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State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

—State News—
 Rutherfordton, Oct. 7.—Fred H. Thorpe, cafe operator of Chimney Rock, was almost instantly killed shortly before midnight last night when the automobile which he was driving left the highway near here and turned over.
 Mr. Thorpe was alone at the time of the accident, J. C. Harris of Spindale, passing the spot immediately after the wreck, saw the overturned car and heard moans. By the time he could summon aid and extricate the body, Mr. Thorpe was dead.
 Greensboro, Oct. 7.—Marion Lloyd, found unconscious on a street here Monday afternoon, remained in a critical condition at a hospital here today.
 He was suffering from a skull fracture. Police said they did not know the cause of the man's injury but expressed the belief he had been attacked.
 Greensboro, Oct. 7.—The Guilford county commissioners are going to try hair-clipping as a deterrent to petty crime.
 The board approved a policy of closely clipping the hair of county prisoners who are second offenders and to those who are sentenced to more than six months for a first offense. The clippings are to be administered once a month, the commissioners said, in a effort to shame the offenders into good conduct.
 The treatment will be given to both men and women, it was said.
 Newton, Oct. 7.—A real estate deal involving property at one time valued at almost one half million dollars was consummated here last week when J. W. Abernethy purchased 219 shares of the old Catawba cotton mill from the John P. Yount estate through the First Security Trust company, administrator.
 The property included the building and machinery of the former cotton mill, valued at \$350,000 in 1928; also the property now occupied by the North Newton drug company, the dye plant of the Clyde Fabrics company, and between 15 and 20 mill houses together with much valuable real estate.
 Salisbury, Oct. 7.—Carl Trexler city chemist, and Fred Jackson, negro, were recovering today from ill effects they suffered yesterday when rendered unconscious by gas in a sewer.
 Trexler was attempting to obtain samples of sewer water when he slipped and fell in a 15 foot manhole Jackson was sent in to help him and H. C. Beaver of the city sanitary force went for aid.
 When Beaver returned both men were unconscious. Both responded to oxygen treatment at a hospital.
 Newton, Oct. 6.—Work on the \$24,000 Newton sidewalk project was started here yesterday, according to W. R. Abernethy, Supt. of Public works.
 The Newton project which was recently approved by the state office in Raleigh will cost \$24,023, of which \$13,559 will be a federal grant.
 Chapel Hill, Oct. 7.—Thurman P. Partin, of Chapel Hill, was under \$2,000 bond today for his appearance in superior court in December in connection with the highway death of Bob Wilson, Orange county man.
 Wilson was killed instantly when his mowing machine was struck by an automobile operated by Partin.

Long Time Since Town Has Had Fire

As this is National Fire Prevention week, it is appropriate to announce that it has been almost six months since there has been any fire loss here. It has been over nine days since the Fire Department has been called out according to Fire Chief Grady King. The last fire that did any damage here was on April 17th when Byron Keeter's home on Gold street caught fire.
 Chief King is proud of Kings Mountain's record and says that he hopes it will continue.
 The local Volunteer Department holds fire drill and practice every Tuesday night.
 President Roosevelt and Governor Ehringhaus have issued proclamations in connection with National Fire Prevention week.
 Chief King held fire drills at the Schools Wednesday morning. He reported that Central school was emptied of the 800 children in two minutes flat.
 Supt. B. N. Barnes made a talk on Fire Prevention during the Chapel exercises.

