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State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

National News
Washington, Dec. 23.—Thirty seven thousand grand stand seats for the inaugural parade January 20, have been put on sale at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$10.

The inaugural committee in letters sent to democratic clubs throughout the nation explained that construction costs had pushed the price up 40 per cent from 1933 levels.

The first taker was Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania, who ordered 1,000 top price tickets.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Mounting food prices harassed German housewives today as officials pushed a campaign to regiment purchasers and shopkeepers.

First returns in the government-supervised plebiscite of fats purchasers developed a new difficulty in the German drive to insure economic self-sufficiency.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 23.—Two companies of the Arkansas national guard mobilized early today to aid 100 other men in searching dense woods ten miles south of here for two year old Charles Warren who toddled into the forest behind his father yesterday and became lost.

Havana, Dec. 23.—Political friends of Cuban President Miguel Mariano Gomez frankly expressed the belief today nothing could be done to avert his impeachment for fighting the army-sponsored sugar bill.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Dec. 23.—An argument about a dollar to buy Christmas gifts for two of their five children led to the deaths of Anthony McNear, 45, of nearby Terra Alta, and his wife, Mrs. Pearl McNear 35.

Buenos Aires Dec. 23.—Inter-American peace conference delegates met in their final plenary session today to approve 37 measures to strengthen bonds among the American republics and liberalize trade policies.

They stood silent for one minute in memory of the victims of the earthquake at San Vicente, El Salvador.

San Salvador, El Salvador, Dec. 23.—Officials expressed fears today of a mounting death toll in the devastating earthquake which razed a most all San Vicente and killed at least 200 persons over the week-end.

Persons arriving in San Salvador from the stricken provincial capitols told stories of wholesale ruin, of shattered buildings and homes, and of rescuers digging out some 200 holes in the first few hours after the quake.

Laurens, S. C., Dec. 23.—Clerk of Court Thomas W. Bennett said today \$1,000 bond had been posted for Henry Rhodes, 14, charged with the fatal stabbing of Joseph Beeks, 15, in what was described as a boyish argument between the two pupils at the Thornwell orphanage school at Clinton.

Jacksonville Fla., Dec. 23.—Florida's transient director estimated today one third of the penniless persons who roamed the country two years ago looking for work have found it.

Laughing Around the World
With IRVIN S. COBB

The Ways of the Army
By IRVIN S. COBB

A GREEN recruit was having his first experience at doing sentry duty at one of the Southern cantonments in 1917. Toward him through the darkness came a captain.

"Halt! Who goes there?" demanded the greenhorn.

"I NEVER WENT TO COLLEGE NEITHER"

"Officer of the day," came the answer.
"Beat it bo, before I run you in," said the sentry. "What the hell would the officer of the day be doin' hangin' 'round at night?"

This story is matched by one that I had from a retired chaplain who vouched for its authenticity:
The officer of the day was inspecting the guard.
"What are your orders?" he inquired of a drafted man.
"Sir," said the sentry, in his newly-acquired military manner, "my orders are to be vigilant."
"What does vigilant mean?" said the officer.
"I don't know," said the sentry.
"Call the corporal of the guard and we'll find out," said the officer.
The corporal of the guard came, and saluted.
"Corporal," said the officer, "this man here doesn't know the meaning of the word vigilant. Suppose you tell him."
"Is means, sir, to be alert," answered the corporal promptly.
"And what does alert mean?" said the commander, anxious that the lesson should be driven home to the pupil.
"I don't know," said the corporal.

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Merry, Merry Christmas

To All

Is Our Wish

MAYOR ISSUES WARNING

Mayor J. E. Herndon has asked the Herald to announce to those desiring to shoot firecrackers to please refrain from doing so in the business section or on the streets, if firecrackers have to be shot, to please shoot them on your own property.

Every year people are seriously injured with firecrackers and extra precaution should be taken in firing them.

