allowing on-Smith, c ly one single and gained credit for the win, his third of the year Parker, If J. Wright, P. Ware, 3b against three losses. Ken mopped-up in the last two frames and allowed the lone Tri-High run on two hits in the seventh. Hendricks, ss Haynes, 2b

Caroleen is the third team within the past week to feel the sting of the Mountaineers reven-ge for first-round defeats. Last week, the Mountaineers also beat R. S. Central and Cherryville, both of whom had whipped our side on the first trip around the

Coach Fred Withers used 16 players in the Tuesday rout, with only Don Fisher and Ronnie Pearson playing the entire game.

The Mountaineers started off with a bang, sending 12 batters to the plate and scoring six runs in the first inning. The local lads managed only two hits in the big frame, but three Mountaineers were tagged with pitched balls, three more walked, and a couple of errors helped keep things mov-

Robbs rapped his double and Thorburn his first single to provide the hitting punch to the quick start.

The annual Cleveland County Ronnie Pearson's single drove home another pair of tallies in the third, and the Mountaineers urday of next week at Shelby. batted around again in the fourth inning. Bethware is the defending

county champ in the tournament which annually brings together Fisher and Thorburn singled in this uprising, and after a couple of errors, Tignor slammed a dou-ble on the left field bank, driving home a pair of tallies.

Hits by Jerry Adams and Don Smith, along with an error, hiked record on the campaign, and No. the so Three school is in the runner-up fifth. the score to an even dozen in the Ronnie Pearson pulled the

fielding gem of the game, nab-bing Bailey's long drive into deep

### K. M. Seeks Second

The Mountaineer baseballers hit the road for the next couple of contests following a three-

game home stand.

Tuesday night as the Mountaineers seek their second victory of the season over both clubs. The Mountaineers rallied to

defeat Cliffside, 4-3, here a few weeks ago, and turned-in their biggest scoring effort of the season to defeat Belmont, 10-7, in the first meeting of the campaign. Wins in the two road games within the next week will give the Mountaineers a sweep in the two con-tests with the Conference ri-

The local lads return home for their final game of the season on Friday night of next week, against arch rival Shel-

### **Jerry Phillips** Represents K. M. In Track Finals

In Track Finals

Jerry Phillips will be the Mountaineers' lone representative in the WNCHSAA track meet to be held Friday at Davidson Col lege.

Wilson 2 2 1 1 0 0 E—Bailey 3, Francis, Byers, Greene; DP—Lowery to Harrelson; Tignor to Thorburn; LOB—Caroleen 4, Kings Mt. 8; 2B—Robbs, Tignor, Greene; SB—Tignor, Tignor, Thorburn, Smith, Fisher; HBP—Tignor, Pearson, Robbs 2, Smith; U—Kiser and Hamrick; T—1:45

The Kings Mountain senior hurdler won a berth in the Association championships, cap County Tourney turing third-place in the 180-yard low hurdles in the Western Con Set Next Week ference meet at Hickory last Fri day. Phillips ran third in the low hurdles race, behind Shook of baseball tournament is tentative. Hickory and Abernathy of Bel. ly scheduled for Friday and Satmont to pick up the Mountaineers nly two points in the affair.

Phillips posted a time of 23 sec onds in the race, with Shook's the top two teams from both the winning time being 22.2 seconds. North and South zones of the

He will go to Davidson Friday with the six qualifiers from Shelto Shelby's 28 3/4.

The top six finishers at Hick-ory go to Davidson along with the top spot in the North zone Running with his back to the first six qualifiers from the Piedmont Conference meet at Statesville, won also by the host team.

qualifying half-dozen.

Allthough needing aid from Ken Ware in the fourth frame was Wilson during a Cherryville rally termed by Coach Fred Withers as in the low hurdles with a 23.3 sec-

Derek Smith finished seventh in the discus, and Don Gladden posted the seventh best time in 220-yard dash. Gladden finished second in his heat of the 220, but Houser finished third in his heat of the 220 dash. Jimmy Blanton bowed out of the high jump at five feet, four inches, just shy of

A two-run fourth inning gave the Conference meet, with entre K. M. a temporary 3-2 lead. But in the majority of the events. The Mountaineers entered 15 in the Conference meet, with entries

Trailing Hickory and Shelby in tally four times in the fifth to wrap up the game against Jerry Wright.

