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State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—National News—

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 26.—Pleading innocent to three counts of assault with intent to kill, Mrs. Stella Jaques, 42, was held in $30,000 bail for Superior Court today as an aftermath of a shooting affray which brought an abrupt end to a gay Christmas dinner and left two men critically wounded.

Washington, Dec. 26.—An army expert expressed the opinion today that the development of the new semi-automatic .30 caliber rifle would greatly strengthen infantry defenses against strafing from the air.

New York, Dec. 26.—The policy racket underworld gave James Cangro violent death for a Christmas present.

The 44 year old Dutch Schultz mobster was strangled, beaten and stabbed and dumped into a vacant lot in a sparsely settled East Bronx section — slain in what police thought might be the beginning of a war of extermination for Bronx policy control.

Police said he apparently was attempting a lone fight to fuse independent racketeers into a mob headed by himsel.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Federal Government puts into operation next month its far-reaching plan to provide mass security in the form of monthly retirement pensions for older workers and their dependents

It will be the beginning of the monthly payoff of old age insurance benefits under the Social Security Law, and estimates indicate that during 1940 more than $100,000,000 will be distributed to approximately 1,000,000 persons.

The Social Security payoff will not approach the goals of various proposals advocated by old-age pension groups. For the most part it may fall short of the $55 a month average security wage paid WPA workers.

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 26.— A child was born in Bethlehem as Christmas dawned.

Gea Czapa wept softly when three physicians told him his wife Mary had given birth to a son.

He prayed and then walked under a star-studded sky to his modest home.

It was the only Christmas Day nativity in this city of 60,000.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Frank lin D. Roosevelt took time out from the White House Christmas festivities yesterday to attend the golden wedding celebration of Daniel C. Roper, former Secretary of Commerce, and Mrs. Roper.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 26.—Burglars who took $[illegible] from the S. S. Kresge store ate their Christmas dinner leisurely while they cut into the safe. Crumbs from ham sandwiches were found scattered on the floor.

London, Dec. 26.—The first contingent of Australian forces to reach England since the war started landed at a south coast port today. All were members of the Air Force.

—State News—

Asheville, Dec. 26.—James J. Britt, former Republican Representative from the Eleventh District and former chief counsel of the Federal Prohibition Bureau in Washington, D. C., died at his home here early today. He was 79 years old.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 26.—[illegible] tham, 21, of Winston Salem, died yesterday in a hospital of gunshot wounds Sheriff Ernie G. Shore said he received in a roadhouse brawl near here Saturday morning.

Sheriff Shore said he was holding F. J. Thompson, operator of the road house, on a charge of murder pending a hearing in Municipal Court. The Sheriff quoted Thompson as saying Latham tried to assault him with a tire pump and that he fired at the youth in self defense.

Thompson, the Sheriff said, told him he had got out of a sick bed to go to the front of the roadhouse and try to quiet Latham and some of his companions who were creating a disturbance.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 26.—Charles J. Zimmerman of Chicago, president of the American Association of Life Underwriters, expressed opposition in an address here yesterday to federal regulation of life insurance companies.

Zimmerman, speaking at a luncheon meeting of the North Carolina Association of Life Underwriters said that, "it is quite true that there have been at times breakdowns in state regulations, but state regulation has its advantages in that if the breakdown comes it is limited to the state."

Washington, Dec. 26.—The war department announced today Charles David Folsom of Asheville, N. C., had accepted appointment as second lieutenant in the infantry reserve.

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—Bankers in North Carolina are no longer "in the dog house." Why?

Because after the banking holiday in March 1933 they carried on a magnificent offensive to rebuild the capital structure of their institutions to the point where they would fully meet the requirements of sound banking and demand the respect of the public, and, as a result, all of the banks in North Carolina that applied were admitted as members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Trenton, Dec. 26.—Tragedy ended the lives of two Jones county men during the week end and in each case Sheriff John Creach said the victim was a suicide.

Sheriff Creach said today that J. F. Brinkley, a farmer residing near Maysville, hanged himself in the county jail here Sunday night, while Dr. Charles L. Perry, holiness preacher residing near here, ended his life with a shotgun charge in the head Monday night.

Southern Pines, Dec. 26.—J. A. Gargis, police chief here for the last ten years, dropped dead yesterday a few minutes after arresting a bus driver for a traffic violation. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

Laughing Around the World
With IRVIN S. COBB

An Expert Opinion

By IRVIN S. COBB

WHEN I hear of medical experts disagreeing in a consultation I think of a diagnosis which was made once by a colored person from down South who came North to drive a car for a friend of mine.

