

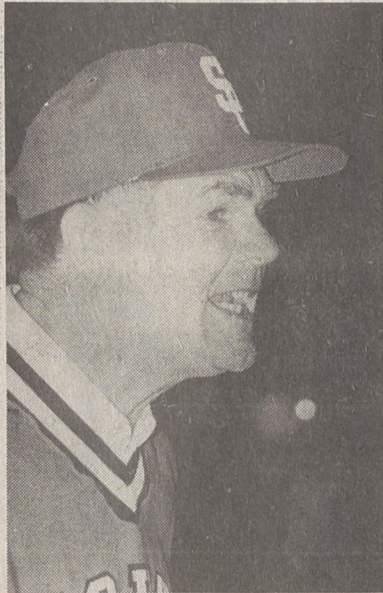


Stewart's Slants

By Gary Stewart

Short cuts from the world of sports:

South Point head football coach Jim Biggerstaff continues to rake in the honors for the 1987 football season. Earlier this year, he was named District Athletic Director of the Year, and later was selected Southwestern 3-A Conference Coach of the Year for leading his Red Raiders to a 9-3 season and second place behind state champ South Point. And now, he's picked up the Associated Press's State Coach of the Year, being cited for turning the South Point program around after an 0-10 season a year ago.



JIM BIGGERSTAFF

Two players from the Southwest Conference were also selected to the all-state team. They were defensive back Brian Pate of South Point and placekicker Clint Gwaltney of Shelby. Both are being highly recruited by the major colleges.



Chase High's Billy Haynes, a linebacker, set a Shrine Bowl record with 16 tackles for the North Carolina team in last week's 24-13 loss to South Carolina at Charlotte's Memorial Stadium. Quarterback Jack Huss Jr. of R-S Central also represented the SWC in the contest.

Coaches from Wake Forest and N.C. State have been in Kings Mountain during the past couple of weeks to talk with Mountaineer tight end Brent Bagwell. Furman of the Southern Conference is also high on the Mountaineer stand-out.

Cherryville's Kenney Poston expects to see a lot of playing time with N.C. State's basketball team this winter. Kings Mountain's Curt Pressley closed out his college football career with Gardner-Webb recently, helping lead the Bulldogs to the SAC-8 title and a berth in the NAIA playoffs. Pressley had 26 tackles and an interception on defense this year and carried the ball 25 times for 155 yards and one TD on offense. For his career, he had 28 tackles and an interception on defense and 524 yards and seven touchdowns on offense.

Kings Mountain's Kevin Mack had his best game of the season Sunday in Cleveland's 38-24 victory over the Bengals. He rushed for 136 yards, scored two touchdowns rushing, and caught a TD pass from Bernie Kosar. On a Cleveland radio sports show Monday night, Mack gave all the praise to his offensive line.

Michael Dean Perry broke his brother William's record for quarterback sacks and tackles for losses this season. His sack of quarterback Todd Ellis in the South Carolina game gave him 28 for his career and padded his own record for Clemson and the ACC, but the sack also was his 61st tackle for a loss, breaking The Fridge's mark of 60.

Sports writer Ronald Kiser of Cherryville on high school basketball officiating: "It was so bad in the Cherryville-North Gaston game that in the third quarter, a North Gaston fan came down out of the stands and offered his eyeglasses to one of the officials."



INSIDE STRENGTH - Kings Mountain's Adrienne Woods goes up for a basket from close range in Friday's non-conference game with Clover at the KMHS gym. Kings Mountain fell for the third straight time 46-40.

Church League Bowling

(Mountaineer Church League, Friday night, Major League Lanes, Shelby). Brady 646, Vicki Thrift 619. First place team - Keen Pins 78-26.

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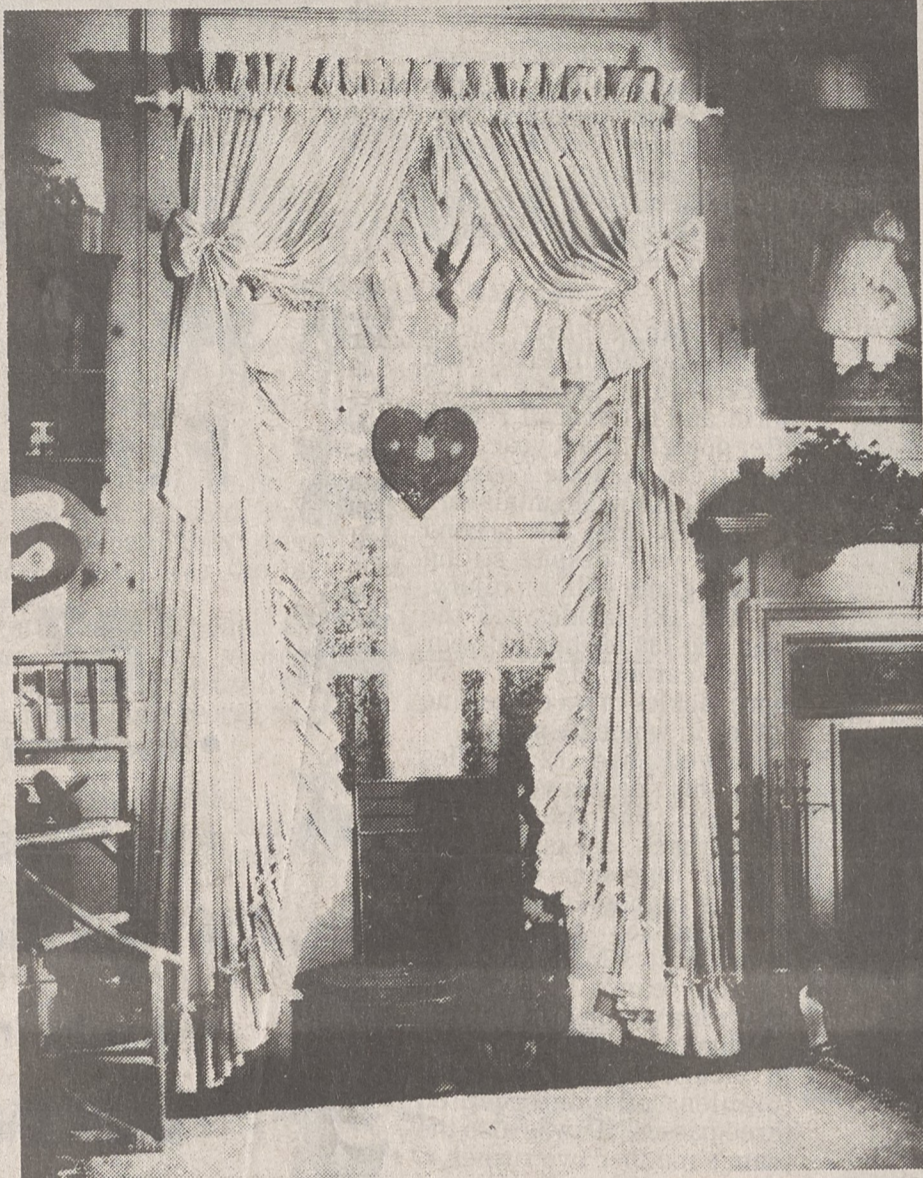
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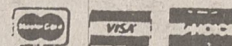
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