

### Pat's **Peckings** By NEALE PATRICK

#### Little Leagues Play On Local Basis

The Kings Mountain Little League program will be strictly a local affair this season, without affiliation with the national organization.

So reports Bob Maner who has supervised the baseball program for the 8-12 year old youths for the past few seasons and again will serve as the local commissioner. He says the decision to keep the Little Leaguers playing locally only, instead of picking a star team to advance in district and state play in early summer was made for sev-

The time element was one of the main factors in deciding to withdraw from the national organization.

In past years, the Little League program has started in April, a month or six weeks before school is out, and the all-star team must be picked in June to proceed into dis-

Maner is of the opinion, and this is shared by many others here in the Little League program, that the season starts and ends too early, when it should be a summer-time program for the youngsters, instead of one which starts the youngsters playing before school is out then turns. Junior Baseball Candidates the youngsters playing before school is out, then turns them loose without a baseball program just a few weeks

To Meet On Saturday Morning

It appears now that eight teams will participate in the Little League program here this summer, and if all the expected sponsors carry through with their intentions, two four-team leagues will be organized.

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Two changes were made in the basketball program for the Southwest Conference and all which will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents in the southwhich will compete against the same six opponents of its slate.

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Post 155 youngsters for the section.

Kings Mountain's juniors again will play in the southern division (League A) of Area Four and the season will open on Monthy and the season will open on Monthy and the season basketball tour-open and the for the small fry baseball boys of the community. Several Post 155 youngsters for the secteam.

#### Moss And WCL Do It Again

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So, the Western Carolina baseball league is winning, again, and the disbelievers are gradually thinning out.

Kings Mountain's John Henry Moss has been making believers out of folks as he has hedge-hopped one problem after another for the past couple of years in carrying out his firm belief that people in this section of the Ole North Stafe want pro baseball.

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If you have been the least bit observant, you well-feed the Kings Mountain Legion know that the WCL has been beset with little but problems team have completed their dia-feet for junior baseball this week and only one on the week-

There always seemed to be something blocking the path of good intentions. There was the on-again, off-again assistance pledges from the now-defunct Continental Lea
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first pitch of '61.

But with steady persistence and hard work, the local man has succeeded in accomplishing the feat of putting a Class D league on a going basis for two straight seasons.

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the start. They thought the league would not get off the postponed. ground in 1960. It did, and all eight teams survived the season, although the majority still held that the loop would their big guns to win the game,

That same group of pessimists said that was all. There their ninth league loss of the would be no '61, they said. But, the WCL is playing ball a-spring.

All of which seems to me to be a tribute to John Hen- run homer and Tommy Culbreth guring in the scoring. ry Moss, a Kings Mountain native, and experienced in the a triple against starter Punch ways of baseball front-office workings. He has faced more Parker, pacing the Hilltoppers to lowing Ed Parton's single to othan his share of road-blocks, but he has managed to remove them or detour them in carrying through his determination to put baseball where it belongs in the Ole North State on a playing basis. The has faced more an all states are all the first frame and all eight tallies before Parker departed the end of the fourth. State . . . on a playing basis.

#### Track Improves Relations In SWC

Putting together one sports note after another:

It has not been determined just how important the around a hit batsman, in the fifhome field might be in track meets, but just for the record, th, and gave up a walk and a ner, and the frosh was Mike the Mountaineers have a home-track record of seven wins single in the sixth before settling Huffstickler at third base. and two losses in the three years since the sport was add-down to retire the final this ed to the spring agenda here.

