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INKS WITH STATE - Kings Mountain High football standout, Markus Hager, center, is shown signing a grant in aid to attend N.C. State University and play football for the

Wolfpack. Watching the signing, left to right, are KMHS Coach Dan Brooks, and Hager's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hager.

At Burns Tonight

Mounties Sweep North

Kings Mountain High's cagers continued to build winning streaks in Southwestern 3-A Conference basketball action Friday night at the KMHS gym.

The first-place Mountaineers, ranked 16th among 3-A schools in North Carolina, defeated North Gaston's Wildcats 45-35 after the KM girls whipped the Lady Wildcats 63-57 in the opening game.

The Mountaineer victory gave Coach John Blalock's charges a 12-0 conference record and 15-1 overall mark, and was their seventh straight victory following an upset by Burns in the Cleveland County Tipoff Tournament January 2.

The victory by the girls gave them their fifth straight victory and kept them in a tie with Burns for third place in the SWC with an 8-4 record. The Mountaineers are now 9-7 overall.

The two KMHS teams will try to add to the winning streaks tonight, but it won't be easy, as they travel to Burns to take on a pair of talented Bulldog teams.

In both contests, the KMHS teams will be seeking revenge, the girls for a lopsided loss earlier in SWC play and the boys for the narrow two-point defeat in the county tournament. The Mountaineer team defeated Burns by 22 points in an earlier conference game.

Friday's victory kept the Mounties one-game ahead of defending state champ R-S Central in the race for the SWC championship. But the victory did not come in the usual KM form.

After running up a 30-23 halftime lead, the Mounties went to a delay game in the second half after their leading rebounder, 6-5 Gerald Byers, was disqualified for receiving three technical fouls for grabbing the rim.

With Byers out of the lineup,

Cake Decorating Classes Set

The Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting two Cake Decorating classes in the Neighborhood Facility Center located at 208 North Cleveland Avenue. A morning class will be held for 11 consecutive Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon starting February 4th and an evening class will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for 11 consecutive Thursday evenings starting Feb. 5th. Both classes, which are sponsored by Cleveland Tech will be taught by Joan Carroll.

Adults 18 years of age and older, interested in enrolling in these classes, may do so at the first class meeting by paying a nominal \$5 registration. Adults 65 or older may register free of charge.

For further information please call Tech's Continuing Education Department at 482-8351 or the Kings Mountain Neighborhood Facility Center at 739-3549.

AGING COUNCIL

The Aging Advisory Council of Region C will meet on Thursday at 2 p.m. in the conference room of the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission. The public is invited to attend.

Coach Blalock turned the game over to the ballhandlers, and they did a good job of keeping the ball away from the taller Wildcats in the second half.

The Mounties outscored North by 6-4 in the third period to make it 36-27 going into the fourth period, and KM outscored the Wildcats 9-8 in the final eight minutes.

Carl Smith and Demetrius Goode led the Mountaineer scoring with 10 points apiece. Byers scored nine before leaving the floor.

A 22-point second quarter was the big key for the Mountaineers, who continued to roll up impressive victories following a mid-season slump during December and early-January.

Sheryl Goode played one of her best games of the year with 21 points. Diane Williams added

16 and Trina Hamrick 14 as Kings Mountain's front line proved too strong for the Lady Cats.

North Gaston led 17-13 after the first period, but the Mountaineers outscored their visitors 22-10 in the second quarter to take command of the game. The Mountaineers were out front 35-27 at the half and 52-38 going into the fourth quarter.

GIRLS GAME

NG (57) - Rhyne 15, Friend 19, Friday 9, McBee 8, McDonald 5.

KM (63) - Goode 21, Williams 16, Hamrick 14, Curry 5, Glass 2, Bolton 5.

BOYS GAME

NG (35) - Mackey 6, Friday 7, Watson 10, Saylor 2, Whisnant 2, Coleman 4, Glover 2.

KM (45) - Byers 9, Smith 10, Wray 6, Goode 10, Blalock 5, Roseboro 2, Hager 3.

South Broad Here Wednesday

Pats Still Unbeaten

Kings Mountain Junior High's wrestlers posted their seventh victory without a loss Wednesday at the Central gym, defeating Grandview of Hickory 66-9.

Coach Phil Weathers' Western Association champions posted pins in the first six matches to put the victory away early.

The Patriots, hoping for an unbeaten season, close out the year during the next two weeks with matches against two strong visiting teams. They host South French Broad of Asheville tomorrow at 4 p.m. at the junior high gym, and close out their season on February 4 against Sullivan of Rock Hill.

Weathers went entirely with

seventh and eighth graders last week, giving some of his younger performers some experience for next year.

"They all wrestled very well," he said. "Their inexperience

showed at times, but that's the reason I had them out there.

"We have two fine teams coming in during the next two weeks to end the season," he added. "Hopefully, we'll work hard and be ready for both of them."

NOTICE

The annual shareholders meeting of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Kings Mountain will be held in the office of the association at 300 West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, N.C. on Tuesday, the 10th day of February, 1981 at 2:00 P.M.
Brenda N. Lovelace
Secretary

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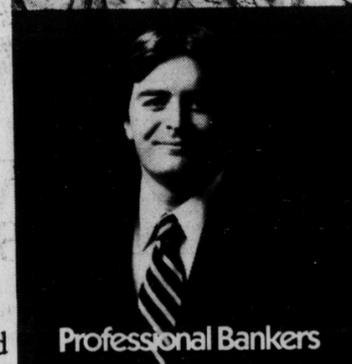
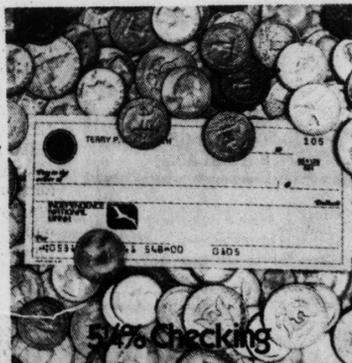
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