# Mountaineer Cagers Southwest Champions In '65'

the only Kings Mourtain high during the season. The Lions won Scholastic award, sehool athletic team to win a by a 3-2 score in eight innings. The 12 senior players were Southwest Conference champion-

ship during the past year. Parker's chargers, .ed by allconference players Richard Gold and Ken Bunkowski, posted a 20 2 overall record and were 13-1 in conference play, their only loss coming to the hands of runner-up Chase.

The Mounties advanced to the finals of the bi-conference tournaments in Marion be ore losing out to Hickory by a score of 55 49 Center Mike Ballard was named to the All-Tournament

cage teach. Gold was the team's leading scorer with 346 points and a 15.8 average. Bunkowski, however, was close behind with 315 points and a 14.3 average. Bunkowski is now a member of the freshman team at North Carolina State

University.
Other Mountaineer standouts were Jimmy Cloninger, Ballard, Mickey Bell and Ben Grimes. GIRLS' BASKETFALL

Coach Bob Hussey's Mountain-ettes finished in sixth place in the conference standings with a 5.9 mark, 7-12 overall.

Senior forward Joyce Bolin was the team's leading scorer with 188 points in 18 games for a 19.4 average. She was the only player on the team to carry an average of over 10 points per Lions Bo

Sharon Gold, then a freshman was runner-up in scoring with 159 points and a 8.4 average. Othler and Susan Lowery.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL Bill Bates began his second season as head baseball coach and guided the Mountaineers to a 9-5 record and second place in the SWC standings. Of the five Player trophy, Bridge won the games lost, four were by one run and two were extra inning con-

by a 3-2 score in eight innings and a 1-0 thriller late on in the reason at Kings Moun ain. In the 10 contest both pitche s, Seerley owery of the Mounts neers and Billy Champion of Shelby, hurl

ed one-hitters. Four baseballers, Lovery, Richard Gold, Pat Murph and Mickey Bell made all onference. key Bell For Gold, Murphy and Bell it being eliminated by Shelby, was the second straig t year.

Kings Mountain defeated Besse-

Bell led the team and the Southwest Conference in hitting with a .405 batting a erage, 17 hits in 42 at bats. Bo 1 Murphy and Gold hit over .300 and Lowery, the team's Most Valuable Player, posted a 5-3 piching rec-

Righthander Bill Mullinax also helped out with the mound duties, posting a 4-1 r cord. Other team standouts included Ron-nie Rhea, Claude Per son, Hubert McGinnis and N Ison Con-

HIGH SCHOOL FO TBALL The '65 Mountainee's posted their worst season sin e joining

3-7 overall mark. all-conference squad ar 1 Bridges the only players named to the ins.

Kings Mountain cla ned vice tories over Salem, Cherryville and Belmont.

Davidson College Couch Homer Mountainette standouts were Joan Howard, Margie Huffstet at the annual Lions C ub football banquet at which time four 65 standouts were presented trophies for outstanding a complishments during the cam aign.

Kiser was awarded the Dr. George Plonk Most Valuable Philip Bunch was named as the

Herald Sports

BY GARY STEWART

# Connor, Gold Lead Mountaineer Scoring

Through pre-season basketball games for the Kings Mountain high school cagers, Mountaineer guar l Nelson Connor and Mountainette forward Sharon Gold reign as the king and queen as far as scoring is concerned

Coach Don Parker's Mountaineers take a 3-2 practice record into Tuesday night's final pre-season con est with York and Coach Bob Hussey's Mountainettes carry a 2-1

Connor, a 5'5" sharpshooter, leads all Mourtie scorers with 57 points in five games, an average of 11.4 points per contest. Negro freshman Ken Mitchem is second in scoring with 48 points in four games and carries the high-

est average, 12.0.

The Mountaineers closed out their pre-Christmas games at Lowell last Friday by losing 49-43. Mitchem City Recreation League standmissed that game due to an ankle sprain but is expected heretofore undefeated Belk's and Mountaineers to be back in uniform Tuesday night.

