# Kings Mountain Herald

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## State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

### —State—

**DURHAM**, Dec. 19.—Indiscriminate fingerprinting of persons arrested by police and sheriffs departments of North Carolina would be forbidden in a measure to be presented at the coming General Assembly. Oscar Barker and R. M. Gantt, Durham legislators, would be co authors of the bill which would amend the existing State law on fingerprinting of arrested persons.

**RALEIGH**, Dec. 19.—The North Carolina cotton crop this season will total 700,000 bales, based on reports from ginners and growers to the State Agriculture Department. The 1943 crop was 596,000 bales, while the ten-year average was 613,000 bales.

**CLAYTON**, Dec. 19.—William W. Burnette, 72 year old Wake County farmer, was killed almost instantly and his wife and a son were injured seriously here yesterday in an auto-truck collision.

Mrs. Burnette and her son, Walter, were reported last night to be in a serious condition at Rex Hospital, Raleigh.

The accident occurred as the Burnette car rammed into the rear of an Army truck when the truck stopped at a traffic light. Occupants of the truck were unhurt.

**CHEROKEE**, Dec. 19.—Death claimed one of the triplets of Mrs. John Lossie, Cherokeen woman at a hospital here Sunday night. The triplets were born Friday morning in the one-room abode of the Lossies far back on a mountainside in the Big Cove area.

Two of the children were girls and the other a boy. It was the boy who died.

**CAMP LEJEUNE, Jacksonville, N. C.**, Dec.19.—President Roosevelt toured this great U. S. Marine combat training camp for two hours today en route home from a Warm Springs, Ga., vacation. He left with vivid impressions of men readied for early overseas duty, trick drills, and steel-jawed dogs trained for scout duty under combat fire.

**CHARLOTTE**, Dec 19.—A temporary restraining order against Seymour Leibowitz, head of The Bargain Store at 211 W. Trade St., has been signed by Judge E. Y. Webb in District Federal Court. The defendant is ordered to refrain from selling certain garments because of alleged violations of OPA price regulations.

**LENOIR**, Dec. 19.—Heavy damage was done to the Caldwell Countf Agricultural Building here Monday by fire of undetermined origin.

The brick building housed the offices of the County Agricultural agent, the County library, the AAA and forestry departments with the curb market located in the basement.

**CHARLOTTE**, Dec. 19.—The Charlotte District Headquarters of the Office of Price Administration said last night that Doughton Greene of Stanly had been arrested on charges that he sold cigarettes at prices higher than the maximums allowed by OPA regulations.

When a salesman begins paying compliments the buyer yill pay in dollars.

### —National—

**WASHINGTON**, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt returned today from a three weeks' vacation at Warm Springs, Ga.

Facing momentous months in the fields of war and Allied diplomacy—plus the beginning of a fourth term and organization of a new Congress—the chief executive came back to the capital sun-tanned and a few pounds heavier. He arrived by special train and went immediately to the White House to start a routine day.

He returned from Georgia via Camp Lejeune on New River, at Jacksonville, N. C.

**MIAMI**, Fla., Dec. 19.—A tip from a railroad worker who recognized the man from a broadcast description has led to the arrest at Tampa of a man accused of a slaying and criminal assault at Bennington, Vt., Richard C. Danner, special agent in charge of the FBI office here, said.

Danner listed the fugitive as Harold Frotten, 26, and said he admitted killing Robert Stratton on Oct. 21 and criminally assaulting Stratton's 13 year old daughter. Danner said the FBI had been looking for Frotten on an automobile theft charge but would turn him over to Vermont authorities to face the more serious accusation.

**CHICAGO**, Dec. 19.—The temporary major league agreement adopted by the two big baseball leagues last week, has been given official approval by the Chicago Cubs board of directors. The board, at a special meeting yesterday, ratified the pact which calls for continuation of the commissioner rule of baseball with league presidents and Leslie O'Connor in charge until a commissioner is named to succeed the late K. M. Landis. O'Connor served as Landis' secretary.

**WASHINGTON**, Dec. 19.—Tin can salvage may have to be continued for a time after peace comes, whie demand for waste paper will remain high until Japan is defeated.

Predicting this today, the Office of War Information said also that the salvage drives forused fats and iron and steel are also "still far from finished."

**WASHINGTON**, Dec. 19.—The Japanese now are being hit with "Made in Japan" bombs.

Japanese bombs captured at Tarawa have been used by the Army Air Forces in attacking islands in the Marianas and Marshall groups, Col. William S. McCulla, ordnance officer from Lt. Gen. Millard Harmon's command, reported to day.

