

## State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—State News—

### FIVE PERCENT BEER IS LEGAL

RALEIGH, Mar. 27.—The legislature today ratified into law a bill legalizing beer and malt beverages containing five per cent alcoholic content in North Carolina. The measure merely raises present limitation from 3.2 per cent.

### YEGGS BLOW SAFE

FAYETTEVILLE, Mar. 28.—Yeggs used nitroglycerine to blow the doors off the safe of the Gulf Refining Company plant here last night and secured about \$500 in cash and a quantity of old jewelry and valuable papers.

### WOULD LOWER AUTO TAG LICENSE TO \$8

RALEIGH, Mar. 28.—The senate this afternoon passed on first reading a compromise bill providing that automobile license fees in the state be cut from 55 cents to 45 cents per hundredweight with the minimum fee to be \$8 instead of \$12.50.

Senator Johnson of Duplin, who ten days ago sponsored and won a fight for a rate of 40cents with a minimum of \$7, offered the compromise today.

### RALEIGH, Mar. 28.—The house

this afternoon reconsidered the vote by which it yesterday cut the retail sales tax rate in the revenue bill from three to two per cent.

### RALEIGH, Mar. 28.—A senate

judiciary committee this afternoon favorably reported the Summers bill proposing to give superior court judges the right to sentence persons convicted of capital felonies to life imprisonment if the jury convicting them recommend mercy.

### REGULAR LEGION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post, American Legion will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday night, April 2nd, at City Hall. The increased attendance at meetings has been gratifying and all members are urged to attend these meetings.

Come fellows. Help your Post put Legion Junior baseball over in a big way for Cleveland county. Charlie Warlick is "rarin' to go". Let's not hold him back.

W. W. Souther, Comdr.  
P. G. Ratterree, Adjutant.

### NEW ELECTRIC STORE IS OPENED HERE

Mr. I. B. Goforth and Mr. L. A. Hoke have opened an electrical store on Mountain street, directly back of the First National Bank. They will carry at all times a complete stock of Westinghouse Electrical Goods, including refrigerators, stoves, radios, etc. Mr. Goforth and Mr. Hoke are both home town folks and are very desirous of serving the people of this community.

### CLASS PLAY TO BE GIVEN

The Senior Class has chosen for their class play, "The Thirteenth Day," a three act mystery play. They are working hard each day under the supervision of Miss Sarah Hambricht in order to present the program on April 12.

### CLARENCE SMITH MAKES HONOR ROLL

Boone, N. C., March 29.—The Honor Roll for the Appalachian State Teachers College for the Winter quarter has just been posted by Prof. J. T. C. Wright, Head of the Mathematics Department. To be classified in this group is a distinctive honor at Appalachia. Among other things it requires creditable conduct and average grades from 90 to 100. 141 students out of an enrollment of 1016 are classified as honor students. They come from 46 counties and from 6 states, among who is Clarence Smith of Kings Mountain.

—National News—

### LIE DETECTOR WILL SHOW INNOCENCE OF BRUNO, ANNA CLAIMS

CHICAGO, Mar. 28.—If the authorities would ask Bruno Richard Hauptmann, convicted slayer of the Lindbergh baby, just a few questions under the Keeler Polygraph or lie detector and then act in accordance with its findings he would be freed instantly, his wife, Mrs. Anna Hauptmann, declared today.

"If they (the authorities) asked Richard these few questions", cried Mrs. Hauptmann passionately, "the lie detector would show by his replies that, as he said in the trial, he was innocent of the kidnaping or slaying, or any part of it."

BUFFALO, N. Y., Mar. 28.—Plans for contesting the will of Elva Stetler Davidson of Pinehurst, N. C., daughter of the late hotel magnate, were discussed anew today after arrival of Mrs. Katherine M. Stetler of Tucson, Ariz., widow of the hotel man's adopted son, Hilton.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—A program for "paying as you fight" in the event the United States becomes involved in another war was advocated today before the senate munitions committee by Bernard M. Baruch, chairman of the world war industries board.