The Mountaineers were undefeated in two home meets | Together, Parker and Adam this year, following a record of four wins and a single loss whiffed 11 RSC batters while in the first season of track (1959) and a one-all record in Make Jett fanned nine Mount

Coach John Gamble, incidentally, credits track with improving relations among players and schools in the run-making glory came in the Southwest Conference . . . He took note at a recent meet first frame, James Robbs leading that the boys not participating in the event at the moment have a chance to meet and talk with the lads from other

"No other sport allows the time for such fellowship and comradeship," says the Mountaineer mentor, "And it Shelby Softball seems to me that the overall relations in the Southwest Conference has improved, as result, in the past few years since most of the schools have begun the track program." entered the fast-pitch softball D. Parton, If

Al Todd who spent last summer here, working with its opening game of the season Culbreth, 3b John Moss and bird-dogging prospects in the Western Carnext Tuesday night. olina League for the now-defunct Continental, now is a scout for the New York team of the National League expansion program of '62 . . . Todd is concentrating his attention on New York and Pennsylvania, but is also one of trial circuit last year and went trial circuit last year and went by Laught the chief scouts for Charlie Hurth's New York team . . . to the playoff finals. The club L. Laughter, rf Hurth also is well known here, making several visits to does not have a local sponsor, Kings Mountain last summer.

Darwin (Lefty) Moss of Kings Mountain obtained his re- al sources to purchase equiplease from the Jacksonville team of the Sally League and ment. The local Recreation Com immediately joined Manager Jim Poole and his new Bel- mission sponsored the team last mont entry in the WCL . . . He joined the club in time to share in the pitching and defensive woes facing the Gaston Lloy club which permitted foes to score 99 runs in the first sevteam which will play games each en games of the season. Shelby Recreation Center.

This doesn't have much to do with sports, but it's merely an item indicating that Kings Mountain youths rate with the best in other activities, too, furnishing two rate with the best in other activities, too, furnishing two straight winners in two different district competitions in recent years . . . Glynda Lynn and Jan Williams are consecutive spelling bee champions from Kings Mountain . . . And earlier local lads Tony Hampton and Freddie Foster John Charleston and Gene And earlier Charlette area complex derive crowns. won consecutive Charlotte area soap box derby crowns. | Tignor.



END OF THE LINE \_\_ Wally Harris (left) who has taken over the catching duties for the Mountaineers in recent games reminds a couple of teammates that the club has three to go on the 1961 diamond campaign. Looking on as

Gibson. The Mounties close the year with games at Chase on Friday, at Lincolnton Mondayand at Belmont on Tuesday.

(Photo by Claire Gilstad)

### "We have found that much of the interest for all of the players wanes after we pick the all-stars and we have a hard time keeping the league in operation after the outpointed out Maner, "And, even after our team has been eliminated, few of the all-star players want to return to the local league," Here June 5 Vs Mount Holly

"This meeting has been called Pawcreek.

Powell said that he intends to so that we can set-up plans for two each on Tuesday and Wedstart daily drills next week when the practice sessions in the next nesday and one on Saturday. all of the high schools which will three weeks."

Central's Hilltoppers exploded frame.

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Kings Mountain's lone bit

Members of the team include:

**KM To Enter** 

day, June 5, against Mt. Holly- lowed by area playoffs. Kings naments will revent to the same ton last Friday.

first round will go on sale next

Kings Mountain's junior sched-

June 6 - at Charlotte 262. Parker singled for the other Mountaineer blow in the fifth

June 13 - Shelby, here. - Belmont, here. R. S. Central wiped out the ef-- at Gastonia. fects of Robbs' run with five tallies in the first frame. Culbreth's

triple highlighted the three hit June 20 Charles Bailey unloaded a two- inning, with three walks also fi-June 21 — Bye. June 23 Bailey banged his homer, fol-June 24 — at Shelby.

