

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

National News
 Charleston, S. C., Dec. 29.—General Charles P. Summerall, president of The Citadel, announced today that he had received news of the death of Cadet William P. Somerville at his home in Boynton, Fla., Somerville, a Citadel freshman, died after an appendicitis operation.

Manila, Dec. 29.—Marine authorities here were advised today that the Standard Vacuum Oil vessel Toorak ran aground on the east coast of Gebu Island in the central Philippines Sunday. It carried a crew of 36.

Rome, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Miss Dorothy Dixon, 22 year old store clerk, was killed in Rome hospital today, victim of a pistol bullet fusillade which police held her uncle by marriage, Louis B. McGinnis, 38, for questioning.

Chief of Police Jesse T. Owens said McGinnis told him he shot the girl "because she broke up my home."

Washington, Dec. 29.—Usually well-informed officials said today President Roosevelt would tell Congress next week that the 1938-39 budget can be balanced if relief expenditures can be held within bounds.

The budget which he will send to Capitol Hill January 4 is not expected to contain a definite relief estimate. Because of uncertainty about the severity and duration of the current business recession, the President probably will give only a tentative figure.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The commerce department announced today United States merchant exports showed a \$151,670,000 excess of exports over imports in the first 11 months of the year.

Although imports ran ahead of exports during most of the year the last few months changed the trend and November alone accounted for \$91,456,000 of the export balance.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—Floyd Smith, an American explorer, arrived today preparing for a hazardous journey to the mountains of Szechwan province to hunt the giant Panda.

Smith previously trapped one of the rare animals but it died near Singapore on its way to a London zoo.

Greenbrook, N. J., Dec. 29.—Their infant slain and laid under the Christmas tree, with the presents after they had a dispute with a tenant over heat, a village florist and his young wife wept hysterically today at the home of neighbors who kept them in seclusion.

Womenfolk of the community took turns laying strong but gentle hands on Mrs. Louis Bordoion since she found the body of her five months old Christiana in a pool of blood among the gifts she and her husband had bought for their first-born.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Dr. Stanley High, writer, authority on international affairs and former advisor to President Roosevelt, suggested in an interview here today that the President is looking with favor on the idea of a third party.

State News
 Concord, Dec. 29.—The Concord fire department had the unusual Christmas present of not having to answer a single fire alarm, a check of records showed here today.

Hemp, Dec. 29.—As a result of the action of a coroner's jury here yesterday James Davis, of Carthage, is being held for investigation in the death of Ervin Brower, 20 year old negro, who died as a result of injuries received in a highway accident Saturday night.

Aberdeen, Dec. 29.—Miss Cornelia Shaw, librarian emerita of Davidson college, died last night at the home here of her sister, Mrs. Robert N. Page, Sr., after a few days' illness of septic sore throat and heart complications. Miss Shaw was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shaw.

Fayetteville, Dec. 28.—The body of Mrs. Nannie Fisher, 49 year old widow, was found early today in the ashes of her home near here.

The home, on Cedar Creek road, three miles from Fayetteville, burned shortly after midnight. City firemen were called, but the flames had gained so much headway that they were unable to extinguish them.

Sylva, Dec. 29.—Ralph Gardner, 26 year old Yale law student, set a political course for himself today like that followed by his father, former Governor O. Max Gardner.

Angier, Dec. 29.—Chester Johnson, 17, of near Angier, was dead today after an unknown hit-and-run driver ran into him on highway 15-A just inside the Wake county line late last night as Johnson rode a bicycle homeward.

Highway patrol and Wake county officers sought the driver but his identity had not been established, said Captain Charles Farmer, of the patrol.

Johnson, returning after carrying a companion home, suffered leg and internal injuries and died at a doctor's office.

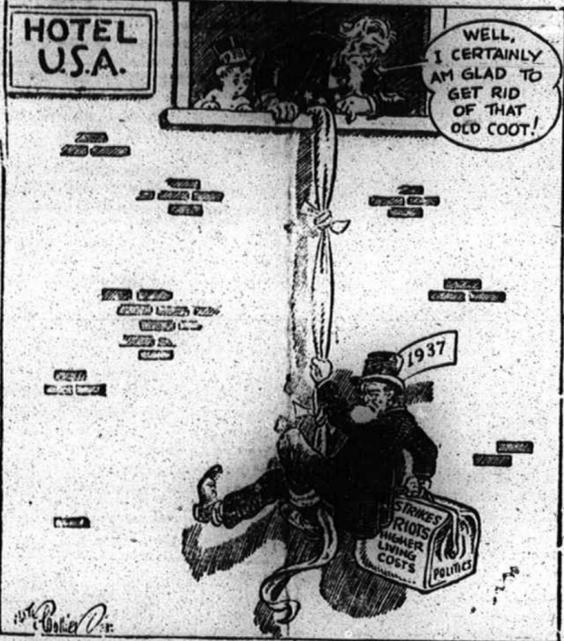
Raleigh, Dec. 29.—A \$100,000 check from the Z. Smith Reynolds foundation of Winston-Salem was today in the hands of Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer. The foundation recently announced that it would give the income from \$7,000,000 to a campaign to eradicate syphilis in North Carolina.