BERLIN, Mar. 28.—A high authority stated today that Reichfuhrer Hitler demanded absolute military equality of a gun-for-gun basis — excepting the navy—with other European powers.

### KINGS MT. HIGH SCHOOL STANDS OUT

(By Juanita Putnam)  
We have always considered our school the best in the county, but now we have proved that we have surpassed all of the others in many ways. Kings Mountain High school has won out recently in nearly every contest that she has entered.

Hank Wilson of the Senior class won the Hord Declamation medal here and bid for first place with the Shelby contestants competing against the other school of the county at Shelby. This is the first time that a boy from Kings Mountain has won both medals in the past ten years.

Pauline Goforth won the Pearl Fulton medal here, and the School Master's medal at Shelby. This means that her reading won over all of the other school in the county. Our base ball team won the first game of the season last Friday, defeating Bessemer City 5 to 3.

The annual state-wide triangular debating contest was held Friday, March 22. The query for discussion was "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of extending federal aid to general public education." Ruby Hughes and Martin Luther Harmon defending the negative, represented our school at Rutherfordton, debating against Bessemer City. Juanita Putnam and Sara Mae Falls, upholding the affirmative, debated against Rutherfordton at Bessemer City. In these two contests, the Rutherfordton negative and the Kings Mountain negative won the judge's decision.

The third contest was held at our Central High School. Rutherfordton's affirmative won over Bessemer City, therefore Rutherfordton will go to Chapel Hill. The judges were Mr. A. G. Sargeant, Mr. J. R. Davis and Mrs. Frank Summers.

We are proud of our attendance record in the high school for last week. The average was 98 percent. There were only three tardies all week and none so far this week. Mr. Fulkerson's class, 10-A, had the average of 99.61 percent for last month. They had no tardies all month.

We have a new teacher in high school, Miss Dorothy Murph on St. Matthew's S. C. She is a four year graduate of Winthrop college.

### NEW SCOUT TROOP RECEIVES CHARTER

The regular meeting of the Boy Scout Court of Honor for March at the High School Thursday rolled up a new record for advancement. An enthusiastic group of boys and men were present.

In the absence of Scout Executive Schiele his office assistant, Mr. Yoder was in charge.

The new troop being organized at the Baptist church under the leadership of Mr. Glee Bridges and Dr. O. P. Lewis was presented with their charter and six boys were accepted into the Tenderfoot Rank as a beginning.

The record of advancement at the March Court was as follows:

Troop 10 (colored) ten present; to 2nd class: Artemus Byers, Wendell Carroll.

Merit Badge Firemanship: James Thompson, Roscoe Brown, Victor Carroll, Charles Davidson.

First Aid to Animals: Eulas Rosemond, Paul Jackson.

Tenderfoot Rank: James G. Ware, 5; Harry Wilson 5; Dennis Deese, 4; Mosroe Bell, 6; Howard Edens, 6; Burgan Falls, 6; Roy Mauney, 6; Eugene Wright 6; Troy Wright, 6; Edgar Cooper, 2.

Second Class: William Pumphrey, 2;  
First Class: J. T. Phaegin; James Nichols, 1; J. D. Jones, 4; Robert Morrison, 2; Tommy Harper, 3.

Merit Badges, Animal Industry: (Cont'd on page Two)

### NICK MOSS SERIOUSLY ILL IN WASHINGTON, N. C.

Nick Moss, member of prominent Kings Mountain family, has been critically ill in Taylor Hospital, in Washington, N. C., for the past week following head injuries received while on a trip to Washington, D. C., the previous week end.

Mr. Moss, who is English teacher in the High School at Windsor, N. C., went with a party of friends to Washington, D. C. Early Saturday evening, around 7:30 o'clock he stepped from a restaurant on a well-lighted street and two or three hours later came to himself in a taxi without knowing what had happened, but the fact that he had been leads his friends to believe that he had been struck on the back of the head with a black jack, since his injury was of that nature.

