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## Kings Mountain H. S. Receives High Rating For Terms

Local school authorities have just received a new rating for the Kings Mountain High School. For the past several years, the High School has had an "A" 2 rating. The new rating now is 1-A and in a letter addressed to the Principal of the High School, the State Department of Public Education sends congratulations and especially congratulates the Kings Mountain High School on having been able to remain a member of the Southern Association, which was made possible by the extending of the school term fifteen days during last school session.

The citizens of Kings Mountain should be commended for their success in securing a nine months term last year, as this was the chief cause for the advanced rating. Now that the High School has a very high rating, both in North Carolina and in the states belonging to the Southern Association, it is to be hoped that the people of Kings Mountain will provide financial means of retaining this high rating. Now that we are on the top it seems to be of greatest importance that we arrange to stay on the top. This all sounds very good, yet RIGHT NOW there is no provision whatsoever made for operating an extended High School term this next school year, and unless our people realize this fact and make immediate provisions, we will all see the High School lose its high standing among the schools of the State and the Nation. It cannot remain a school of First Rate with the financial support of a second rate school.

## Legionaires Hear Report Read

The chief topic of interest at the recent meeting of the local Post of the American Legion was a report and discussion of the State Legion Convention held in Asheville. Reports were made showing the progress of the Legion's efforts in citizenship, rehabilitation, education and other lines of endeavor. Among those who had recently attended the convention and made talks at the local meeting were: J. B. Keeter, W. W. Souther, Luther McSwain, L. C. Dettmar, B. M. Hays and C. L. Black.

Refreshments were served by a committee in charge of M. C. Falls.

The entertainment committee appointed to serve for the September meeting is composed of: J. R. Davis, Chairman; F. R. Summers, Dewey Moss, W. L. Plonk and J. O. Ware.

## ANOTHER AUCTION SALE

Auction Sales seem to be very popular in and near Kings Mountain. The fourth auction sale will be held on August 29th when the L. H. Ham bright property on the Grover Highway is to be sold. The Penny Brothers, famous auctioneers of Charlotte will have charge of the sale, as they have the last three sales held here. Some say auction sales are a sure sign of good business. If this is true business must be booming around Kings Mountain.

## Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

If a guy don't know anything about fixing a car, he ain't got much business driving one. But



Some fellows have to drive and yet ain't got time to learn what makes the car go. Well, there was a case of this kind where a fellow named Monty was driving an inexpensive kind of a car. It got so the engine knocked, and his wife says, "Monty, the noise of that engine knocking drives me wild. Can't you do anything about it?"

"I'll see," he says. So while she was eating lunch he went out and hammered and tinkered, and when they was going down the road again a few miles, he says, "Say Ethel, you don't catch that knock so distinctly now as you did, do you?"

"No," she says, "I can't say I exactly notice it so much. You're getting to be quite a mechanic. How did you fix it?"

"Fix it? Well, I didn't exactly fix it, but I loosened the two fenders and the right front door a little."

## MARGRACE SPINNERS VISIT MYRTLE BEACH

About twenty employed on the second shift of the spinning Room at the Margrace Mill spent last week end at Myrtle Beach. The party left Kings Mountain Friday night at midnight and returned Sunday night. The entire party made the trip on one truck, and everyone reported an enjoyable time.

Those making the trip were: Beck Page, Dick Sanders, Charlie Conner, Fred Conner, Clyde Sanders, Howard Mitchem, Bill Black, Ernest "Peanut Smith," Charlie Black, Charlie Henderson, Owen White, and Thelmer White, Misses Jannie Boheler, Nollie McIntosh, Bertha Morris, Flossie Smith, Viola Dettmar Estelle Thelmer.

## Tennis Tourney In Full Swing

Yesterday at noon Kings Mountain's first tennis tournament started off with a bang. 19 eager young lads who had duly registered and signed on the dotted line were anxiously waiting their turn to dash out on the white marked rectangular court and do their stuff.

