

## State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

**National News**  
Chicago, Jan. 24.—General and Mrs. Charles Gages Dawes celebrated their golden wedding anniversary today.

Following their usual custom of keeping their private lives private, the former Vice-President and Mrs. Dawes arranged no special observance. Tonight there will be a 'wedding supper' for members of the family and a few intimate friends and a little musicale in their home in suburban Evanston.

Washington, Jan. 24.—While much of the world resorted to deficit financing, the Republic of Liberia, ended its last fiscal year with a surplus.

This was reported today by Lester A. Walton, American Minister to the African country. He added that the republic paid all obligations on its funded debt and made substantial payment in its internal debt.

Hollywood, Jan. 24.—Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, making their first public appearance since Mrs. Maria Gable announced she planned to sue for divorce, attended a preview last night.

Smiling broadly, they pushed through throngs outside the theatre and the blonde Miss Lombard clung tightly to Gable's arm.

New York, Jan. 24.—Lily Pons, Metropolitan Opera soprano, was ill with influenza today but her condition was reported by her physician as not serious.

Because of her illness she has cancelled three engagements, including an appearance at a benefit concert at Carnegie Hall tomorrow night sponsored by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Centerville, Pa., Jan. 24.—Raiding a home here, liquor enforcement agents were literally showered with evidence.

Bottles and cans came sailing out a second floor window.

When Amber fluid began streaming down, the agents formed a bucket brigade to catch it. They labeled it, "Moonshine, Exhibit A."

Rock Hill S. C., Jan. 24.—A State Highway Department checking station will operate here this week testing trucks and other commercial vehicles.

The station will be set up on Charlotte Avenue just off the Rock Hill Charlotte highway.

Geneva, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Chemists at the New York state agricultural Experiment Station figure it will be about three years before they can answer, chemically, the question: "When is a grape ripe?"

Neither color nor appearance of the grape is a safe guide in determining maturity, the scientists said, and the answer must be left to the taste. The chemists seek a chemical test which will remove the human factor.

**State News**  
Chapel Hill, Jan. 24.—Frank R. McNinch, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission will speak here Thursday night under the auspices of the Carolina Political Union, a non-partisan student organization. His subject will be "Freedom of Speech."

Goldsboro Jan. 24.—Lewis Ezzell, 25, remained to be sentenced today after entering a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Ed Wiggs.

The State accepted the plea, Judge Walter Bone deferred sentencing the defendant.

Witnesses said Wiggs died of a fractured skull after being struck on the head by Ezzell while both were lodged in the city jail on drunken charges. It was testified Wiggs struck his head on the floor as he fell from Ezzell's blow.

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—J. Dewey Dorsett, it was reported here today, will likely resign his post as chairman of the State Industrial Commission within a few days to accept a job with an insurance corporation in New York. Dorsett was out of the city today and could not be reached for comment, and Gov. Hoey declined to comment on the report.

Southern Pines, Jan. 24.—A freight train ran over and killed Mrs. Margaret M. Wenzel 85 of Mattawan, N. J., yesterday at street intersection.

A pedestrian yelled at Mrs. Wenzel, but she apparently did not see or hear the slow-moving train and stepped directly in front of it, witnesses said.

Hendersonville, Jan. 24.—One of the most historic homes in the Flat Rock section, belonging to Langdon Cheves, prominent Charleston, S. C. attorney was destroyed by fire yesterday.

The residence, which caught from a brush fire that burned over several acres in the vicinity, was built about 1836 by Charles Baring, British banker, and one of the founders of the Summer colony.

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—A survey based on building permits issued in the state's 21 largest cities showed today that construction activity last month was approximately three times as great as it was in December, 1937. The survey was made by the State Department of Labor. There was \$2,727,306 worth of building under way in the 21 cities last month compared with \$983,151 in the same cities in Dec., 1937.

Chapel Hill, Jan. 24.—Jim Woodson a guard, and George Stirnweiss, a quarterback, will be co-captains of the University of North Carolina's 1939 football team.