He returned to Windsor, the next day without knowing his injuries were of a serious nature.

Meningitis developed several days later and since that time he has been in a precarious condition.

His parents, Captain and Mrs. H. N. Moss, and other relatives, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith, Paul Neisler, George Moss, Miss Mildred Moss, all of this place, and Mrs. Ralph Northcutt of Acworth, Ga., have been in Washington, N. C., since hearing of Mr. Moss' illness. Some of the members of the family returned to Kings Mountain Wednesday and report that some hope is held for his recovery. Physicians express themselves as being somewhat encouraged over his condition.

## There is Gold in "Them Thar Hills"

(By Mrs. A. H. Patterson)

More than a century ago, according to tradition, Mrs. Ben Briggs, an humble farmer's wife, living in the thickly wooded section, near what is now the town of Kings Mountain while dipping water from a nearby spring noticed a sediment in the water unlike anything she had ever seen.

Hastily filling her snuff box with the fragments of yellow ore, she went to the field where her husband was plowing to show him what she had found.

Excitement, unequalled by that of George Carmack, who tapped the riches of the Klondike river in 1896, reigned in the Briggs household, when after examination by geological experts of that day, the shining ore was said to be the richest ever found in the country.

Visions of untold wealth came to them, but by a strange irony of fate Mr. Briggs though owning hundreds of acres of land comprising the Kings Mountain and Crowders Mountain areas and adjacent territory now occupied by the town of Kings Mountain, was unable to finance a mining project even by the crude methods of his day, but friends, hearing of the discovery of gold, came to his aid.

Shafts were sunk and real mining operations begun in 1834. Families moved into the sparsely settled section and the stillness of the valley was broken by the sound of pick and shovel.

A store built of logs, known as the Briggs Mining Company Store, was operated at the rear of the present G. T. King property and here the employees of the mine came weekly, usually on Saturday afternoon, to buy their groceries and supplies.

The Briggs family later engaged in other mining activities among them being the Briggs Iron Foundry operated where the Crowders Mountain Cotton Mill was erected in later years.

Mining operations at the Kings Mountain Gold Mine were carried on intermittently from 1834 until 1895 and as late as 1910 and 1913 considerable prospecting was carried on, around the old workings and preparations made to re-open the mine.

According to the Geologic Atlas of United States, compiled by Arthur Keith, placers have been worked over an area of a few acres along the stream below the mine proper. Twelve or more shafts have been sunk, some of which connect with drifts, cross-cuts and stopes. Some open cut-work and sluicing was also done. The "sluice", was a long slight

### MR. DERRICK TO LEAVE KINGS MOUNTAIN

It was with deep regret that the council that he had accepted a call as pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Charleston, S. C. That while he regretted very much to sever his connection with the Kings Mountain pastorate he felt it was God's will and his duty to accept the call to St. Andrews.

Rev. Derrick has been pastor of St. Matthew's for the past five years and he, Mrs. Derrick and little Clarence have endeared themselves to the members of the Church and it is with sincere regret that we see them leave. The Church has had a splendid growth under his leadership.

St. Andrew's, Charleston, has a membership of around 700 and they have been without a pastor for some time.

There will be a congregational meeting of the membership of St. Matthew's Sunday to act on Rev. Derrick's resignation.

### ANNUAL HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY PROGRAM

A program on Home and Foreign Missions will be rendered Sunday March 31, at 11 o'clock. This program is sponsored by the Young People's Department, and is as follows:

Hymn—Send the Light — Congregation.  
Introduction — Rufus L. McGill.  
Chinese Girl — Sara Mae Falls.  
American Nurse—Louise Putnam.  
Japanese Woman — Verna Hicks.  
Hymn—'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus—Congregation.

Cuban Boy—Paul White.  
Indian Boy—John Elam.  
Mexican Man—John Hicks.  
Poem — If They Were Our Own—Mrs. William Carroll.