the game, with the exception of Jerry Adams made the first Robbs at shortstop, the other found appearance of his prep four players around the horn be-

ing sophomores or freshmen. career holding the RSC club to Sophs were catcher Wally Harone hit in the last two innings. Sophs were catcher Wally Har-He fanned the side, sandwiched rist, first baseman Charles Good-

ree	Kings Mountain	AB	R	H	rb
	Robbs, ss	2	1	1	0
ms	Parker, p-3b	2	0	1	0.
oig	R. Pearson, lf	2	0	0	0
in-	Champion, If	3	0	0	0
	Goforth, cf	0	0	0	0
	L. Pearson, rf	3	0	0	0
of	Goodson, 1b	3	0	0	0
he	Heavner, 2b	2	0	0	0
ng	Hillard, 2b	. 0	0	0	0
	Huffstickler, 3b	2	0	0	0
	Adams, p	1	0	0	0
	Harris, c	3	0	0	0
	TOTALS	23	1	2	0

A Kings Mountain team has E. Parton, If Dalton, c The local team is composed of Dyeus, e Scearcy, cf but has received aid from sever-Morris, cf Jett, p

Kings Mt. Lloyd McFallswill manage the RS Central 501 200 E \_\_\_ Champion, Heavner, Har-Tuesday and Thursday nights at ris, Searcy, Bailey; LOB \_\_ KM Shelby Recreation Center. 5, RSC-6; 3B \_\_ Culbreth; HR \_\_ Bailey; SB \_\_ E. Parton, Dalton, participants. Callahan 2, Robbs; SF \_\_ Bailey; Jerry Ross, Bob Bridges, De- HBP \_\_ B. Laughter, Robbs; WP \_\_ Parker 5, Jett; PB \_\_ Dalton.

The Kings Mountain American Area Four baseball schedule here This new footba on Monday night, June 5, against the Mt. Holly-Pawcreek entry
The game is the first on the 12-game first round slate for the Otis P. Green Post 155

June 5 - Mt. Holly-Pawcreek, June 9 — Bye. June 10 — Charlotte 9-380, here

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#### **Deal Street Pool Opens On Saturday** Summer can't be far away

the ole swimming hole will be open for business Saturday. Recreation Director Jake Early announces that the Deal

Street swimming pool will open for the season on Saturday afternoon at 1:30, weather per-

The pool will be open on Sat-urdays only until school is out, at which time it will go on a daily schedule. Early has returned to the po-

director and pool manager, following his return to pro baseball last summer, and he has been making repairs and put-ting the Deal Street Pool in tip-top shape in recent weeks.

### WNCHSAA Changes Grid And Cage Title Plans The far-flung WNCHSAA of which Kings Mountain High and the Southwest Conference are Rain Delays Game With Shelby;

of public instruction.

changes in regular-season and tournament play for virtually all sports, all designed to limit athletic schedules and night activities and insure more time in the class room for athletes and stu-

The football season for WNCH-SAA members was limited to 12 to go on the Southwest Confergames, including regular-season ence season, the Mountaineers and post-season playoff games. The basic change is that no conference playoff game will be permitted before the Association's inter-league games. Should two teams deadlock for the title of the state of the title of the state of the title of the titl teams deadlock for the title, the winner of the regular season game between the two would be adjudged the conference repreentative. Should that game have ended in a tie, the league coaches will determine

This new football regulation,

schedule here as announced by night will start at 6 o'clock. The

in each division (boys and girls) wart and Ross

games or for six admissions to one game. The season ducats will sell at half-price, the gate admissions prices being 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for still because west Conference, with each loop diamond team playing the other seven schools on a home-and-home basis. The Northwest and North Piedmont Conferences, with each loop diamond team playing the other run. Neither finish provided home basis. The Northwest and North Piedmont Conferences, with each loop diamond team playing the other run. Neither finish provided home basis. The Northwest and North Piedmont Conferences, with each loop diamond team playing the other seven schools on a home-and-home basis. The Northwest and North Piedmont Conferences, with each loop diamond team playing the other seven schools on a home-and-home basis. The Northwest and North Piedmont Conferences, with each loop diamond team playing the other seven schools on a home-and-home basis. The Northwest and North Piedmont Conferences, with each loop diamond team playing the other seven schools on a home-and-home basis. The Northwest and North Piedmont Conferences, with each loop diamond team playing the other seven schools on a home-and-home basis. The Northwest and North Piedmont Conferences, with each loop diamond team playing the other seven schools on a home-and-home basis. The Northwest and North Piedmont Conferences, with the seven schools of the loop diamond team playing the other seven schools on a home-and-home basis. The Northwest and North Piedmont Conferences, with the seven schools of the loop diamond team playing the other seven schools on a home-and-home basis. voted on only round against each foe.

