

## State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

### National News

Indianapolis, Nov. 14.—Baby Bunting contrary to the old cradle song tagged along when daddy went rabbit hunting.

Someone phoned Sheriff Al Freeman to report a hunter had his four year old son with him dressed in a white suit. Deputies warned the man other hunters might shoot the child by mistake. He took the boy home.

New York, Nov. 13.—The U. S. Labor Department intervened today by union request in an eleven day old strike by 5,000 longshoremen that has tied up coastal shipping in and out of New York harbor.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The wage-hour administration tackled today the job of fixing, in a single order minimum pay for 650,000 workers in 12,500 establishments of the apparel industry.

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 14.—A mild mannered, 32 year old junk yard worker sat quietly in a jail cell today awaiting hearing on charges of saying his two small children in a fit of despondency.

Slashed with a razor and beaten with a hammer the children died yesterday. Their mother, who ran screaming from their modest home in nearby Port Carbon Friday night, lay in a critical condition from a fractured skull.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Although Congress likes to wind up its work early in a Presidential election year a dozen time consuming issues will confront the legislators in January.

Heading the list will be a record defense program and a probable showdown on the Administration's reciprocal trade agreements.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Edward J. Noble, Undersecretary of Commerce advocated today a campaign to stimulate tourist travel to Latin America as a means of creating some new work for ships diverted from Europe.

White Plains, N. Y., Nov. 14.—A year ago a farmer found a shivering little animal he thought was a rabbit and presented it to Mrs. F. O. Pratt of Rye, N. Y. Today the "rabbit" wore a blue ribbon won at the eighth annual Westchester Cag Show. It had grown into a prize-winning female mink cat.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—Despite the double blow dealt the 1939 Thanksgiving turkey — two feast dates in one year — the nation may pay a slightly lower price for the delicacy than it did a year ago, market conditions indicated today.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 14.—David L. Lawrence, chairman of the Democratic Party in Pennsylvania, was summoned to trial today on a charge of blackmail stemming from the days when a split in the jury ranks precipitated a Grand Jury investigation.

### State News

Concord, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Julius Fisher, prominent Concord woman, was instantly killed about 7 o'clock this morning in an automobile accident near Roanoke Va., according to a message reaching here this morning.

Gaffney, S. C., Nov. 14.—Two women are being held in county jail here for questioning in connection with an investigation into the death of Charles Commons Kendrick, 37 year old painter of this city, who died at the hospital here last week under circumstances that led to a police probe.

North Wilkesboro, Nov. 14.—Officers sought today to solve the mysterious slaying of Sanford Maurice Burchette, 63, who was shot and killed in his home Saturday night as he was undressing to retire.

Burchette was shot through a window. The shotgun load went through the window screen, glass and curtains. Burchette sold household article in rural communities.

Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 13.—An automobile collision on the Spartanburg-Union highway, eight miles south of here, resulted in death to three persons and serious injury to three others yesterday.

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—Officials of the North Carolina Society of Sons of the American Revolution wondered today if Noah Brock, 103 year old native of Davie county who now lives in Darlington, Ind., is not probably the only living grandson of a veteran of the Revolutionary war.

Brock applied by letter last week for membership in the North Carolina society. He said he was born in 1836 and served during the Confederate war as a lieutenant in company B, 10th regiment of Virginia cavalry. He said his grandfather, Nathaniel Brock of Davis fought in the revolution and died January 23, 1816.

Charlotte, Nov. 13.—Three men were held here today on charges of blowing safes in the Gary bottling company and Canada Dry bottling company plants here. Only a small amount of cash was taken in the robberies.

### Mule Runs Away Wednesday

For the first time in many years a mule ran away on the streets of Kings Mountain Wednesday morning. The mule was standing hitched to a two-horse wagon while the other one was being shod at the blacksmith shop at the rear of the Town Hall, when all of a sudden the animal became frightened, and started running towards Piedmont avenue, between the old Presbyterian Church and the Town Hall, then down Piedmont to Mountain street where Pat Tignor turned the runaway in to the curb. The mule belonged to John Orr of near Bessemer City and was driven by a colored man.

Considerable excitement was created but no damage was done either to the mule or the wagon.

## Kings Mountain Has Well Organized Adult Educational Program

The program of Adult Education is well planned to meet the needs and interests of the individual as is shown by the work which is being done in Cleveland county.

At the last census 1930, there were 1224 illiterates who could not read nor write. Today 675 of that number have been taught the fundamentals of primary education. Of this number in Kings Mountain, 375 have been given the opportunity of sharing knowledge — hence today Kings Mountain is practically 98 percent literate.

