

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

National News

Simpsonville, S. C., Feb. 15.—A negro prisoner, Frank Barber, 21, perished yesterday in a fire that swept the four-cell town jail.

Corner George W. McCoy said Barber, arrested the night before on a drunk and disorderly charge apparently set fire to the bedding in his cell and it got out of control.

Police Chief C. S. Hamby said Barber had set fire to bedding or his cell once before, while he was a prisoner last fall.

Hong Kong, Feb. 15.—Tseng Yang Fu, Mayor and Treasurer of Canton said today that America has helped China to a considerable extent in her war against Japan.

Tseng refused to disclose the amount of arms and ammunition received thus far from American shippers, but said he expected much more in the near future.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 15.—Counsel for eighteen year old Genevieve Owens, on trial with an older girl for a murder charge in the \$2.10 holdup-slaying of a bus driver, said she would testify today in opening her defense.

Winchester, Va., Feb. 15.—Sheriff J. William Newcome of Frederick County was killed and Virginia Officer George F. Miller critically wounded last night as they sought to arrest a countryman for sheep stealing.

Singapore, Feb. 15.—The British Empire's most formidable naval base—a Gibraltar of the Far East—was formally opened today with an American cruiser squadron attending the ceremonies.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Treasury figures showed today the Federal debt reached a record total of \$37,576,727,713 last week.

The debt had been considerably below this figure since December 15 when it rose temporarily because of financing it. It is expected to reach \$37,853,000,000 by June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Senator Vandenberg's renewed proposal for a coalition party of Republicans and "Jeffersonian Democrats" failed today to arouse marked enthusiasm among leaders of either group.

Prominent Republicans indicated in Lincoln Day speeches that they would welcome the support of dissenting members of President Roosevelt's party. None, however, went so far as did Vandenberg in suggesting possible submergence of the Republican label.

Los Angeles, Feb. 15.—The United States fleet—173 ships and 547 airplanes—is making ready for six weeks of grim war games.

March 14 the most powerful fighting machine America ever sent to sea moves into the Pacific under a new commander-in-chief, Admiral Claude Charles Bloch.

State News

Goldboro, Feb. 15.—Walter L. Jones, 41, died in a hospital here today of a pistol wound said by Deputy Sheriff Roy Perdue to have been inflicted by Jack Ward, 16, Saturday night.

Perdue quoted the boy as saying he shot Jones because the latter struck his sister, Miss Estelle Ward, in a dispute over a former filling station partnership.

Ward said also, the deputy related that Jones had knocked him down a few minutes before the shooting.

Franklinton, Feb. 15.—A car left a highway and hit a tree yesterday and Mrs. Howard S. Gilbert, of Long Island, N. Y., was killed. Her husband, seriously injured, was taken to a Henderson hospital. The couple was en route home from Florida.

Smithfield, Feb. 15.—Brantly Thornton, middle-aged farmer and filling station attendant, will go on trial here a second time this week, probably Wednesday, charged with the slaying of John Dracous Webb in August, 1936.

Solicitor Claude C. Canaday said today he would seek a second degree conviction. At his first trial Thornton was convicted of manslaughter, sentenced to ten to twelve years. An appeal to the Supreme Court won him a new trial.

Thornton claimed self-defense. The State contended Webb was slain as the result of a family feud.

P. T. A. Of East School Celebrate Founder's Day

The East Kings Mountain P. T. A. will meet Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the East End School, February 17th being Founders Day of the P. T. A. there will be a special program given in honor of the founders of this organization.

Every one is invited to attend this special program, and by doing so show an interest in this organization.

Another Lunch Room Started

Kings Mountain School system now has lunch rooms at all three white schools, where hot lunches can be served the pupils at nominal cost. The third lunch room was opened at West End School Tuesday under the direction of the P. T. A. with Mrs. N. F. McGill as president. The first day, Tuesday, 21 lunches were sold and the second day the total almost doubled with 40 lunches being sold.

Food and supplies are partially donated, and the labor of the preparation of the lunches is furnished by W. P. A.

The primary object of the lunch rooms according to Supt. B. N. Barnes is to furnish hot, nourishing food to the children at low cost, and to the children who can not pay, lunches are to be served without charge.

Local Public Library Passes First Milestone

The Kings Mountain Public Library passed its first year of existence in the Best Town in the State last week. When the library opened in February of 1937 505 books were on the shelves, now after one year of operation a total of 1,592 books are in the library. Of this number 294 are children's books, 125 are boys' books, 157 are girls' books, 800 adult books, 56 junior books, and 160 nonfiction books.

