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State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

National News

Washington, Dec. 8.—Rulers of the nation's largest transportation network — the 23,000 mile Van Sweringen system — were summoned today as the first witness in the senate's investigation of railroad financing.

Montana, of the senate interstate commerce committee said he would open the inquiry with a study of the Missouri Pacific system one of the score of railway properties assembled by the late Van Sweringen brothers of Cleveland.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Dec. 8.—A dozen communities charged heavy damage today to outcrops tornados which marched across four southern states yesterday.

Frankish weather brought the twisters — ordinarily tornadoes do not visit the south in winter — and more than two score persons were injured and thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed in their Texas to Alabama path.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 8.—A 300 pound sunfish, extremely rare in waters hereabouts, was found washed on the beach at the Isle of Palms.

Anderson, S. C., Dec. 8.—Sheriff Sam Hunicutt investigated today reports that Charles McDonald, 25 son of the late Rep. R. D. McDonald of Oconee county, was killed while motoring to the West.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary Ickes called today for speeding up of an inventory of the country's mineral and water resources.

"Since we must know what and where our resources are before a comprehensive plan for their utilization can be made, and since intelligent planning must precede wise development and prudent use in the interest of conservation," he said in his annual report, "there should be a speeding up of stock taking so that it will be completed within a short span of years."

Cannelton, Ind., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Dorthea Lehman, 36, and her son, William, 14, were burned to death and three other members of the family were burned badly when their log cabin summer residence was destroyed by fire early today.

Mexico City, Dec. 8.—Mexico's government opened its doors today to Leon Trotsky, the modern man with a country.

Granting of asylum to the oft-eriled former bolshevist leader was "in line with Mexico's traditional policy of giving refuge without questions, to all political refugees," Eduardo Hay, Mexican foreign minister, declared.

Washington Courthouse, O., Dec. 8.—Authorities were puzzled today is the slaying of 79 year old Rufus W. Hutson, found battered to death in his locked residence, but hopefully predicted developments within 24 hours.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 8.—Nine fishermen appeared little the worse today after an uncomfortable two days bobbing about off shore in their disabled 33 foot motorboat.

State News

Roanoke Rapids, Dec. 9.—A coroner's jury last night exonerated William Laughton, driver of a car that struck a bicycle, causing the death of two children.

The children, Raymond Williams, 13, and his brother, Walter, 8, were killed as they rode a bicycle on a highway near here Saturday night.

Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Two negro jurors were drawn for service by the Gaston county commissioners yesterday — the first negroes ever named for jury service in the history of Gaston county.

They are Professor Walter E. Hicks, former head of Lincoln academy, negro preparatory school and pastor here, and A. A. Wellman, Gastonia negro plasterer.

Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Rev. E. P. Stabler and Rev. J. O. Erwin, Methodist ministers of Bessemer City, appeared before the Gaston county commissioners today and asked that something be done about the condition of the liquor and beer traffic in Bessemer City.

No action was recorded by the commissioners, other than to point out that the state law makes it mandatory that they grant beer licenses to all applicants who have the \$25 license fee and have not been convicted of moral turpitude or violation of the prohibition law.

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—J. F. Griswell of N. C. State College predicted today that approximately 120,000 applications for payments under the 1936 soil conservation program would be filed by North Carolina farmers. He said nearly 15,000 applications had been received and that they were coming in at the rate of about 1,500 a day.

Laurinburg, Dec. 9.—A deer broke both hind legs when it ran in front of an automobile near here last night. The animal hobbled off into a woods but the auto occupants, W. E. Thompson and S. M. Gattis, followed it by match light and made the kill.

Morven, Dec. 9.—An early morning fire leveled seven buildings and did damage estimated at \$350,000 to Morven's business district. The buildings destroyed housed the Bank of Morven, the telephone exchange, WPA headquarters and four stores.

Greensboro, Dec. 9.—Rita Cain, widow of Colin Cain, and Elizabeth Stegall, of Raleigh, today were under federal court sentences on charges of harboring Cain while he was a fugitive from justice.