Junior center Larry Burton, who hits the tape at 6'

5", is third in scoring with 43 points and an 8.6 average.

Next come the two senior members of the starting five, only game during the past week guard Neal Cooper with 42 points and forward Scott Clon-defeating the Mountaineers last As a team the Mountaineers have scored 235 points 62.

for an average of 47.0 per game. There has been 219 points scored against them. The Mounties' biggest win was a 59-33 victory over Bessemer City in the season's opener. Win over A.R.P. in the night's opener. Richard Little popped in

Gold has scored 29 points in three contests to lead the Mountainettes with a 9.7 average. The sophomore forward was second in scoring last season and will prove to ward was second in scoring last season and will prove to lead to points to gain scoring honors games off Kings Mountain Drug for the night. Ken Cash added 12 for the winners and Tom kichie led the losers with nine bowling league. The ladies composite to gain scoring honors games off Kings Mountain Drug for the night. Ken Cash added 12 for the winners and Tom kings Mountain Drug for the night. Ken Cash added 12 for the winners and Tom kings Mountain Drug for the night. Ken Cash added 12 for the winners and Tom kings Mountain Drug for the night. Ken Cash added 12 for the winners and Tom kings Mountain Drug for the night. Ken Cash added 12 for the winners and Tom kings Mountain Drug for the night. Ken Cash added 12 for the winners and Tom kings Mountain Drug for the night. Ken Cash added 12 for the winners and Tom kings Mountain Drug for the night. Ken Cash added 12 for the winners and Tom kings Mountain Drug for the night. be one of the better forwards in the conference during points. her last three seasons.

The Mountainettes have also went into overtime once to lead Lithium to an 84-62 win this season, beating Bessemer City 23-22 in their last pre- over the Mountaineers in the Christmas game.

Both their wins have been over Bessemer and their loss was at the hands of York.

# Belmont Only Undefeated Team In SWC

Through five pre-season games, the two Belmont teams are the only undefeated squads in the Southwest Monday night, defeating A.R.P. niture bowlers posted 300 plus Conference. Both teams have identical 5-0 records. Conference. Both teams have identical 5-0 records. coach in the conference as the team to beat this season. game's high scorer with 24 points leading the way with a 332. She ing starters and have been regarded by almost every coach in the conference as the team to beatthis season.

coach in the conference as the team to beatthis season. Both Cherryville and Rutherfordton teams sport identical 4-1 marks and the Lincolnton girls are also 4-1. Both Chase teams have 3-1 records.

A standings released by WNCHSAA Secretary W. Clary on December 27 shows the Kings Mountain boys in fifth place in the boys' race and the local girls in seventh place. Lincolnton's boys team is the only SWC squad not

to win a game. Every girls' team has a winning record with Shelby listed in eighth place with a 3-2 mark. Only two boys teams, Shelby and Lincolnton, post losing marks.

#### SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BOYS Team L Belmont Team Cherryville Belmont Cherryville Lincolnton Rutherfordton Rutherfordton Chase Chase East Rutherford KINGS MOUNTAIN KINGS MOUNTAIN East Rutherford Shelby 4 Shelby Lincolnton

By GARY STEWART

Coach Don Parker's 1965 on Shelby was the or y team to Mountaineer basketball team was defeat the Mountaineers twice winner of the John Gamble for long advance to the district playoffs. The all-stars advanced to the district playoffs. The all-stars advanced to the district playoffs. The all-stars advanced to the district event because of the district event because with the district event because of the district event because of the district event because of the district playoffs. The all-stars advanced to the district event because of the district event be

overall mark and advanced to Mike McDaniel of Rescue the Area IV semi-finals before Squad tecame the first pitcher in ner City two games to none in the opening round of eliminations and defeated Hickory, three games to two, in the quarter-fin-

Shortstop Richard Gold receive and losing only three.

d the Most Valuable Player a Seniors George Flonk ed the Most Valuable Player a-

Chris Faulkner, Hubert McGinnis, Ronnie Rhea, Mickey Bell. the SWC by finishing sixth in the conference standings with a Bill Mullinax.

