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## State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

### —National News—

Buenos Aires, Dec. 15.—The United States today moved to line up joint and unanimous sponsorship for its American neutrality project at the Inter-American peace conference. Conference sessions tackled neutrality and economic subjects after clearing its decks last week of the three major proposals for peace which were passed unanimously through committee.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mistinguette, the French dancer and actress who made famous the song, "My Man," has found her man, and in about three weeks she will become "Mrs. Amleto Battisti."

Washington, Dec. 15.—Members of the electoral college were called together in the 48 state capitols today to choose a President and Vice-President of the United States.

Unless they disregarded the will of the voters as expressed November 3, the electors had no choice but to re-name Roosevelt and Garner 523 to 8.

Sumter, S. C., Dec. 15.—Sheriff C. M. Hurst and Treasurer B. C. Wallace of Sumter county have filed claims for a total of \$19,734.63 against the county for fees taken from them by a 1932 legislative act recently held unconstitutional.

Chester, S. C., Dec. 15.—Monroe C. Craik has announced that at the first of the year farmers of this county will receive around \$16,000 for participating in the federal soil conservation program. Within a few weeks the checks should begin to pour in from Washington.

Indianapolis, Dec. 15.—Attractive auburn haired Marie Grott, who has found a thrill and a career in matching wits with outlaws — she's head of Indiana's criminal identification bureau — would put women into the front lines of the nation's war on crime.

"Women can win the fight," she said today. "Chasing criminals is not exclusively a man's job."

Paris, Dec. 15.—The French government replied today to the United States call for payment of the semi-annual installment of France's defaulted war debt due Dec. 15.

The note focuses interest on the question of reopening formal negotiations for payment.

Agitation has been growing among certain sections of the French government for payment of the debt and it has been reported from time to time that the answer sent today might suggest conferences on the problem.

Wildwood, N. J., Dec. 15.—Investigators were confronted with a mystery today in the death of an unidentified woman whose mutilated body was found stuffed into two potato sacks.

In an attempt to determine the manner of death, they planned chemical tests of burns which covered the body.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—Fleets of insurgent tanks, supported by infantry and machine gun units, battered for two hours today at government lines in University City, but shivering defenders held firm.

### —State News—

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Two of the five highway patrol radio stations are now under construction and two of the other three will be started this week. Captain Charles D. Farmer, commander of the patrol, said today.

Greensboro, Dec. 15.—James E. Van Zandt, past national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, conducting a school for department and post officers, outlined a legislative program for "adequate pensions for the widows and orphans of all dead war veterans, increased pensions for dependants of dead service-connected veterans," and a "peace for America" plan he said he would present to the next session of congress.

Concord, Dec. 15.—Sheriff Ray C. Hoover arrested Gene Tucker, 20, of Mount Pleasant, and charged him with assault on Luther Stancil, 45, who the sheriff said was in an Albatross hospital with serious wounds.

Wilson, Dec. 15.—Gray Woodward, 50, was held without bond here on a charge of killing Redden Walston, 26, in what officers described as a quarrel over liquor.

Wilmington, Dec. 15.—A middle-aged boilermaker and his housekeeper, a comely widow, were charged today with poisoning the former's 15 year old daughter because, Solicitor John J. Burney said, she objected to their relations.

Meanwhile Burney continued to investigate the deaths of the man's two wives, who, he said, died under the same circumstances of the young girl, whose body was exhumed at Orangeburg, S. C., last week for an autopsy.

Officers arrested the girl's father, E. L. Smoak, a native of South Carolina, and the housekeeper, Mrs. Gettelle Harker, 28, a few minutes after midnight, upon a toxicologist's report that the girl's viscera contained traces of a poison.

Sylva, Dec. 15.—Wade Loftin, serving a 12 to 15 year sentence for highway robbery in Rowan county, escaped from a prison truck on a street here.

Mt. Airy, Dec. 15.—The mangled body of Robert McCraw, 50, recently of Galax, Va., was found on a railroad track near here.

### MOORE EXHONORATED IN DEATH OF ETTERS

Mr. S. S. Moore, of Shelby, who was the driver of the car that struck and killed John Eppers near here Saturday night was exonerated at a coroner's inquest held at the Town Hall here Wednesday afternoon. After an examination of several witnesses by coroner Roscoe Lutz the jury termed the tragedy as an "Unavoidable Accident."