AGED WOMAN BURIED TUESDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Caroline Biddix, age 75, were held at the Second Baptist church, Tuesday and interment made in Patterson Grove cemetery. Rev. C. C. Parker, pastor, of the church, was in charge of the funeral and burial rites.

Mrs. Biddix died Monday at her home at the Sadie Mill and was only ill for a day.

She is survived by the following children: Roscoe, who lived with his mother at the Sadie Mill; Charlie Biddix, Greenville, S. C.; Lester Biddix, Grover; Mrs. Lizzie Leigh, Sadie Mill, Gary Biddix, Cora Mill.

LEGION AUXILIARY SPONSORS COMMUNITY TREE AND CAROL SINGING

A large community Christmas tree bedecked with colored lights, stands on the vacant lot in front of the First National Bank.

The tree was furnished by the members of the Legion Auxiliary assisted by Legionaires.

Carols will be sung at the tree early Christmas eve and later the party will sing in other sections of the city. One group will visit the County Home and sing for the inmates.

YOUNG WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Rufus Wood, nee Miss Mary Geneva King, age 26, died at her home at the Cora Mill, Wednesday morning, Mrs. Wood who died of tubercular trouble, had been bed-ridden for the past four weeks.

Funeral services will be held today at 2:30 at the Second Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. C. C. Parker, in charge, assisted by Rev. R. L. Chaney. Burial will be made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Wood is survived by her husband and the following children: Quentin, age ten; Richard, eight; Martha Sue, six; Jack, four; and Hubert, one.

She is also survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. King and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. John Hulleader, Mrs. Charles Burton, Mrs. Ivey Roper, Miss Reba King, Uleys, Ellis and Willis King all of the Cora Mill village and Mrs. Melton Kiser, of High Point.

MAKE FLYING TRIP

Four young men of Kings Mountain made a flying trip this week to Copper Hill, Tenn., a distance of about 250 miles from Kings Mountain. Leaving here Monday morning, they went by air with the pilot of the airplane who had been doing flying near Kings Mountain for the last several days. They made the trip over snow covered mountains in about two and one half hours. The return trip was made by automobile.

Those making the trip were: E. E. Marlowe, Charles Campbell, Jimmy Burns and Dr. A. L. Hill.

STORES TO BE OPEN SATURDAY

The stores of Kings Mountain are going to remain open all day Saturday following Christmas, taking only Christmas for a holiday. The Bank and Building and Loans will also be open for business Saturday.

D. A. BEAM CO., SHELBY, ERECTING NEW BUILDING

D. A. Beam Company is erecting a \$35,000 building on South Lafayette street in Shelby. This building consists of several store rooms and a basement. They planning to move into this new building after the first of the year.

PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Buying At High Peak As Shopping Season Nears End.

Kings Mountain folks are preparing to celebrate the happiest Christmas in several years. Christmas buying is at a high peak, and with fair weather promised until Christmas day, merchants are hoping to sell out all Christmas merchandise by that time. In fact, a number of merchants reported yesterday that many popular items have been sold, and that there will be no chance of replenishing the supply before Christmas.

Special services will be held at the Lutheran Church Christmas Day at 8:00 in the morning, and 5:00 in the afternoon.

The American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor Carol singing at the Community Christmas Tree in the morning and afternoon Christmas Eve.

With more money in circulation this year, response to calls for money and supplies to make Christmas cheer possible in many underprivileged homes has been unusually fine.

FORMER CITIZEN PROMOTED

Word has been received in Kings Mountain that Mr. J. E. Garvin, who formerly lived here has just been promoted by his company to the management of the Blue Ridge Rayon Mill of Alta Vista, Va. This mill is the largest unit of the Burlington Mills with whom Mr. Garvin is now employed.

Mr. Garvin was Superintendent of the Dilling Mill when he made his home here. The many friends of Mr. Garvin here will rejoice in his promotion.