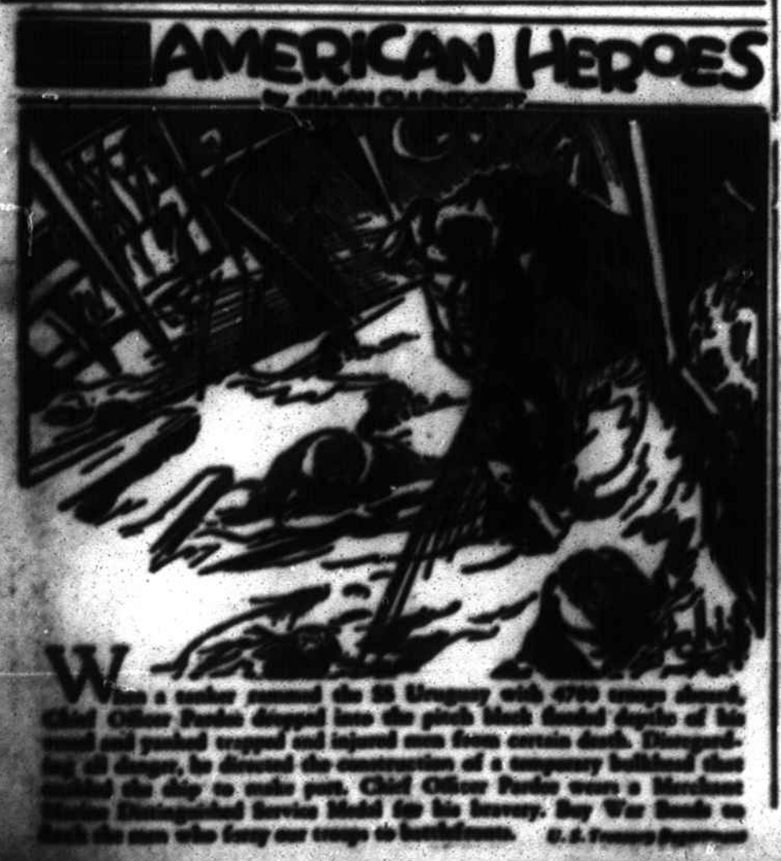
"Planes of the Seventh Air Force dropped a few duds on Tinian, McCulla said, "so the Japs could see that they were getting their own bombs back."

**LONDON**, Dec. 19.—A new type American fragmentation bomb, made of 265 pounds of TNT wrapped in wire, is being dropped on the Germans, it was disclosed by Col. Philip Schwartz, armament chief of the U. S. Air Service Command.

Experiments showed that the wire bomb gave the greatest number of deadly fragments per square inch.

**Six Many Minerals**

More than 300 different minerals have been located in North Carolina.




When a seaman manned the 38 Uruguay with 4700 troops aboard, Chief Officer Purdie dropped into the pitch black flooded depths of his vessel and pushed trapped and injured men from certain death. Disregarding all danger, he directed the construction of a temporary bulkhead that enabled the ship to make port. Chief Officer Purdie wears a Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal for his bravery. Buy War Bonds to back the men who ferry our troops to battlefronts. U.S. Treasury Department

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

## Christmas Cantata At Central Methodist

The Senior Choir of Central Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. Aubrey Mauney will render a sacred cantata on Sunday, Christmas eve, at five o'clock in the afternoon. The narrative is taken from the Gospel of St. Luke relating the happenings at the birth of Christ. The music is by Thomas Adams. The organ and piano will be used for the introduction and throughout the cantata. Mrs. Mauney will be at the organ and Mrs. E. A. Shenk at the piano. The soloists will be Mrs. Charles Williams, Otto Hehn and Smyre Williams. Other members of the choir are: Mrs. Troy Carpenter, Mrs. M. H. Biser, Winifred Fulton, Nancy Suber, Mary E. Goforth, Mrs. Y. P. Throneburg, Carolyn Prince, Faye Faye Moss, Maude Plonk, Avis Mae Warlick, I. B. Goforth, B. S. Peeler, jr., and Charlie Fulton. The public is cordially invited to attend this special program.

## Miss Keeter Takes Training In Lynchburg Store

Miss Jo Keeter, Senior at Richmond Professions Institute, is taking her practice work at Guggenheimer's the largest department store in Lynchburg, Va. Miss Keeter for the past several weeks has been assistant in the toy department as well as helping to train new employees.