Hamlet, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Agatha Gaddy Wallace and her 13 year old daughter, Neoma, are in the hospital here with severe injuries received yesterday afternoon in an automobile accident.

Greensboro, Dec. 29.—Officers hunted today the author of a note Dr. J. H. Boyles, Greensboro physician reported he had received demanding \$1,000 and threatening bodily harm if he failed to comply.

The doctor said he was instructed to bury the \$1,000 in "unmarked" \$10 bills at a street intersection here. A dummy package was buried at the place, officers said, but no one came for it.

SNEAKIN' OUT TH' BACK WAY



George G. Boone Dies At Age Of 73

George G. Boone, age 73, passed away at his home on Railroad avenue early Christmas eve, following a critical illness of two weeks.

Funeral services were held at Central Methodist church, Sunday afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock and interment made in Mountain Rest cemetery. Rev. L. W. Fox, pastor of the deceased, was in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of the Presbyterian church and Rev. A. F. Connor, the pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church.

Active pallbearers were J. C. Keller, S. R. Suber, W. F. Logan, George White, J. H. Stewart and Joe Walker.

Mr. Boone was buried with Masonic honors, the members of the local order attending in a body.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. Ella McDaniel, Mrs. Claude Ware and Mrs. Charles Kennedy, all of Kings Mountain; one son, Clemonsee Boone, of Hemp.

Also surviving are thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. John Smith, and one brother, J. J. Boone, survive.

Mr. Boone was a native North Carolinian and spent the greater part of his life in and near Kings Mountain.

Since early life he has been interested in the textile industry and has held responsible positions in cotton mills of Kings Mountain, Bessemer City, and elsewhere.

He was of a retiring, quiet disposition but faithful to any trust, a kind and affectionate husband and father. For many years he has been a faithful member of Central Methodist church of which he had served as an official member.

The funeral was attended by a large number of friends and relatives from Kings Mountain and neighboring places.

Christmas Made A Happy Occasion

Many families in and near Kings Mountain were remembered by the various religious organizations and individuals making Christmas happy Santa Clauses was sent into many homes where he might not have found his way otherwise.

Several responded to the appeal made by this paper for the Herald-Fireman Emergency Stocking fund, which provided the money to purchase toys for the needy little folks of Kings Mountain.

Baskets of groceries, fruits and Christmas goodies were given out by most of the Churches, Sunday Schools, and Bible Classes. One Men's Bible Class raised over \$100 which was spent for foods which was distributed Christmas.

One prominent citizen remarked late Christmas Eve: "I feel sure every family in Kings Mountain has been remembered this year."

Three Deer Killed

Three deer were killed on the last hunt of the season at the Neiser Hunting Preserve in Eastern North Carolina. Joe Neiser, F. Tidwell and Hunter Neiser were the three hunters who brought home the bacon. One of the hunters reported lots of does were seen, but it is a violation of the law to shoot one.

At the end of the hunt, Court was held and the accused was found guilty and sentenced to lose his shirt-tail. Tom Fulton was the one appointed to perform the operation.

These making the trip were: Joe Neiser, Charlie Williams, Tom Fulton, Charlie Dilling, Gene Neiser, J. M. Williams, Hunter Neiser, Joe Lee Woodward, John Logan, F. Tidwell, Fuller McGill, Paul Neiser, Hayne Blackmer, W. A. Ridenhour, and Charlie Moss, the last four bird hunted.

Quiet Christmas

Chief of Police Jimmy Burns reports the Christmas holidays just passed unusually quiet. Only one or two routine arrests were made during the past week-end. There was no outstanding disorder reported to the Police Department according to Chief Burns.

