

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—State News—
Belmont, April 16.—A fire of unknown origin caused damages estimated at \$1,000 or more to a warehouse behind the Stowe Mercantile Co. here Saturday night about midnight. The building contained mostly furniture which was largely covered by insurance. Water damage was considerable. It was stated by a member of the firm. The warehouse a wooden structure, is the property of the Piedmont and Northern Railway Co. and is said to have been insured.

Faleigh, April 16.—Seeking to strengthen its set of circumstantial evidence, the State sent another procession of witnesses to the stand today in the trial of Woodrow Cotten, 27 year old farmer, and his 20 year old wife, Margaret, accused of fatally shooting Mrs. Lee Herndon, the latter's mother, at their home on February 19.

Testimony purporting to show that Cotten killed his mother-in-law in order that his wife might inherit her money was introduced Saturday by the prosecution.

Charleston, S. C., April 16.—The freight rate situation in the South will be one of the chief matters to come before the two-day conference Southern Governors which commenced here today.

J. Van Norman of Louisville, Ky. general counsel of the class rate committee of the Governors' organization, said he would recommend the setting up of a central bureau of rate and traffic men to study the situation.

Fayetteville, April 16.—First Sergeant Robert Lee Register, 37, of Battery E. 36th Field Artillery, Fort Bragg, was killed yesterday in an automobile accident near here.

Irvin M. Allen Enters Race For Co. Commissioner

Irvin M. Allen, at present a member of the County Commissioners, announced Tuesday that he would enter the race for re-election, thus swelling the list of aspirants to seven. He was the last candidate to file, as Tuesday was the last day.

Mr. Allen is in his second year as a member of the board, having previously served as Sheriff of Cleveland County for some time. He resides in No. Four Township, Kings Mountain. R. H. Wilson, another incumbent, announced and filed his intention several weeks ago.

Five other aspirants are Glee A. Bridges, well known hardware dealer, here, Rev. J. A. Walker, D. D. Lattimore, J. W. Irvin and Max Washburn.

The registration period in connection with the primary will be Saturday, April 27 to May 11. Challenge day will be May 18.

Persons registered in the county as independents, must re-register as Democrats or Republicans in order to be able to vote.

—National News—
New York, April 16.—Lillian Roth says she's going to marry the man who socked her.

The man is Eugene Welton, securities salesman, against whom Miss Roth filed an assault charge some weeks ago after sustaining a fractured jaw.

Since then she has twice tried unsuccessfully to get the Court to let her call the whole thing off. The hearing is scheduled for today.

Whatever the outcome, Miss Roth said, "We're in love."

Louisville, Ky., April 16.—The \$20 check that came in the mail was made out to W. H. Fields. W. H. Fields cashed it. Then Circuit Judge W. H. Field, wondering where his pay check was, inquired, and learned:

W. H. Fields thought the money was a lump-sum payment from the Unemployment Compensation Commission. He spent it.

The State Revenue Department said the bank would have to stand the loss. The bank said the State would, because there was an "S" on the name. The State sent Judge Field another check. W. H. Fields said as far as he was concerned the matter was closed. Check and doublecheck.

Tacoma, Wash., April 16.—Near exhaustion from lack of food and rest, Joseph Paul Crezter, 28, and Arnold Thomas Kyle, 29 known as "the nation's No. 1 bank robbing team," were captured only two and a half miles from McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary. The pair escaped from the prison last Thursday.

Washington, April 16.—Indications the Daughters of the American Revolution once more will go on record for a strong army and navy were seen today as delegates from all parts of the country registered for the 49th annual Centennial Congress.

Early arrivals expected the convention keynote to be set at a mass meeting called by the D. A. R. National Defense Committee before the formal tonight.

Washington, April 16.—The European war finally may cure one American hangover from the 1914-18 war—the hundreds of idle, emergency-built merchant marine vessels. For the first time since one was sold in 1917, the Maritime Commission has announced twelve of those ships for sale. Bids received today are expected to show exactly how good the market is at the moment.

Peking, China, April 16.—An official United States report received today said that two American missions in central China were bombed by Japanese planes last Saturday.

Tokyo, April 16.—One hundred persons aboard the 8,370 ton American freighter City of Los Angeles were removed to safety today after the vessel ran aground off Yokohama harbor. The ship was undamaged and it was expected she would be refloated at high tide.

Kiwanis Club Receives Charter

Presentation Made At Ladies Night Banquet In Shelby.

(By Aubrey Mauney)
The Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club was presented with its charter by Dr. Chas. W. Armstrong, Governor of the Carolina District of Kiwanis, International, at a special program and banquet held at Hotel Charles in Shelby on Friday evening. Present for the occasion were a large number of the local members and members from the clubs in Shelby, Hendersonville, Rutherfordton, Gastonia, Charlotte, Morganton, and Lenoir, their wives and friends.

Dr. A. Mark Smith of Thomaston, Ga., International Kiwanis Trustee, was the speaker of the occasion. Dr. Smith spoke eloquently of the service of the organization. He said that to be a good Kiwanian a man must be a good citizen. "There must be," he said, "harmony in the club and between the club and other clubs. The principles of Kiwanis are accepted as ideals and we must see that they are put into practice in our individual lives, in our business and in our communities. Kiwanis stands because it makes us neighborly and promotes good feelings, teaches self respect and reliance. We have the opportunity to serve and build where we are. Be a good Kiwanian not for the good it can do to you but for the good it can do for others."

The charter members of the new civic service club consist of 52 members of the Business Mens Club, and eleven new members. Ladd W. Hamrick is president of the group and L. G. Hord is secretary and treasurer. Regular meetings are held each Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Woman's Club.

W. E. Blakely, vice-president, was toastmaster of the banquet. Rev. P. D. Patrick gave the invocation and Horace Eason of Shelby, Lieut. Governor of Division One, in which the new organization is included, lead in the group singing. Rev. L. Boyd Hamm in the address of welcome referred to the Kings Mountain Kiwanis as the "big baby club—a club much bigger than its mother club, the Shelby Kiwanis, and therefore a monstrosity." The club is the largest in the division which covers the area from Kings Mountain to Asheville and Lenoir.

President D. Z. Newton of the Shelby Club responded to the welcome and stated that this was truly a great occasion in the county—even the banks were closed during the day and that now over 200 are gathered to do honor.

Mrs. Charles Williams sang a solo and Ernest and Miles Mauney, the talented and musical twin sons of W. K. Mauney, furnished music during the program.

Carolina District Governor in presenting the charter called upon the local organization to uphold those things which go to build a better community, better churches, better schools and better civic organizations. He recited the purpose of the organization and told of its 25 years of existence in service. This he stated placed an endorsement of character upon the club. He called upon the members to support the club and uphold its purpose and make a personal contribution to its success in building. He suggested that representatives be sent to each (Cont'd on back page)

Brevard College Concert Choir To Appear Here

As a part of their tour of the State the Brevard College Concert Choir will give a concert program at Central Methodist Church next Sunday April 21, at 3:00 p. m.

The Brevard Choir, composed of thirty-three members, is under the direction of Brevard's talented young music director, John M. Hawkins. The choir has achieved phenomenal success since it was organized less than a year ago. In their appearances elsewhere this year they have been highly praised. Mr. Hawkins attributes this success in large part to his system of Eurhythmic instruction which centralizes upon a physical practice of concentration in rhythm. Hawkins is probably the only proponent of this system in the South.

In their tour of the state the choir will make a total of twenty or more appearances in its schools and churches on an 1100 mile itinerary. They leave Brevard Sunday, April 31, and will give concerts on that day at the Central Methodist Church in Kings Mountain and Central Methodist Church in Shelby.

Kings Mountain School Band Gets Rating Of II In Contest

Memories From An Old Safe

Addresses Lions And Farmers



Lions Entertain Farmers Tuesday Night

The Kings Mountain Lions Club was host Tuesday evening to invited farmers throughout the county. The affair which is to be an annual one was greatly enjoyed by both the town folks and the country friends. President J. W. Milam welcomed the farmers in behalf of the club members, and presented Charles Thomason who in turn introduced the program committee, Otto Williams and Holland Dixon. Mr. Williams presented John Wilkins, County Farm Agent from Shelby, who introduced the main speaker of the evening, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, W. Kerr Scott of Raleigh.

Commissioner Scott explained in detail the activities of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and how it affected the citizens of the State. The Commissioner stated that one of the greatest needs of the farmers of North Carolina was a better system of marketing, and that the Department was trying to work out means of bringing producers and seller closer together and to standardize farm products so that housewives will know what grade they are buying.

Commissioner Scott who owns a large farm in Alamance County, made a good impression on both the men of the soil and members of the Lions Club.

Dr. J. S. Dorton who has successfully operated the three largest fairs in the State was a guest of the Club.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

A NEW actor that don't get a hand when he does his stuff is probably the prize hard-luck guy. He really feels terrible about it. He may have only a small part, and nobody knows that he wants a hand. Then again, he may be the whole show, and if he don't get applause then, he's ruined.



There was a Punk actor from a small town that had a try-out in a Denver vaudeville house. He did his best.

There was a woman from the home town to see the ham actor act. She called on him the next afternoon at his hotel, to congratulate him.

"Oh, you were in the house, then?" says the artist.

"Why, sure, I was there, right in the front row, and grinning at you all the time. I thought you'd notice me."

"Ah, so you were there."

"Well, yes, you must have known that. I was the one that applauded, you know."

I reckon the ham had it comin' to him, too.

By (Mrs.) Cora Hunter Dilling
(Editor's Note:—In reply to the recent story "Old Safe Ditties Amateur Cracksmen," Mrs. Cora Hunter Dilling, former resident of Kings Mountain, now living in Dallas, Tex., wrote the following article for the "Herald." We are proud to pass it on to our readers for both its relevancy and its literary appeal.)

Dear Mr. Editor:—
Your article last week on "Old Safe Ditties Amateur Cracksmen," recalls memories of long ago.

The safe in question belonged to my maternal grandfather, Mr. A. V. Falls. After his death in 1886, my grandmother came to live with my mother and, along with other things came the safe. From that time until I suppose Mr. Simonton obtained it, it remained in the Dilbag home. (Of late, the Charlie Williams home). However, as to this last statement, I am not positively sure.

In my youthful days I had much curiosity as to what that safe contained. After it came to live with us it was rarely locked, therefore we had not the trouble you folks seem to have had to find out what was in it. It must have been locked by mistake or accident. The greatest good we seemed to get from it, where it stood in the back hall, was in using its top as a "catchall."

My grandfather was a commissioner of Cleveland County for some years and was also a magistrate. As such, he had papers, etc., which he kept under lock and key. To see him unlock that drawer and open it always filled me with the greatest curiosity. When he, as he often did, would draw from its depths an apple, or perchance a handful of nuts, I was even more thrilled. In those days thrills came easier. Still another joy was the big, deep drawer filled with Confederate bills which we were sometimes allowed to handle.

You, Mr. Editor, may be interested to know that my grandfather's house stood where the A. R. P. church now stands. The present manse is the original house remodelled. My father's home then is now the house occupied by Mr. O. W. Myers and is still in the family.

Referring again to my grandfather serving as County Commissioner, just let me add that it was a long day's journey to go to Shelby and back again. It was fourteen long miles over rough muddy roads but he usually made the trip, rain or shine. Often he would reach long after dark.

It makes one wonder if those really were the good old days. Yes, I suspect after all, that they were.

As many writers say, I fear my letter is even now too long—but I do want to say one thing more. You made reference to some Mexican coins found in the safe. I do not know where they came from but it recalls to mind a visit my father made to Texas many years ago. Texas, in those days was indeed far away. He went over into Mexico and may have gotten the money then. Well do I remember his telling us of the black sticky mud of Texas and that he could not be induced to live there. Little did I think then that I would later be living in Texas. Now I can vouch for the mud. If I happen to step in a wet flower bed I must wash the mud from my shoes. When it dries it must be cut off.

But, don't think for a moment that I am knocking "Beautiful Texas." It is a great State and is destined to become even greater. Dallas is almost as fine as the "Best Town In The State."

Thank you.
Loyally,
(Mrs.) Cora Dilling Hunter.
Dallas Texas,
April 9, 1940.

"Gone With The Wind" Here May 27 and 28

"Gone With The Wind," according to Mr. C. E. Cash, manager of the Dixie Theatre, has been definitely booked to play here on Monday and Tuesday, May 27 and 28. A conflict in booking made it impossible for the Dixie to get the Picture before that date.

Fans who have been waiting for the picture are assured by Manager Cash that it will show here on those dates.

Kings Mountain Schools Band, at Greensboro for the State Music Contest, yesterday, marched and played their best, sat down and did a wonderful job of site reading, and then, with the feeling that they had done their best, retired from the field to await the judges' decision.

It was a heart-breaking decision, in some ways, because the band, despite the fact that each and every member had done his and her part, failed to elicit with the judges, and emerged with a rating of II on both marching and concert. They came through with the best on sight reading, however, with a top rating of I. Ladd W. H. Urlick, president of the Band Parents Association, in a long distance telephone call from Greensboro to the Herald, told the Herald that Miles Mauney, entered as a Bassoon soloist, rated a I, and D. F. Hord, Jr., as alto clarinet soloist, the same. These two members have done outstanding work in the band in the past, and made high ratings in former contests.

Superintendent of schools, E. N. Barnes, also calling from Greensboro, said: "We have no excuses to make for the rating awarded us. I, personally, think that I have never seen the band looking better—they were in tip top form. We just did not look good enough to the judges to rate a I."

All Kings Mountain supporters who followed the band to Greensboro echoed the sentiments expressed by Supt. Barnes.

The rating which the band received in marching and concert playing eliminates them from the National Music contest, which is being held in West Palm Beach, Fla., this year. Only bands rating a I are eligible to participate in the National competition.

Despite the rating which the Band received at the contest, local supporters of the unit are proud of the fine effort and still believe the band to be just as good as any in the State. One supporter, remarked yesterday, before news of the rating reached Kings Mountain, that: "No matter what the judges up at Greensboro might think about our band, I'll still think we have got the best Band in the State."

One group of musicians left Greensboro at nine P. M. last night to return to Kings Mountain. They were expected to arrive home at about one A. M. Meanwhile, another bus load of Glee Club boys and girls left this morning at 4:30 A. M. to join the 28 students left there for the Glee Club Contest today.

The Kings Mountain Glee Clubs are slated to appear on the Contest program this morning at 8:30. Misses Carolyn Carlsle, and Dorothy Carson, directors of the boys and girls Glee Clubs, respectively, are believed to have two Glee Clubs that can compete with the best in their class.

Two Fires This Week

Firemen were called Tuesday about noon to the new residence of Haywood E. Lynch on Ridge Street when a pan of shortening became ignited. The fire was extinguished before the firemen arrived and only slight damage was done.

Wednesday about the same time the firefighters were called to the home of Forest Huffstetter in the Dilling Mill Village when a can of kerosene became ignited. Very slight damage was done.

Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

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

The machine is in the spotlight again. Some of its outstanding benefits have been described recently by Brookings Institution, which points out in a study just made by Dr. Spurgeon Bell that consumers in 1936-37 were actually 6 billion dollars better off as a result of machine development than they were thirteen years earlier. In other words, consumers through lower prices on the things they buy have 6 billion dollars more a year to spend.

Furthermore, the quality of the things they buy has improved tremendously. Think of 1923 automobiles, for example. In 1927, automobile buyers not only got 23 percent more in quantity, but they also got (Cont'd on Editorial page)

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

The Utterances of a True Poet

By IRVIN S. COBB

IN THE latter years of his life, Oliver Wendell Holmes underwent an operation. As he passed under the influence of the anaesthetic he waved his hands violently and seemed to be trying to voice some appeal.



Neither his gestures nor his words were understood by the surgeons and the nurses in attendance. The fumes of the drug overcame him then and he lapsed into insensibility.

Hours later, when he recovered consciousness, he explained his actions. What he had desired, he said, was pen and paper; and he requested that if ever again it became necessary to anaesthetize him, that he be supplied with writing material beforehand so that at the moment of entering the realm of unconsciousness he might set down the beautiful and poetic thoughts which, like freshets of pure spring water, came surging into his mind.

A week later it became necessary to perform a second operation upon the distinguished patient. As the cone was placed over his face he beckoned for paper and pencil. These were placed in his hands. Hurriedly he inscribed a single sentence and then, with an expression of ineffable joy upon his face he sank back upon the table, completely ethered.

This is what he had written:
"Good Heavens! What a horrible stench there is in this room!"
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