The following boys are the ones participating in the tournament: Tommie Reynolds, John Styers, Jim Littlejohn, Bill Blanton, J. W. Smith, Drew Jackson, Martin Harmon, I. M. Logan, Jr., Billie Mauney, Harold Plonk, James Everhart, Fred Dixon, Bus Oates, Thornton Harrill, Luther Cansler, Slim Rhyne, Scooty Etheridge, Bill Fortune, Jack Fortune.

The tournament bracket was drawn up and is now posted in the window of the Soda Shop next to the City post office. This poster will show the winners from day to day and also just when the different matches will be played, and by whom.

Several of the local merchants with a mind towards civic improvement very graciously donated some nice prizes.

Yesterday afternoon four matches were played. Two in the first round and two in the second round. This afternoon weather permitting there will be five second round matches played.

In the first match Tommie Reynolds defeated John Styers 6-1, 6-4. Tommie had very little trouble in the first set but in the second set John tightened up and after a hard fought rally found himself leading by 4-1 but then Tommie put on the steam and railed over the finishing line 6-4 without giving John another game.

In the second match Billie Mauney put up a stiff fight in the first set and gave Fred Dixon plenty of trouble to win at 6-3 but slowed up in the last set and lost 6-1.

The third match of the evening was plenty good but Hal Plonk's terrific forehand drives was the deciding factor and he won over Martin Harmon by 6-3, 6-3.

The fourth match and last one for the day between Luther Cansler and Bill Fortune was won by Cansler 6-3, 6-1. This match was by far the best match of the day and was not as one-sided as the score indicates. Fortune having Cansler's drives told in the long run.

## WARE AND FALLS MOTOR CO. OPENS

Dodge and Plymouth cars can still be purchased in Kings Mountain according to an announcement in this issue of the Herald. Ware and Falls Motor Co. has secured the dealership of these popular cars. Messrs Hunter Ware, who is already well known to the automobile trade of this section, and Butler Falls, prominent farmer and business man, are owners of the new concern.

Temporary location of the business will be at the King's Garage on East Mountain street. King's Garage will also handle the service end of the business. It is hoped by the owners that by next week an announcement will be made as to the permanent location.

The Ware and Falls Motor Company will strive at all times to render a service that will not only please the public but also merit their continuous patronage. Messrs Ware and Falls extend a cordial invitation to all to see and drive their cars before they buy. Both the Dodge and Plymouth Cars are well known to the car users of Kings Mountain and vicinity and the Herald wishes for the new concern much success in their undertaking.

## BORDERS REUNION

The Borders Family Reunion will convene at Antioch Baptist church near Grover just over line in South Carolina on Thursday, Aug. 20, beginning at ten o'clock, A. M. All relatives and friends are invited to attend with well filled baskets.

## State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

### —State News—

Wilmington, Aug. 12.—New Hanover County Farm Agent C. R. Dillard has announced plans for importing 10,000 pigs into 14 North Carolina counties from drought-stricken areas of Iowa.

Raleigh, Aug. 11.—The annual convention of the State Firemen's association opened here today. It will continue through Thursday.

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—There will be more prizes for exhibitors at the state fair this year. Norman Y. Chablis general manager, said the prizes would total \$15,000. This is a 15 per cent increase over the amount offered in 1935.

Asheville, Aug. 12.—W. N. Ainsworth, of Macon, Ga., bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, visited Martin Moore, 22, confessed slayer of Helen Clevenger, at the county jail here and asked him if whiskey had anything to do with the killing.

Jail attendants quoted Moore as replying liquor had nothing to do with it.

Concord, Aug. 12.—Finger-printing often exonerates as well as convict.

Officers said fingerprinting of two men they arrested here cleared the pair of all suspicion of connection with a robbery.

Shelby, Aug. 11.—Yeggs entered a soda shop here yesterday and took \$650 from the safe.

Asheville, Aug. 11.—Authorities differed today over the motive in the Helen Clevenger murder case while preparations went forward for the trial of Martin Moore, negro hall boy, charged with killing the 18 year old college girl.