The biggest single day in the first year of the library was on December 28, when a total of 242 books were let out. The most popular book for the entire year was "Gone With The Wind," with 95 persons having read this title.

A total of 1,650 persons have membership cards to use the library. This next figure will show everyone that Kings Mountain citizens like to read, as a total of 22,017 books were read here last year. Out of this number only 18 books were lost.

The five most popular authors for the ladies' readers were: Grace Livingston Hill, Temple Bailey, Faith Baldwin, Kathleen Norris and Emile Loring. And for the men, the most popular authors were: Zane Grey, Max Brand, James Oliver Curwood, Charles Alden Seltzer and William MacLeod Raine.

The library is open every afternoon from 2 to 6 p. m. and Saturday mornings in addition to the evening hours from 9 to 11. The library is located in the basement of the new Town Hall Building. Miss Ida Mae Davis, Librarian, extends a cordial invitation to all to visit the library as often as they desire.

Guffey Arrested In Rape Case

Leonard Guffey, about 26 years of age, local textile employee, is in the Shelby jail awaiting trial for rape on Genevieve Sheppard, young lady of Kings Mountain, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Sheppard. The alleged attack took place last Thursday night about 8 o'clock at the home of Guffey on Gantt street which is across the street from the home of Miss Sheppard.

According to reports Miss Sheppard had been visiting neighbors and was on her way home when Guffey called her to show her a book. When Miss Sheppard got to the porch Sheppard is alleged to have grabbed her and carried her into the house where the alleged assault took place. When Miss Sheppard did not return home, her mother went to look for her, and stopped at the Guffey home and Miss Sheppard tore away from Guffey and escaped. Miss Sheppard's clothes were torn almost to threads, and she was badly bruised and suffered from shock.

Dr. W. L. Ramseur, when asked by the Herald Reporter whether the crime had been actually completed or not refused to say. Dr. Ramseur said Miss Sheppard was badly bruised and suffering from shock.

Officers were called, but before they could apprehend Guffey he left for parts unknown, but was arrested by Chief Burns and Officer Jones Tuesday night, and lodged in jail here. Wednesday he was placed in the Shelby jail to await trial.

Guffey is a married man and the father of one child.

Sherman Guffey is under \$100 bond for aiding abetting in the case, aged seriously.

Mauney Twins On Shelby Program

The Mauney twins, Miles and Ernest, were guests artists at a meeting of the Shelby Music Club Tuesday evening with Mrs. Earl Hamrick as hostess.

Mrs. Hamrick entertained the club and a large number of invited guests at Hotel Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Miles and Ernest Mauney and Mrs. Ladd Hamrick were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamrick.

TOWN BUYS DUMP TRUCK

Time Marches On. For many many years Kings Mountain has used horse power, or rather mule power to work the streets, but beginning last Monday the mules will be used no more, as a brand new 1938 model truck will do the work. The new truck will be used on the streets. The truck has a dump body with a capacity of two yards. Mr. Charlie Fulton who has been working and furnishing the mules for the Town will be retained under the new arrangements.

Funeral Held Saturday For Beloved Woman

W. K. Mauney Elected To Head Scouting

The Boy Scouts and friends of the organization in the community heard their organization resold to them in stirring address at the Annual Boy Scout and Parent Banquet last Thursday evening at the High School Cafeteria.

The banquet was attended by approximately 150 Boy Scouts and nearly the same number of representative citizens. The banquet was attended and sponsored by the Business Men's Club.

The address of the occasion was delivered by the Hon. C. B. McBrayer of Shelby. In no uncertain terms he referred to the organization as the great upbuilding force in our nation. In his address Attorney McBrayer reviewed briefly the activities of scouting up to its 28th birthday early this week, and recalled how fitting that scouting should be developed near Kings Mountain, "a beacon of freedom which severed our bonds from England." He praised the scouts for being better informed on first aid and sanitation than many physicians just a few years ago, and commented on the fact that while he was recorder's judge on the county no Boy Scout ever came before him: "Life is not how we win or lose, but how we play the game, he told the boys. He called the great principals of Scouting the same moral forces taught by Christ, the Great Scoutmaster of us all.

B. N. Barnes, chairman of Scouting in Kings Mountain during the past several years, presided as chairman of the meeting. Music was furnished by an orchestra of boys from the Scout Troops.

Guests present at the meeting included Executive and Mrs. R. M. (Cont'd on Editorial page)

Mrs. B. F. Ormand, 64, died last Thursday afternoon, at 2:15 o'clock in St. Peter's Hospital, Charlotte, after a brief illness. Mrs. Ormand had gone to Charlotte for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. T. Bernhardt, when she was stricken. She was carried to the hospital on Sunday morning where she remained in a precarious condition, until the end came.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church and were attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends, many of whom were from neighboring towns. Rev. P. D. Patrick was in charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia. Interment was made in Mounts Rest cemetery.