Students trained in these courses are awarded a college degree upon graduation and are prepared to hold junior executive positions in retail stores or to teach high school retailing classes. This is the second actual experience Miss Keeter has had, as she formerly did practice work in a large Atlanta store.

Miss Keeter is expected home Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keeter.

## Awarded Silver Star

Tech. Sgt. Robert Harold Hord of the U. S. Army, Infantry, Ninth Division, serving snow somewhere in Germany was awarded the Silver Star recently for gallantry in action.

Sgt. Hord is the fourth son of Mrs. G. W. Hord, 322 Railroad avenue, has been overseas for twenty seven months and has already received the Purple Heart some months ago for wounds received.

## Slightly Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Carpenter received word from the War Department Tuesday that their son, Pvt. William Carpenter, was slightly wounded in action in France on December 4th.

**Volume of Flow Enlarged**

The Amazon river pours into the Atlantic at the estimated rate of 8 million gallons a second.

## PFC. SAM E. HAMRICK "MISSING IN ACTION"

Mrs. Adelaide Allen Hamrick has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Pfc. Sammel E. Hamrick, is reported "missing in action" since Nov. 29th in Germany. Pfc. Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hamrick of the Oak Grove community, entered the Armed Services on Dec. 7th, one year after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He had been overseas since August and was a member of the 84th Division.

## Stores To Be Closed Two Days For Christmas

Quite a number, in fact most Kings Mountain Stores will be closed two days, Monday and Tuesday, to give all clerks an extra day of rest following the rush of the pre-Christmas season. Stores will be open all day Wednesday. It is understood that most of the grocery stores will be open Tuesday.

The following stores will be closed both Monday and Tuesday:

Belk's Department Store
Dellinger's Jewel Shop
Kings Mountain Furniture Co.
Plonk Bros. Dry Goods
Myers' Department Store
D. P. Hord Furniture Co.
Keeter's Department Store
Dixie Bargain Store
Rose 5c and 10c Store
Eagle 5c and 10c Store
Phifer Hardware Co.
Bridges and Hamrick

## IT'S CAPTAIN OATES NOW

Promotion of Charles C. "Bob" Oates, to the rank of captain has been announced at Air Technical Service Command headquarters, Wright Field, Ohio. Capt. Oates is automotive officer in the flight section.

Capt. Oates entered the service in 1942, and was commissioned in 1943 following his completion of the course at Officers' Candidate School, Miami, Fla. He was assigned to Wright Field shortly after receiving his commission. Capt. Oates attended the University of North Caroline at Chapel Hill.

## Kiwanis Achievement Report To Be Made

The Achievement Committee of the Kiwanis Club, Leo Benson, chairman, Fuller McGill, director, and Bill Tolleson, will make their report this evening at the regular meeting in the Woman club building. A full report of the year's work will be made and Kiwanians will have an opportunity to see where they stand in the work of Kiwanis and what has been accomplished in Kings Mountain.

**Rayon Gas Tanks**

American fighter planes are equipped with bullet-sealing gasoline tanks containing rayon.

## Citizens Discuss Local Hospital At Shelby Meeting

PRISONER OF WAR

Pvt. John H. Caldwell, who was reported missing in action since October 9th is now reported a prisoner of war of the German government. Pvt. Caldwell is the son of Mr and Mrs. Dewey Caldwell.

## KINGS MOUNTAIN IS READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Next Monday is December 25th, which means that it's Christmas, and citizens from The Best Town In The State are planning to spend the day quietly at home. With three more shopping days left, there will be quite a number of the last minute shoppers in local stores trying to fill their lists.

Merchants report that holiday buying has been at an all-time peak, with sales running way ahead of last year. Clerks have been extremely busy for the past several weeks, waiting on early shoppers. Santa has been very good, and most little boys and girls can hardly await his visit Sunday night.

Store owners and employees are looking forward to the three day holiday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, to take a well-earned rest from the busiest season in the history of Kings Mountain.

The Post Office reports the largest volume of holiday mail ever handled.

Already folks from Kings Mountain and surrounding community are making plans for Christmas. Most will stay home or visit with nearby friends, while a few of the most members of the family are planning to hunt.

The Herald wishes every reader a very Merry Christmas.

## Central P. T. A. Meets

A meeting of Central School P. T. A. was held in the auditorium with a splendid attendance of parents and teachers.