CITY BASKETB. I.I. Senior tackle Chip Bridges Lithium won the league champ Coach Bob Hussey's Little was the only boy nan ed to the lonship. Other teams entered in Mountaineers finished in second the race were the Hawks, Le- place in the Southwest Junior and fullback Danny Kiser were gion, Midpines, Belk's and Jenk- High circuit with an o erall rec-

> Among league standouts were Richard Little and Charles Good- champ Lincolnton. Camp of Jenkins.

Recreation Director Elmer wins were over Hunter Huss and league.

Kings Mountain. Coach Bob Moore's Margrace other scores.

Kings Mountain and V.F.W.

were Dennis Connor, Carl Leigh, two out of 22 games. Wayne Mullinax, Gene Putnam.

Coaches Bill Bates and Bill Paul Gaffney and Joe Cornwell.

Cashion served as head mentors.

choose an all-star team to represent the city in the district Mrs. Glenda O'Shields was

The top four teams made up high school coaching staff as the American League and the bottom four were included in the girls' basketball team. . . . National League. The American League all-stars won two straight caseballers in the 7-9 age group... games off the National stars to Mike Ware won the City Sin-

The Jaycees won two games!

Tuesday night by a score of 84-

Action began last Tuesday

night with Belk's taking an 82-29

33 points to gain scoring honors

James Robbs scored 23 points

The All-Stars won their second

game of the season this past

Richard Gold and Vernon Car-

Richard Little and Bob Good-

the Mountaineers in Tuesday's Oates-Henderson nighteap. Charles Goodson add- KM Drug

1 nighteap. Charles Goodson add- KM Brug 2 ed 12 for the winners and Rob-ert Sims had 18 for the losers. Cash Grocery

son scored 16 and 15 points respectively to lead the Jaycees to high for the losers.

Jaycees Moving Up In Recreation

Loop; Lithium Still In Top Spot

fore losing out to Gastonia.

Mike Sisk and Geep r Howard

Mike McDaniel of Rescue grants to Appalachian State Squad became the first pitcher in Teacher's College, Hubert McGin-Kings Mountain Little League his was named as a grid scholar-ship winner at Lenoir Rhyne, when he blanked Park grace 5-0. HIGH SCHOOL COLF

Coach Don Parker's golfers posted one of the best seasons in State University on a baseball history by winning ten matches and losing only three.

ed the Most Valuable Player a Seniors George Flonk and starter on Lenoir Rhylle's lootward because of his 479 batting average which was one of the Fred Wright and Jay Powell tops in the state for a regular player.

Seniors George Flonk and Starter on Lenoir Rhylle's lootward because of his 479 batting Mike Ballard, along with juniors ball team. He played defensive safety....

Ken Bunkowski is currently a starter on the freshman basket-tops in the state Player with the starter on the freshman basket-tops in the starter on the starter on the freshman basket-tops in the starter on the freshman basket-tops in the starter on the star Gold collected 35 hits in 73 the state. Plonk, KM's number one man, placed third in individual scoring in the state meet at to his credit.

Other Lagion standouts were placed eighth.

The state Plonk, KM's number of the state one one man, placed third in individual scoring in the state meet at State University.

Able McGinnis scored a hole-in-one on the fifth hole at the Kings Mountain Country Club golf

Six boys, Plonk, Ballard, Pow-ell, Wright, John Van Dyke and Tommy Dean were awarded let-

NINTH GRADE FOC TBALL

therford and Cherryville. Other MORE

This year marked the first season of Teener League Baseball in and gaining close to 100 yards per contest. He threw for

lads won the area championship and the league-all-star team advanced to the semi-fine is of the Dover, Stanley Brown, Mark Go-Leagues, state tournament before losing forth, and Ross Springer.