This was in the days when automobiles were more prone to functional disorders than at present.

The darky was a fair-enough chauffeur and he professed to be a [illegible] mechanic, but as subsequent event proved, no reasonably prudent [illegible] would entrust him with a nutpick.

[illegible] bright Sunday he took his master for a spin over on Long [illegible]. Suddenly, on a lonely road, the car developed a racking cough [illegible] hectic flush and after panting along for a few rods came to a [illegible].

[illegible] chauffeur descended from his seat, selected an armload of [illegible] and other utensils from the tool-box and wriggled his way [illegible] balking auto. There he hammered and tinkered for twenty [illegible] eventually he crawled out, covered with dust and streaked [illegible] and delivered his opinion to his employer.

[illegible], he said, "I reckon you'll have to tow yore way back to [illegible] way you kin. Dat's for sep'rit things do matter wid dis [illegible] dunno what navy one of 'em is."

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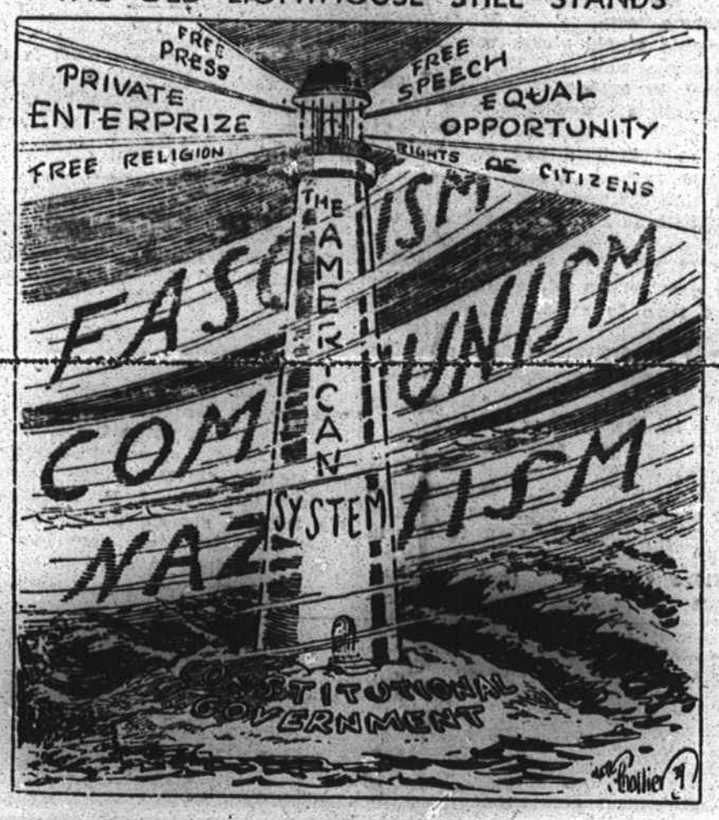
THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE STILL STANDS



Fred Finger Elected President Of Stag Club

Fred Finger, charter member and one of the organizers of the two-year old Stag Club, was elected president succeeding Otto "Toby" Williams, president for the past two years, according to the election results announced at the Club's annual formal banquet last night.

Mr. Finger is a former student of Duke University and is graduated from the office of "Buck", the man who keeps order, similar to the lion's Tail Twister, to the presidency.

Retiring President Williams has guided the club through its first year, and he was re-elected last year in a run-off election.

Other officers for the new year are Hoyle "Snooks" McDaniel, vice-president, re-elected; Bill Fortune, secretary, succeeding Billy Weir; treasurer, Jack Fortune, succeeding Hubert Aderholdt; and buck, L. M. Logan.

After last night's banquet at the Mountain View house, exclusive for members of the club, the members attended the second annual Stag Club anniversary ball at the Woman's Club.

Among those honored at the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., who retired from the ranks of the club as "benedicts." Married couples unable to be present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl McGill and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bridges. Both Mr. McGill and Mr. Bridges were charter members.

In his retiring speech, President Williams thanked the members for "cooperating with me to the nth degree" and wished Mr. Finger great success during the coming year.

Thornton Harrill announced the new slate of officers and each of the out-going and in-coming officers addressed the club.

