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State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—State News—

EIGHT POINT, Dec. 24.—The Pickett Cotton Mills, closed for a number of weeks, has announced it will resume operations here about January 1st employing approximately 250 persons. The mill manufacturer, carded and combed yarn.

Asheville, Dec. 24.—Police today continued an investigation in the death of Roy Rogers, 45, farmer found shot to death in the Craggy section Friday.

BEAUFORT, Dec. 24. Jimmy Gosard, 16, and his brother, Billy, played that an envelope opener they were using while wrapping Christmas presents was a dagger. Jimmy pretended to stab himself, threw the dagger on the bed and then fell as though wounded. Unnoticed, the opener stood upright between the pillows—pierced Jimmy's chest. He died several hours later.

HAMLET, Dec. 24.—A hotwater heater exploded at Carl Hilton's home here today, injuring Mrs. Hilton and their small daughter, Caroline, and wrecking a corner of the house.

Mrs. Hilton was severely bruised and cut internally. Her condition was described as critical by physicians. Caroline's injuries were less severe. Both are in a hospital here.

HICKORY, Dec. 24.—For 20 years Guy Hawn has been riding a bicycle without an accident. Then, going home from work, his bike crashed head on with one pedaled by Harry Steedman.

The front wheels locked. Both men fell into each other's arms, swung tight and neither fell.

ROCKINGHAM, Dec. 24.—Thieves here drained the gas from a whole block of parked automobiles. Seeking to pick up the chase, Roy Allen found he couldn't. His automobile had been included.

Hand Severely Injured By Fire Cracker

Drew Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Jackson of the Waco Road Section, severely injured his hand with a fire cracker about noon. The young boy was trying to light a big fire when a spark from a bomb with a cigar in it exploded in his hand. The hand was severely and painfully injured. The accident happened in front of the Old Mill on North Piedmont avenue.

This is the first fire cracker accident that has been reported this season. This should be a warning to other firecracker shooters to be careful.

287 Children To Be Made Happy By Firemen

287 children will be made happy on Christmas by the local Fire Department. The members of the local volunteer fire department have been busy for the past several days repairing and repainting toys that have been donated by the people of Kings Mountain.

The toys that have been renewed will be distributed by the firemen on Christmas Eve night and Christmas morning. The toys will be delivered on the big fire truck, which will provide an additional thrill for the needy children.

Fire Chief Grady King, asks the Herald to thank the many people of Kings Mountain for their gracious response in giving these toys. The Boy Scouts assisted in collecting the toys for the Firemen to repair.

THREE MORE FIRES

The old rule that fire comes "three in a row" for the local fire fighters, held true again. The first of the three fires was at the home of Charles Littlejohn, and the second at a house opposite from the First Baptist church on Piedmont avenue, and the third at the home of Mrs. Will Everheart on West Mountain street.

EVERYTHING CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS

All stores, City Hall, the Post Office, The Bank, Railroad Office, in fact just about everything will be closed in Kings Mountain tomorrow for Christmas. The Police and Fire Department will be on duty as well as the Telephone office. The Herald will be closed.

—National News—

CAPE MAY N. J., Dec. 24.—The United Fruit lined Iriona, aground, on Brandywine shoals near the mouth of the Delaware bay, was refloated today and headed her own pacer for Philadelphia.

Washington, Dec. 24.—NRA, once keystone of the new deal, was terminated today by executive order of President Roosevelt. Part of the functions of the recovery administration were transferred by the President to the commerce department while others were turned over to the labor department.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Charles A. Lindberghs, weary of kidnapers threats against their second son and displeased by activities toward clemency for the convicted slayer of their first born, have left America to establish a home in England.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 24. Release of several hundred thousand dollars in federal road funds now in the state treasury was authorized today by the state supreme court today as a temporary highway board took charge of road affairs and prepared to push construction.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 24. Judge H. H. Watkins of the United States district court, in his opinion filed here today, reaffirmed his former decisions in the Buzzards Rost case, denying the right of the public works administration to operate a power plant in Greenwood county.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 24.—Two men surprised in the act of kidnaping an elderly retired Newark diamond merchant today opened fire on three detectives and escaped. Their car was found half an hour later, the kidnap victim bound and gagged and lying in the rear of the machine.

Washington, Dec. 24. The passing of Senator Thomas David Schall, blind 58 year old republican from Minnesota who died yesterday from injuries suffered when he was hit by a motor car appeared certain today to spur efforts to curb the automobile accident menace.

Alameda, Calif., Dec. 24.—The Philippine clipper homeward bound from Manila arrived at Wake Island today while her sister ship the west-bound China clipper was bucking heavy winds on her flight to Honolulu.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The Los Angeles county grand jury looked for murder today in the private life and strange death of Telma Todd, smiling film funmaker.