Active pall-bearers were the following members of the Otis Green Post, American Legion: O. P. Lewis, Dr. W. L. Ramseur, C. F. Thomason, W. W. Souther, Paul Mauney and C. E. Neisler.

Honorary pall-bearers included the following elders and deacons of the Presbyterian church: W. Lee Ramseur, J. T. Davidson, J. H. Thomson, George Caniser, R. H. Webb, Clarence Goforth Paul Neisler, Carl Davidson, Joe Neisler, Luther Caniser, Hunter Neisler, Arthur Hay and Charles Stowe.

Beautiful floral designs were banked about the pulpit and chancel of the church and formed a perfect setting for the last rites, for one who had been so fond of the beautiful and lovely, in life.

Before marriage, Mrs. Ormand was Miss Carrie Elizabeth Burke, member of a prominent family of Rowan county, North Carolina.

She is survived by her husband; four sons, T. B. Ormand of Koonoke, Va.; James Ormand of Gastonia, N. C.; Rev. B. F. Ormand, Jr., of Lost City, West Va.; and Jack Ormand of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. R. W. Jones of Union, S. C.; Mrs. E. Z. White, Jr., of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. W. B. Thomson of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. A. T. Bernhardt of Charlotte. One child died in infancy. Mrs. Ormand is also survived by eleven grand children.

Four sisters survive, Mrs. J. B. Simpson of Durham, Mrs. F. H. Ramsey of Charlotte, Mrs. Ola Payne of Bessemer City and Mrs. Hugh Haverly of Albany, N. Y.; two brothers, Rev. James P. Burke of Hendersonville and W. L. Burke of Baltimore, Md. All the above named were present for the funeral services except W. L. Burke, of Baltimore, who was unable to be present. The services were delayed for a short while pending the arrival of Mrs. Haverly.

Mrs. Ormand was very active in church work and served as president of the Women's Auxiliary and as circle leader. She had been very active in the work of the local chapter, American Legion Auxiliary, of which she had been president and of which she had held other important offices. She had the honor of being twice, chosen Chaplain of the State Legion Auxiliary, which office she filled with reverence and dignity.

Mrs. Ormand has served as president of the Parent-Teacher organization in years past and was a valuable member of the local U. D. C. chapter, the Red Cross and the Women's Club, ill health forcing her to retire from active service in these organizations.

Mrs. Ormand's chief interest lay, however, in her home, and in the welfare of her family. She was permitted to live to see her son, Rev. B. F. Ormand, Jr., ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian church and this no doubt, was the greatest joy she experienced in the later years of her life.

Speaker secured for Ladies' Night

Dr. D. W. Daniel, of Clemson College has been secured as the main speaker on the program for Ladies' Night of the Men's Club, which is to be held next Thursday, Feb. 24. Dr. Daniel is considered one of the foremost after-dinner speakers of the two Carolinas. The program committee considers themselves very fortunate in securing Dr. Daniel as the speaker of the evening.

P. D. Herndon has been selected to act as toastmaster for the evening.

The Program Committee who are hard at work getting everything lined up for the gala event is composed of: Messrs W. M. Boyce, Chairman, Ladd Hamrick, and W. K. Mauney.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THERE was a big lawsuit over a Scotchman's estate not very long ago, and they had a terrible time finding something for the lawyers to disagree about, so that the lawyers could fight in court and make their clients think they were earning their fees. Both sides admitted that the man was dead and that his will said so and so about

who was to get the dough. So they found out they could get up a fight over whether this Scotchman died suddenly or not. One side claimed that the poor fellow died right sudden, so that he didn't have time to make a change in his will that he intended to make. They were trying to prove it.

They put a fellow on the witness stand that had been the Scotchman's financial adviser.

"You say he died sudden?"

"Awful sudden."

"What makes you think so?"

"Well, I know it. Nobody saw him die, and it was a week before the body was found, but there was evidence that Sandy went out mighty quick!"

"What evidence?"

"Well, for one thing, there was a letter he had got that day that he's supposed to have died, and the stamp on it happened to be uncanceled. The uncanceled stamp was still on the envelope on Sandy's desk. We all know that if Sandy had had even ten minutes of warning he would of wrote a letter to somebody to make use of that stamp."

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Kings Mountain B. & L. Assn. Elect Officers

Five directors were re-elected and five new ones were elected by the stockholders present at the annual meeting held last Thursday evening in the court room of the new Town Hall. The meeting was changed from the Building and Loan building on account of the large numbers of stockholders present.