Mike Ware was Coach Huss-Four teams were entered in cy's assistant, the race: Margrace, Spangler's, NINTH GRADE BASIETBALL

The ninth grade cagers had Among stars of the league very poor seasons, winning only

LITTLE LEAGUE BAREBALL Among stars were Susan How-The Lions team, coached by ell, Kathy Plonk and Libby Ted-Robin Whisnant, won the league der of Cashion's Mountainette championship After regular seasquad and Frankie Little, Stanson play, the league broke into ley Laughter and Charles Green two separate loops in order to of the Little Mountaineers.

named to the Kings Mountain

A tee league was organized for

**McGinnis Ladies** 

Move Into Tie

For First Place

McGinnis Furniture won four

ames off Kings Mountain Drug

plete their first half schedule

Oates-Henderson Shell lost a 3

1 decision to heretofore first

3 311 and Barbara Miller with a

added a 304 set for the winners

and Jenny Oates copped scoring

35 29

next week.

place Cash Grocery.

nightcap. Glenn Newton added place Elsie's Beauty Shop

Bailey was high for the losers in the other match, Plonk Browith 21.

a 5846 win over Belk's in Mon-day's nightcap. Jimmy Cloninger a 337 set to lead Elsie's to a 3-1

274 set.

Team

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given plaques.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
Second year Coach John Gold was assisted in '65 by former KMHS and Post 155 standout limmy Leigh.

Gene Harris of Parkg ace, Dar-rell Bridges of Rescue Squad, Dana Sarvis of the Op mists and Chucky Carpenter of Kiwanis were among the league's many stars.

Country Club control to the 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Pat Murphy and Jimmy Cloninger received football country Club control to the 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Pat Murphy and Jimmy Cloninger received football country Club control to the 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Pat Murphy and Jimmy Cloninger received football country Club control to the 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Pat Murphy and Jimmy Cloninger received football country Club control to the 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Page 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Page 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Page 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Page 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Page 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Page 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Page 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Page 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Page 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Page 1964 high school football team went to college on athletic scholar-ships. Robert Plonk was the winner Lyn Cheshire won a football scholarship to The Citadel and Richard Gold attended Florida

Kings Mountain Optimists Club season record. Among stars were back Johnny Thombs, along with bana Sarvis, Grafton Withers, Terry Putnam and Charlie Bak. er. Coaches were Jimmy Little.

Kings Mountain high school Coaches were Jimmy Little

High circuit with an o erall record of six wins and only one loss, that loss being to league champ Lincolnton.

The Lincolnton.

The Lincolnton blood of the division tournaments at Grover before losing "Barry Teague Night" was son of Belk's James Pobbs and Sld Franklin of Lithium, Ken Cash of Legion and Charles Chase, Rutherfordton, East Rutherfordton

MORE ... MORE lege basketball star. ...

ment's Most Valuable Player. ...

The local Teener League all-"Mag" Ross was the head of the Bessemer City.

Wayne Mullinax was the league.

Wayne Mullinax was the tear's leading scorer and ground tear's leading scorer and ground to the beautiful to the b stars and the future American resentative on the North Carotion game at City Stadium with proceeds going to the local Little League program. The future Le-baseman George Wilson became gion stars won the game, 10-8. . . General Manager of the Shelby

Big things happened in the Rebels baseball team.

Boyer Murray, while bowling with the Morrison Loan Co. men's team, rolled a 171 line Western Carolina.

of the Morrison Loan Co. team, and Appalachian respectively. . . posted a 431 set which is also Kings Mountain high school's the highest ever rolled here. . .

the 1965-66 men's league...

The Jenny Oates Mixed bowling team won the 1964-65 league championship. The Oates team

Lyn Cheshire, Butch Blackburn and Buz Shuford were among the many KMHS track stars...

The first year tennis team at the second half championship, then defeated first half winner City Paint Store three to one in a scheduled best-of-five

playoff. . . . Clyde Culbertson's five won Baker were the the 1965 championship in the stays.