### COTTON REPORT

Census report shows that there were 21,162 bales of cotton ginned in Cleveland county from the crop of 1936, prior to Dec. 1, as compared with 43,662 bales ginned to December 1, crop of 1935.

## Legion Auxiliary Sponsors Community Xmas Tree

The American Legion Auxiliary members have been very busy this week making arrangement to have a Community Christmas tree. The tree is to be placed in the chained off space of the square in front of the First National Bank.

The Legion is also supporting the movement. Mr. Glee Bridges is buying the lights and wiring at wholesale prices, and will connect the lights and wiring ready for the tree. Mr. Chas. Thomasson is going to have the tree placed on the ground and put up a light pole for the wire so it will be clear of the traffic. The town is going to furnish the power and connect up the wiring. The light will cost twenty five cents each. There are to be one hundred lights on the tree, and they are of a type that can be used year after year.

There will be nothing distributed from the tree. The tree is to foster the Christmas spirit and help make our streets attractive during the holidays. The gifts that are to be distributed by the organization will be taken to the homes.

On Christmas Eve at six o'clock a band of children will sing carols at the Community Tree. Then the children will go out in groups under the care of a Legionaire or Auxiliary and sing Christmas Carols to the shut-ins. One band will go to sing for the aged in the County Home and to the prisoners in jail.

Those wishing to hear the children sing, are asked to place lighted candle or light in the window.

May the efforts of these children be awarded by creating a joyous Christmas spirit in the hearts of their listeners, and in the midst of their Christmas joys pause and think of the other Christmas long ago when Christ the Savior was born.

## Duke Day Is Observed Here

The Cleveland-Rutherford Chapter of the Duke Alumni Association held its annual meeting at the Woman's Club Building last Friday evening, the occasion being in observance of the 12th anniversary of the Duke Endowment under which Duke University was established. About 50 graduates who make their home in the two counties were present for the event at which Dr. R. S. Crispell, the Duke faculty, made the principal address.

Troy McKinney, County Auditor of Shelby, was elected President of the Association to succeed Dr. J. W. Harbison of Shelby. F. M. Biggerstaff, was elected Vice President, and Sarah Kate Ormand, Secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Paul Mauney was elected as a delegate to the Aids Council.

Dr. Harbison presided at the dinner. Members of the High School Band, under the direction of Paul Hendrix, gave several selections. The Mauney twins, Miles and Ernest rendered a duet accompanied by Miss Virginia Parsons at the piano. A few invited guests were present for the dinner.

Interesting moving pictures of Duke University were shown by Mr. Charles Duke of the University.

Dr. Crispell traced the history of Duke University from the date of its foundation as Union Institute in Randolph county in the year 1838. It was pointed out that the institution throughout its entire history, although the name was changed from Union Institute to Duke University has steadily grown in size and influence in the state and nation. He predicted that in the years to come the growth of the University would in all probability be unlimited, and there would be much expansion in the physical plant in order to take care of the increased enrollments.

### Acknowledgement Of Donations

Circle Chairmen of Central Methodist church in charge of the Duke Alumni banquet, Friday night wish to express their appreciation for the splendid co-operation not only of their members but the following firms with their liberal donations: Albion Grocery Co., Gastonia, coffee. Best Bakery, rolls. Griffin Drug Co., and Summers Drug Co., ice cream. Blalock Grocery Co., groceries. A. and P., grape fruit.

### Court Of Honor Tonight

A Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held this evening, Dec. 17, 7:30 o'clock at the High School building. All parents and friends of Scouts are urged to be present.

## To Open PWA Bids Dec. 23rd Beloved Lady Dies

### PUBLIC LIBRARY TO OPEN SOON

Plans are now underway for the formal opening of Kings Mountain's Public Library very shortly after Christmas. Supplies have already been ordered.

Mrs. Jessie O'Shield, who is WPA Library Supervisor for Cleveland county has made two trips to Kings Mountain to aid in the opening. Communication has also been received from the office of the State Library Commission stating they would send a representative here to help with the opening and setting up the proper system. Lists of books have been received from the Library Commission and they are now being studied by the committee in charge.

The citizens of Kings Mountain showed their interest in a Public Library by subscribing the necessary funds in a recent campaign.

A total of \$542.27 was raised. The Town Council voted to appropriate \$25.00 per month for the maintenance of the Library.

Mrs. Lois Young, WPA District Supervisor, of Hickory, has also made a trip to Kings Mountain in the interest of the Library.