All four conferences did agree on one slight change which will not permit batting practice for afternoon baseball games. Batting drills will be allowed before night games.

Other changes were slight, such as golf, tennis and track meets starting at 3:30 or 4 o'clock, the customary time. All golf meets prior to the Association finals were restricted to nine holes, also customary for Kings Mountain.

Asociation entry fees were hi-ked to \$25 and 25-percent of the gate receipts from all Conference playoffs. The WNCHSAA also will employ the same booking offices for officials for next sea-The group also voted to limit

a boy to participation in only one sport per season next year.

#### Ladies Handicap **Tournament Set**

A ladies handicap tournament for all member golfers will be held at the Kings Mountain Country Club next Monday, May

All club members are invited to participate with an entry fee

Players participating must have at least one other player also entered in the tournament playing in her group in order that the score might be attested. Some 20 members are expected

### **Mountaineer Golfers To Enter Association Tournament Monday**

The four low scorers in practice rounds ending this week will represent Kings Mountain High for the four berths are Turk in the WNCHSAA golf tournation Falls, Franklin Dean, Robert ment to be held in Morganton Plonk, J. T. Jackson and Don

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The Association meet will be conducted on a 36-hole medal play basis, with medals being presented to the three low individual scorers and a ribbon to the fourth place finisher. A trophy will be given to the team

ce the schedule ended two weeks eers this season. The two have age, preparing the the Associaeither won or shared the low metion meet. The four posting the dal score in each of the six

8 low scores will be selected by Mountaineer meets this spring.

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## members is staying in step with recent restrictions imposed on prep athletics by the state board Robbs Lone Hitter Over .300

f public instruction.

The late afternoon shower here and Perry Champion with a .217 mark (5 5for 23). Pitcher Barry ment of the Mountaineers game Gibson has rapped two for seven, that night with Shelby and the a .286 average.

contest was rescheduled to be Although he has one of the played Wednesday afternoon at lowest averages among regulars, City Stadium.

The Mountaineers were beginning batting practice when the game. The Shelby club was already on the way here and learnas Southwest Conference ed on arrival that the field would be too wet to play.

claim only one .300 batter, sen-

Three other regulars and one pitcher are over the .200 bat

Catcher-outfielder Ronnie Pear- Jimmy Leigh son has a 292 average for run-ner-up honors. He has obtained Warren Goforth seven hits in 24 trips.

He is trailed by Punch Parker Mike Huffstickler 12 with a 250 average (7 for 28) Charles Goodson 15

Larry Pearson, an .087 hitter, is pacing the club in runs batted in with five.

Perry Champion is the extrabase leader, with a pair of triples and Parker has slugged the lone

Kenny Wilson, now ineligible, was the mound winner in the Mountaineer players with bat-ting figures for the season fol-

Barry Gibson Punch Parker Perry Champion Jerry Adams

### **Five Mountaineers Qualify**

night will start at 6 o'clock. The customary 7 o'clock starting time trackmen gained the finals by will be observed on Friday finishing within the top six in their event specialty of the West-The post-season basketball tour- ern Conference meet at Morgan-

th in the discus to gain the other Last year, each of the four points for the Mountaineers and last week Conferences held its own basket- qualify for the Association fiball tournament with all teams nals. The fourth-place finishes participating. The four winners were worth one point each to Ste-