### Mixed League Back Cagers To Play In Action Tonight

Members of the local mixed bowling league took a night off for Christmas Thursday and will resume its schedule tonight at Mountain Lanes Bowling Cen-

After 13 weeks of action in the first half of the split-season the standings show the Clyde Culbertson team in first place by six games over the Clarence Plonk six.

clinch the first half champion-ship tonight with a three or four-er reports that there might be a clinch the first half champion-

Culbertson has won 32 and lost 20, Plonk has a 26-26 record, third place Alexander's Auto Parts has a 24-28 mark and the Alley Cats are on bottom with

#### Wiesener, Bridges to Football Lettermen 17 for the winners and Butch drop four games off the pace and

The names of junior tackles Eddie Bridges and Carl Wiesenthers won four games off bottom er were not included in the foot-ball lettermen list that appeared Four of the five McGinnis Furin the Herald two weeks ago. Both boys earned a letter for participation in football during the past season.

The entire list, including man-Jeff Mauney, numbers 32.

#### Little Mounties Lib Gault rolled a 118 line and added 13 for the winners and Bob win over third place Oates-Hen-Goodson's 16 led the losers' scorderson Shell. Charity Goforth

Kings Mountain's ninth grade Gold stripped the nets for 33 points in Tuesday's opener to lead the Jaycees to a 81-70 win Little Mountaineer cagers won their opening game of the 1965over the All-Stars. Gold scored 21 of his points during the first one game of fourth place by half of play, got 10 in the third period and two in the final stan-66 season last Thursday by defeating Shelby by a 57-42 count. back strong in the second stanza Susan Howell wi to outscore their opponents 19-7 plenty of action. za. Carson added 19 for the win-ners and Donald Floyd had 19 the losers with a 107 line and a and control the game thereafter. Forward Ross Springer gain-

ed high scoring honors for the Mounties with 16 points, followto lead Belk's to a 914% win over McGinnis Furniture 39 25 .609 .609 ed closely by Alan Hambright that I .547 with 12 and Jimmy Baker with place. 484 11. Steve Moore was high scor-469 er for Shelby with 18 points.

The Medical Pharmacy ladies team won the championship in the Ladies' League. Kings Mountain high school in tegrated during the 1965-66

KMHS athletic teams to do the same. Two Negroes earned letters for football play, guard John Moore and halfback Richard Clinton. . . . Negro freshman Ken Mitchem broke into the Mountaineer bas-

ketball camp on the right foot, rapidly becoming the high scorer on the team. Danny Kiser and Chip Bridges were special guests at the annual Gastonia Gazette football ban-

quet. The 1965 KMHS football team's 3-7 record brought Coach Bill Bates overall four-year mark to 26-13-2. Bates was named as the head coach of the South Lions

Bowl team. . . . Coach John Blalock's Compact football team ended its season with a 30-6 loss to Belmont. The Cobras finished the season with a 3-5 record. Some of the outmidget football team posted a 25 standing players were quarter-

coaches Bates, Hussey, Parker,

Coach Bill Bates was named as

Mountain Bowling Jimmy Medlin, all-conference guard on the 1963 Mountaineer football team, began his second

which is the highest ever bowled at Kings Mountain in the over baseball standouts Barry Gibson 10-year history of the league. . and Warren "Bo" Goforth were Albert Brackett, team captain ace pitchers at Lenoir Rhyne

track team won several events in The Plonk Oil Co. team won conference and association runs. the first half championship in Mike Geforth, Jimmy Wright, the 1965-66 men's league. . . Lyn Cheshire, Butch Blackburn

The first year tennis team at KMHS didn't win any matches with local teams but advanced to the quarter-finals of the asso ciation tournament before being eliminated. Tony Ware and Steve

# York Tuesday

Kings Mountain high school cagers get back into action here Tuesday night when they play hosts to York. The two local teams lost a doubleheader to York in their last outing on De-

The bleachers for the KMHS gym still haven't arrived, so the games will be played at the Cen-The Culbertson team can get underway at 7:00.

game win as there are only two few changes in his lineup, Negro more weeks of action remaining freshman Kenny Mitchem, who missed the final pre-Christmas game against Lowell, has been nursing an ankle injury and might not be back into full swing by Tuesday.