## Charles Russell Buried Today

Funeral services for Charles E. Russell late of Salisbury, will be held at Central Methodist church Kings Mountain today (Thursday) soon after the arrival of the body on the one o'clock train. Interment will follow in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Russell died in the Salisbury Hospital Tuesday following a week's critical illness of angina pectoris.

Mr. Russell was for many years a popular freight conductor on the Southern Railway and on account of failing health took lighter work, recently.

Possessing a genial, jovial nature, he made friends wherever he went and news of his death came as a shock to many who did not know of his illness.

He is survived by his widow, who before marriage, was Miss Jennie Long. Her paternal and maternal ancestors were natives of this section. Three daughters survive, Mrs. Donald Bull of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. M. Moore of Charlotte and Miss Gladys Russell of Salisbury.

### NO PRESENT CANTATA

Sunday afternoon at 5:00 the Senior Choir of St. Matthews will present a Christmas Cantata, "The King Cometh" by Stult. They have been preparing this special program for the last few weeks under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Herndon. A cordial invitation is extended to all the people of Kings Mountain to enjoy this Christmas music.

### Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THE English tell lots of stories about American tourists because there's a lot of American tourists over there all the time. The



Jokes is always on the Americans in the English stories. Well, here's one about English tourists in America. The young man that was just out of Eton was with his dad, and they come to look America over from the corner of Broadway and Fourteenth street. The young fellow had brought his amateur movie along, and he was having the time of his life. But they got into a communist riot at Union Square, and the cops noticed the boy's dad was a foreigner, so they started beating him up. The kid ran into a little store and yelled, "Oh, I say! The bloody constables are jolly well going for the Governor! They have got him under, and they're beating him with their truncheons!" "But we ain't communists here," says the store-keeper. "What do you want us to do about it?" "Sell me some film for my pocket cinema, of course! What a ripping picture!" (American News Features, Inc.)

Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Hay, age 88, affectionately known as "Mother" Hay, were held at the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday afternoon and interment made in Mountain Rest cemetery. The pastor, Rev. P. D. Patrick, had charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. Fred Hay, of Dillon, S. C., former pastor of the church in Kings Mountain and Rev. John Hay, of Hickory, both of whom were kinsmen of Mrs. Hay.

Elders and deacons of the church served as pallbearers, active and honorary.

Mrs. Hay is survived by her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Lowry and son, Arthur Hay, and a granddaughter, Miss Helen Hay, named for her grandmother. She is also survived by a brother, Peyton R. Hay.

Mrs. Hay was taken seriously ill while on a visit to her brother and other relatives and friends at her old home, Springfield, S. C., and as soon as she was able to be moved was brought back to Kings Mountain in an ambulance, passing away about ten days later at the home of her son.

Mrs. Hay was a native of South Carolina and a true Southern gentlewoman. The traditions of the old South were dear to her heart. She knew and could tell most interestingly of the struggles during the War Between the States and of the period of Reconstruction following.

Except for a few years residence, elsewhere, Mrs. Hay has lived in Kings Mountain for near a half century. She moved away for a short while and returned to make her home with her son and daughter.

She was the last charter member of the Presbyterian church and while lowly and faithful to its communion, she was also at all times, intensely interested in the work of churches of other denominations. She was an active member of the local chapter, United Daughters of Confederacy and Daughters American Revolution.

On account of her pious nature and deep spirituality, she was many times, called upon to fill the office of chaplain in these organizations. Her prayers, couched in beautiful words, inspired by a wonderful faith seemed to ascend to the very throne of God and reverberate in the hearts of those about her. The keynote of her life was faith.

A warm friend, interested in the welfare of her loved ones, and friends, she kept young in mind and heart, though advanced in years. Her remarkable culture, versatility and gracious personality, found their highest expression in her human contacts.

She loved good literature and was especially fond of poetry, penning many beautiful lines herself. She was also a talented musician and in recent years delighted her many friends with her radio broadcast of several piano numbers and has also appeared on programs at local gatherings.

Truly one of Kings Mountain's most spiritual, most charming, cultured gentlewomen has gone from our sight but we find consolation in the fact that the flowered covered grave, holds only the body of one who is now keeping trust with her loved ones who preceded her to the grave and while her voice is stilled, the echoes of her personality resound in the hearts of those who knew her and loved her and touch unseen chords of appreciation which re-echo in music of Aeolian sweetness.

### Flected Life Member Of Church Council

At the regular council meeting of St. Matthews Lutheran Church this past Monday evening Mr. D. M. Baker was elected a Life Member of the Church Council. Mr. Baker is the oldest living member of St. Matthews who has served as a member of the Council. He was confirmed in May 1879. This is an honorary position bestowed upon individuals in recognition of long years of faithfulness and service.

## SHOP NOW

Only 7 Shopping Days Until Christmas



Bid on the PWA project which included the erection of a new Town Hall, sewer extensions, and new streets, and street improvements will be opened at the Town Hall office next Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The total bids to be let will amount to about \$100,000. Part of this fund will be a direct grant from the Federal Government, the balance, about \$60,000 was raised by the recent sale of Town Bonds. About \$30,000 is to be spent on the erection of the new Town Hall to be built at the site of the present Town Hall. The balance of about \$70,000 will be spent on the sewer and street project. It is understood that work will begin immediately, as all Government have to be started by Jan. 11, 1937.

West Goll from Sims to Juniper, Watterson from Gold to Colored School.

Simms from Gold to W. Mouneain, Cansler from Cedar (Oil Mill) to Fulton.

West Side Railroad Avenue to Ridge street.

Ridge street from West side of Railroad avenue to Cansler street. Gold street from Cherokee (Bonnie Mill) to Oriental by Ball park to Saddle Mill.

Oriental from Gold to King.

Deal from Cemetery to King.

Dilling from Cemetery to Parker.

Parker from Dilling to Gaston.

Gaston from Mountain to Gold.

Walker from Piedmont to Cansler.

Fulton from Piedmont to Cansler.

Lackey from Piedmont to Gantt.

Broad street from Highway No. 29 to Phenix Mill.

Cherokee from Falls to Dixon.

The following streets that are already paved will be retreated: Gold, Gaston, Cherokee and Linwood Road.

## John Eppers Is Killed By Auto

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the El-Bethel Methodist church for John Eppers, 45 year old farmer who suffered fatal injuries Saturday night when he was struck by an automobile. At the time of his death he was walking on highway No. 74 near Kings Mountain.

Mr. Eppers was hit by a car driven by S. S. Moore of Shelby who carried the injured to the Shelby hospital where he died a short time later. Sheriff Raymond Cline and Patrolman Houston investigated the details of the tragedy and did not place charges against Moore.

Services were in charge of Rev. J. N. Wise, pastor of Mr. Eppers and a large number attended the final rites.

Mr. Eppers' father was killed by a train at the crossing near the Margrace Mills, several years ago and a brother-in-law, Mrs. Edgar Harmon was also killed by an automobile on the Kings Mountain-Shelby highway.

Survivors are his wife and five children, Rufus, Thomas, Evelyn, Zeb and a very small child, a sister, Mrs. Frank Ware of Norfolk, Va., Will and Russell Eppers, both of Kings Mountain.

### Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

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

The election is over, but back-stage there is more campaigning going on in Washington than there has been for two years. It centers around one of the most powerful offices in the federal government — that of Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

Together, the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader decide policy upon pertinent public questions. Most of the time they have the advice of some other members but when it comes to a hard-fought issue the word of the Speaker and the Majority Leader is final.

Representative Bankhead of Alabama will be the Democratic candidate for the Speakership. The Democrats have such a huge majority that Bankhead will be elected with dispatch. The real fight will be over the Majority Leadership, for in recent years it has been traditional for the Majority Leader to succeed to the Speakership.

Two men of opposing backgrounds and characteristics are the outstanding candidates for that job (Cont'd on back page)

### Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

### In the Safety Zone

By IRVIN S. COBB

A MAINE farmer with a reputation for frugality which was more than local drove up to the general store. He halted his team, dismounted from his wagon, entered and passed the time of day with those present. This formality concluded, he drifted over to the cooler



and drank copiously of the ice-water. One of the resident loafers furnished him with tobacco for his pipe and another provided a match. Then he picked up a handy bucket and went out to water his horses. Returning, he begged a dab of axle grease with which to anoint one of his wheels. This seemed to remind him that a tire was slipping, so he asked the proprietor to lend him a hammer, for a few minutes. While the obliging storekeeper was searching his stock for a hammer, the visitor made a light but satisfying luncheon of cheese, sliced from the cube on the counter, a couple of soda-crackers plucked from a handy barrel, and a few segments of dried apple.

After this, apparently, he could think of nothing else. He had mounted to his seat and was driving away when the storekeeper hailed him: "Say, Bill," he called out, "if you should find, later in the day, that you've lost your purse, remember you didn't have it out while you was here!" (American News Features, Inc.)