Gaston Man Is Seriously Slashed

Gastonia, Dec. 28.—Bessemer City police continued today an unsuccessful search for an unidentified man who seriously wounded M. H. Nell, 34, overseer at Algodon Manufacturing company, Bessemer City textile plant, as the climax of an argument at Walt Gladden's filling station on Bessemer City-Kings Mountain highway.

A Bessemer City ambulance driver was brought Nell to a local hospital, where he is in a serious condition with a knife wound in the abdomen, said the unknown man escaped in a Kings Mountain taxi after plunging a knife into Nell. No one knew him, it was said, not even Nell. The assault ended an argument between Nell and the stranger which started over an automobile, it was reported.

Court Held Here

Recorder's Court was held here yesterday afternoon with Judge Bynum Weathers on the bench, and Frank Hoyle, Jr., prosecuting for the State.

The docket was cleared with only a few routine cases being tried. Two driving drunk cases were heard, and one public drunkenness was disposed of.

Bank Closed Saturday

In observance of New Year's Day, the First National Bank will be closed Saturday, January 1st.

POST OFFICE SETS NEW RECORD HERE

The biggest Christmas business in the history of the local post office was chalked up here last week according to Postmaster W. E. Blakely. The last quarter of 1937 exceeded any other quarter since the Post Office was opened by \$700. Most of this increase was attributed to the Christmas rush. Twenty five thousand and 1/2 cent stamps were sold for the mailing of Christmas Cards according to Postmaster Blakely. For the four days prior to Christmas Eve over 10,000 pieces of mail was cancelled on the machine at the local post office.

Postmaster Blakely was well pleased with the good business, and the satisfactory manner in which the unusually large volume was handled.

Two Men Admit Theft of Mail

Robbery of the Grover mail bags and the burning of the first class mail for that town early Sunday morning has been cleared up by the confession of two men who are now in the Cleveland county jail, being investigated for further serious crimes.

The men are Alexander Athler, 26 of New York and Gus Hart, 25, who said he is from Greenville, S. C.

Arrests and imprisonment came Sunday after the early morning theft of the mail bag which is dropped by Southern train No. 27 going south through Grover.

The confessed robbers left a high-powered Chrysler car in Grover, found to be the property of H. Nelson of New Orleans. It was out of gas and the men confessed they robbed the mails in order to get a little money to purchase gasoline.

Deputy W. L. Blackburn of Archdale near Kings Mountain made the arrests and with the aid of Chas. Shepherd and Greel Ware of Kings Mountain, lodged them in jail.

Birch, Famous Magician, Coming

According to an announcement by W. E. Blakely, Post Commander of the American Legion, Birch, America's foremost magician, with his company of assisting artists will play an engagement in this city on Thursday, Jan. 6th, at the High School auditorium.

The Birch show is the largest magic production now on tour in this country. Equipment, scenery and effects valued in excess of \$25,000 are carried and will be seen at the local performance.

Of the entire remarkable array of illusions, perhaps the most baffling is the famous Hindu Rope Trick. For centuries this has been the most talked-of and colorful of all feats of legerdemain. An ordinary piece of rope is tossed into the air, it remains rigid, a Hindu boy climbs the rope, and in the twinkling of an eye disappears!

Heading the Birch staff of assisting artists is Angel Sperry, hailed by critics as the world's greatest girl xylophonist. Miss Sperry charms music lovers everywhere with brilliant solos on her special Marimba Xylophone.

"We believe we have been of real service to our community in booking the Birch engagement. It is not often that we are permitted to view a performance of such real merit," one of the officers of the local Post of the American Legion declared in discussing the contract and show.

Timber Estimates Are Recommended

An accurate estimate of the number of cords of pulpwood stumpage which can be cut from an area may save considerably more than the cost of the estimate, says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College.

While it is generally advisable to sell pulpwood on the basis of the number of cords actually cut, Graeber says that in some cases it may be necessary to make advance estimates of production.

The State College forester quotes the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture as saying that an estimate or cruise should be made by a competent estimator on any tract of more than 80 acres if there is a good stand of timber about ten cords or more per acre.

On a small tract, the estimating can be done at the same time the trees are marked. With a small brush and a can of white paint, each tree to be cut can be daubed with a splash of paint. The mark will last for a year or more.

Graeber suggests that timber owners needing assistance in estimating their timber stands can obtain help from their county agents, who work in cooperation with the extension foresters at State College.

First Baby Of 1938 To Get Gifts

Kings Mountain's first 1938 baby is going to get some fine presents from progressive merchants. For the past three years this has been the custom with local merchants.