Those attending the banquet were President Williams with Miss Jeanette Walker of Bessemer City; Vice President McDaniel with Miss Jean Ware; Secretary Weir; Treasorer Aderholdt; Buck Finger; Mr. Wilburn White with Miss Madge McDaniel; L. M. Logan with Miss Pauline Dickerson; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDaniel; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr.; Clarence Smith with Miss Victoria Hughes; Bill Fortune with Miss Mary Sue McGinnis; Robert Wright with Miss Boots Payne; Humes Houston with Miss Eva Mae Suber; Jack Fortune with Miss Phylis Patterson; Wilson Crawford with Miss Eloise Summerford of Clover; Thornton Harrill, James Anthony, and Martin Harmon.

Men's Club Meets This Evening

The final meeting of the Men's Club for 1939 will be held this evening in the Woman's Club Building at 6:30. No program has been arranged as the meeting will be open for the transaction of business. All members are invited to be present.

GAFFNEY MAN DIES HERE

William M. Godfrey, 50, textile man of Gaffney, died at the home of a brother, L. M. Godfrey, here early Saturday after an illness of six weeks. Last rites were held Sunday at 3 p. m. in Gaffney, interment was in [illegible].

Local Man Dies At Residence

Mrs. L. C. Hord, 44, prominent Kings Mountain woman, died at her home here Friday afternoon. She had been ill for a year.

The funeral was held at two o'clock Sunday afternoon in the First Baptist church with the pastor, the Rev. A. G. Sargeant, in charge, assisted by the Rev. James L. Barrett of Rock Hill, S. C. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Hord leaves her husband; two children, Mrs. James Byars and Miss Virginia Hord, both of Kings Mountain; eleven stepchildren.

Tax Listing Starts Monday

Tax listing for both town and county begins Monday, January 1st and all taxpayers are requested to file as early as possible. Mr. O. T. Hayes, County Lister, will be at the Town Hall, and other places in No. Four Township. The complete list appears elsewhere in this issue of The Herald.

The clerical staff of the Town will have charge of the listing for Kings Mountain, and listing will be made at the Town Hall.

BANK TO BE CLOSED MONDAY

The First National Bank will be closed all day next Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's which is a legal holiday.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THERE'S nothing funnier to a farmer than a city guy that tries to farm. The best joke in any farm neighborhood is the latest story anybody has to tell about some citified fellow that don't know how to hitch up a horse or start a tractor going.

Down in Oklahoma they tell about a real smart town woman that had a lot of dough and de-

cided she was going to do some fancy poultry farming. She was investigating around the neighborhood where she expected to start her farm. She was trying to get a little information on the sly, too. She asked a farmer how he could tell when it was time to gather the eggs, and how he knew where to look for them.

"Well," says the farmer, "I reckon that ain't so much trouble. You hear that hen out there in the weeds? She's cackling. That means she's laid an egg out there, and my daughter's starting out right now to find it."

"Huh?" says the town lady. "I guess I'll have it arranged much better on my poultry farm. I could never understand such hen as yours [illegible] to have some [illegible]

Funeral Services Held For Prominent Woman

Kings Mountain Spends Quiet Christmas

Citizens of Kings Mountain are back on the job this week after spending a quiet but active week-end in observance of Christmas. Most of the business houses were closed all day Sunday and Monday, but merchants were busy the first part of the week straightening up after the big rush of last week. Several merchants have already started their inventories. Both the post office and merchants in general reported the biggest season in several years.

The local Police Department was kept busy Saturday arresting drunks, who were out to celebrate with "joy water." A total of thirteen arrests were made Saturday with eleven being for drunkenness. Out of this number ten were white and two colored. Business fell off the next day, Christmas Eve, with only three arrests. And for Christmas day, the policemen must have been in a forgiving mood as only one arrest was reported.

No major accidents were reported to mar the Holiday Season. Apparently there were no serious accidents from the large amount of fireworks; which were exploded in and near Kings Mountain. Several citizens were heard to say that there was more shooting of fireworks this year than ever before in Kings Mountain.

As Saturday's mixeure of rain and sleet gave way to the sunshine of Christmas and Christmas Eve, lots of folks visited for the day and had guests to come in and visit.

Firemen and other groups were busy during the week-end distributing toys and Christmas baskets to the needy families.

The school and college boys and girls will continue to enjoy the holidays through this week. School begins next Monday morning, Jan. 1.

