

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

--National News--
 Pawtucket, R. I., Oct. 19.—With loaded national guard machine guns set up at the entrance of the Narragansett Park race track, officials of the track today called off this afternoon's racing "because of martial law."
 Armed national guardsmen patrolled the area about the million dollar racing plant to enforce Governor Robert E. Quinn's command that the plant be closed.

--State News--
 Asheville, Oct. 20.—Hundreds of Southern Methodists were arriving today for the six-day session of the Western North Carolina annual conference, to open at 4:30 p. m. Bishop Paul B. Kern of Durham will preside over the conference.
 Winston-Salem, Oct. 20.—Northwestern North Carolina counted its crop and other damage in the thousands of dollars today after flood-swollen streams inundated many acres of lowlands.
 Heavy rainfall over a 24-hour period sent the mountain streams on rampage, and in a few isolated places residents of low-lying areas were forced to flee their homes temporarily.

Fayetteville, Oct. 20.—Calvin Coward was held without bond today on a charge of murder in the fatal shooting of Tommie Thomas at a tourist camp near here last week.

Greenville, S. C., Oct. 19.—Arnold Hensley, 20, was held today on a charge of murder in the death of Fred D. West, 30, of the River Falls section.

West died last night from a head injury he suffered when he was struck by a piece of cordwood Saturday night.

Manila, P. I., Oct. 19.—Earlier independence for the Philippines was requested from the national assembly today by President Manuel Quezon. The vast assembly hall was filled to capacity with many foreign consuls present.

United States High Commissioner Paul V. McNutt sat on the rostrum with Quezon and heard the latter commend him.

London, Oct. 19.—Italy and Germany held an ace which informed circle said may enable them to gain another diplomatic victory in the Spanish civil war non-intervention crisis.

Observers said Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy and Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany can agree to the Angli-French plan for withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spanish armies and then let insurgent Generalissimo Francisco Franco scrap the plan by refusing to call off his foreign fighters.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The administration will make its third guess this week, at the size of the 1938 treasury deficit.

The figure will be received with intense interest in political and financial circles.
 Politicians are interested in the possible effect on the next session of congress and the 1938 congressional elections. Financial men will watch its effect on the markets.

Cincinnati, Oct. 19.—The state resumed today its efforts to send comedy Mrs. Anna Marie Hahn to the electric chair on a charge she fatally poisoned Jacob Wagner, an elder.

Two Fires In One Day

Chief Grady King and his fire ladies were called out twice last Saturday morning. The first call was to extinguish an automobile on fire which was the property of L. L. Alexander, local grocerman. The car caught fire near the sight of the old water works, and was badly damaged before firemen arrived.

The second fire was on the roof of a house at the Phenix Mill, directly back of Ladd Hamrick's home. The fire was caused by sparks from the chimney. Very little damage was done.

Laughing Around the World
 With IRVIN S. COBB

Where Few Would Venture

By IRVIN S. COBB
 ONE DAY, in his office, the head of a publishing house, came to ask his Scotch editor his opinion regarding a certain accepted manuscript by a well-known English novelist—let us call him James Jones—which had been placed in his hands for an opinion.



"I've been reading Jamey's book, sir," said the editor. "I could read only the first part of it, though. It's a pair thing, sir—a pair thing."
 "I think you may like it better when you get farther along in it," said the publisher hopefully. "The latter half is much better than the first half."
 "Ah, well," quoth the older man, "few but Jamie will ever know that!"

KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Left to right, Jim Smith, Johnnie Jones, Chief Jimmy Burns, and Harvey Harrison, who police the Best Town In The State.

TWO SHOPLIFTERS CAUGHT

Don Biddix, local colored man, and G. R. Tate, white man, were caught shoplifting at Keeter's Department Store Saturday. Biddix nonchalantly strolled into Keeter's, put on a new hat and walked out with it on his head. The trick worked so well, he decided about an hour later to try the stunt again, but this time the eagle eyes of one of the clerks saw Biddix. When arrested, he admitted the two thefts. He was tried in Recorder's Court in Shelby Monday morning and given four months on the roads, by Judge Bynum Weathers. This is the second time within the last twelve months Biddix has been convicted of shoplifting. A few months ago he was found guilty of stealing some groceries from the Home Stores.

G. R. Tate was also caught at Keeter's. Tate came into Keeter's and tried on a pair of shoes. After getting fitted up he said he would be back for the shoes later. And true to his word, he came back, when all the clerks were busy, he walked over to the shoe shelves and picked up the box of shoes, stuck them under his arm, and walked out of the store. Tate was also tried Monday morning and given four months on the road.

Tate was also to be tried later on a bad check charge. Several local merchants cashed checks for Tate which later proved to be worthless.

Several local merchants have indicated they are going to be very careful and watchful for shoplifters. Now that the rush season of the year is at hand a steady watch will be maintained, and shoplifters are warned to think twice before they take.