### Kings Mountain Boasts Unusual Old Man

Many towns can boast of having old men or women in their midst. But just as our town takes the lead in all other things, she she boasts a more unusual old man, if not quite so old as some of the others. He is an old Negro, and he came into the Herald office yesterday on a little visit. Among the many interesting circumstances surrounding him are the fact that he used to be a slave, is 89 years old and has twenty four children by two wives.

His name is Bob Allison, and he lives over on Chestnut Ridge. Almost any pretty morning that he is feeling good, Uncle Bob can be seen on the street. In the interview with the Herald man he disclosed that he will be 89 years old "come March 7th", and has been around Kings Mountain for fifty years. He also said that he liked Kings Mountain very much.

Formerly the property of Dr. J. K. Allison, the old colored man has farmed all his life, and still stays on a farm with his family. Uncle Bob said that of his 24 children there were four sets of twins "hand running". Six of the children were by his first wife and 18 by his second.

Still able to get about, the aged man told your reporter that he goes to church when able, and comes to town almost every day. However, he had no formulas for living to a ripe old age.

### To Organize Flying School

Reavis Nelson, Transport Pilot of Charlotte, was in Kings Mountain yesterday afternoon discussing the organization of a flying school for residents who would like to learn to fly.

Pilot Nelson will be in Kings Mountain each Tuesday and Friday to instruct students. Those interested in the organization of the school hope to start with about ten students. Instructions will be given from Jimmy Ford Airport on the Cherryville road.

Anyone interested in taking the course may get in touch with Pilot Nelson or Harold Hummick, one of Kings Mountain's aviation enthusiasts. Mr. Hummick has already made his solo flight, and hopes to complete his training shortly.

### Young Lady At Kings Mountain Drug Co.

Miss Louise Brackett, of Kings Mountain, has accepted a position with the Kings Mountain Drug Co. according to an announcement from co-owners Don Blanto and Johnnie McGinnis. Miss Brackett will be given extension training in cosmetics and will be in charge of the cosmetic Department. The owners of the Kings Mountain Drug Co. said the addition of Miss Brackett is in keeping with their policy to keep abreast of the times as leading drug stores throughout the country are adding ladies to their personnel.

Miss Brackett extends a cordial invitation to her friends to visit her at her new connection.

### Unique Contest At Men's Club Tonight

A very unique contest with a \$5.00 cash prize to be awarded to the winner will be staged by the program committee this evening at the Men's Club Supper at the Women's Club building beginning at 6:30. The program committee would not permit the publishing in advance of the nature of the contest so that it would be a complete surprise to all members. All members are invited to be present.

### Two Homes Being Moved

Two homes belonging to Mrs. J. G. Hord, and situated on Piedmont Avenue, near the site for the new \$70,000 post office, are being moved to make room for the building.

The new post office, which will stand on the corner of Piedmont Avenue and Mountain street, will cover 32 1-2 feet of the Hord property, thus necessitating the removal of the homes farther down the street.

### To Attend Meet In Gastonia

The pastor and quite a number of the members of Central Methodist Church will attend an all-day meeting of the Gastonia district in Main Street Methodist Church tomorrow, January 27th. This meeting will be full of interest to the Methodists of Gaston, Lincolnton and Cleveland counties and a number of prominent speakers will be heard.

### W. A. Morris Passes

W. A. Morris, 68, prominent property owner, died Monday night at 10 o'clock after two weeks' illness. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church here Wednesday at 11 a. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Sargeant, assisted by Rev. O. C. Comer. Interment was in Patterson Grove cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Graham Whisman, Sidney Hicks, J. M. Hicks Jr., Lloyd Frady, Leonard Hamrick and James Byers.

Honorary pallbearers included J. R. Davis, W. F. Logan, J. C. Gault, W. H. McDaniel, J. L. Barrett, Andrew Wilson, W. C. Ledford, C. C. Wilson, Marvin Goforth, F. C. Barrett, B. A. Smith, D. F. Hord, S. A. Mauney, J. E. Rhodes, John G. Wright, all of Kings Mountain, and J. R. Cline of Shelby.