The other two Mountaineer qualifiers gained the finals as re-sult of fifth place finishes, Chesweek. They will sell for \$1.50 per note does not affect the Southticket and can be used for all six west Conference, with each loop Robin Whisnant in the 880-yard Central and B. F. Hagleman of

with Hickory third.
Kings Mountain's 3½ points was far behind the leaders but was the top total for Southwest Conference teams in the meet dominated by Northwest mem-

Bill Petrie of Morganton was the individual standout of th meet, winning all three dash e vents, a feat he also accomplish ed in the Northwest meet the week before. Petrie was one o only five participants for wining Morganton team which copped five first places and three

Following are a list of cham pions by events in the Western Conference brack meet, times and distances, and the finishes by Mountaineers in paren

100-yard dash — Petrie, Morganton. Time 10.2 secs.
Pole Vault — Eubanks, Len oir. Height 9'10". (Tie for third Steve Brown, Kings Mountain. Height\_9'.)

440 Petrie, Morganton time 53.2 secs. (Fourth Altor Stewart, Kings Mountain. Time 55.7 secs.) Discus Fowler, Hickory Distance 134'9". (Fourth Ed die Ross, Kings Mountain.)

Shot Putt \_\_\_ Rice, Lenoir. Dis-Mile Heffner, Newton. Time

High jump \_\_ Church, Lenoir High hurdles \_ Moehlman Time 15.8 secs. Broad jump \_\_ Simmons, Mor ganton. Distance \_\_\_ 19'2". (Fif-Chester Clontz, Kings

880-yard run \_\_\_ England, Mor anton. (Fifth-Robin Whisnant, Kings Mountain). 220-yard dash \_\_\_ Petrie, Mor

ganton). Low Hurdles \_\_ Moehlman Mile Relay \_\_ Won by New

#### Carolina, Clemson To Play At Belmont

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College baseball boys invade the area Saturday night when Carolina and Clemson play at Belmont Davis Park. The game is sponsored by the Belmont Le-thou other members that the Daniel Boone club are the As a team, the Mountaineer golfers won four and lost two matches on the season, defeating and Clemson play at the Daniel Boone club are the As a team, the Mountaineer golfers won four and lost two matches on the season, defeating and Clemson play at the Belmont Davis Park. The game is sponsored by the Belmont Le-thou other members that

# The five Kings Mountain Named To Posts

elected to the post at the spring meeting of the group in Monroe

Kings Mountain School super-intendent B. N. Barnes was re-elected to the office as president of the Asociation, a post he has held for many years.

Other new members joining

They join the following holdover members of the executive Conference meet with 35½ Mooresville, W. C. Clary of Chilcommittee: Dr. R. R. Morgan of points, barely edging Newton, dren's Home, Fred O. Drummond of Kannapolis, Robert Gantit of Albermarle and Jack Ward of Mocksville.

Clary also serves as executive secretary of the group.

#### **KM Closes Season** With Three On Road The Mountaineers will be busy

right down to the final pitch on the 1961 baseball campaign. The close their season with three road games on as many playing dates, the contests including two against outfits still battling for the title in the Southwest Conference

The busy card starts at Chase High on Friday night as the Mountaineers seek their second victory of the season over the only team they have been able to whip. Kings Mountain scored a 12-2 triumph over the Trojans here a few weeks ago, although Chase is still in the race for the loop crown. A makeup game and the sea-son-ender with Belmont close

the card next week. The Mountaineers go to Lin-colnton on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock to play the game postponed from last Friday. postponed from last Friday. The all-day rain caused the postponement. Kings Mountain lost a 4-2 decision to the Lincs

here recently. The season-finale is set for Belmont next Tuesday night at 7:30 against a Red Raider club which still is one of the frontrunners in the Southwest race. Belmont won the first meeting of the two clubs, 5-2, rallying

against a tired Barry Gibson in the final innings.

#### **Foothills Members** To Play At Boone

An invitation has been issued to the members of the Foothills Golf League in Kings Mountain Country Club to attend the annual two-day tournament to be held at the Daniel Boone club

they should make their arrange-ments for motel reservations in