Questions and Answers — William Logan and Willie England.  
Remarks—A. G. Sargeant.  
Hymn — Bringing In The Sheaves—Choir.

Regular morning offering.  
Special missionary offering and dedication.

Cradle Roll—Eunice Hord.  
Beginners—Linda Houser.  
Primary—Ruth Putnam.  
Junior — Juanita Putnam.  
Intermediate—Lillian Hicks.  
Young People—Martha Sue Stowe  
Adult—Mary McCaslin.

Hymn — Stand Up For Jesus — Congregation.  
Benediction—Harold Crawford.

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## Scout Convention Held Here Tuesday Afternoon

O. H. Benson, National Director of Rural Scouting in America and originator of the 4-H Clubs, called on the more than 200 Scout leaders in convention here Tuesday evening at the High School Cafeteria, to give the Boys opportunity of Scouting. He declared that Scouting would help the youth to carry on and finish the work that generations today have left undone, to discover the new fields of endeavor, the new trails and not the old trails of the pioneering forefathers. He said that the youth today was better educated and healthier and that they are heirs to a great wealth given them by a progressive society. Unless the youth is given control and character all of this brain, brawn and wealth will be used for destruction.

Mr. Benson stated that today thirteen million was spent to handle crime and that the Boy Scout Movement was the greatest anti-crime movement in the world. He declared from a study of crime that those who committed crime had no privilege of knowing the best men in their community. Scouting is a man-boy movement and it gives the boy opportunity to contact with the best men in the community. It helps them to find their life interest and work.

The Piedmont Scouter's Convention was declared a success. Those

in attendance came from the eleven counties making up the Council. The larger part of the group were business and professional men interested in Scouting from Gaston and Cleveland counties. The leaders of Kings Mountain took advantage of the convention being here — approximately fifty men from this community attended the meeting.

The Convention began at five in the afternoon. The President of the Piedmont Council, Hon. B. Capps of Gastonia was in charge. After a short session together groups were assembled interested in the various parts of the work, Commissioners, Scoutmasters, Troop Committees, Finance, Court of Honor, Troop Organization, Civic Service, Rural Scouting, Reading, Church Relations, Inter-racial, Camping and School Relations.

At the dinner meeting at 6:30 reports were heard from these group sessions. Scout Executive Schiele spoke of the Scouting Festival to be at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill beginning April 25. Every leader of Scouting and every Boy Scout in uniform is invited to attend. The boys will camp but the meals will be furnished at the University dining hall. A great program is being worked out.

### KINGS MOUNTAIN BIG LITTLE TOWN

A traveling salesman in the Griffin Drug store made the remark that Kings Mountain was the biggest little town that his territory covered. He asked the question, "How many people live here, about 10,000?" Mr. Griffin replied that we did not have quite that many but we had a good little town just the same. Mr. Griffin says that if you want to get the best view of all the town at one time, the best place is coming into town from the old Patterson Grove road; you can see the entire town from Patterson Filling Station to the Margrace Mill. Mr. Griffin says the town is every bit of 2 1/2 miles wide.

### LARGE QUANTITY FOOD ITEMS GIVEN THRU IMPERIAL THEATRE

A large quantity of food items such as fruits, vegetables, produce, and a variety of canned goods was raised by a free show put on at the Imperial Theatre Saturday morning. This free show was staged through the courtesy of Mr. David Cash, manager of the Imperial Theatre, in connection with Dollar Days. The show was promoted by the Kings Mountain Herald. These items have been turned over to Mrs. Mae Hamrick and distributed to the needy families of this community.

### DOLLAR DAYS BIG SUCCESS HERE

The Dollar Days which were held here last Friday, Saturday, and Monday were a big success according to the merchants who participated in this event. Lots of people came to Kings Mountain and bought many needed items during this sale. One merchant reported he had the best day Saturday that he had had this year.

### HICKS RESIGNS FROM POLICE FORCE

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