The stork will have to decide who will be the winner of the valuable gifts. This year several of the merchants will also present the doctor, who presides at the "Blessed Event" with gifts.

Merchants and prizes to be given are as follows:

Giffin Drug Co., a surprise for both baby and doctor.

Bell's Department Store, pair of baby shoes, and present for doctor.

D. F. Hord Furniture Co., Layette Basket for baby and smoking stand for doctor.

Keeter's Department Store, Baby Blanket and surprise gift for doctor.

Victory Clin Co., 500 pounds of coal.

Home Building and Loan Association, month's payment on one share Building and Loan Stock.

Kings Mountain Herald, one year's subscription.

Doctors are asked to report immediately the arrival of Little Mr. or Miss 1938 to the Herald Office. Announcement of the winner will be made in the next issue of the Herald.

More Books Added To Library

Approximately 200 new books have recently been added to the Kings Mountain Public Library. The books are by the most popular authors and have been going like "hot cakes" since they were placed on the shelves. Every single new book that was placed on the shelves went out the very first afternoon. The Public Library is yours, and you are invited to use it. Miss Davis, Librarian, asked that those who get new books be very careful with them, as she wants to keep them new looking as long as possible.

Another copy of "Gone With The Wind" has been donated, which brings the total to five copies of this extremely popular book.

Found Dead By Railroad Tracks

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Lester Cunningham who was found dead early Christmas morning beside the Southern Railroad tracks, north of the Phenix Mill. Officers found the body which had evidently been struck by a passing train sometime during the night.

Mr. Cunningham was employed at the Coca Mill. Complete details of the accident could not be found out.

Gaston Officer Facing Charges

Gastonia, Dec. 28.—A Gaston county deputy sheriff, Arthur Roach of Gastonia, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and drunkenness yesterday by I. F. Shives, Dallas man.

Shives in a warrant filed with Sheriff Clyde Robinson for service alleged Deputy Roach, in a drunken condition threatened himself and his father with a pistol and almost ran into them with his automobile. The incident occurred Christmas eve night in Dallas, Shives said.

Deputy Roach resigned, pending the outcome of a hearing before Mayor Lathan Friday at Dallas Saturday.

Washington Snapshots

(Opinions Expressed In This Column Are Not Necessarily The Views of This Newspaper.)

As they departed for home and the Christmas holidays, many Congressmen wondered what they should do to keep themselves right with the world.

First, for several years, they did what they were told to do, and they were labelled "rubber stamps." Then a few months ago they decided to legislate as they thought best, and now, because they have killed or pigeon-holed legislation which they believed would be harmful, some folks are calling them "do nothings."

"I'm in the frying pan if I do follow the leader and in the fire if I don't," one Congressman mournfully summarized.

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The truth of the matter is that Congress did so little because it really is worried about the business re-

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Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

From the Side of the Road

By IRVIN S. COBB

DOWN in the old malarial belt below Mason and Dixon's line, the indolence of the dwellers in the low grounds is proverbial. In illustration of this attribute, a story used to be told by the late Polk Miller, of Virginia.



Miller said that in a remote district the body of a prominent resident was being buried. The funeral procession, on its way from the church to the grave yard passed a cabin where an ancient couple resided.

The pair in question were engaged that afternoon in the pursuit of their favorite occupation of doing nothing whatsoever. The old man was stretched on the earth with his back against the wall of the house and his face to the road. His wife, in a rickety arm-chair, was facing in the other direction, massaging her front teeth with a snuff stick. Presently she spoke:

"What's that I hear passin'?"

"It's Gip Coomb's fune'l jest goin' by."

"Much of a turn-out?"

"Biggest I ever seen in these parts," he answered. "More'n twenty backs and waggins looks like, and a whole peck of mo'ners on foot."

The old woman fetched a little resigned sigh:

"Well," she said, "I certainly do wish I was settin' turned 'round the other way—I'd like mighty to see that there fune'l."

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Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THERE was a kid in New Hampshire that got a bug in her ear. Her dad was a guy that was awfully



careful with money, but he couldn't do a thing nor neither could his family to get that bug out. They tried to drown the thing in water and applejack and oil, and the kid yelled worse, so they took her to a doctor.

The doc took her into a dark room and lit a match, and the bug came right out to the light.

The dad was glad. "How much do I owe you, Dr. Fordyce?" he says.

"Two dollars."

"Say, doc, that seems kinda high, don't it? Can't you make it a dollar seen't as how the bug walked out by himself?"

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