Lions To Entertain Football Team

At a Directors' meeting of the Lions Club the question was brought up as to whether to sponsor a Basket Ball team this year. A committee composed of the following Lions: C. C. Edens, W. J. Fulkerson and C. C. Oates, was appointed to make a survey to determine whom could be secured to play.

The Directors voted favorably on H. B. Jackson's suggestion that the Club sponsor a banquet for the members of the High School Football Squad. The letters earned during the past season are to be awarded at this banquet. It is hoped that Coach Jess Neely of Clemson College can be secured as the speaker.

The Club's Radio is now in possession of the Lion Tamer, Luther Cansler. Any time members know of someone in the hospital who would like to use the radio, please inform President J. W. Milam or Lion Tamer Cansler.

Four Grandmothers At Christmas Dinner

Little Joyce Smith, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith, had the unique pleasure of having with her at a Christmas dinner, four grandmothers. Joyce has six living grandmothers, two of whom could not be present. At the time of her birth, she had eight grandmothers, two of whom have died.

On her maternal side, Joyce is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moore, great-granddaughter of Mrs. Joe Garrett all of Kings Mountain, and great - great granddaughter of Mrs. John T. Carpenter aged resident of Cherryville.

Watch Service At Second Baptist Church

There will be a Watch Service at the Second Baptist church Sunday night, December 31, 1939 at 7:30 o'clock.

The following program will be rendered:

Music: Quartet and [illegible]

Speakers:

8:00: Rev. [illegible]

C.

Funeral services for Mrs. [illegible] Garrett Dilling, age 69, were held [illegible] the residence on Piedmont Ave. [illegible] Wednesday morning at 10:30 [illegible] interment made in Mountain [illegible] cemetery. Rev. H .C. Sprinkle, pastor of Central Methodist Church, [illegible] which the deceased had been a member [illegible] early girlhood, officiated [illegible] the services.

Active pall-bearers were J. [illegible]er, Chas. Williams, Hugh Or[illegible] P. D. Herndon, Paul Neisler [illegible] Hunter Neisler.

Honorary pall-bearers were O. G. O'Farrell, J. M. Williams, A. H. Patterson, T. P. McGill, Grady King, E. W. Griffin, Arthur Hay, J. E. Anthony, C. T. Cornwell, R. L. Mauney, C. E. Neisler, W. A. Ridenhour, B. S. Peeler, A. E. Cline, I. B. Goforth, Charles Fulton and F. Tidwell.

Mrs. Dilling had been ill for a week and preparations were underway for carrying her to a hospital, when death came. News of her passing came as a great shock to her friends.

Mrs. Dilling was the widow of Charles A. Dilling, Sr., who was mayor of Kings Mountain at the time of his death. She was a native of Edgecombe County but came to Kings Mountain in the early part of 1874, with her parents the late I. Walton Garrett and wife, who were among the first settlers. Her family were active in the religious and civic interests of the community. Her parents were charter members of Central Methodist Church and with a few others of like faith were instrumental in perfecting the organization and in the building of the first place of worship.

Mrs. Dilling was a member of several civic, patriotic and social organizations, but none of these lessened her interest in her home or in her family to whom she was so devoted.

Surviving are two sons, Charles and Percy Dilling of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Grimes of Kings Mountain and Mrs C. H. Hardin of Shelby, three grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Mann of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Lucy Julian of Richmond, Va.

Mrs. E. R. Huffstetler Dies

Mrs. E. R. Hullender, 69, died at the home of her daughter here at one o'clock Saturday morning following an illness of one week.

The funeral was conducted in St. Matthews Lutheran church, of which she was a member, at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. L. Boyd Hamm. Interment followed in the Only church cemetery of South Gastonia, where her husband is buried.

Mrs. Hullender was born and reared in Cleveland county and always had been an active church and Sunday school member.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. D. E. Kennedy of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Dora Felmet of Grover; one daughter, Mrs. Paul Saunders of Kings Mountain.

Washington Snapshots
by JAMES PRESTON

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

With Congress soon to determine whether it will continue the Dies Committee investigation of "isms" the real story behnd Representative Martin Dies is one of Washington's most interesting.

The story starts back before 1920 with a gangly youth whose father was an outstanding member of the House of Representatives. Young Martin, who went to Washington with his father and was graduated from law school there, caught the political bug. His ambition was to follow in hi father's footsteps.

In 1931 after his father had died, Martin Dies, then only 30, was elected to represent his father's old as district. Young [illegible] ambition, he [illegible] jected [illegible]