

NEWS HAPPENINGS Of Kings Mountain

MRS. W. K. CROOK, Reorter.
Items Of News Will Be Appreciated—Phone 177—

(Special To The Star.)
The Commercial Bank and Trust Co., along with five other commercial banks being located in Lincoln, Mount Holly and Cherryville with the home office bank in Gastonia, was closed Friday.
The closing of the banks were caused by rumors that the Gastonia bank was weak, which resulted in heavy withdrawals on the local bank.
However it is expected that the bank will be opened again within a few days.
"A womanless wedding" will be given in the general school auditorium next Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock by fifteen men of the central Methodist church. The play is being directed by Miss Jones of the central school faculty and Mrs. R. B. Church.
Clyde Morris will act the part of the blushing bride, while Mr. Frank Love is to be the lucky groom.
The senior class is planning to present three one-act plays within the next ten days.
The plays selected are: "Neighbors," by Zona Gale; "The Florist Shop," by Winnifred Hawkins and "The Bear," by Tchekov.
The vestal singers, a local colored choir with Rev. B. P. Falls as leader will broadcast again over WBT next Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 until 5:00 o'clock. The first program broadcast was on March 16.
J. D. Benton who has been connected with Griffin Drug Co., and who recently accepted work with the Southern Bell Telephone Co., in Greer, S. C., has resigned his position and is now employed at No. One "M" system store on Mountain St. Messrs Raymond Cline and Harry Falls are the proprietors of the local "M" system stores.
The woman's college of Due West, S. C., presented Miss Ruth Elizabeth Hord, pupil of Elizabeth Nicholles, in an expression recital on Tuesday evening, April 2, in the memorial hall of the college. Miss Hord is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Hord of this place. Miss Hord was assisted by Miss Rebecca McElroy Kerr of Spartanburg, S. C., soprano, with Leslie Lee Lacey, accompanist. Miss Kerr is well known here, having lived here several years during the pastorate of her father, Rev. G. L. Kerr, at Boyce Memorial A. R. Presbyterian church. Among those attending the recital were Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Hord, James Edwin Hord, Miss Mary Frances Hord, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrison and John McGill of this place. Mrs. S. E. Spencer, Mrs. L. L. Anthony Jr., Miss Rachel Spencer and Dr. McGill of Gastonia and Miss Lena Ware who is teaching at Tupacup, S. C.
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith most delightfully entertained their bridge club last Thursday evening at eight o'clock at their home. E. Knight St. The home was attractively arranged with numerous lovely bowls and vases of spring flowers. After the games the hostess served a tempting salad course. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Dilling, Mr. and Mrs. Hayne Blackmer, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dilling, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Manget, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Booth Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. McLary, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Boozer, Mrs. Annie Dilling, Messrs. Kenneth Kirby, Bus Lentz and E. S. Christenbury.
The local chapter of the U. D. C. met at the home of Mrs. J. G. Hord on last Friday afternoon with the following ladies as hostesses. Mrs. B. F. Ormond, Mrs. J. C. Patrick and Mrs. Hord. The home was artistically decorated with potted plants and spring flowers.
The meeting was opened by the chaplain, Mrs. J. R. Davis. Mrs. Harry Falls presided over the business session. Mrs. B. F. Ormond had charge of the following program, Reading "Fort Fisher, scene of the world's greatest bombardment," Mrs. L. F. Neal; song "Carolina," Reading, "The Minuet," by Sara Hambricht. Reading by Mrs. Lester Hoke. The program was concluded with a talk by Mrs. A. H. Patterson.
A delicious congealed salad with accessories was served.

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(1) The schooner I'm Alone, under Canadian registry, was sunk by the United States Coast Guard, and one member of her crew was drowned, under circumstances that promise to embroil us in a diplomatic situation.
(2) Mrs. Lillian De King was shot and killed by state prohibition officers in the course of a raid on her home in Aurora, Ill.
(3) Representative William M. Morgan of Ohio, who voted for the Jones law, is accused by customs officers of bringing four bottles of liquor into this country when he landed in New York Monday from the steamship Cristobal.
(4) Representative M. A. Michaelson of Illinois, also voted for the Jones law, is revealed as under indictment for trying to bring liquor into the country and a United States deputy marshal is sitting on his doorstep in Chicago trying to serve a warrant that will take him to Florida for trial.
Now the important aspect of these things is that they are not accidental results of prohibition, but typical results; each one of them, in its way, represent a chicken that the dries have insisted in loosing and that now comes home to roost. The sinking of the I'm Alone, if it can be defended at all, must be defended under a treaty which was advocated by dries and bitterly assailed by wets as impairing a maritime principle that the United States had fought for since its founding. The killing of Mrs. De King was the result of such enforcement methods as dries have defended for ten years in spite of the pleadings of wets that such brutal tactics be abandoned. The case of the two representatives is squarely up to the Anti-Saloon League. For years that organization, in selecting the legislators whom it would support, has asked one question, and one question only, and that is whether they would vote dry. When two of them are now accused it can have no complaint that it has been betrayed. This is the kind of thing it has deliberately countenanced in the past, so it merely reaps what it has sown.
The situation, then, is cracking in many different places at once. It is not surprising that in three Middle Western states—Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan—there is a scramble on the part of legislators to do something about the enforcement laws. For legislators are responsive to public opinion, and that public opinion has been aroused by these recent occurrences must be manifest to anybody who has ears to hear what people are saying. An aroused public opinion can well force the coming congress to come to grips with the problem in earnest and extend the scope of its activities much further than the enforcement investigation contemplated by Mr. Hoover.



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REINHARDT'S 7 O'Clock Breakfast Coffee, fresh ground 35c lb. 1t-8c

FOR RENT: THREE-ROOM UNFURNISHED apartment. Desirable location. Close in. Phone 275. Mrs. W. L. Packard. 1t 8c

FOR SALE: FRESH MILK COW. H. C. Allen, Shelby, R-6. 6t 8p

WE SPECIALIZE ON Magneto Work. Turner & Williams Garage. 1t-8c

LOST SATURDAY LEFT AUTO at Ideal Service Station, German police dog, female. Wearing collar with owner's name, Reward. Ray McKee, R-1, Lattimore. 3t 11p

FOR SALE—GOOD ESSEX Four. A Bargain. Turner & Williams Garage. 1t-8c