Mitchem has been practicing since Tuesday but is still favoring the injury. Parker has been playing junior Tommy Finger in

Senior Scott Cloninger has een working out at center and Parker reports that he might be at either center or forward. "If Mitchem is ready, said Coach Parker, "the lineup will probably be about the same

As of now, guards Nelson Connor and Neal Cooper have the only two set positions. Connor is the team's leading scorer and Cooper has shined as a ballhandler and playmaker as well as de fensive man. The Mountaineers carry a 3-2

record into the final pre-season game. They have defeated Bessemer City twice, split with Lowell and lost to York. Kings Mountain's girls sport a 2-1 record and will go into Tues-day's game as the underdog. The Mountainettes suffered a 35-24

loss to the Lady Dragons their last time out. Coach Bob Hussey says that The local boys trailed 12.9 af-ter one period of play but came but added that sophomore Susan Howell will probably see

Hussey reports that sophomore starter Kathy Plonk is out of town and might not get back be-fore the end of the week. He said that Howell might start in her

Other Mountainette starters will be Sharen Gold, Hilda and Both R.S. Susan Lowery, Libby Tedder and I records.

# '65 Standouts













1965 ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS - Pictured above are six members of 1965 Kings Mountain high school athletic teams who were named all-conference for outstanding play during the past year. Top left is Richard Gold, who was named all-confer ence in all three sports during his senior year at KMHS, and top right is Ken Bunkowski who was all-conference in basketball. Middle left is Seerley Lowery who was an all-conference pitcher in baseball and middle right is all-conference second-baseman Mickey Bell. Bottom left is all-conference tackle Chip Bridges and bottom right is Pat Murphy, who was all-conference in baseball as a third-baseman.

# Dilling Heating Drops Plonk Oil To Increase Lead To Three Games

Dilling Heating, the team that competition. finished in sixth place during the first half of action in the men's bowling league, won three more games Monday night to stretch its league lead to three games over second place Clyde

The man a 143 fine and a 351 line and a 152 line and a 384 set to lead Griffin Drug Co. to a three game win Drug Co. to a three game win

The Heaters, after losing the first game, came from behind to take game numbers two and take game numbers two and take game numbers two three and total pins from first winner Plonk Oil Co. half winner Plonk Oil Co. The loss left the losers in the cellar, 366 set. eight games out of first place. Co. moved into a third place tie Herndon getting a 360, Roddy

three games to one and Clyde bone a 302. Griffin Drug copped team scoring honors with a 1735 match with City Paint Store.

which is high for second half City Paint with a 360. Toy Roberts. Gold is the team's leading scorer with 29 points in

three games.

The two teams will enter con- Clyde Culbertson

Team captain Clarence Plonk had a 149 line and a 351 set to

over Morrison Loan Co. Furman Wilson, who just recently joined

All members of the winning In other action, Griffin Drug team had 300-plus sets with Bob by defeating Morrison Loan Co. Houser a 328 and Steve Rath

Richard Culbertson gained night scoring honors with a 395 set to lead Dilling Heating to its here game win over Plonk Oil. City Paint match with a 366 to Culbertson compined games of the Clypertson teams, copped high set honors in the Culbertson teams, copped high set honors in the Clypton teams, copped high set honors in the Culbertson teams, copped high set h Culbertson combined games of tal, Lee Norville had a 359 set 123, 127 and 145 for the total, and Jack Rhea was high for Dye added a 359 for City Paint.

Team ference competition here next city Paint Store Friday against Rutherfordton.

Both R.S Central teams sport 4
11 records.

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