The grand jury will look for murder said George Johnson, deputy district attorney.

Hopewell, Va., Dec. 23.—Nine of fourteen victims of the plunge of a greyhound bus into the icy waters of the Appomattox had been identified today while separate investigations were being conducted or scheduled by city, state and bus company officials.

An autopsy was underway at Richmond this afternoon to determine if bus company officials were correct in their belief that L. G. Alford, driver of the bus, was dead when the big vehicle crashed through the guard rail of an open draw span and dropped 20 feet into the stream.

Congressman Bulwinkle Addresses Men's Club

Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia addressed the members of the Men's Club at their supper here last Thursday evening.

Messrs. Joe Neisler and Grady King had charge of the program. Hayne Blackmer, newly elected president presided at the meeting.

Mr. Wiley H. McGinnis introduced the speaker of the evening. In introducing Congressman Bulwinkle, Mr. McGinnis said that he had known the speaker since he was a "pup" and that they had raised "cain" together, but that all this was in the past and what he was interested in was the future, and that Congressman Bulwinkle was a man that would do things for the people in the future.

Major Bulwinkle started his address by saying that when a lawyer

CHICKEN AND TURKEY STOLEN

Somebody evidently is planning on having a big Christmas dinner, as Mr. M. L. Black who lives a few miles from town on the Shelby road reported to the police that someone Monday morning early stole 20 of his Plymouth Rock chickens and one turkey. The police are investigating the case.

Midnight Service At Boyce Memorial

There will be a worship service at Boyce Memorial church Tuesday night at 11:00 o'clock closing prayer with the incoming of the New Year. Friends in the town are cordially invited. Watch in Worship.

Think Drunk Man Dead Man

Early Sunday morning after the freezing night before, a man was seen hanging in a limp form over the overhead bridge on Railroad avenue. The police were immediately notified that a man had frozen to death, but upon investigation by the police department it was found that a colored man with too much so-called "liquid Christmas Spirits" had become sick. Before the police arrived he had vanished for parts unknown.

Snows Here Sunday

The children's prayer for a "white Christmas" was answered here Sunday when snow began to fall about noon. This was the first snow of any size since December 1932.

The snow packed hard by the passing cars made the streets at Kings Mountain very slippery Monday. The police department directed traffic around the slick hill on East King street via the water station. Many fenders were bumped and several pedestrians were seen sliding on the caked sidewalks.

With the cold weather that accompanied the snow automobiles were hard to start, and local garage men were kept busy pulling out cars to start them.

Even with the snowy and cold weather local merchants report that their business has been unusually good. Their stores were crowded with last minute Christmas shoppers the streets were alive with people their arms loaded with all sorts of bundles, everyone smiling and happy as they bumped into each other.

WAR EXPERIENCES

Mr. Mauney was born near Cherryville in 1846. When the War broke out he was fifteen years old. He joined the Junior Reserves the next year and when he was seventeen was called into service in the 72nd Regiment. He first engaged in detachment service, being sent to Wilmington to guard the bridge and ferry over the Cape Fear River. While there he anticipated the "Channel Services" of today by swimming the Cape Fear at its widest point.

His first battle was experienced at Kinston. It was there that he performed a feat, that, might have deprived Kings Mountain of his long and useful life and robbed her of some of her most valued citizens. His story of what happened it that one of the pickets was shot down on the bank of the rifle pit. Some of the litter-bearers refused to mount the breast works in face of the enemy fire and bring the wounded man in. Volunteers were called for. Mr. Mauney responded. He, with three others went out. Just as they reached the man the enemy opened fire. Shots rained on all sides. But they reached safety. However, they had no more than tumbled over the breast works when a large shell practically demolished it.