Wilson pitched one-hit ball for an inning and a third of relief, Morganton 3 3/4, Kings Mt. 2,

#### diamond, Ronnie speared the ball over his shoulder, robbing the batter of at least a double. Wins Over Loop Foes Honeycutt Stops

Bethware bowed out of Class A

Playing their first night game of the year, the Buccaneers could

manage only four hits off the stout hurling of big Don Honey-cutt of the Yellow Jackets. Hon-

eycutt is the same right-hander who defeated Tony Cloninger in district A playoffs last spring.

Bobby Biddix, returning to the

mound after only three days rest since his 15-inning performance

against Belwood last Friday, wasn't up to his usual sharp per-formance. Clyde Carroll finished up for the Bucs, the two hurlers allowing 7 hits.

Bethware's Bid district playoffs Tuesday night, losing a 7-1 game to Bessemer City's Gaston County champions.

Coach Fred Withers takes his charges to Cliffside on Friday afternoon and to Belmont next

### **Bethware Beats Casar, Belwood** To Win Berth In State Playoffs

Bethware's Buccaneers won the ware's Bobby Biddix and Bel right to represent Cleveland wood's Bobby Hoover tied-up in County in the state Class A elim-

county champions and current dix fanned 18 and Hoover 14 in leaders in the South zone of the county chase defeated the North zone's co-leaders, Casar and Bel-Burton with the winning run in wood, to advance into district the 15th inning, after the latter

two runs, walking Jerry Wright to force home Pearson, and uncorking a wild pitch to admit Smith.

That was all for the Mountain Bethware.

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That was all for the Mountain Bethware afternoon at Bethware.

The playoffs were arranged to determine a Cleveland County team to participate in the state forganization's series. As result of the victories, Bethware moved a similar that that until Bethware scored in the state of the victories, Bethware moved a similar that that until Bethware scored in the victories, Bethware moved a similar that that until Bethware scored in the victories, Bethware moved a similar that that until Bethware scored in the victories, Bethware moved a similar that that until Bethware scored in the victories, Bethware moved a similar that that until Bethware scored in the victories, Bethware moved a similar that the victories, Bethware moved a similar that until Bethware scored in the victories, Bethware moved a similar that until Bethware that the victories, Bethware moved a similar that until Bethware scored in the victories, Bethware moved a similar that until Bethware to the victories, Bethware moved a similar that until Bethware that the victories, Bethware in the 15th.

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ination series, defeating Casar County diamond action. Biddix and Belwood in a pair of playoff games last week.

Coach Bill Powell's defending ed Hoover in the 13th inning. Bid

play in the state.

Bethware defeated Casar, 7-1, last
Wednesday, tripped Belwood, 4-2,
in a 15-inning thriller on Friday
afternoon at Bethware.

Biddix and Morris

Biddix fanned ten and did not allow an earned run in his five innings on the hill, as the Bucs made eight errors in the game.

Dean Buston rapped two hits
and Jerry Wright and Don Horn
one each for Bethware.

The win advances Besemer City against the McDowell -- Burke County winner in state Class A

ethware 000 001 0—1-4-8 ess. City 201 112 x—7-7-2 Biddix, Carroll and Morris. Bess. City Honeycutt and Franklin.

### Golf, Tennis Teams Host F. C. Today

Kings Mountain High school golf and tennis teams will complete their home schedules here this afternoon (Thursday), playing host to a pair of For-

The tennis matches are sche-duled at the Deal Street Recreation Center courts and the golf rounds at the Kings Mountain Country Club. The matches will start at 3:30.

Meets between the same teams at Forest City last week were postponed at the request of Forest City, and may be made up next week. The Mountaineer

participating in golf and ten-nis for the first time, have lost four straight matches each, two each to Shelby and R. S. Central.

## George Wilson is proving a

Saturday's games were

pinch-hit hero for the Rochester Red Wings of the International

Twice in recent games, the Kings Mountain native has come through with clutch pinch-hits for his new triple-A

George contributed a pinch single in the 11th inning as the Red Wings staged a big late rally to beat the Cubans 4-0. Four days later at Miami, Wilson hit an eighth inning inch-hit home run to send the game into extra innings, with Miami finally winning in the



Belmonit managed to hold onto third place in the circuit, with a 3-1 win over Central on Monday.

MOUNTAINEER INFIELDERS — Mike Ware, left, and Don Tignor third place in the circuit, with a share a distinction for the Kings Mountain High Mountaineer base. who have started every game of the season at the same positions, who have started every game of the season at the same positions, Kings Mountain took over fourhe place in the league with its
place in the league with its
card for their next two games, return here Friday night of next week
Caroleen here

### (Herald Photo by Pennington Studio) Pet. Don Fisher Halts Cherryville 692 For Fifth Straight Mound Win

Don Fisher moved right up in-to the ranks with the top pitch-nie Hovis to pop up to Chip Thor-eer finishing in the first six of his event, although several other local trackmen barely missed the 154 hit, 5-3 victory over Cherryville out. here last Friday afternoon.

the campaign, a mark which er fanned Hovis, Long sliced a The defending state champions bert Camp.

divided a twin bill with the Brocks Ice Cream Bar team of Hendersonville last Saturday night at Brice Harry Memorial over the second place team in the Park in Grover to give them a Southwest league. Five hits in in a make-up game with Lincolnthree losses in the new softball runs and enough to win the

game. fanned 12 but lost the brilliant ward his fourth complete game duel to Tom Conrad of Hender- of the season. But a fluke hit in sonville, who permitted two hits the seventh inning opened the and struck out 13 Minettemen. door for Cherryville and before it Pitcher Conrad won his own was over Wilson came on to turn and Punch Parker made his Lincolnton 3/4. in a neat relief job and halt the Lefty Orbin Taylor came Ironmen threat.

ed game to cop the nightcap for run lead in the first when Don The Mountaineers took a one-Minette, 2-1, besting Bill Smith in Tignor was hit by a pitched ball, another mound duel. Genee Turadvanced to third on a wild pitner drove home both runs for ch and an infield out and scored on Ronnie Pearson's grounder.

Kings Mountain wrapped it up then beat Bobby Beal back to the with four in the third. Tignor started it again, this which Minette has bounced back time with a double on the left to win the second game after losing the opener.

Coach Zero Hastings' Minetted men go to Charlotte for their league tussle Saturday night.

George Wilson Slugs

time with a double on the left field bank. Playing his first game, James Robbs beat out a bunt, and when pitcher Eddie Homesley attempted to pick Robbs off first, heaved the ball into right field and Tignor scored. Pearson singled home Robbs, against Lincolnton.

(Boxscores on next Page) and another pair of base knocks by Don Smith and Punch Park-

er loaded the bases. Stan Crisson relieved Homesley on the hill and promptly allowed two runs, walking Jerry Wright

A double-play started by Mike

in the top of the seventh, the truning point of the game. ond qualifying time, rangy junior right-hander posted Cherryville put the first two men his fifth straight mound win of on in the fourth, and after Fish-Minnette Mills continues to bat places him on the same level drive between short and third. with a pair of undefeated Shel- Ware made a brilliant stop, tagby tossers, Johnny Kouri and Ro. ging the runner as he went by, bert Camp. bert Camp.

Then tossing to Tignor to comhis time was slightly slower than
plete an inning ending double a second in another heat. Tommy

season's record of three wins and the third inning produced four ton here, as the Wolves came off qualifying. with a 74 decision.

the Wolves used two doubles, single and a couple of walks to

mound debut hurling the final frame, allowing no hits, while fanning one and walking one. Paul Hendricks pulled a fielding gem for the Mountaineers a nst Lincolnton, an unassisted double-play. He made a fine stab

sack to complete the twin-kill-

of Dysart's liner near second,

(Boxscores on next Page) **Tigers Slug 10-3** 

**Victory In Opener** 

The Kings Mountain Tigers op-ened their season, blasting Hic-

Wilson came on and walked Homesley to push home another. He forced Crisson to fly out to deep center, driving home the L. M. 310 220 20: