

# Kings Mountain Herald

## State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

### National

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senator Maybank, Democrat, South Carolina, said he had been notified by the Office of Price Administrator that the South Carolina farmers and others using trucks for general shipping should go back to the local market when the new **gasoline rationing** begins.

He said local board had been informed the nation would be under a gas rationing order that the Office of Defense Economics would draw up. It must pass upon the application before any regulation was made.

Maybank told the news magazine that the local boards authority again would remain in force until the problem was worked out.

Laguna Beach, Calif., Dec. 8.—Aspirin, the cat has used his last life. Aspirin had been bowled over by automobiles eight times. Each time his owner, K. Carpenter, reported the accident in his business column in a local newspaper. The cat always recovered.

Then a car laid Aspirin low for the ninth time and this time he failed to get up.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The nation's farm women were called upon today to play a major part in meeting the vast wartime goals of nearly 4,000,000 dozen eggs and 4 billion pounds of chicken meat next year. This was urged by W. D. Tamm, assistant chief of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's dairy and poultry branch, in a speech written for a conference preceding the 24th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—Five pieces of equipment from three fire department companies answered an alarm. It was turned in, fire had broken out in a small hotel but it turned out to be false.

Firemen were clambering back on their trucks when a commotion in an apartment house a block down the street attracted their attention.

Two minutes after the false alarm was turned on, fire had broken out in the apartment house.

Oxford, Ga., Dec. 8.—Donald Fletcher, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fletcher of Thomas and Oak, died after being clawed by a panther tied in the yard of a neighbor. The six months old animal had been a household pet and was popular with neighboring children.

No one saw the attack yesterday but Coroner Ted Mayer said the panther evidently struck the child in the throat with its sharp claws.

Mount Joy, Pa., Dec. 8.—Gasoline rationing paid off for automobile owners here.

The Borough Council discontinued a special \$1 a year water assessment against motorists, explaining "If they can't drive they aren't washing their cars."

## Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

### When Running Was an Art

By IRVIN S. COBB

I DO not pretend that these stories are all new, but merely that they are the stories which the writer likes best of those he has heard. Indeed, some of them are old—very, very old. The one which follows has the merit of antiquity. I am including it in the present stories because I think it is an almighty good one.

On a South Georgia plantation a group of darkies went coon hunting one night. Because of his love for the ancient and honorable sport,



they took with them Uncle Sam, the patriarch of the colored quarters. Uncle Sam was over eighty years old and all hobbled up with rheumatism. He hobbled along behind the hunters as they fled off through the woods.

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