

# Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

## A Wind-Storm Hits Flat Rock

Dear Mr. Editor: I sat myself to rite up the little wind storm we had in flat rock the other day, it come from the west and blowed towards the east and it slipped up on nearly everybody as it was not very cloudy.

The first thing I noticed about the wind was when it blowed my pipe out of my mouth and drove the stem of same thru the weatherboarding in the cow shed from the way my hat started off, I don't suppose it has ever lit yet, it went right straight up out of sight.

It blowed my wife out of the kitchen into the setting-room and then picked her up and blowed her back into the pantry where she ought to be, as it was time to commence supper, it was a funny kind of ding; it picked up 4 of my roadlander red pullets and made each one of them lay 2 eggs apiece.

It seems that the hardest puffs of wind happened down near the barn, as it blowed the hair off of my little boss and twisted her neck so's it wouldnt bend down low enuff to drink water ansorforth one of the freaks of this storm was -it blowed 13 eggs down from under a setting hen and left them in the pig trough and never ruffled a feather on the would-be mother and she didn't know anny difference till she flew off to scratch for worms.

Mr. Jones, my nabor who borries nearly everything we have and forgets to return them, says it blowed the taste out of his mouth and bent the fender on his ford, I told him, I wished it had blowed my 3 hoes and 2 plowstocks back where he got them last year and he got mad, a whirl-wind came down the chimney and sucked the fire-dogs up thru same and hung them in a tree 75 yards away, but it didn't put out the fire.

One of my best dogs was trying to run with his face to the wind and it shur him up like an accordion and he wassent as thick as a pie plate when I found him, and 3 of my other dogs were running with the wind, and it stretched them out and made them about 3 dogs long, and it will be some while befor they can become normal dogs again. It blowed 3 key-holes out of the doors in my house and mashed my old cow as flat as a flitter against the crib wall, it strained her milk for the time being, that's all.

Yores trulle, Mike Clark, rfd.

**At-Man, Spare That Tree**  
In the public's mind, generally speaking, it matters not how much and how often cotton mills, business houses and other enterprises cut wages, but just talk about cutting wages and salaries of state or county or city employees and listen at the howls and hisses.

For every dime that has been

taken from the income of politically employed men and women, a dollar has been taken from the common laborer, the operative and the worker. Less than 2 percent of the men and women employed and paid by the taxpayers, directly and indirectly, have had their pay cut to any appreciable extent and not over 1 per cent of such employees have lost their jobs. But look what's happened to business; about 30 percent of such employees have lost their places, which means bread and meat.

If Mr. Jones is receiving \$300.00 per month for his 8-hours-a-day job, it does not necessarily mean that he wont work as hard and remain just as honorable at \$250.00 per month. Very few industries enjoy reducing the wages of their operatives; in fact, they rarely ever do so until their own income is not sufficient to keep the wheels turning round. A state or city is not able to pay any better salaries than a cotton mill if the money to do so can not be had by fair tax rates.

Under normal conditions, when stores and shops and garages and farms and dairies and undertakings are making expenses and a little dab of money, it is nothing but right that the masses be making a good living, plus a dollar or so a week for a rainy day. But when mills are closed down, banks busted, land being sold for taxes, millions of people out of jobs, good people living on corn bread and water, fine boys and girls without sufficient food and clothing, what do you expect? Do you expect taxpayers to keep the "favored few" lolling around in the lap of luxury? That's politics.

No man is any more in favor of paying high wages—if possible to do so and keep a-going—than this scribe. I can prove that. But why ruin the whole country in order to keep up a bad policy and please the sentimental? My idea is—pay good men and women all they are worth if you are able to do so, but if you aint the next best person who will work for what you can spare.

Rent is not as low as it should be, electric lights and gas rates are high, but food is so cheap that it's a sin. We have let the "Jones" get us in a mess. It is time for somebody to think. And I aint mad, nuther, just disgusted—because a sensible man told me tonight—"If you cut the salaries of our public employees, they will leave you and get jobs elsewhere." Id like to know where the "elsewhere" is. Why, folks, "Elsewhere" is more broke than we are.

## Capture Still Within Lincolnton Limits

Lincolnton, March 3.—A still of ten-gallon capacity was captured by local police officers last Saturday afternoon in a home at Excel mill, which is located within the city limits.

Although the still was fired up ready to make a run, the operator evidently got wind of the officers' making the visit and left for parts unknown.

This is the second small still captured within the city limits during the past six months.

## New House News Of Current Week

### Several People Have Pneumonia. Study Course to Start March 7 At Sandy Plains.

(Special To The Star.)

New House, March 3.—The people in this section are all busy plowing the soil for crops and making gardens.

Study course week will be observed at Sandy Plains Baptist church in all the different B. Y. P. U. unions, beginning Monday night Mar. 7. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Elam will be present each night.

Mr. Loyd Lovelace who make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Audley Crowder has been seriously sick with double pneumonia, is slightly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hawkins spent Saturday night with his parents near Mooresboro.

Mrs. Ed Walker is in bed with a deep cold and is not improving.

Master Play Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Greene is very sick at present with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Greene and daughter, Ferne Morgan, spent the day Sunday with relatives at Ruthersfordton.

Mr. Lee R. Gordon who has been sick for some time is in a very serious condition at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Brooks and son, Ladd, have moved to near Mooresboro to make their home with Mrs. Brooks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Will Mauney have moved to where the Brooks did live.

Mrs. S. C. Brooks visited her mother Mrs. Luther Padgett Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Martin and family of near Lattimore were the spend-the-day guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Walker Sunday.

Miss Gladys Greene has been indisposed for the past two weeks but is better.

Miss Frances Walker and brother, Aubrey, were Mooresboro visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Williams visited Mr. Williams' father near Ellenboro Sunday afternoon.

Miss Zelle Wiggins of near Ellenboro is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wiggins.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Bridges and family and Mr. Max Padgett spent Sunday at Grover with Rev. and Mrs. Rush Padgett.

A number of people from this section attended the play at Polkville Saturday night.

Mr. S. P. Stewart and children of Gastonia were visitors in this section Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Elliott and

## Singing Convention At Patterson Grove

There will be singing at Patterson Grove church by the Union Singers convention on Sunday, Mar. 13th, beginning at 1 o'clock promptly. Patterson Grove is two miles northeast of Kings Mountain. Mr. J. C. Bridges, director says he expects singers from Gastonia, Hickory, Cherryville, Shelby, Patterson Springs, Earl, Dover Mill, Spindale and other places in North Carolina, as well as points in South Carolina. He asks that everybody attend and bring their song books.

## Beams Mill Dots Of Personal Items

### Mrs. Ledford Dead. Young People Are Organized. Iowa People Visitors.

(Special To The Star.)

Beams Mill, Mar. 3.—The young people of the Pleasant Grove Baptist church met last Sunday night and reorganized B. Y. P. U. Last summer there was a B. Y. P. U. and it finally died during the winter months.

The officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. Bonnie Elliott; vice president, Mr. Marvin Whitesides; secretary, Miss A. V. Costner; treasurer, Miss Marzona Hoyle; Bible quiz leader, Mrs. Paul Bridges; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Marvin Whitesides; chorister, Mr. Kester Hamrick; pianist, Miss Elizabeth Bridges. Everybody invited to attend every Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

Mr. C. P. Gardner of Florida and Mrs. Mary Gardner of Kings Mountain spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Elliott and

family of Lincolnton, Mr. and Mrs. Dathia Elliott and family of Beams Mill and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Green spent Sunday evening with Mrs. J. Y. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Calhoun of Sioux City, Iowa, arrived last Sunday night to visit their mother Mrs. C. A. Hoyle. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dalton and children of Norlina, are also spending awhile with Mrs. Hoyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bridges and family and Mrs. Bridges' mother Mrs. W. H. Norman spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Phate Lackey of Play.

Mrs. Clemmie Ledford died at the hospital Sunday night at 10 o'clock. She was then carried to the home of her mother, Mrs. Bowman of Lawndale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Turner and daughter, Genevieve and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Turner spent Sunday with Mrs. Carrie Hoyle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McSwain and family of near Cherryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bridges and son, Bobbie, spent Sunday evenings with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Selam of Kings

Mountain. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wright and family of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. John Wright Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Shuford and sons, Robert and Ray, spent Saturday night with relatives at Morganton.

Mr. Yates Paxton of Morganton, spent Saturday with Mr. Cullen McSwain.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham Camp and daughter, Peggy and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Self of near Patterson Springs spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright and family.

## Phoenix Mill Store Robbed at Kings Mt.

Merchandise Valued At \$500 To \$600 In Store. Johnson Is Arrested.

(By E. M. GAMBLE)

Kings Mountain, Mar. 2.—Robbers entered the Phoenix Mill store in East Kings Mountain sometime during Saturday night and stole merchandise valued at from \$300 to \$400. Merchandise taken included about \$300 worth of jewelry and about \$200 worth of dry goods and

notions. Entrance was made by removing a window pane in the rear of the store.


Paul Johnson, who lives at the Cora Mill in East Kings Mountain, was arrested when a quantity of the dry goods was found in or

about his home. Other arrests are expected within a few days.

According to the owners of the store practically all of the dry goods were recovered but none of the jewelry.

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Metropolitan Life Insurance policyholders, representing about one-fifth of the populations of United States and Canada, should derive deep satisfaction from the accompanying statements of their Company. It must hearten them to realize how sound their life insurance protection continues to be.

### Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

#### Financial Report to Policyholders for Year Ending December 31, 1931

(In accordance with the Annual Report filed with the New York State Insurance Department.)

Assets	\$3,590,115,653.72
<i>(Larger than any other financial institution in the world)</i>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Statutory Reserve	\$3,065,308,878.00
Reserve for Dividends payable in 1932 upon	
Industrial Policies	\$47,463,634.00
Ordinary Policies	52,406,629.69
Accident and Health Policies	2,530,500.00
Total Dividends	102,400,763.69
All Other Liabilities	175,135,774.51
Unassigned Funds	227,270,237.52
NOTE:—	\$3,590,115,653.72
<i>On the basis of market values as of December 31, 1931 of stocks and of bonds not subject to amortization, the Total Assets are \$3,571,679,092.24 and the Unassigned Funds \$208,833,676.04.</i>	
Income in 1931	\$907,093,871.37
Increase in Assets during 1931	200,093,835.55
Paid-for Life Insurance Issued, Revived and Increased in 1931	3,430,199,381.00
<i>(Excluding Increase on Group Policies)</i>	
Total Bonuses and Dividends to Policyholders from 1892 to and including 1932	723,377,180.89
<b>Life Insurance Outstanding</b>	
Ordinary Insurance	\$9,848,994,131.00
Industrial Insurance (premiums payable weekly or monthly)	6,822,317,171.00
Group Insurance	2,776,832,647.00
Total Insurance Outstanding	\$19,447,343,949.00
<i>(Larger than any other life insurance company in the world)</i>	
Policies in Force (including 1,491,982 Group Certificates)	44,520,810
<i>(More than any other life insurance company)</i>	
<b>Accident and Health Insurance Outstanding</b>	
Principal Sum Benefit	\$1,519,460,528.00
Weekly Indemnity	14,969,413.00

### Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

#### Some Noteworthy Daily Averages of the Company's Business During 1931

Number of Claims Paid	2,177 per day	
Number of Life Insurance Policies Issued and Revived	18,959 per day	
Amount of Life Insurance Issued, Revived and Increased	\$11,326,796 per day	
Payments to Policyholders and Addition to Reserve	\$2,226,260 per day	
Increase in Assets	\$924,462 per day	
<b>Growth in Ten-Year Periods</b>		
Life Insurance Policies in Force at End of Year	Outstanding Life Insurance at End of Year	Assets at End of Year
1871 . . . 11,299 . . .	\$14,989,562 . . .	\$1,102,706.78
1881 . . . 196,673 . . .	77,328,353 . . .	1,973,047.00
1891 . . . 2,281,640 . . .	258,707,763 . . .	13,626,948.21
1901 . . . 6,234,302 . . .	1,076,977,204 . . .	74,771,758.56
1911 . . . 12,007,138 . . .	2,399,876,087 . . .	208,025,477.36
1921 . . . 25,819,846 . . .	7,005,707,839 . . .	1,115,583,024.54
1931 . . . 44,520,810 . . .	19,447,343,949 . . .	3,590,115,653.72

This Company is a mutual organization. It has no stock and no stockholders. All of its assets are held for the benefit of its Policyholders.

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