Sheriff Laurence E. Brown, the chief investigator of the murder, said he was convinced the gangling six-foot-three prisoner went to the trial of Martin Moore, negro hall boy, charged with killing the 18 year old college girl.

The sheriff added, however, he did not believe an assault was actually attempted. Physicians early in the case, could not agree on this phase.

Disputing the sheriff's theory, Solicitor Zeb Z. Nettles, who will prosecute the case, said "the sex angle is out altogether."

He asserted he believed Moore entered the room solely to loot it and shot the girl in a moment of panic when he was frightened by her outcry.

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—J. M. Grainger engineer for the state rural electrification authority, will make a 900 mile survey next week of areas in eastern North Carolina, where extensions of rural power lines have been requested.

Morganton, Aug. 11.—Two men and a woman will go on trial here tomorrow on a charge of killing Bud McKinney, mountaineer who was mysteriously slain a year ago.

The defendants are Bo Franklin, Charlie Franklin and Pansy Townsend.

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—The North Carolina Society of Engineers will hold its annual convention at Wrightsville Beach Friday and Saturday.

## Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

### Bumpy Times for the Late Lamented

By IRVIN S. COBB

THE late Mr. Donovan had had a very close call from being a dwarf. Indeed, there are dwarfs in circuses not many inches shorter than he was. Despite his diminutive bulk and the handicap of lack of height



he nevertheless had succeeded in the contracting business and when he died he left a tidy estate and his widow mourned him properly.

On the day before the funeral, having finished the preparations for the wake, she sat in the parlor of her home when Mr. McKenna, an old friend of the family, was announced. He asked, if he might be permitted to take a last look at the countenance of the deceased.

"Help yourself," said the widow. "He's laid out upstairs in the front room. Just you walk up, Mr. McKenna."

So Mr. McKenna walked up. After the lapse of a few minutes he tip-toed down again, wiping away his tears.

The widow removed the handkerchief from her eyes.

"Did you think to close the hall door as you came down, Mr. McKenna?" she asked.

"I think so, Madam," he said. "I was so overcome with my grief I didn't take much note. I think so, but I won't be sure."

"Would you make sure, then," she said. "It's twice today already the cat's had him downstairs."

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## CAVENY'S LEASE HOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Caveny have leased the Mountain View Hotel which was recently sold at auction. They will take charge and operate the hotel as soon as it is vacated by the former owners. The Morris sisters. It is thought that the change will be made right away.

The hotel will be repaired and painted, but will not close for work but will be operated while the repairing is going on.

Mr. and Mrs. Caveny also operate the Coffee Shop which they will continue to do.

## Rotarians Hear Mauney Twins

Kings Mountain's Musical Prodigies Entertain Local Club.

An address by Dr. C. K. Brown of the chair of economics at Davidson College, and piano selections by Ernest and Miles Mauney, Kings Mountain's twin musical prodigies, were the features of the weekly luncheon meeting of the Gastonia Rotary Club last Thursday at the Arlington hotel. Charles L. Loftin was in charge of the program.

Each of the Mauney twins played a piano solo, and then they played a duet. The Rotarians were amazed at the skill of these 12 year old sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, whose piano performances have attracted wide attention. Recently they returned from a six-weeks trip with their parents to the Pacific coast. On that trip they received many ovations for their marvelous playing.—Gastonia Gazette.

## PLONK MOTOR CO. NEW FORD DEALER

The Plonk Motor Co., authorized Ford Dealer for Kings Mountain and vicinity are now open for business on Railroad Avenue, in the building formerly occupied by Sealy Motor Co. Mr. Fred Plonk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Plonk, who is already well known to the people of Kings Mountain and community will have active charge of the business.

The Plonk Motor Company will not only sell cars and trucks but will maintain at all times a modern repair service.

Mr. Plonk comes back to Kings Mountain from Louisville, Ky., where he was associated with a large tobacco concern. He has also had considerable experience in the automobile business. Mr. Plonk was educated at N. C. State College, at Raleigh, and is married and has one son.

Mr. and Mrs. Plonk have rented the Dr. Stokes home on Gold street and plan to move in shortly. The Herald wishes for the new concern the best of luck in the Best Town In The State.

## Chief Bryant Runs For Sheriff

Chief R. B. Bryant who has been in charge of the local police department for the past two years has been granted a leave of absence so that he may run for sheriff of Cherokee county in South Carolina. This county adjoins Cleveland county and is just across the South Carolina line. It is the home county of Chief Bryant.

Chief Bryant has run for this office once or twice before and come within 400 votes of being elected.

With Chief Bryant being absent from the force leaves only three men on duty, and it is thought the Town Council will appoint someone to serve while the Chief is away.

## School To Open September 9th

Kings Mountain City Schools are scheduled to begin the 1936-1937 term Wednesday A. M. September 9. The doors will be opened at 8:30 and it is hoped that there will be a record breaking enrollment the first day.

General Teachers meeting for all white teachers will be held at Central School Tuesday morning, September 8, 10:00 A. M., and for the colored teachers at the same hour at the Davidson High School.

## TO HOLD ANNUAL REUNION

The "McGills of Gaston" will hold their annual reunion at Bethel A. R. P. church, six miles north of Kings Mountain on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 11 o'clock. All relatives of the McGill clan are expected to attend. Friends are most cordially invited. A picnic dinner will be served.

## Reunion Is Held For Descendants Of Capt. Wm. McGill

Two hundred of the nine branches of the family of the late Captain William McGill, pioneer York County, S. C., citizen, met in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, Beth any, S. C., August 6, for the 1936 convention of the McGill Clan.

Rev. E. B. McGill of Brookville, Fla. president of the organization, presided. The main feature of the morning's program was an address by Dr. R. C. Grier, president of Erskine College, Due West, S. C. "Home and the Family" was his topic. Prayer by Rev. C. O. Williams of Greenville, S. C.

Dr. J. B. Kennedy, Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., made a report on the marriages, births and deaths of the clan that have occurred during the past year. There are 763 members, 570 living and 197 deceased. Rev. E. B. McGill made a report on the family history. Miss Emma McGill of Kings Creek, S. C., read last year's minutes and treasurer's report. Collection was taken and committee's report made, stating that Dr. W. M. Kennedy of York, S. C. is president for the year 1937. Miss Emma McGill, secretary and treasurer. Benediction by Dr. W. P. Grier of Clover, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy A. McGill (85 and 84 years old respectively) are the oldest living members of the clan. Mr. McGill attended the reunion, but Mrs. McGill was not able to attend.

A bountiful dinner was served in the grove near the church. The McGill Reunion for 1937 will be held at Smyrna, S. C., A. R. P. church the first Thursday in August.

## Recorder's Court Has Busy Day

Several cases were disposed of here in Recorder's Court yesterday afternoon with Judge Bynum Weather on the bench and Frank Hoyle Jr., prosecuting.

Luther McSwain, colored, was found guilty of being disorderly and using profane language. He was given the choice of paying the cost or serving 30 days on the road.

W. S. Biggerstaff charge with giving a worthless check was called and failed. His bond was forfeited and he is in jail.

(Cont'd on editorial page)

## Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

(Opinions Expressed in This Column Are Not Necessarily the Views of This Newspaper.)

There's a lot of "up-the-steve" laughing being done in Washington these hot days. It's all because of humorous angles of the bitter feud between President William Green of the American Federation of Labor and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers.

One of the biggest laughs was given to newspapermen at a National Press Club luncheon at which Green promised to resign if that would ease labor's troubles any.

Working himself up to a heated oratorical climax, Green said that the men who wanted all employees in the Lewis type of industrial instead of the Green type of craft unions were only a minority of the A. F. of L. Then he added:

"The A. F. of L. has, by majority rule, rejected the proposal of this opposing organization within its ranks.

"Shall the A. F. or L. continue its democratic policy of majority rule? The only alternative is rule by force, the law of the jungle, the survival of the fittest." (Cont'd on back page)

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