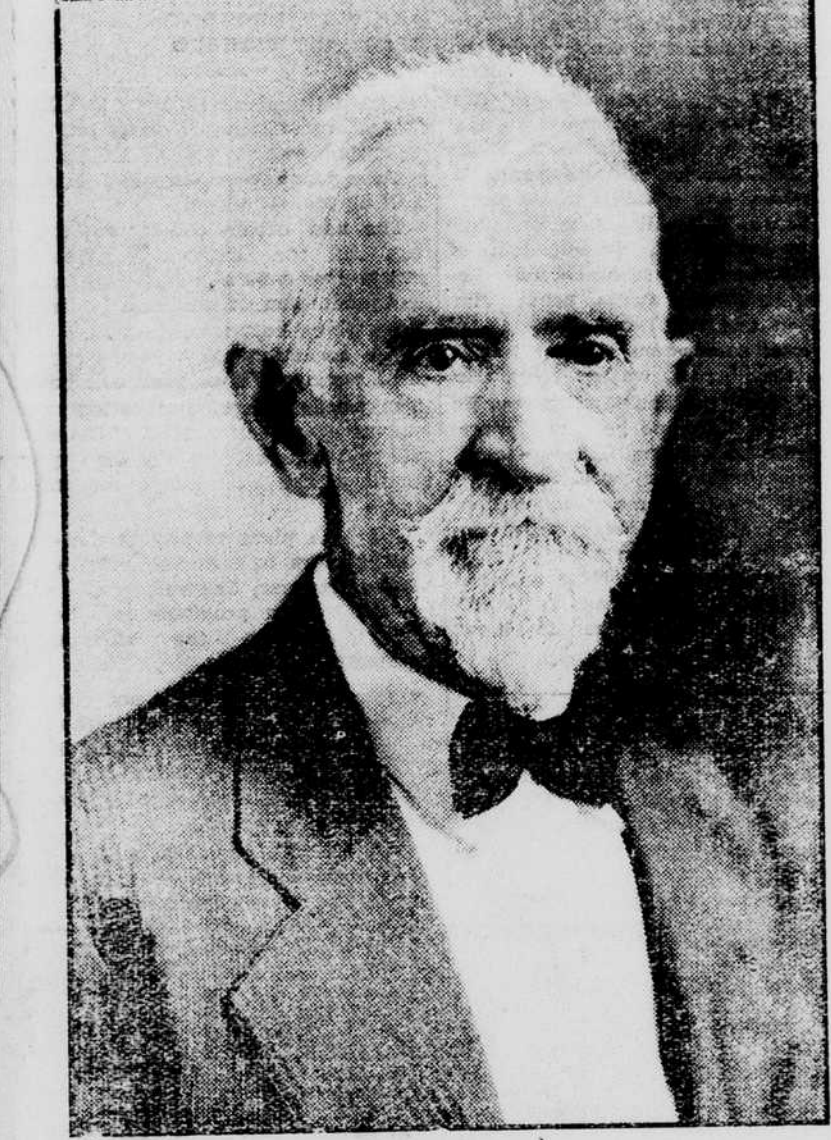
Mr. Mauney is a little shy on speaking of the hardships of the war but it was during the last two years of the war that army rations were scarce. He said that after going for two or more days without food, corn meal dough, when they had no opportunity to bake it, tasted better than pound cake today.

He was in a number of minor engagements but the hardest fought battle was at Bentonville. Here he saw more dead and wounded than on any other occasion.

News of Lee's surrender is very vivid with Mr. Mauney. There was a wild scramble to get home. They had little to eat and they saw no use of lingering. Their only care was to avoid the enemy enroute. Orders came for the men to await their parole but the order was disregarded and many set out for home. Mr. Mauney among them. At the time he was about twelve miles east of Greensboro. He walked home circling Salisbury which was said to have been full of Yankees. He reached Lincolnton where also there were many northern soldiers but he was unmolested and the citizens prepared fine meals for the returning soldiers. His parole reached him later. The first few years after the war,

J. S. Mauney Honored By Local Cotton Mills

J. S. MAUNEY SOLE SURVIVING FOUNDER OF KINGS MOUNTAIN Directors and Overseers, Superintendents and Invited Guests Also Feted.



The oldest pioneer citizen of Kings Mountain now living is the esteemed Jacob S. Mauney who lives in his home on N. Piedmont avenue. April 6th, 1936, Mr. Mauney will celebrate his 90th birthday.

His daughter, Mrs. E. C. Cooper, and family, make their home with him and there he spends pleasant days of reverie. He enjoys good health and Sunday morning services at the Lutheran Church of which he is a devoted member generally finds him in his regular pew.

FIRST HOME

September 11, 1873, Mr. Mauney was married to Julia Rudisill of near Lincolnton and he brought his bride to the home of Captain Freno Dilling who was operating a saw mill at the junction at that time and who lived in a large grove practically on the site of the present Dilling homestead. Their first home in Kings Mountain was a two-room frame building which they called the "Granary". In the meantime there was being erected a large building in which when it was completed was opened by them the first Hotel in the town. It stood on the spot where today is located Crawford's Meat Market. After many years it was rolled back to the Bonnie Mill where it now stands.

Kings Mountain soon developed into a trading center. The railroad was completed in the fall of 1873. This brought many people and made the hotel business profitable. One occasion there was a slide on the railroad and three passenger trains were compelled to be delayed here. Mr. Mauney says that while there was some jam at the Hotel, he and Mrs. Mauney with the help they had were able to take care of the crowds. He said that they fed people all night long at twenty five cents a meal and when his guests cleared out he found that he had cleared over the night \$125. The present home was built sixty years ago.

