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## State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

## Barnes Is Re-elected To Head Scouting For Another Year

## Audit Reveals Big Sum Of Money Is Due Town

### —National News—

Leadville, Colo., Feb. 9.—Confessions to two slayings, one in Alabama, were pinned today by officers on a miner under arrest.

Undersheriff Angela Trivison said the man, giving his name as Carl Cook, 44, confessed he killed his non-smoking wife after finding cigarette butts about their auto trailer home and decided "she was two-timing me."

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Tennessee's house prepared today for action on a senate-approved "press gag bill" while the author of the bill predicted it would not pass.

Cordova, Alaska, Feb. 9.—Alaskans peeped out of their homes on main street today with their six-shooters cocked to see if any more cold-crazed coyotes were chasing deer through town.

Carville, La., Feb. 9.—The leper colony here had its own Mardi Gras celebration today, just like the down river city of New Orleans.

Gaily decorated floats were made for the parade. Lepers on bicycles and in wheel chairs view and follow it. The procession will move along the long screen-enclosed "boardwalk" which connects the cottages where the patients live.

Even a king and queen were chosen for the Mardi Gras ball.

New York, Feb. 9.—The state was ready today to call the first of 40 witnesses expected to testify at the trial of Major Green, 33 year old negro for the murder of Mrs. Mary Harriet Case, 25 year old housewife, Mrs. Case's strangled and beaten body was found in the water-filled bathtub of her Jackson Heights Queens, apartment, Jan. 11 by her husband, Frank W. Case.

Flint, Mich., Feb. 9.—Mayor Harold E. Bradshaw, political veteran at 38, became a virtual dictator today in this strike-ravaged city of 165,000 persons.

The city commission, declaring a "state of emergency" last night thrust full responsibility for "maintaining law and order" into Bradshaw's hands as the General Motors strike passed its 42nd day.

Detroit, Feb. 9.—General Motors corporation consented today to continue discussion to end the widespread automotive strike after indicating it saw no use in further conferences.

Vienna, Feb. 9.—The Duke of Windsor has indicated a desire to purchase an estate in Hungary into which he can move during May, a Vienna real estate agent said today.

Mexico City, Feb. 9.—Fighting threatened today between Leon Trotsky's communist enemies and his university friends as the Russian exile nervously prepared to test a New York audience his version of the recent anti-Soviet conspiracy trial in Moscow.

### —State News—

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Bills proposing a revision of election laws and calling for an investigation of the state rural electrification authority furnished new grist for the legislative mills today while the finance and appropriations committees put finishing touches to their work.

Both the finance and appropriations bills are expected to reach the floor by the latter part of the week. An appropriations sub-committee yesterday tentatively adopted its biggest item so far, an allotment of \$50,000,000 for the public schools, following the recommendations of the budget commission.

Henderson, Feb. 9.—Hubert Bernard Cooley of Nashville, brother of Representative Harold D. Cooley of the fourth congressional district was killed instantly last night when his automobile crashed into a bridge abutment at the North Carolina-Virginia state line about 20 miles north of here.

New Bern, Feb. 9.—Nathanie Tuttle was found shot to death at his home near Oriental and a coroner's jury reported he committed suicide.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Governor Hoey, in a letter to the New York state economic council, which requested comment on the child labor question said that child labor in North Carolina is negligible. No children, he said, are employed in this state in sweatshops or in hazardous or dangerous work.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 9.—Contract for the construction of an addition to the Chatham Manufacturing plant at Elkin has been let to the Frank L. Blum company here.

The addition, costing approximately \$30,000 will increase production about 15 per cent, officials said.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—The resignation of Morris L. Cooke as head of the Rural Electrification administration in Washington is causing general satisfaction in state governmental circles here from the governor on down and is giving rise to the hope that with Cooke out of the way, it may be possible to bring about cooperation of the federal REA with the North Carolina Rural Electrification administration and that the federal REA officials will now try to work with the N. C. REA instead of against it.

Wilson, Feb. 9.—A coroner's jury pronounced the death of W. A. Kirk Batton, 40 year old Nash county farmer, who was found burned to death Sunday night in his farmhouse near Bailey, as accidental.

The seven room dwelling and cowshed were destroyed, Coroner M. C. Guiley of Nashville said the fire apparently was due to a lighted cigarette.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—New automobile sales in North Carolina last month were 5,124 compared with 2,954 in January 1936.