Art Exhibit Week

There is a significant movement throughout the United States, under the leadership of the American Artist Professional League, the object of which is to arouse widespread interest in visual art by showing the people in each locality, every year, throughout the first week in November, what their own artists and art students are doing. In cooperation with this National Movement the local Women's Clubs, both Junior and Senior, are putting on an art exhibit in connection with the annual Floral Fair. Special emphasis will be a class of early American art to give interest and variety to the show, by showing the contrast between the early and the modern schools of art. Any local or native North Carolina artist is invited to exhibit specimens of work in this exhibit and it is earnestly hoped that many will take advantage of the opportunity. Both professional and amateur work will be accepted. Children and students are especially urged to enter their work. The prime object of the event is to discover and recognize any latent talent in our own community and state.

A number of local people have already signified their desire and willingness to show specimens of their are-work in the exhibit and the committee in charge feels greatly encouraged. Any publicity given will be appreciated by them. Further information may be secured by getting in touch with Mrs. M. A. Ware, who is in charge of the Exhibit.

23 ARRESTS DURING WEEK-END

The past week-end was one of the busiest in many months according to Police Chief Jimmy Burns, with 23 arrests being made. 21 drunks and 2 shoplifters were arrested. All but three of those arrested were white.

Department Grows In Strength

(Gilbert Falls)
 Sixty-three years ago planters, squatters and many emancipated slaves lauded the organizing of a police department in the newly chartered town of Kings Mountain.

In 1874, one of the most trying periods in southern history, the first policeman of Kings Mountain took the oath of office, swearing to do his duty in the safeguarding of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This was a tremendous undertaking, but from the very beginning the department kept conditions as well under control as could be expected in a time when the entire South was in a chaotic state of political, economic and racial unrest.

The first department consisted of a one-man force and a dungeon-like structure erected on an alley in the west part of town. When the town expanded the alley became a street, but the old, storm-beaten jail continued to serve its purpose until a few months ago when more humane quarters, housed in the new town hall, were available. Not only do we find a modern jail, but also convenient space for the Chief and his aides.

As the town grew in size, the police department grew in strength. Over a period of years the department has made a commendable record. During this expansion one former member of the force is recorded to have sustained permanent injuries while performing his duties. With the exception of a few drunken pests and petty thieves, the town has generally enjoyed a reputation for peace and quiet. Kings Mountain is relatively free from that criminal element which is ever a menace to society and a problem for the courts.

Of those officers who have gone to larger cities for duty, we know little, but we are confident the local force, with its modern equipment and led by Chief Jimmy Burns, has the interests of the people at heart and is capable of making Kings Mountain a better and safer place in which to live.

Injured At School

Miss Elizabeth Neill, student at Meredith College, Raleigh, suffered a broken ankle while engaging in recreational activities recently. Miss Neill will wear a cast for some time.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story
 By WILL ROGERS

SOME women don't like to wear glasses for fear they'll look old. They don't really look old, you



know, but they think so, and that may be worse.
 Well, Mrs. Barnes tried to talk the doctor out of making her wear glasses, but the doc says, "Wear 'em all day. Otherwise you're going to have a terrible time."
 So she came back in a few weeks and her eyes were worse.
 "Do you wear 'em all day, like I told you?" says the doc.
 "Yes, and no, Doc. I wear 'em all night, which is just as long, and that way nobody gets to see how old I look. But although I been wearing 'em just as long as you told me to, they ain't doing me no good."
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Annual Red Cross Drive Planned In Nov.

Local P. T. A. To Have Spelling Bee

All spellers and would-be spellers had better get out their old blue back spelling books and study up for the Parent-Teacher Association Spelling Bee which is to take place at the High School auditorium, next Thursday October 28, at 7:30 P. M.

Any and all spellers are invited to take part. Fifteen clubs and organizations of Kings Mountain have been invited to send team composed of three members to compete for honors. Rev. L. Boyd Hamm has been asked to give out the word from the old Blue Back Speller. A prize will be given to the organization whose members stands up the longest.

An admission price of 10c and 15c will be charged, with all the proceeds going to the deserving Parent-Teacher Association.

The organizations who have been invited to enter teams are: American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club, Men's Club, Ministerial Association, U. D. C., D. A. R., Fire Department, High School, Study Club, Scouters, Teachers, Home Arts Club, P. T. A., Thursday Afternoon Book Club and The Book Club.

Those attending the meeting held Monday afternoon to make arrangements for the Spelling Bee were: Mesdames Frank Summers, Pete Gamble, C. T. Carpenter, and Messrs Glee Bridges, Frank Summers and Haywood E. Lynch.

Father of Kings Mtn. Woman Buried Last Week

P. L. Hastings, age 75, father of Mrs. J. L. Settlemyre, of Kings Mountain, also of Mrs. Dane Rhyne and Mrs. Dewey Falls, both of whom formerly lived in Kings Mountain, died at his home in Gastonia, last Wednesday, following a prolonged illness.