ROBBERY REPORTED

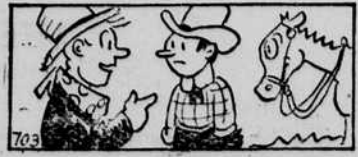
According to news received from Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ford, the latter before marriage, Miss Dorothy Kiser robbers entered their home Monday, escaping with a Gladstone bag, clothing and jewelry. Among the articles stolen was a dark suit of clothes, two college rings and a white gold dinner ring set with diamond chips. The thieves gained entrance at the back of the Ford residence, which is on Wilkonson Boulevard, near Cramerton, and evidently escape in an automobile.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ford were absent from home at the time.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THEY say the dude ranch business is getting to be a right profitable business, and lots of business men are going into it. They take good care of the folks that go out to these ranches, and if a fellow



don't know about ranch life, they ease it to him right gently. But a few years ago, before they got so much business efficiency into it, there used to be rough guys working on some of these ranches that used to like to see a city guy get thrown off a horse. Course, that wasn't good for business, and it ain't done any more.

There was one city guy with a lot of dough went out to a dude ranch, and one of the cowboys brought around a horse for him. The guy was all dressed up in swell riding togs, and he had a swell pair of spurs on, but he said to the cowboy, just when it was time for him to get into the saddle, "Say, I feel kinda funny. Do you know, bo, I've never been on a horse before?"

"Oh, that's all right, mister," says the cowpuncher. "You ain't got nothing on this here pony. He feels kinda funny too. He ain't never been rode before. So the two of you kin learn together."

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Contracts For Town Projects Let Yesterday

ANOTHER LIBRARY DONATION RECEIVED

Even though the drive to secure funds for the Kings Mountain Public Library has been over for several weeks another donation was received this week. Miss Helen Hay received \$100 from a person who wanted to have a part in the Library. The person asked that her name not be used.

With this dollar the total now collected stands at \$543.27. If there is anyone else who would like to make a donation, they may do so at the Herald Office.

Miss Margaret Gilbert, Field Worker of the North Carolina Library Commission, was in Kings Mountain this week, and conferred with Mr. Haywood E. Lynch, about plans for the opening, which will be as soon after Christmas as possible.

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

A session of the Court of Honor for the Kings Mountain District, Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America was held at the High School Building Thursday night, December 17, at 7:30 p. m. Regular members of the Court of Honor present were: J. R. Davis, Chairman; Aubrey Mauney, B. S. Neill, I. B. Goforth, P. D. Patrick, W. H. McGinnis, and G. A. Bridges.

Thirty two awards were made at the court and are as follows: For Tenderfoot Rank, William F. Medlin Troop 2, and Chas. A. Goforth, Troop 6; Second Class Rank: Donald McGinnis, 2, Marion E. White 2, Pride G. Ratterre 6, Jimmy Willis 6, George Allen 6, and Eugene Mathis 6; First Class Rank: George Thomas 1, and Clarence Carpenter 6; Star Rank: J. C. Bridges 6; Life Rank: J. T. Pheagin 6, and Claude Gantt 5, Scouts receiving Merit Badge Awards as follows: James Nickels 1, Carpentry and Wood Work, Lawrence Patrick 1, First Aid to Animals, George Mauney 2; Firemanship, Herbert Pumphrey 2, Herbert Mitcham 2, Ernest J. Mauney 2; Personal Health: Miles H. Mauney 2 Dwight B.inger 2; Firemanship: Bedford Ramsey 5; First Aid, Charles Bant 5, James E. Amos 5; Safety, James Ware, Jr., 5; Farm Mechanics and First Aid, Claude Gantt 5; Athletics, J. T. Pheagin 6; Cooking, First Aid to Animals, and Personal Health, Thomas Ladshaw 6.

The next Court of Honor in Kings Mountain will be held on Thursday night, Jan. 21, 1937, at the High School Building and the Parents of Scouts and public are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Miller, parents of Mrs. Finger, Mrs. Neisler and Mr. Robert Miller. The party are going especially to be present at the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

To Attend Golden Wedding Celebration

Mrs. F. E. Finger, Miss Sara Finger, Dan Finger, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. Joe Neisler and children leave this week for Chester, Va., where they are to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Miller, parents of Mrs. Finger, Mrs. Neisler and Mr. Robert Miller. The party are going especially to be present at the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

All the children of the couple, a number of grandchildren and other relatives from various sections expect to be present for the festivities, which will take place during the week end.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Service at the Lutheran Church will begin at 8:00 Christmas Morning. The Matins will be used and the Pastor will give a brief meditation on "The Incarnate Christ."

At 5:00 in the afternoon on Christmas Day the Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. W. K. Mauney and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, will present a candle light song service of Christmas Music.

Cordial invitation is extended to all to these services.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

When Cinderella lost her golden slipper it was found by a prince and returned to her, Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch lost her slipper last week, her slipper was not gold, but a green suede one. Not having any princes around to find her slipper for her she advertised in the Herald, and sure enough it was found by Mr. Jerome Harmon, who saw the ad in the paper and immediately returned it to the owner.

Moral: It pays to advertise.

About 50 contractors were present in Kings Mountain Wednesday for the opening of bids on the improvement project soon to be started. The Town Council, with all members and the Mayor present, met in a special session for the opening of the bids.

The meeting lasted about 5 hours and the full companies were awarded the contracts:

Town Hall: J. A. Jones Contracting Co., Charlotte, \$31,000.

Plumbing and heating: Waldrop Plumbing Heating Co., of Rock Hill, \$3,396.

Sewer Extension: John M. Porter Co., Charlotte, \$9,500.

Water Extensions: Elliott Building Co., Hickory, \$19,000.

Streets: R. B. Taylor Co. of Birmingham, Ala., \$23,000.

The bids let amounted to about \$96,000, with part of this amount to be a grant from the Federal Government. The Town of Kings Mountain recently sold \$60,000 worth of Bonds to make up the difference.

Work is to be started at once. The town office will be moved next week to temporary location, and tearing down of the old Town Hall building will begin immediately.

RED CROSS OFFICE NOW OPEN

The local Chapter of the Red Cross have opened an office in the Town Hall for the administering of relief to needy people of Kings Mountain. Mrs. Pete Gamble is in charge of the office which is open every day from 9 to 11 in the morning.

Miss Helen Colwell, assistant director of Civic Relief, from the National Headquarters at Washington, D. C., recently spent four days in Kings Mountain instructing Mrs. Gamble in the work.

Around \$1,500 was subscribed for Red Cross work in Kings Mountain in a recent drive.

All persons who are called on by people saying they are in need are requested to send them to the Red Cross Office at the Town Hall.

If the people are deserving and in need they will be helped by the Red Cross, if not they will not be.

INJURED IN WRECK

Mrs. W. K. Crook suffered painful cuts and bruises last Thursday morning when her car collided with one driven by a colored man, the accident happening as Mrs. Crook was on her way to Patterson Grove School, of which she is principal. The dense fog was thought to have prevented the colored man from seeing the approaching car driven by Mrs. Crook. Mrs. Bill Souther, also a teacher at Patterson Grove School and a passenger in Mrs. Crook's car suffered slight injuries. Mrs. Crook was brought back to Kings Mountain where she was given medical attention and later carrier to her home. Mrs. Crook's car was badly damaged.

READ THE ADS

People advertising in the Herald take this method as the simplest way of letting you know that they are offering you extra qualities at special prices.

Read the ads and save time and money.

Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

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

Events of the next few weeks, Washington believes, should go far toward determining whether the nation is heading toward real, lasting prosperity, or whether the current boomlet will fizzle into another depression.

Much of the answer, most folks agree, depends upon the attitude of the vacation-rested President and the coming Congress. Despite what might have been said in the campaign, no student who really understands the American system thinks that sound prosperity can be achieved and maintained by government alone. It's the old story: "United we stand, divided we fall."

There are many signs that industry — which after all produces much of the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the luxuries we enjoy — is willing and anxious to do its share. The National Association of

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