The Boy Scouts and friends of the organization in the community heard a great challenge directed to them at the Annual Boy Scout and Parent Banquet Tuesday evening at the High School Cafeteria.

The banquet was attended by approximately one hundred Scouts and one hundred representative citizens. A stirring address was delivered by Rev. C. P. Bowles, Pastor of Main Street Methodist Church, Belmont, N. C. He called upon us to use the Scouting program to supplement the fine things needed in character and citizenship building which could not be supplied by the home, school and church.

Honor guests at the banquet who brought messages were Judge Bismark Capps of Gastonia, President of the Piedmont Council Boy Scouts of America, Joe Whisnunt of Shelby Vice President of the Council, R. M. Schiele, Executive of the Council, Mrs. Schiele called upon the mothers to send their boys to the Camp at Lake Lanier next summer and let her take care of them.

Each of the speakers issued the challenge of Scouting and this same challenge was presented in a playlet, "The American Boy on the Auction Block." In this playlet, F. Thomasson acting as auctioneer sold a boy not yet old enough to become a Boy Scout. Bids were entered by men taking the parts of War, Pleasure, Crime, Business, Labor, Professions, Farmer, Education, Home Life and Fatherhood, Church and Scouting. The boy was finally sold for a million dollars to Scouting who pooled bids with the Home and the Church.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Boy Scouts of the High School Band. An excellent meal for the evening was furnished by a group of the Woman's Club.

B. N. Barnes, Superintendent of City Schools, was re-elected chairman for Scouting for another year, B. S. Peeler was re-elected Secretary, Committee heads elected were: Finance Committee: B. S. Neill, W. K. Mauney, P. M. Neisler, Church Relations: Rev. L. B. Hamm,

Commissioner: Rev. P. D. Patrick, Court of Honor: J. R. Davis, School Relations: F. M. Biggstaff and P. E. Moss, Camping: G. A. Bridges, Civic Service: L. Arnold Kiser, Health and Safety: C. G. White, Publicity: Aubrey Mauney, Reading: C. F. Thomasson, Inter-racial: I. B. Goforth and J. E. Aderholdt,

Rural Scouting: P. D. Herndon, J. Lee Woodward and J. S. Ware, Ten Year Program: L. B. Hamm, Chairman-Cub Scouting: Rev. W. M. Boyce,

Committee at Large: George Latimore, I. G. Patterson, A. H. Patterson, C. W. Hullebrand, George Moore, C. P. Goforth, W. J. Fulkerson, C. E. Neisler, Jr., Rev. E. W. Fox, J. A. Neisler, Dr. S. A. Lowery, Paul Mauney, George Smith, Sam Suber, D. F. Hord, O. W. Myers, Rev. A. G. Sargeant, Dr. W. L. Ramsey, D. L. Stewart, C. C. Edens, J. N. Jones, Charles Warlick, Dr. J. A. Anthony, Dr. E. W. Griffin, J. E. Herndon, F. R. Summers, J. L. McGill, Carl F. Mauney, Dr. L. P. Baker,

## Week Of Prayer At The Lutheran Church

Beginning Monday, February 15th, the Circles of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, will unite in Prayer Services and self-denial for Missions Throughout the United Lutheran Church in America a similar program will be followed. The Service begins at 3:00 each afternoon through Friday. The program is:

Monday, topic: Hear Our Father, Mrs. M. L. Harmon, Leader, Tuesday, topic: Rule Our Minds, Mrs. Carl F. Mauney, leader, Wednesday, topic: Expand Our Souls, Mrs. George W. Mauney, leader,

Thursday, topic: Employ Our Talents, Mrs. L. Boyd Hamm, leader, Friday, topic: Sanctify Our Relationships, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, leader,

## JUNIOR CLASS SPONSOR PLAYS

The Junior Class of the Central High School is presenting Mr. and Mrs. Sauline and their all-star players Thursday, Feb. 11. There will be two performances: one at 1:30, and one at 7:30. "Little Orphan Annie" at 1:30, and "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" at 7:30. Please be sure to come and help the Juniors.