A number of instances could be cited showing the marked interest of the young and the old in this work, through these schools they are able to live a fuller and more broadened life. The following human interest stories will reveal their gratitude and appreciation:

A lady, age 68, who did not know her name in print is now able to write a very creditable letter and read the reply. She said to her teacher, "no amount of money could buy this slip in Education given me by you."

Another is that of a young man who wanted to learn to read his Bible. After three months as a student of the Adult School he is able to read his Bible and has an unusual conception of what he has read and is able to explain it.

The different phases of Adult Education are: Literary, General Adult Education, Parent Education, Leisure Time Activities and Home Making — in these different phases 524 students are enrolled.

Cleveland county has at this time 9 white and 2 colored teachers.

The teachers realize that they must seize every opportunity to discuss social and economic questions with their students and correlate these questions with the experiences of the group.

The adult education teachers in Kings Mountain cooperate one hundred percent with the public school teachers in the job of educating. Each week one of the adult teachers acts as a visiting teacher, going into the homes where the school attendance has been poor the week before. This visiting teacher endeavors to arouse interest in school attendance and to clarify any misunderstanding the home may have concerning the school. Since the program has been in operation, the public school teachers have noticed a greater interest in the schools and the percentage of attendance has been raised. The public schools are very much benefitted by the program, and it is felt that a splendid job is being done through these adult teachers.

## J. E. McLaughen Passes At Age Of 73

Funeral services for J. E. McLaughen, age 73, were held at Central Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, and interment made in Mountain Rest cemetery. Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr., the pastor, was in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Charles Williams sang "Going Home" and a male quartet composed of Smyre Williams, Carradine Moss, Hal Olive and I. B. Goforth, sang "In The Sweet Bye and Bye". Active pall bearers were E. A. Smith, Paul Neisler, Hayne Blackmer, Joe Neisler, Hunter Neisler and Dr. W. L. Ramseyer.

Honorary pall bearers were a number of former friends and associates of the deceased.

The many beautiful floral designs bore silent testimony of the sympathy and love for the bereaved family.

Mr. McLaughen passed away soon after returning home from a football game Friday afternoon. News of his passing was a great shock to relatives and friends.

He was a native of Dallas, N. C., and member of a well-known family of Gaston County.

For the past forty years he has lived in Kings Mountain. Soon after moving here he joined Central Methodist Church of which he was a member at the time of his death.

He was a traveling salesman and was active until the time of his death.

Surviving are his widow, who was before marriage Miss Rose Ledwell of Greensboro; two daughters, Mrs. J. D. Smith of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. DePre High of Asheville. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Merchants To Have Christmas Opening On December 1st

### A HELPING HAND FOR ALL



American Red Cross Roll-Call Poster for 1939.

## Lions Club To Fete Local Firemen

### BAPTIST TO BUILD NEW PARSONAGE

The congregation of the First Baptist Church voted last Sunday morning to erect a new parsonage on the King lot on Gaston street. The new lot is at the rear of the present site of the parsonage. A modern home is to be built including heat. It is understood that the construction will begin very soon. The house is to be of brick veneer construction.

The house and lot at the corner of King and Gaston streets, formerly the parsonage has been sold to Mr. Byron Keeter.

### OYSTER SUPPER SATURDAY

Circle No. 2 of Central Methodist Church will serve an oyster supper Saturday evening, Nov. 18th in the basement of the Church. The delicious supper will be only 25c and the public is invited. The meal will be served from 5:30 to 8:30.

### Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

IT'S funny how people want to know all about a guy that they're going to give a dime to. Just as soon as somebody asks you for enough to buy a meal, you want to know whether he ever mispasted a penny and whether he's "deserving." Why, sure, he's deserving, if he's hungry.



Well, there was a tramp come to a house and asked if he could shovel off the first snowfall, since it wasn't very heavy. The lady looked him over.

"I got to ask you this," she says. "Do you use liquor at all?"

"Now," says the tramp, "I got to know something before I can answer you. Am I to understand that this is an invitation, or just a trap?"

Members of Kings Mountain's Volunteer Fire Department will be guests of the Local Lions Club at their regular meeting at the Mountain View House this evening at seven o'clock.

Chairman of the Program Committee, C. F. Thomasson, announced that 20 firemen are expected to attend the dinner tomorrow evening. This is the first time that any organization has feted the Volunteer Firemen of Kings Mountain for the service which they render, practical without cost, to the town.

In a statement to the Herald, Mr. Thomasson said: "Not since the men of the Fire Department began the work of making Kings Mountain a safe place in which to live have they ever been publicly thanked for the things they do. We, of the Lions Club wish to take this opportunity to show them that we do appreciate their work."

Firemen of Kings Mountain are always ready at a moment's notice, to drop whatever they are doing and answer any call. For their services they receive a small amount for each fire call they answer. The present system was organized in May, 1931, with Grady King as Fire Chief.

Since 1931 two trucks have been added to the equipment. This brings Kings Mountain's force of equipment to a standard adequate for the protection of the town. Mr. King still serves as chief of the fire department. Calls are answered immediately, with the volunteer firemen working as smoothly as professional firemen to extinguish fires. Drills in fire fighting technique are held to assure greater efficiency on the part of the men.

### SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

The regular meeting of the Scout Court of Honor will be held in the Court room of the City Hall at 7:30 this evening. Scout troops are urged to attend in a body, as this is an important meeting.

Scouts Ben Goforth, Jr., and Geo. Lattimore, Jr., will receive their Eagle Badges at this Court of Honor, with their mothers receiving the Tinseltown Eagle Badges.

Members of the Kings Mountain Merchants' Association voted at their meeting Monday night in the Town Hall to have their Christmas opening Friday night, December 1st. Committees were appointed to make arrangements for a most elaborate occasion inaugurating the beginning of the Christmas season. Santa Claus has been extended a cordial invitation to be present, gifts will be on hand for all the children and the

ed on. More definite information as to the opening will be published as soon as the plans are known.

Members voted their approval to inviting the Shelby Band to Kings Mountain opening and in turn the local band would go to the Shelby opening.

Kings Mountain will observe "old Thanksgiving as the holiday and all members agreed to close their stores November 30th. It was also decided to close Monday, December 25th, for Christmas.

A committee was appointed to contact the civic clubs of Kings Mountain for cash prizes to be awarded the winners of the best decorated homes and stores.

Another committee was appointed to solicit funds for additional Christmas street light decorations to make Kings Mountain one of the most beautifully decorated towns for the Yuletide.

Members voted to have Mrs. Geo. Moss, Secretary, commissioned a Notary Public so that members may have her notarize papers without cost.

President J. B. Keeter presided during the meeting which was largely attended, and every member present was enthusiastic about the outlook for holiday business. Several members were heard to remark that it was one of the best meetings they had ever attended.

## Rev. H. C. Sprinkle Preaches At Armistice Service

Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr., recently appointed pastor of Central Methodist Church, told a capacity congregation at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday night, that "There will never be a war that will end wars." The occasion for the sermon was the annual Armistice sermon, which is a feature in the churches of Kings Mountain.

Rev. C. H. Hunter, member of the Otis D. Greene Post of the American Legion, led in the opening prayer, after which Rev. A. G. Sargeant, pastor of the First Baptist Church, read a list of names of Cleveland county men who died in the World War, and a list of those who served in the war and have died since then. Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian, presided at the service, with special music furnished by the Church Choir.

Eighteen Legionnaires, occupying special seats and the Legion Auxiliary seated opposite the Legion, heard Rev. Sprinkle point out four items which make for maintenance of Peace, namely Liberty, Education for Peace, Respect for Law, and Loyalty to Christ.

## Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

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

For hard and realistic descriptions of what something really means, it's usually a good idea to go to the dictionary or encyclopedia. The definitions contained therein may not be very poetic, but they give a real picture of the hard facts. Here's the definition of war contained in the encyclopedia:

"The act of war consists in the destruction of men's bodies and the work of their hands."

More and more, as reports from all over the world come pouring in to Washington, experts are being made to realize the destructive effect of war, either directly or indirectly, to the "work of men's hands" — to the industry and enterprise that in time of peace are devoted to making the material life of people happier and more comfortable.

The first observation naturally made by economists on this subject (Cont'd on back page)

## Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

### In Favor of the Sunshine

By IRVIN S. COBB

NEAR Durham, North Carolina, there formerly lived a typical old-time Southerner. His body-servant had been his slave before the war and the two of them scarcely had been separated in all their lives for more than a week at a time. When the young master went to the



Civil War the negro, had gone along, too, as his personal attendant. After freedom came, the association continued.

In the latter years of his life the master became interested in spiritualism. One day as John, the negro, was chopping wood the white man approached him and said:

"John, I've got a proposition to make to you. Both of us are getting old and feeble. I am past seventy and you must be somewhere around the same age. In all likelihood neither of us will live very much longer. Now then, that being the case, I want you to promise me if you are called first that you will come back, if you can, and tell me all about the life hereafter. If I go before you do, I'll do the same thing for you."

"All right, Marce Dave," said John. "I'll do just what you say." He thought a minute: "But Marce Dave," he added, "they's jest one thing mo'. If you does die first, if you does come back to tawk wid me, please, suh, as a favor to me, dat you come in de day-time."

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