Mr. Hastings was a steward and charter member of Smyre Methodist church and had been actively engaged in church work throughout his long life, until ill health prevented. Mr. Hastings was a native of Cleveland county, but had lived in Gaston county for many years.

Burial took place at Bethel Lutheran cemetery, near Dallas.

Berean Class To Have Oyster Supper

The Berean Bible class of the First Baptist Church will have an Oyster Supper at the Church next Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged and the entire class is expected to be present. This class, has in the last few weeks, moved from the Scout hut into a larger room in the Sunday School department of the church in order to take care of the ever-increasing membership. A cordial welcome is extended to all men to study the Bible with this class every Sunday morning at 9:45.

Work On Gymnasium Begins

Actual work on the new gymnasium of the Kings Mountain High School will begin this week. Materials were placed on the building site on Gaston street yesterday, and workmen have arrived from the J. A. Jones Construction Company of Charlotte.

About \$40,000 is to be spent on the building program, which will include besides the gymnasium, additions to Central School and repairs to the Auditorium.

Mrs. W. T. Allen Passes Suddenly

Funeral services for Mrs. W. T. Allen, respected Elizabeth community resident were held Sunday at 2:30 at the Elizabeth church with Rev. B. P. Parks, pastor, in charge. Mrs. Allen died suddenly last Friday morning of a heart attack. She became ill in the night and died about six o'clock.

She was formerly Miss Nancy Matilda Hord, a native of this county and was reared near Waco. In early life she was married to W. T. Allen who preceded her to the grave nearly 20 years ago.

Among the survivors of Mrs. Allen are, a brother, William Hord, two sisters, Mrs. Jake Keller and Mrs. Ed Hord, of Kings Mountain.

Local P. T. A. To Have Spelling Bee

The week of November 15th has been selected as the time for the annual Red Cross Drive and Roll Call. The drive will be to raise funds for the local and National Red Cross.

Kings Mountain has been loyal in its support of the Red Cross, last year rating third from the top in communities in North Carolina of comparative size. In percentage the local chapter rated higher on the list than many larger and wealthier communities.

There is the opportunity this year of securing special recognition for outstanding loyalty to the Red Cross. Kings Mountain can head the list, when would be a special distinction.

Mrs. Sprinkle, from the National Headquarters of the Red Cross was here last week assisting in organizing for the Roll Call.

Haywood E. Lynch has been appointed General Chairman. Aubrey Mauney is chairman in charge of Publicity. Hayne Blackmer heads a committee to secure the initial gifts and to canvas the mills. Ladd Hamrick is chairman of group enrollment. F. D. Herndon, chairman of county enrollment, Glee A. Bridges, chairman of business district committee, Mrs. Frank Summers, chairman of house-to-house canvassers, B. N. Barnes, chairman of enrollment of schools, Rev. R. J. Davidson, chairman of Roll Call among the colored group, and J. L. Herndon of Grover, is chairman of Grover Roll Call.

Air Mail Week Goes Over Here

A total of 1,923 pieces of air mail left the Kings Mountain Post Office last week, which was North Carolina Air Mail Week, according to Postmaster W. E. Blakely. The air mail pouch with 857 pieces was picked up here Tuesday by North Carolina's premier pilot Johnnie Crowell of Charlotte. Air Mail from Shelby was also picked up at the same time. It was estimated the mail from Kings Mountain was about three times as much as that from Shelby.

Postmaster Blakely was well pleased with the response received from Kings Mountain business men and firms during Air Mail Week.

The number of pieces of air mail dispatched each day of the week were as follows: Monday, 33; Tuesday, 87; Wednesday, 40; Thursday, 28; Friday, 27; Saturday, 26.

Officer At West School

Police Officer Jim Smith is now being stationed in front of West End School during the noon hour, and also about 2:30 each day when school turns out, to protect the children while crossing the street, according to an announcement from Chief of Police Jimmy Burns. Chief Burns stated that since Officer Smith had been stationed there, speeding had slowed down considerably. West End School is located on West Mountain street which is one of the most heavily travelled streets in Kings Mountain.

Park Head To Take Post Later

Washington, Oct. 19.—The arrival of Oswald Edward Camp at Kings Mountain National Military Park, where he was scheduled to take over the duties of superintendent late this month, will be delayed for an indefinite period, Park Service headquarters said yesterday. Camp will be forced to remain at the Statue of Liberty park area, where he is director, until someone can be found to take over that post.

Washington Snapshots
 by JAMES PRESTON
 (Opinions Expressed in This Column Are Not Necessarily the Views of This Newspaper.)

That the Congress will do most of its own legislating, come next January or possibly before, is an expanding probability in the Capitol city.

The current note is being sounded by Representative John J. O'Connor, of New York, chairman of the potent House rules committee, and his plan is finding wide favor.

Mr. O'Connor would end the custom of having most of the legislative drafting service done in downtown departments by young and unexperienced legal employees.

He proposes to form a Congressional drafting committee composed (Cont'd on back page)