## LIBRARY OPENS MONDAY

SCOUTS OBSERVE ANNUAL SCOUT SUNDAY

"Thou hast the dew of thy youth" Psalm 110 verse 3, was the text chosen by Rev. P. D. Patrick of the First Presbyterian Church, who preached the annual sermon at a Union Service observing Boy Scout Week at the Lutheran Church of which Rev. L. B. Hamm, is pastor.

Assisting in the service were Rev. W. M. Boyce of the A. R. P. Church and Rev. E. W. Fox of the Methodist Church. Scouts were present in a body from the local troops. Scout Miles Mauney repeated the Scout Law and Scout Eugene White repeated the Oath and Motto.

"As the flower looks up to heaven for the dew for refreshment," Rev. Patrick said, "so our hearts look heavenward for life."

Other expressions of the speaker included such pointed thought as "The measure of life is in deeds rather than in dollars is taught in the motto 'Do a Good Turn Daily.' Duke, the great benefactor, is today measured by the good deeds done by what he has given away—not by the sum that he accumulated.

## MRS. SARAH CAVENY BURIED SUNDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Caveny were held at Central Methodist church Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. W. Fox, the pastor was in charge and was assisted by Rev. W. A. Parsons, pastor of Grace Methodist church. The body was then carried to Earl where interment was made.

Mrs. Caveny had been in poor health for some time but had improved, death coming suddenly, Saturday morning, after she had arisen from her bed.

She had been a faithful member of Central Methodist church since coming to Kings Mountain more than thirty one years ago. She attended services regularly when her health permitted and gave of her means to the support of her church.

She is survived by several stepchildren, two of whom, Mrs. Luther Spearman and Mr. W. C. Caveny live in Kings Mountain. Also surviving are three brothers, Preer Randall, Earl and Dock Randall, of Blacksburg, S. C., a sister, Miss Donnie Randall, of Shelby.

## Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

IT AIN'T so very much fun to be deaf, I reckon, but I don't know what joke-makers would do if they didn't have deaf people to josh about.



One story is about a senator that was awful deaf and terrible dignified. He made a great show of being something more than a mere senator.

So there was a guy from the home town come to see the senator about getting to be a postmaster, and the senator had him to dinner.

The senator didn't say much. But in the middle of the dinner he says to the guest, "Say, what's your name anyhow?"

"Thrupps is my name, Senator."

"What?"

"Thrupps, John Thrupps."

"I'm sorry, but my confounded ears ain't so good. Say it again."

"Thrupps, Thrupps. My name is Thrupps."

"Well, I give it up," says the senator. "I'll have to call you Mr. Olson, I reckon. I can't understand you when you pronounce your name. Sounds like nothing but Thrupps to me."

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## Funeral Services For Aged Woman

Funeral services for Mrs. Rhoda Bennett, age 85, were held at Grace Methodist church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W. A. Parsons was in charge of the services and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery. The pallbearers were the following grandsons of the deceased: Lloyd, Bill, Leonard and Burton Bennett and Henry Ford.

Mrs. Bennett had been ill for the past nine weeks at her home on the York road and passed away early Monday evening.

She was the widow of the late John Bennett, whose family have been highly respected citizens of this section for many years. She was a charter member of Grace Methodist church and at all times loyal to its support. She spent her entire life in this section and numbered her friends by her acquaintances.

Surviving are six sons: B. T. Bennett, of Toccoa, Ga., who has been in ill health for some time, James, Wade, Arthur, and Gus Bennett all of Kings Mountain; Rev. John Bennett, pastor of the First Baptist church at Norwood; three daughters Mrs. John Jones and Mrs. John Ford of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Carl Mayfield of Belmont.

A number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. She is also survived by an aged brother, Mr. Pink Bumgardner of this place.

## INFANT BURIED SUNDAY

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ware was buried in Mountain Rest cemetery Sunday morning. The infant passed away soon after birth in the City Hospital, Gastonia.

## World Day Of Prayer To Be Observed

The Churches of Kings Mountain will have part in World Day of Prayer this Friday February 12th. All around the world, in more than 50 countries Christian people of all denominations will observe this day of prayer. Mrs. W. K. Mauney is to be the leader and ladies from the other Churches in town will have part in the program of meditation and prayer. The Service will be held in the Lutheran Church at 3:30. The people of the town are invited to attend.

## Over \$20,000 In Water And Light Bills Due.

A total of \$83,155.10 is due the Town of Kings Mountain on past due taxes (both real and personal), sewer, water and street paving assessments, and light and water bills, according to the annual auditor's report now on file at the Clerk's office.

The audit was made by George H. Emery, C. P. A., of Statesville, N. C. for the year ending June 30th, 1936. This is the second year Mr. Emery has made the audit.

Below is a list of accounts due the Town on June 30th, 1936:

Lights and water bills, \$21,926.37. Street paving, sewer, and water assessments, \$23,918.12.

Names and amounts of those who are assessed are listed in the audit. Taxes, real and personal, \$37,310.61.

This includes unpaid taxes on real estate from 1927 to 1934, and personal taxes from 1925 to 1935. Personal taxes before that time have been marked off.

There has been quite a bit of discussion on the streets of Kings Mountain as to how so large amount of unpaid light and water bills had been allowed to accumulate. Several stated that those who pay their bills pay in reality for those who do not. Some made the remark that the large utility companies, who are experts in the business of merchandising electricity would never have allowed this amount to accumulate, which would mean a lower rate to those who pay their bills.

The Auditor made several recommendations under the heading "General Comments," as follows:

"The expenditures of monies from the funds of the town are made on vouchers signed by the Clerk and Treasurer. These vouchers are not approved either individually or in summary by the Council. We would suggest the advisability of such formal approval at each monthly meeting of the Council, and the recording of such approval in the minutes.

"Tax releases also should be formally approved by the Council, and such approval recorded in the minutes.

"There is no fidelity bond in force covering the Clerk and Treasurer, who is also the collector of taxes and utilities revenues. For the protection of the Town of Kings Mountain and also of the Clerk and Treasurer, such a bond should be secured.

"The minutes of the Council should bear the signature of both the Clerk and the Mayor. The latter is lacking.

"Other than above, we found the books and records of the Town of Kings Mountain to be neatly and accurately kept, and to reveal therein no evidence of any irregularities."

## BOARD MEETS

The Town Board met in executive session last night with all members present. The clerk was instructed to see that all lights and water bills are collected by the 15th of the month or to discontinue the service, beginning March 15, 1937.

Action was also taken by the board to collect street paving, water and sewer assessments and back taxes, and if necessary to reduce the accounts to judgements.

The bond of the Town Clerk was discussed and it was decided to take the necessary steps to secure a fidelity bond for him.

Other routine business was dismissed before the Board adjourned.

## Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

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

Predictions in politics have left many a so-called political expert far out on a limb and wishing he had never gone into the forecasting business. But events here in the Nation's Capitol have moved fast enough in the past few weeks to make one prediction seem fairly safe. It is that during the coming months many people will be playing the thoroughly Americanized game of "putting 'em on the spot." The Supreme Court is to be the target. Unless the guesses of the corps of Washington newspaper men are all wrong, one of the heaviest propaganda campaigns in the history of the country is already under way looking toward proving to the people that the Supreme Court is the root of all our economic evils.

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If the inside whispers which are being passed around are correct — (Cont'd on back page)

## Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

### The Sacrifice of a Wife

By IRVIN S. COBB

TO a married man—and it doesn't make any difference how long he has been married, either—the workings of the female mind are puzzling.

Nearly everybody is acquainted—or should be—with the little tale of the husband who was describing to his friend the result of a

difference of opinion with the estimable woman who bore his name and shared his lot.

"I believe in give and take," he said; "we started out that way at the beginning and we've always kept it up."

"How does the system work?" inquired his friend, who was a bachelor.

"Oh, bully. Now, for instance, here a few months ago we were going to buy some new draperies for the dining room. She wanted silk; but I wanted chintz. Well, we talked it over and finally we compromised."

"Compromised on what?"

"Oh—on silk."

There is another yarn vaguely related to the foregoing little chapter out of the domestic life of a happily wedded pair.

Mr. Smith comes home with furrows of care in his brow.

"Mary," he says, "the way bills keep piling up is scandalous. We're spending more than I make. We've got to cut expenses to the bone—both of us—if we expect to make ends meet at the end of the year. We've got to make personal sacrifices, starting with the little things and going all along the line. Now, what would you suggest?"

Mrs. Smith ponders a moment.

"I'll tell you how we'll begin," she says, brightly then; "you shave yourself—and I'll cut your hair."

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