The five directors re-elected were A. E. Cline, J. C. Keller, J. C. Lackey, R. L. Mauney and M. L. Harmon. The new ones elected were: J. R. Davis, Ed Hord, Charlie Hullender, Mack Gantt, and Haywood E. Lynch.

After the stockholder's meeting the directors met and elected the following officers: A. E. Cline, President; J. C. Keller, First Vice-President; J. C. Lackey, Secretary and Treasurer; Haywood E. Lynch, Second Vice-President. It was decided to have another meeting of the Board of Directors next Thursday at the home of President A. E. Cline.

A. E. Cline presided at the stockholders meeting, which was opened with a prayer by the chairman. The minutes of the annual meeting held one year ago was read by Secretary Lackey, and approved by the stockholders. Next the statement of condition of the Association as of December 31st, 1937, was read by the Secretary. Presiding Officer Cline asked if anyone had any questions he would like to ask. Haywood E. Lynch asked about one of the items under assets which amounted to \$20,000. He was told most of this was the discrepancy account.

Tom Fulton asked a question about one item under the liabilities. He was told the \$2,000 item was a note at the bank. Mr. Fulton made the request that the voting system of the Association be changed from voting memberships to voting stock. He was informed by the Chairman that the constitution of the Association called for this system of voting, and that the voting system could not be changed without changing the constitution.

J. C. Keller made a short speech, calling on the stockholders to help in every way possible to aid the Association.

Chairman Cline appointed a nomination committee of J. R. Davis, W. D. Weaver and Charlie Hullender to bring in the names of ten stockholders to be approved as directors.

While the nominating committee was out performing their duty, Chairman Cline called on Haywood E. Lynch, as a "new member" to tell what was on his mind. Mr. Lynch said that it was his firm conviction, for the best interest of the Association, that "new blood" be elected to the Board of Directors. And that most of the stockholders wanted a change in the way the Association had been operated.

Nominating Committee Chairman, J. R. Davis, in making his report, stated that 15 stockholders instead of ten had been named so that the stockholders would have a choice in the matter. Before a vote could be taken on the nominating committee report, E. L. Campbell, made the motion that the stockholders be allowed to vote for whom they pleased without any nominations. This motion was seconded by Haywood E. Lynch. It was carried by the stockholders.

By this method the above named directors were elected.

Clinic To Start February 24th

A prenatal and infant clinic for indigent mothers and their babies will be held in Kings Mountain on the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning February 24th. Miss Beam of Shelby, who is the county Red Cross Nurse, will be in charge, cooperating with the State Board of Health and the doctors of Kings Mountain.

The clinic is intended to furnish physical examinations and hygienic instruction to those expectant mothers, and babies, up to one year of age who otherwise would lack such supervision. One of the local physicians will be present at each clinic, which will be held in Mrs. Gamble's office in the City Hall. Those who are interested should see Mrs. Gamble at her office before the date of the first clinic.

Manteo, Feb. 15.—The Honduran freighter Castilla and the Sun oil tanker Pennsylvania crashed in a heavy fog off the North Carolina coast Saturday. Neither was damaged.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

Dust to Dust

By IRVIN S. COBB

IN THE Pinetop mining region of Nevada during the early nineties, rich gold-bearing veins were discovered in the foothills. There was a tremendous rush of prospectors from neighboring mining towns, and Pinetop became the centre of much activity. Unfortunately, it proved



to be a superficial bonanza and petered out in a short time. A few fanatics still lingered on hopeful, and one of the "hangers on" had the bad taste to die. It was the custom in the new mining camps for the District Recorder to perform the services of the church and to lay to rest those who expired with or without their boots on.

This particular funeral took place in the dry bed of the creek. A hole six by two by three had been scooped from the gravel. The body exposed in a rude coffin.

The Recorder, from a Book of Common Prayer, read the services in a solemn voice:

"Ye brought nothing into this world and ye shall take nothing out." The coffin was lowered by horny hands.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Dust to dust."

Reaching down he gathered a handful of dirt and gravel which sifted through his fingers and fell with a rattaplan upon the wooden box.

"Ashes to ashes."

But instead of either dust or ashes the gleam of a nugget flashed back from the coffin lid. There it lay, resurrected from the eternal glacier while the lamented was being returned to the mould.

Without a moment's hesitation the Recorder dropped his prayer-book, jumped into the grave, heaved the deceased out of the property and exclaimed in a loud voice:

"I claim everything seven hundred and fifty feet North and South and six hundred feet East and West. Everybody get off these premises!"

The interment took place the following day in a vegetable garden.

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