Local PWA Project Approved

Library For Kings Mountain On The Way

Yes, sir, they have heard up in Raleigh about the movement to start a Public Library in Kings Mountain. And better still they are ready and anxious to help.
 Marjorie Beal, Secretary and Director of the North Carolina Library Commission, of Raleigh, made a trip to Kings Mountain last week to confer with those interested in having a Public Library here. She offered the services of her office in selecting the books, setting up the proper system. She also said that a Librarian could be secured from W. P. A. or N. Y. A. and that shelves, desk and other equipment could be secured through Federal agencies.
 As a location has already been selected, and the Town Council has appropriated \$25.00 per month for maintenance, all that is needed now is Cash to purchase books.
 The committee who has been working towards a Public Library here plan to meet Friday night to formulate plans for the drive to secure the necessary funds to put Kings Mountain on the selected list of better towns that have a Public Library.
 The Herald pleads with everyone, when they are called on to make a donation to such a worthy cause to give and give freely. And, by the way, it is not necessary to wait to be called on, as the Herald will be glad to receive any donation. Every donation will be publicly acknowledged in the columns of the Herald.
 The Junior Class wishes to explain an unfortunate circumstance connected with a program sponsored by them October 2. They are very sorry that one of their number misunderstood his obligations in connection with raising money to be used for a Junior-Senior Banquet, to the extent that he made the getting of money more important than the program which was to be presented. The class understood it was getting Mr. Claire Shadwell, popular Chat-ham Blanket Radio Advertiser, to appear in connection with their amateur program instead of the minstrel and slight of hand tricks. Mr. Shadwell did not appear, and it was found, after the program, that the communications from him were not authentic.
 The Junior Class regrets this occurrence and hopes the public will continue to give its hearty support as it has in the past.
 Junior Class of Kings Mountain High School.

Town Hall Included

Mayor J. E. Herndon has been notified by telegram from the State office of the Works Project Administration that the project filed some months ago has been approved. The project included the new Town Hall Building, new streets, sewer and water extensions. The total project amounts to about \$92,000, with 45 per cent of this amount to be granted by the Federal Government and the balance to be paid by the Town of Kings Mountain.
 Town officials have not taken any action on the telegram, but are awaiting further instructions which are as follows.
 A copy of the telegram to Mayor Herndon follows:
 Chapel Hill, N. C., Oct. 6, 1936.
 Mayor J. E. Herndon,
 Kings Mountain, N. Car.
 Our Washington office advises your application docket N. C. Ten hundred fifty nine, Kings Mountain Municipal improvements approved in amount of forty three thousand, three hundred, sixty three for grant only. Have your engineer start work immediately on plans and specifications. Further instructions will follow.
 Stanley H. Wright,
 Acting State Director PWA
 For the Administrator.

Boy Is Killed By Train Here

North bound Southern freight train which passed Kings Mountain about 12 o'clock Saturday night is believed to have killed Paul Martin, 24, of Lawndale, who was thought to have tried to swing it 200 yards south of depot. Policeman Aarstiel found the body between the tracks at 1 a. m. It was badly mangled. The body was carried to Patton funeral home where friends from Lawndale identified it.
 A brother-in-law, Bill Richards of Lawndale, had brought Martin to Kings Mountain by auto Saturday evening so he could catch a train for Washington, D. C., where he had a job.

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 Mr. McAlister is survived by his widow, who was before marriage, Miss Eunice Hunter, member of a prominent family of Sardin, Mecklenburg county, and who lived in Kings Mountain for sometime. He is also survived by a daughter, two babies having died in early life. Two brothers, Will McAlister of Lincolnton and Tom McAlister of Laurens, S. C., survive.
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IDA WHITE WEIR DIES

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida White Weir, 69, were held Tuesday at Long Creek Presbyterian church, with Rev. Coyt Hunter, the pastor in charge and was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.
 Mrs. Weir, who had apparently been enjoying her usual good health was stricken with apoplexy while attending church services at Long Creek Sunday night. She soon suffered another stroke and never rallied nor regained consciousness, death coming Monday.
 News of her death was a great shock to her many friends and relatives.
 Mrs. Weir, was the wife of James Weir, who before his marriage lived in Kings Mountain and is a brother of a former postmaster S. S. Weir, of this place.
 She reared from childhood, two nieces and two nephews left motherless through the death of her sister, Mrs. Will Robinson.
 She was a daughter of the late R. A. White, who was at one time sheriff of Gaston county. Both her late father and mother were members of prominent families. She died at her ancestral home where she had lived throughout her entire life.
 She was one of the most influential women in the religious life of her community and was at all times faithful in the performance of duty in her church, home and community.
 Surviving are her husband, two nieces, Miss Amy Robinson, who was sent out by her church to teach in a mission school in Japan and Miss Mary Robinson who lives at home; two nephews, Robert and John Robinson, at home, the latter principal of Sunnyside school, near Long Creek. One brother, John White, of Belmont, prominent in textile circles also survives.

D. A. R. Meets With York Chapter

The Col. Frederick Hambricht chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were invited to meet with the York Chapter at the Kings Mountain Battleground yesterday in Celebration exercises. An interesting program had been arranged in observance of The Battle of Kings Mountain, "The Turning Point of the American Revolution" which was fought on October 7th, 1780. Several members of the local chapter attended the meeting.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION IN DURHAM

Mrs. D. C. Mauney expects to attend a convention of Daughters of American Colonists, in Durham, next Wednesday, and plans to remain in Durham for the State Convention, United Daughters of the Confederacy, in session there following the other convention.

REPRESENT CLUB AT LINCOLNTON MEET

Mrs. D. C. Mauney, president Kings Mountain Woman's Club, E. W. Griffin, F. E. Finger and Manly Morehead attended the District meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs in session at the First Methodist church, Lincolnton, Wednesday.

CONTEST POSTPONED

The Circulation contest announced recently by the Herald has been indefinitely postponed on account of unforeseen difficulties. The management of the Herald regrets this very much but it hopes that a contest can be arranged later.

Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

(Opinions Expressed in This Column Are Not Necessarily the Views of This Newspaper.)
 Although the convening of Congress is still several months off, with an important national election yet to be decided by probably an extremely close vote, there is one forecast that seems certain to be borne out — that something must be done by the next administration to supplant the spoils system in government with the merit system. Already Washington correspondents are beginning to feel a wave of irritation from over the country demanding that campaign promises on this question be carried through. The people are awakening to the fact that increasing government costs and taxation go hand in hand with spoils; that the average citizen pays the bill every time in an incompetent is appointed to office in payment of a political debt.
 Both political parties this year are committed to reviving and extending Civil Service, to making good.
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MEETING NOT HELD

The regular meeting of the Town Council planned for Monday night was not held on account of some members being out of town. Important business was to be discussed and it is thought that the meeting will be held soon.

ERSKINE ALUMNAE TO MEET

The Erskine College Alumnae Association will meet Monday evening 7:30, October 12th, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Anthony on Piedmont Avenue. Every member is urged to make an effort to be present.
 Mr. Joseph Whisnand, of Shelby, law partner of Clyde R. Hoey, is to be the guest speaker. His subject will be "The November Election."

BARN BURNS

A barn located just inside the South Carolina line, belonging to Bud Lockridge, was burned completely up. Three mules, cow, fodder and over 2,000 pounds of cotton were destroyed, together with farm implements and store fixtures.
 The cause of the has not been determined yet.

CURT WEIR ON VISIT HERE

After an absence of fifteen years spent chiefly in California, Mr. Curtis Weir, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Weir, his wife and four children are visiting relatives in Kings Mountain and nearby vicinity.

MAIL MESSENGER WANTED

Bids will be received until October 13th for the carrying of mail to and from the Post Office and the Southern Railroad Station. Bids must be made for the yearly rate, but the pay will be monthly. Full information and the necessary blanks may be obtained from Postmaster W. E. Blakely.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS
 I RECKON it's no good for me to tell you to quit saying things before the kids that you don't want repeated. Nobody does it on purpose to get the news scattered around, and still people ain't half careful enough.
 There was a visitor at the home of the Leonards, and he was trying to be nice and sociable, so when he seen little George he says, "Well, George, you're growing up! I believe you're going to be just exactly like your dad!"
 And George says, "Well, Ma says that's just what she's afraid of, too."
 (American News Features, Inc.)

Laughing Around the World
 With IRVIN S. COBB

Warranted to Keep in a Cold Climate
 By IRVIN S. COBB

BRAM STOKER, the friend and biographer of Sir Henry Irving, used to tell a story illustrative of his distinguished patron's well-known aversion to having any counter-attraction sharing the attention at a



theatre during one of Sir Henry's performances.
 Sir Henry was playing his annual London engagement once when Nansen, in the height of his fame as an Arctic explorer, returned from an expedition from the Polar Regions. The curtain was just about to rise one evening when Stoker came behind the scenes with news that Nansen was sitting in the royal box. Irving received the news in silence.
 A few minutes later one of the members of the company bustled up to the star to tell him the same thing. Irving merely granted. And right on the heels of this up came a fluttering woman 'super' and said: "Oh, Sir Henry, did you know Nansen was in the 'ouse?"
 "Nansen? Nansen?" said Irving as though he were trying to remember who this person Nansen might be. "Oh, yes,—the chap who stands the cold so well!"
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