He was married twice. His first wife was the former Miss Georgia Hord. To this union was born eight children, Mrs. L. C. Hord of Kings Mountain, Mrs. J. M. Hicks of York, S. C., Mrs. J. O. Hendricks of Shelby, Mrs. M. C. Rushing of Belmont, Mrs. Roy Ledford of Richmond, Va., Weldon, Orville and Albert Morris, all of Kings Mountain. His second marriage was to Miss Violet Barrett, who survives with a daughter, Willie. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was a member of the First Baptist church.

### Mrs. Ligon Dies In New York

Word has been received here of the illness and death in New York City of Mrs. Madeline Ligon, former resident of Kings Mountain.

She died late Friday in a Brooklyn hospital where she had been for the past three months, and cremation was held on Saturday. Ashes were brought to Clarksville, Va., for interment in the grave of her husband the late H. A. Ligon who died several years ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian church in Kings Mountain she was for a time secretary to Attorney E. A. Harrell.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Frances and Susie Ligon who will live with Mrs. Haley Ligon of Buffalo Junction, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Ralph Crum of New York City, Mrs. J. M. Sprouse of Anderson, S. C., and Mrs. Ben Beam of Kings Mountain; a brother, B. H. Hammell of Lincolnton.

### LITTLE THEATRE MEETS TONIGHT

Members of the Little Theatre are reminded to be present this evening at 7:30 at the Club House for rehearsal. Members of the cast are asked to know their respective parts.

### Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

IN CHICAGO they got a lot of new improvements to take the place of cops. Seems like they can't afford to have a cop in every home and store, not all the time anyhow, and a man can't spend all his time standing around with a gun in his hand instead of waiting on the trade.

There was an awful polite fellow from Alabama went to Chicago and



started a jewelry store, and sure enough, the third day in come a guy with a gun and a helper and started cleaning out the place. The Alabamian backed up against the wall with his hands up, and the bandit says, "Now, you stay there and mind your business, and if I see you tryin' to reach for a push button or a lever to call the cops, I'll lay you down, see?"

"Yes suh," says the Alabamian, and the bandits went ahead taking stuff out of the showcase.

"You shouldn't take that there tray out," says the Alabamian, "if you'll pardon my saying so suh," when the robbers lifted a big tray of diamonds out of the case.

"You keep out of this," says the one with the gun.

"Yes suh," says the Alabamian, and after a few minutes he says, "I only wished to say, suh, that it annoys the cops very much, suh, when you lift that tray out because it rings a big bell at police headquarters, and frightens the men. I think I see quite a lot of them coming now. Yes, here they are. Sorry, gent."

### TRAVEL PICTURES SHOWN AT SCOUT COURT

The regular monthly meeting of the Boy Scout Court of Honor was held last Thursday night in the High School Auditorium.

Scouts Herbert Pumphrey and Floyd Queen completed their work for the Eagle Scout rank and were recommended by the court for the award. Both of these Scouts come from Troop No. 2 of which Laney A. Detmar is Scoutmaster. This troop and three Scouts to qualify at the December Court. Badges for these awards will be made at the annual Boy Scout Week banquet to be held at the High School Cafeteria on February 9th.

Another feature of the court was the showing by Executive R. M. Schiele of this technicolor movie of his trip made last fall to Central America. A large number of visitors were present at the court to see these pictures.

The Boy Scout Court opened with prayer led by Rev. Connor of Wesleyan Methodist church, followed by the repeating of the Scout Oath. After a few announcements pertaining to National Boy Scout Week, the work of the Court went forward as follows:

Tenderfoot Rank: Hoyle Lee Whitesides, 2; Coy Connor, 4; Darwin Keller, 5; L. Benson Wilson, 7; Max D. Rollins, 1, Grover.

Second Class Rank: Grady Green, 2; Chas. Wilson, 5; Douglas Hullen, 6.

First Class Rank: Billy Hullen, 5; Wm. Medlin, 2.

Merit Badges — Animal Industry: Miles Mauney, 1; Ernest Mauney, 2. Bird Study: Ben Goforth, 3; Herbert Pumphrey, 2.

Bookbinding: David L. Mauney, 2; Floyd Queen, 2.

Camping: Floyd Queen, 2; Herbert Pumphrey, 2.

Carpentry: Floyd Queen, 2; Eugene Mathis, 6.

Chemistry: James Nickels, 1.

Firemanship: Wm. R. Kiser, 1, Grover; J. T. McGinnis, 5; Chas. Moss, Jr., 1; Billy Ruddock, 1.

First Aid to Animals: Jack Scott, 3; Arnold Falls, 2; Buddy Walker, 4; Doris Bennett, 2.

Gardening: Billie Gantt, 4.

Handicraft: Billy Throneburg, 4; Jimmy Erwin, 4; Vernon Thompson, 5.

Hog and Pork Production: Vernon Thompson, 5; Wm. McGinnis, 1, Grover.

Leathercraft: Billie Gantt, 4; Floyd Queen, 2.

Leather Work: Billie Gantt, 4; David McDaniel, 4.

Civics: Herbert Pumphrey, 2.

Pathfinding: Coolidge Finley, 3; Eddie Smith, 1.

Personal Health: Coyt Payseur, 5; Vernon Thompson, 5.

Reading: Floyd Queen, 2.

Safety: J. T. McGinnis, 5; Thos. Barnett, 4; James Alexander, 5; Jack Scott, 3.

Scholarship: Billie Gantt, 4.

Star Scout Rank: Chas. Moss, Jr., 1; J. T. McGinnis, 5.

Eagle Scout Rank: Herbert Pumphrey, 2; Floyd Queen, 2.

Gold Eagle Scout Palm: James Nickels, 1.

### Cigarette Hidden Tax Nearly One-Half Cost

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(IPS). —Hidden taxes on a package of cigarettes equal almost 7 cents—according to data on cigarette production and taxes prepared by William A. Hollingsworth, President of the Retail Tobacco Dealers of America.

Mr. Hollingsworth set the 1938 cigarette output at 163 billions, equivalent to 8,150,000,000 packages of twenty each. He estimated Internal Revenue collections to be approximately 490 million dollars and municipal cigarette taxes 55 millions.

This total of 545 million dollars of taxes is equivalent to 6.7 cents per package. With the average price of cigarettes about 15 cents, this means that almost half of the price of cigarettes, goes for taxes.

### SPECIAL PROGRAM AT WESLEYAN CHURCH

There will be a special program given at the Wesleyan Methodist church Saturday night, by the Men's Glee Club of Central Junior College, Central, S. C., at 7:30 o'clock. We urge the public to attend this meeting and enjoy the fine singing that we know will be given. The Club will be received and served with lunch, by the Young People's Bible Class.

### HONORS TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK

The Kings Mountain City Schools honor rolls for the first semester and for the third six weeks will be published in next week's issue of the Herald.

### Mrs. Kiser Buried Sunday

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Kiser, age 83, passed away at her home on West Mountain street Friday afternoon, following a critical illness of only a few days.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, of which she was the last of the charter members and of which her husband was one of the founders and loyal supporters. The pastor, Rev. L. Boyd Hamm, was in charge of the services and was assisted by a former pastor and close friend of the family, Dr. Charles Bell, member of the faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.

For an hour before the service, the body lay in state at the church and was viewed by a large number

neighborhood and elsewhere. Music was furnished by members of the choirs of St. Luke's, St. Matthews, Kings Mountain, and St. John's Lutheran Church of Cherryville.

Pallbearers were J. C. Lackey, Lafayette Lackey, C. S. Plonk, Rufus Plonk, W. A. Ridenhour and D. C. Mauney.

Those in charge of the flowers included old friends and neighbors of the deceased and family.

Mrs. Kiser was the widow of the late John P. Kiser, one of the largest land-owners in this section. She was intensely interested in the organization and erection of St. Luke's church which filled a long-felt need of a church of the Lutheran denomination in that community. To this church she brought her children for confirmation. She was a faithful helpmeet, constant in her ministry of service, counting no sacrifice too great when the interests of her family were at stake. She looked for and found the best in her family, friends and neighbors. Using the words of her pastor, "she left the priceless legacy to her children, a memory of a life lived in Christ Jesus." She was the mother of a fine family of children who "rise up and call her blessed."

Four children survive, Miss Lucy Kiser, of the East School faculty, who lived with her mother in Kings Mountain; Jacob Kiser of Hickory, Rev. W. A. Kiser of Chicago, Ill., and A. S. Kiser of Kings Mountain. Four children preceded her to the grave. Three of these, L. A. Kiser, Mrs. Floyd Mauney and Mrs. Arthur Gantt, were for many years prominent citizens of Kings Mountain.

### Lions To Sponsor Basketball Team

Local basketball fans will soon have the opportunity of seeing the Kings Mountain town cagers in action in the High School gymnasium. It was decided Monday at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lions Club that the team would be sponsored by that organization, to play at home every other week on Thursday nights.

The fact that Kings Mountain has a town basketball team is a surprise to many, because of the fact that heretofore they have played only in Gastonia, being members of the Gaston County Conference. The team on top is at present, with only one loss chalked up against them.

The first home game will be played next Thursday night, when they tangle with Cliffside in a non-conference tilt. Other teams in the league are Randle, Firestone, Groves Thread Cramerton and Threads, Inc.

### Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

(Opinions Expressed in This Column Are Not Necessarily the Views of This Newspaper.)

Officers of the Army General staff and Naval General Board, who map out the strategic policies of our national defense, were not a little surprised recently with urging 10,000 airplanes to be built immediately under the national defense-spending program.

Such a program, because of the too lot of quick obsolescence in airplanes, would quickly wreck itself according to the best experts. Quiet queries among the naval and military men themselves disclosed that none of them had advocated such a program. A much lower figure for such a building program had been set by them as the number of planes that the United States could build under a practical program.

Mixing some two-plus two equals four speculation with their own in (Cont'd on Editorial page)

### Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

### A Well-Merited Rebuke

By IRVIN S. COBB

"WAITER, waiter, here waiter gif me some addension, uf you please." The gentleman rapped with impatient knuckles on the table top. At his call, a servitor came hurrying to his side.



The scene was a Yiddish restaurant in Grand Street on New York's East Side. The hour was the luncheon hour. The speaker was a heavily bearded person who had just made his entrance. All about him conveyed the idea that here was a business man in a rush.

"Waiter," he said, "you should right away bring me a knife and a fork and a napkin and a plate; also ein glass water. Und make it snappy!"

The waiter, somewhat puzzled, produced the articles called for, then stood by waiting the order itself. To his surprise the patron waved his hand and then before his astounded eyes drew from one coat-pocket a knuckle of rye bread and from the other a pickled herring and proceeded to make a light but satisfying meal.

Ablaze with indignation the waiter spun on his heel and dashed away to find the proprietor.

"See that guy yonder?" he said, pointing toward the bewildered one. "Well, of all the scalded nerve ever I seen in my life—say, you know what that guy done, boss? He come in here a minute ago and made me fetch him a set of feedin' tools and then be gee, he hauled out his own chow and started eatin'. Ain't you goin' to give him a call-down?"

"I certainly am," stated the owner. He ranged up alongside the offender.

"Say," he demanded with terrific sarcasm, "wet kind of a place do you think I'm runnin' here anyway?"

The stranger looked up from his repast: "Vell," he said calmly, "since you ask me, I got to tell you—der service here iss rotten!"

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