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—Resettlement administration officials here report that North Carolina farmers have repaid \$649,570.81 in RA debts at the close of business November 20. Total of \$249,883.00 had been paid by October 8 and \$389,999 Oct. 24.

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—Veterans of the Confederacy mourned today the death of Francis G. Downey, 101, southern general in the Civil War.

Downey, a Los Angeles suburb, was named after him during his residence here of 60 years. A brother, John G. Downey, was governor of California in 1860.

Duke Banquet Friday Night

The Cleveland-Rutherford counties Duke University Alumni Association of which Dr. J. W. Harbison, of Shelby, is president will celebrate Duke University Day with a dinner at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club, Friday evening.

A turkey dinner will be served by members of the Missionary Society of Central Methodist church.

The principal speaker of the evening will be Dr. R. S. Crispell, Professor of Psychoneurosis, who will have for his subject, "Looking to the Centennial in 1938."

The program will consist of other interesting features and those in charge are hoping to have among other distinguished guests, Governor-Elect, Clyde R. Hoey, if other engagements do not prevent his attendance.

Parents of students now at Duke University are invited to attend, as well as friends of the institution. Alumni with their wives, husbands and friends in attendance are expected to be in the neighborhood of 1,000 and those desiring reservations are asked to get in touch with those in charge.

Bank To Pay Dividend

The First National Bank for the second consecutive year has declared a dividend. By their sound business judgment and willingness to serve the public they are able to make this pleasant announcement. Kings Mountain has a right to be proud of her financial institution.

The dividend will amount to about \$2,000 being the second payment of a similar amount paid in July. The total dividend for 1935 represents 4 per cent.

SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS

Red Cross Christmas Seals are now on sale in Kings Mountain and may be found at Plonk Bros., Keener's Department Store and Belk's.

Mrs. P. G. Ratterree and Mrs. Grady Patterson are in charge of the sale. Those interested in ridding the country of Tuberculosis, which is not only preventable but curable are asked to buy these seals for use on letters and packages during the Yuletide season.

SPECIAL SERVICES HELD AT LUTHERAN CHURCH LAST SUNDAY

Church Loyalty day at St. Matthews Lutheran Church last Sunday was enjoyed by large congregations. The Morning Service attendance packed the Church. Dr. P. D. Brown, Pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, in Columbia, S. C., was the guest speaker for both morning and evening hours.

A special feature of the Morning program was the presentation of special gifts to the Church. Two brass Altar vases were presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, one to the honor of Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour who has served faithfully as the organist for fifty years, the other was given in honor of Mr. J. C. Lackey, who has served for 25 years as treasurer of the congregation. A handsomely bound new Pulpit Bible was presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney. These gifts were dedicated by the Pastor, L. Boyd Hamm.

The Pastor announced another gift to be received and dedicated later, Mrs. W. A. Mauney and her two daughters, Mrs. Frank R. Summers and Mrs. J. E. Herndon, are presenting a Silver Individual Communion Service in memory of husband and father, Mr. W. A. Mauney. This gift will be dedicated as soon as it arrives.

The Altar and Chancel were beautifully decorated with cut flowers in memory of all the departed members of St. Matthews, Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Herndon furnished these flowers.

In connection with the Memorial Service held at the Morning hour the Pastor announced the facts concerning gifts to the Church that were promised in 1925 by the then four living Charter members, the other six having departed this life. Those gifts consist of \$37,000.00 in stocks pledged by those four, namely: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney, Mr. W. A. Mauney and Mr. Marcus M. Carpenter. These gifts were to be turned over to the Church at their death. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney, \$17,000, Mr. W. A. Mauney, \$15,000, and Mr. M. M. Carpenter \$5,000. All of this amount has been turned over to the Church except the amount pledged by Mr. Carpenter. Mrs. M. M. Carpenter, his widow, has the use of this her life time and has provided (Cont'd on back page)

Withdraw Bids On Bridge

Local Stores Ready for Christmas Shoppers

Only 13 Days In Which To Shop Before Xmas — Stores Are Filled With Gifts For All.

Only 13 more shopping days remain before Christmas day, and with the usual activity during December, these two weeks will pass in a hurry.

A visitor to Kings Mountain stores is deeply impressed with the fact that the stocks of Christmas merchandise this year are larger than they have been in several years. Merchants have been giving a great deal of time and thought to their Christmas stocks, and as a result they are offering not only a wide range of gift selections but like wise much more attractive lines.

Naturally considerable emphasis is being put on practical gifts this year, but at the same time there is much luxury merchandise on display indicating that there will be a demand for it in these more prosperous times. Gifts of this type always please. However, no one ever turns down a practical gift, or one that is badly needed, and so this Christmas one may expect to find not only practical gifts but likewise those which might be considered by some as luxuries.

The stores in Kings Mountain are prettier and more attractive this Christmas, and the windows are of sufficient interest to provide man hours of window shopping for those who like to look before they buy.

While no official announcements have been made as yet, it is likely that the stores will stay open later in the evening, beginning next week, announcement of these hours will be made later.

In this issue of the Herald will be found advertisements of many Kings Mountain stores. You will find it very interesting to read every one of these advertisements, and use them as guides in making your Christmas purchases. So many people worry about finding proper gift selections for each member of the family as well as close friends, and yet they can solve such problems in a few minutes by studying the advertisements in this issue.

Dilling Mill To Start Operation

For the first time in four or five years yarn will soon be produced at the Dilling Mill according to Ladd Hamrick who will be in active charge of the Mill recently acquired at an Auction Sale by the stockholders. Ten bales of cotton will be started through the machinery that has been overhauled, this week. And just as fast as other machinery can be put in shape more cotton will be used. The capacity of the yarn department of the Dilling is 75 bales per week.

Part of the yarn produced at the Dilling plant will be used by the Phenix Mill, the rest will be sold. 2 ply yarn will be manufactured.

The Dilling will be operated as Plant No. 2 of the Phenix Mill. All bookkeeping and office work will be handled at the Phenix office. An employment office will be set up at the Dilling Plant.

Mr. Earle Hamrick, of Shelby, president of the Phenix Mill, will also serve as President of the organization. Mr. Ladd Hamrick will serve as assistant secretary and treasurer. Mr. Glenn White, Superintendent of the Phenix will also be superintendent of the Dilling Plant.

It is understood that as soon as the yarn department has been put into complete operation that the rayon weaving will be started.

Kings Mountain is very fortunate in having this mill back in the hands of those who want to see the mill in full operation, as the payroll of this mill will mean a great boom to local business.

Senior Class Entertained By Grade Mother

The members of the Senior class of Kings Mountain High School was entertained by their grade mother, Mrs. W. C. Caveny, at Mountain View Hotel last Friday evening. The guests were seated at a long banquet table, attractively decorated. The menu consisted of grape fruit cocktail, oysters, celery, pickles and chocolate popples.

Mrs. Caveny was assisted in entertaining by Miss Mary Roddey Edwards, director of Music in the city schools and an evening of music and games was enjoyed. A special feature of the evening's entertainment was several solo numbers by Wm. Gray, colored, graduate of Lincoln Academy.

The guests included class members, their home room teacher, Mrs. W. T. Weir and Miss Mary Roddey Edwards.

Below is a dispatch from Raleigh pertaining to the much discussed Overhead Bridge. This project has been under consideration for several months. At one time the Town Council, and Mayor approved the plan but for some reason it later developed the project was not approved.

The article follows: RALEIGH—All bids for building a \$100,000 overpass to eliminate the grade crossing at Kings Mountain on highway No. 74, will be withdrawn by the state highway commission today and the federal funds allocated for this project will be placed to some other project, it is learned from Capus Waynick, chairman of the highway commission.

All necessary engineering was done on this grade crossing elimination and bids were received from contractors, but the town of Kings Mountain did not provide the necessary right of way and agree to take care of right of way damages, incident to the changing of the road.

Hence contractors who placed bids on the grade crossing elimination project are being notified today that all bids are refused. This will mean the abandonment of the Kings Mountain job which was to have been done with federal grade crossing elimination funds, provided the town had furnished the right of way paid for any property damages incident to changing the route slightly.

"We regard this crossing as important and would like to build this bridge," says Chairman Waynick. "We have no funds we can use for right of way and damages and the town of Kings Mountain has signified its unwillingness to carry through on the lines of plan which we necessarily have adopted. We should like very much to go ahead with the contract except for the hitch with the Kings Mountain authorities."

MRS. ROBT. E. KERR FUNERAL SUNDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Robert E. Kerr, age 70, were held at Elizabeth Baptist church, Sunday afternoon and were attended by a large crowd of friends and relatives. Rev. J. W. Suttle was in charge of the service.

Mrs. Kerr died at her home on West Mountain street Saturday afternoon, her death coming as a great shock to many of her friends who did not know of the seriousness of her illness. Her children and other members of the family were at her bedside when she died.

She was before marriage, Miss Sarah Emiline Hord, daughter of the late Jesse and Elizabeth Hord, prominent family of near Shelby, Cleveland county. During her residence in Kings Mountain, she was a member of the First Baptist church and for many years, in earlier life, was a member of Elizabeth church.

Her love for family and friends was demonstrated by tender ministrations and service and she will be greatly missed not only by her immediate family and in her home but by her neighbors and other acquaintances.

Surviving her are her aged husband, six children, Miss Pearl Kerr and Mrs. Eugene Mathis, both of whom lived in the home with their parents, Mrs. Leroy Johnson, of Swansboro, S. C., Joe E. Kerr, of Greenville, S. C., Jake G. Kerr of Rork Hill, S. C., Dr. R. M. Kerr of Columbia, S. C., and four step-children, Mrs. C. H. Robbins, Frank Kerr, Miss Jessie Kerr, all of Gaffney, S. C., and Mrs. C. D. Gladden of Kings Mountain. She is also survived by the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. J. C. Keller, Mrs. Ed Hord, W. M. Hord, all of Kings Mountain, Adam Hord of Gastonia; Ed Hord and Mrs. Tom Allen of Shelby, and Mrs. Joe Kendricks of Waco.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

The Colonel's Checking System

By IRVIN S. COBB

ONE of the most widely known and most popular railroad men on the Western hemisphere has for many years handled the publicity for a Canadian system. He is as popular in the States as he is in the Dominion. Wherever he goes people pay him tribute for his abilities as a story teller, and for his genial and kindly habits generally. Those who know him are always glad to see him when he comes and always sorry to tell him goodbye when he leaves.

Having so many friends and being of so social a disposition, it is almost inevitable that he must do his share of drinking. A few years ago he suffered an attack of illness and the physician who attended him put him on a diet. One of the regulations was that, until further notice he must take no more than one high-ball every twenty-four hours. A few months later he ran down to New York. He called upon a friend and the friend opened a bottle of prime Scotch. As the Canadian refilled his glass for the third time the friend said: "Look here, Colonel, I thought by the doctor's orders you were allowed to take only one drink for each day."

"Yes, that's right," said the Colonel, "and I'm following instructions. This drink here, for example,"—and he raised the tumbler and gazed upon its delectable amber contents—"this is my drink for August the twenty-first of next year."

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Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THERE was once a woman that couldn't get along with her cooks, and she couldn't cook herself either. That was one reason why she had so much trouble with her cooks, I reckon. She didn't know what she was bawling them out for.

Well, one day she said to her husband "Say, I fired Molly, but I got word from the Cooney Employment Agency that they've got a convention of cooks on down in their place this afternoon. I wish you'd drop in there and pick me out a likely one."

So that night hubby came back without a cook, and his wife says, "Say didn't I tell you to go around to that cook's convention and bring me somebody?"

"Yeah, and I went." "But couldn't you find a suitable cook in a whole national convention of 'em?" "Well, they looked suitable enough, but we'd already had all of 'em."

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Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

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

Washington political students are still discussing the apparent paradox of the recent elections. Belated election returns on purely local questions have only added emphasis to the point they are making.

Many Congressional districts, for instance, elected men to the National House of Representatives who openly boasted that they were "radicals," that they thought the government should control everything a man does and says.

But — and here's the rub — district after district voted for self-styled "conservatives" on purely local questions.