Mrs. E. W. Griyin, chairman, presided and the invocation was given by Rev. L. C. Pinnix.

The program featured Christmas songs and carols by the Boys High School Glee Club under the direction of Miss Martha Carpenter and Miss Grace Withers.

A Christmas pageant was staged with carols sung by grammar grade students from the balcony under the direction of Miss Withers.

## Prayer And Meditation At First Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church will be open all day Christmas for prayer and meditation. In a world filled with sadness this should be the most solemn Christmas in the history of living men. Men are dying in desperation, most of them are dying with but little faith that their children will not likewise die. Let us pray for the fulfillment of the song of the Angels, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

## Mrs. Vance Gains Position In SBEA

(Macon, Ga., News, Dec. 1, 1944)

At the annual meeting of the Southern Business Education Association in Atlanta last week, Mrs. Zeb Vance head of the Secretarial Department at Mercer, was elected vice-chairman of the college and university division.

The association, which is composed of twelve southern states, will hold its next meeting in Lexington, Ky. Dr. H. M. Norton, head of the Business Education department of Louisiana State University, is chairman of the university group.

Mrs. Vance is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Sims of Kings Mountain and has been in the Mercer University faculty since 1942.

A movement was launched last week in Shelby for a $400,000 county-wide bond election to provide funds for doubling the size of the Shelby Hospital and founding a new 50 bed hospital at Kings Mountain.

About fifty leading business and professional men gathered in the court house to discuss the hospital needs of the county and each person present expressed himself as in favor of a larger hospital program to meet the needs of the county.

[illegible] the meeting which is [illegible] County Medical Society, Hospital [illegible] At [illegible] county. [illegible] that [illegible] only, but [illegible] for them.

Mr. Webster further stated that the Shelby Hospital [illegible] 100 all [illegible] beds and much new equipment, and that there is a definite demand for a hospital in Kings Mountain of at least 50 beds. It would require approximately $450,000 to meet this demand, $200,000 of which would be needed to build the type and size of hospital Kings Mountain should have. This money could be raised by a tax rate of nine cents per 100 by the Cleveland County people.

During the open discussion which followed, Ladd Hamrick of Kings Mountain said that he felt now to be an opportune moment to attempt the project as the people were ripe to support the taxation for the hospital.

Statistics show that the approved standard is one doctor for each 1,000 people, while Cleveland county has one for each 3,537. Again, the accepted requirement is four hospital beds per 1,000 people, and the figure for this county is exactly 1.60. Which proves that Cleveland county as a whole is far below the minimum requirement for both doctors and hospitals, and the situation is even worse among the people who live in the outlying areas away from the towns—and doctors.

In spite of some dissention as to the value of probable medical aid from the government and the amount of equipment needed for specialization here, all present were in favor of the hospital addition here and the erection of a hospital in Kings Mountain and thought that taxation would be the best way to raise the money. All also agreed that it should be a county institution and be supported and shared alike by all in it.

Glee Bridges of Kings Mountain made a motion that the chair appoint a committee of seven to confer on the details for working up the bond issue.

A committee was appointed consisting of Will Mauney, Gene Neisler, Dr. W. L. Ramseur, Dr. S. S. Royster, John Schenck, Jr., Dr. Ben Gold and A. W. McMurry to work out the necessary details for a law to be passed at the coming session of the General Assembly and after the draft is made, submit same at another public meeting of representative county citizens.

Others from Kings Mountain expressing themselves in the public meeting as favorable to enlarge hospital facilities with a fifty bed institution at Kings Mountain and a 100 bed addition to the Shelby hospital were J. R. Davis, Will Mauney, Gene Neisler, Dr. W. L. Ramseur, and Glee Bridges.

While the details of the plan have not been worked out, it is proposed that the county-wide bond issue provide that the county as a whole take over the present No. 6 township institution, lay up a sinking fund to meet the balance due by the township on hospital bonds, set aside the balance of the funds on a pro-rata basis to double the size of the Shelby institution, and particularly build the proposed new 50 bed hospital at Kings Mountain.

With an assessed tax value of thirty-seven million dollars, it is figured that the hospital program can be provided with a tax rate of seven to eight cents on the $100.

Members of the local hospital committee met with the Shelby committee last night.

## LIONS TO MEET THIS EVENING

Members of the Lions Club will meet this evening at 7:30 in the Mountain View Hotel. An interesting program has been arranged and all Lions are asked to be present.