THE COMMUNITY GROWS

Since the settlement Mr. Mauney has witnessed a great change from fields and woodlands to the present beautiful town. He has been part and parcel of the development that has taken place. The Lutheran Church was the first church to be built and no small part of its present prosperous condition is due to his support and that of his brother and their families.

The community is proud to recognize the part of its eldest citizen. Mr. Mauney was identified with the construction of many of the business enterprises of the town, the first cotton mill, the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Co. built in 1888, and later the Bonnie Cotton Mill, the Dilling Mills and the Cora Mills, the Enterprise, now the Mauney Mills, the Sadie Cotton Mills, and other textile mills in other communities. He had part in the banking and mercantile growth of the town.

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, candidate for Governor of North Carolina, was the principal speaker at a dinner in the Woman's Club building Saturday evening given by the Kings Mountain Mtg. Co., the Bonnie Cotton Mills, the Sadie Cotton Mills Co., and the Mauney Mills, Inc. in honor of J. S. Mauney, retired business man of Kings Mountain, and of the mill directors, managers and overseers.

The address of Mr. Hoey was intimate and personal and not political. His manner was directly one of respect and of praise of the Mauney family and Jacob S. Mauney in particular. He spoke words of praise of him as a soldier in the Army of the Confederacy. He spoke of the progress of the nation and of this community since the youth of Mr. Mauney who is nearing his ninetieth birthday.

The eloquence of the South's great orator lifted above the material things of life. He said that in the midst of the change that has taken place one thing has not changed—character, courage and faith—and that these people have held these things above the material things. They have built on the everlasting foundations of a faith in God.

Mr. Hoey compared Mr. Mauney with Daniel Boone as a pioneer blazing a trail that other men may follow. And with the North Star, guiding us through life's journey to the bigger and higher things of life. The speaker said that the honored guest had seen many changes in his long lifetime and that he wished that he could live to see the glorious expansion of the future.

The speaker was presented on this occasion by Mr. Ray Dixon, banker and textile executive of Gastonia, who is a native of this community. Mr. Dixon said that he felt a little out of place being a Gaston County man introducing a distinguished son of Cleveland county to a Cleveland county audience. He presented Mr. Hoey as a man who could mingle with equal ease at a convention of the clergy or of the bar.

W. K. Mauney, Secretary-Treasurer of the Mauney and Bonnie Mills presided as toastmaster. In presenting Judge E. Y. Webb of U. S. Federal Court he said that if you had been a good or a bad man you already were acquainted with the next speaker.

Judge Webb brought words of greeting to those at the dinner, and eulogized the guest of honor; his father, David Mauney; his brother S. S. Mauney, now living in Cherryville and present at the dinner; and the late Hon. W. A. Mauney.

He told of his own father's acquaintance with David Mauney and of his gratitude to him for his helpfulness in the troubles in his father's life as an underpaid traveling minister of the Gospel in a pioneer country. He told of his own acquaintance with Mr. Mauney and his brothers. He said these three were noble men and to J. S. Mauney he referred as a great man. He spoke of his intimate connection with the growth of the community. He said that he had not heard one word of criticism of him as a good and upright man. (The full text of Judge Webb's address will be found elsewhere in this paper.)

During the dinner music was furnished by an orchestra of mill employees. As a part of the program piano solos and duets were played by the Mauney twins, Miles and Ernest, who are accomplished musicians at eleven years of age. Miss Margaret Cooper delightfully entertained with a reading from the "Bird's Christmas Carol."

More than a hundred guests were present at the dinner. The four-course turkey dinner was prepared by the ladies of the Woman's Club and served by Madams E. C. Cooper, S. A. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, W. K. Mauney, B. N. Barnes, Aubrey Mauney, Carl Mauney Joe Mauney, H. B. Wolf, Arnold Kiser, J. E. Herndon, J. A. Isenhower, and Miss Ozell Kiser.

The dinner was given by the four mills and planned by the executives and Aubrey Mauney, grandson of the honored guest and cotton yarn sales representative for the mills and for Mauney-Steel Company of Philadelphia.

The directors of the four mills honored along with Mr. J. S. Mauney were: S. A. Mauney, D. H. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, D. C. Mauney, W. K. Mauney, Mrs. D. C. Mauney, Arnold Kiser, A. E. Cline, T. M. Plunk and W. A. Ridenhour. The Superintendent of the Kings Mountain Mfg. Co., the (Cont'd on back page)

THE HERALD STAFF WISHES FOR ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR