

Only Girl In KM Little League

# It's Melanie Herndon At The Bat

When her coach yells "batter up", all heads turn when blonde Melanie Herndon, age 11, strides up to bat. The daughter of Bob and Judy Herndon is the only female player on the KM Jaycee-sponsored Little League team. She has played at second base during the summer sports program coached by Doug Clark and Joel Whismanant. Melanie, who has been accepted as "one of the guys" on the 14-member team, one of eight teams in the Little League competition, played her final game last Friday night. The versatile young lady is "aging

out" and none too soon for her mother, who has not shared her husband's enthusiasm for their daughter's participation in the sport. "I sat in the stands at every game and prayed that Melanie wouldn't get hurt", said Mrs. Herndon, who also says she is quite proud of her spunky daughter. Melanie's road to acceptance as a female ball player was not an easy one but she said she was encouraged by her coaches and gradually moved up through the ranks from her initial experience as a third grader on Joe Wyte's Vitamin B Tee League team

to the present time. She has played on the Jaycee team for the past three summers. She admits that the "balls get faster and the boys get bigger". Whether she will move up to the 13-year-old Babe Ruth League is undecided. Her father, who says his daughter is "a tomboy and the only boy in the family", is not encouraging Melanie to pursue her love for baseball but is also proud that his daughter worked hard to earn her starting position on second base, and the lone female among 120 Little Leaguers.

Melanie fell in love with baseball as a young lady growing up in a neighborhood of little boys. She practiced with her father and jumped at the chance to play ball when Joe Wyte gave her a chance. "Mr. Wyte was the first coach to ever let a girl play on a team", said Melanie, whose eyes sparkle when she talks about her team. The four-foot-four 87 pound Melanie hasn't homered this season, although she has been responsible for several runners scoring at homeplate. She plays to win and has come away from a game with

bruises more than one time. Her family provides a cheering section at most games at Deal Street Park, including her sisters, Lisa, a sophomore at UNC-Charlotte, and Laura, a sophomore at Kings Mountain High School. Other avid supporters are former Mountaineer star pitcher, Tim Leach, a family friend, Senator J. Ollie Harris, and Melanie's grandmother, Mrs. W. Lawrence Logan. Grandma Logan closes her eyes and dodges a ball. But they cheer her for her good sportsmanship and her never-give-up attitude.

Melanie doesn't aspire to become a professional athlete. She will be a seventh grader at Central School in the Fall and she and her father will probably be the only members on her ball team next year in the Crescent Hill neighborhood. Her green and white baseball uniform will be passed on to another player. Melanie doesn't want to be "one of the guys" next year. Twelve years old in July, she will be a lady.



Melanie at the bat...



...and in the field

## Gospel Singing Slated

For the third consecutive year a gospel singing will be held at Bethel School Hill, Bridges Family from located on Highway 55 near Clover. By many requests, the Committee has been able to secure the Rangers Quartet from Winston-Salem and High Point, Montgomery Family Singers from Monroe, Laymen Quartet of Charlotte, Beathea Quartet of Cherokee, Joe Moore and the Jordan

River Boys of Fort Mill, The Ambassadors of Rock Hill, Bridges Family from Rocky Mount and the Pioneers from Albemarle. Admission is free and the Singing will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. with a lunch break. Refreshments will be available. Everyone should bring their lawn chairs. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this big Gospel Singing all day long.



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## To Jesus In The Spirit

Jesus Himself taught that we should worship God in Spirit not as Spirit (John 4:24). Just how do we do that? While under a strong anointing of God's Holy Spirit, we praise and worship our Lord Jesus. The Spirit actually prompts us to praise the Lord.

Paul declares, "When we worship God in the spirit, (we) rejoice in (praise and worship) Christ Jesus" (Ph 3) "I will pray with (the help of) the spirit...I will sing with (the help of) the spirit (I Cr. 14:15). And we worship Jesus in (by the help of) the spirit (John 4:24).

Paul worshipped Jesus alone and no one else (I Tim. 1) (6:15). And he said this, "After the way the Jews call heresy so worship I the God of my fathers" (Acts 24:14) He said to those Greeks "Whom you ignorantly worship Him, (Jesus Christ), declare I unto you" (Acts 17:23).

Jude declared, "Jesus Christ...the Lord saved the people out of the land of Egypt." (Jude 4-5). "Him shall you fear, and Him shall you worship." Who? The Lord who brought Israel out of Egypt. (see 2 Kings 17:36)

"Jesus that cometh from above is above all" (John 8:31) "Worship Him...Who is high above all" (Psa. 97:7-9) Jesus has Preeminence above all creatures (Col. 1:18).

"(He has) a name which is above every name. At the name Jesus every knee should bow, of (those) in heaven and...in earth and ...under the earth" (Ph. 2:9-10).

The early Christian writers declared that it was impossible to worship the omnipresent Spirit of God.

We agree with those early writers 100 percent. No man can honestly worship the great vast, measureless Spirit of God. No man in his right mind can look above and around him and say to the omnipresent Spirit "I love you". Those who attempt to do this are disobedient to every wish and commandment of our Lord Jesus pertaining to worship. How? In what way?

Jesus said, "No man (can) come unto the Father (the Spirit) but by me" (John 14:6) (6:45). "I am the door (9) He that enters...some other way...is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1).

Time 190 A.D. (Jews Worship Spirit) Clement wrote "Do not worship as the Jews, for they think that they only know God...However they do not know God because they do not know Jesus".

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# Huffman Is Awarded Home Rehab Contract

Monday night city commissioners awarded a housing rehabilitation contract on the Bertha Ellison property at 206 N. Dilling St.

Arnold Gordon-Wright, rehab officer, said his office received four bids on the project - three for repairs and painting and one for painting only - and recommended the contract be awarded Calvin Huffman of Kings Mountain.

Huffman's bid for both repairs and painting totaled \$11,750. Gordon-Wright said the city's rehab portion comes to \$6,080 and the remainder will be financed under a HUD loan negotiated on behalf of Mrs. Ellison by the rehab office.

In other action Monday, the board forwarded a rezoning request to the Planning and Zoning Board from realtor John Barker, on behalf of Paul Mauney.

The request was to rezone a certain portion of Mauney's Canterbury Rd. property from LI to HI for a storage site of metal fabricated parts and raw materials stock.

It was pointed out the portion requested to be rezoned is located on the back of the Mauney property and is not connected with Canterbury Rd.

The P&Z Board will review and recommend action on the request to the city board next month. The city commissioners: +Approved accepting dedication of certain streets from the Kings Mountain Housing Authority. The HA will maintain parking paths, but the city will maintain Barnett, Parrish, Thornburg, Orr Terrace, Harmon Court, McGill Court and Wilson Terrace Drives and N. Tracy St. Ext.

+Approved advertising for bids for one large industrial vacuumized cleaner for use in the city's four buildings.

+Approved advertising for bids for chemical supplies for fiscal 1979-80.

+Approved a lease-purchase arrangement for an accounting system from Burroughs Corp.

+Awarded a contract to Porter Brothers of Shelby for a riding mower, priced \$2,882, for the recreation department.

+Awarded an audit

contract to A.M. Pullen for the York Rd. sewer project at \$17.50 per hour. +Appointed Luther Bennett and Rev. M.L. Campbell to serve on the Kings Mountain Board of Elections for two years.

+Approved refund of \$1,167.27 in inventory tax over-charges for 1976-77-78 to Kings Yarns, Inc. by the Cleveland County Tax Department.

## Returns To NY

James Thoroneburg has returned to New York City after visiting for a week with his mother, Mrs. Yates Thoroneburg, in Kings Mountain.

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