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FIRE TAKES 7,500 LIVES This year, if past precedent holds, some 7,500 people will be cremated in burning buildings. Six thousand more will die as the results of burns and scalds.

When an airplane crashes and a makes international headlines and the world is horrified. Yet the public at large is callous to the fact that our annual total of deaths from fires is greater than the toll would be from 600 airplanes carrying to flaming doom 12 persons each.

Practically every one of those thousands of fire deaths could be easily prevented. Due to the carelessness of adults, children are among the principal sufferers. Unprotected stoves, matches left about, steam and hot water — these are major causes of death and suffering among the very young. Death takes no holiday when those things which may cause fires and scalds are within reach of a child's untaught, exploring fingers.

Equally dangerous, particularly in the case of adults, is the practice of starting stoves and furnaces with kerosene, gasoline or other inflammable liquids. You may get away with it a thousand times. But the thousandth and first time may mean a job for the undertaker — with you and possibly others as the objects of interest.

Next time you read of a spectacular disaster, reflect that something equally horrible can occur in your home. Think of this before you stir up a balky fire with kerosene. Think of it again when children are about. It is easy to prevent a fire — but it is impossible to ever make up for the consequences of a fire that takes a life.

SCHOOL AGAIN Between 900,000 and 1,000,000 North Carolina children have started back to school. The schools of today are a great improvement on those of former days. They are generously supported, considering ability to pay. The state is doing a good part by the children of today. There is nothing in the state that remotely approaches the school house in importance except the home and the church. These three most important institutions outrank everything else in importance. The hope of this country is not heard in the tramp of the feet of the United States army, which is now just about one million men, but is heard in the tramp of the million children as they start toward the schoolhouse. The destiny of this country is not in an army camp but is in the schoolhouse. The laughter of children going to school is far more reassuring than the blare of trumpets. We therefore take off our hat to the million children as they don their book satchels and start on another year's march towards a wiser knowledge.

"RELIEF BUMS" A news item tells of a Negro taxi driver who was unable to work for a time because of illness. He obtained \$50 from a government relief agency to tide him over. Now he is back at work, and is trying to return the money. When it was pointed out to him that he was not legally obligated to do this, he observed that "that was the way I was raised — and that's the way I'm raising my child."

A great many other Americans can learn a lesson from this Negro taxi driver. Some figure the government owes them a living.

This isn't a criticism of those people who have turned to relief only as a last resort, and are eager to get off the rolls as soon as opportunity for real job comes along. The hungry must be fed, the homeless sheltered, the clothless clothed. The Negro's statement was new because his attitude was so unusual today. It should be printed on every relief check and public grant.

Mecklenburg landowners are happy over the increased acreage to lessee which they seeded on small grain as the crop is now growing in such a splendid way as to indicate a heavy yield of hay and seed this fall.

Rutherford County farmers report intentions to seed more pasture acreage this fall looking to a greater development of the beef cattle industry. Many of the fields to be seeded are too rolling for economical cow crop production.

Here and There

By Haywood E. Lynch

Charlie Thomason and B. S. Peeler, partners in the Eimer Lumber Co. have something else in common besides selling lumber. They are both general superintendents of their Sunday Schools, the Presbyterian and Methodist, respectively.

Jim Herndon never uses sugar in his coffee. He got out of the habit when he was in the army during the war where there was a scarcity of sugar and has never started back.

Frank Summers stopped in the office to buy some "Posted Notices" and when I started to count them one by one he said, "let me count them the way a real printer would." So he counted them by fives in about one fifth of the time it would have taken me. You know Frank used to be connected with the printing business.

I heard Dr. Walt Johnson at the First Baptist Church several times last week, and believe me that man can certainly tell you about it. He preaches what he believes regardless of who it hits. But he has one peculiarity that worried me. He would look right at you and close his eyes tight and preach up a storm. I thought his Sunday night sermon was the best one I heard.

The checker players have moved their place of enjoyment from the Town Hall to the rear of the Bowling alley. I caught Ed Campbell and Oliver Hayes at it the other day and who was watching them with all interest but, Jim Willis.

I saw Sidney Blackmer, cousin of Hayne, in a movie at the Dixie Theatre the other day, and by the way he took next to the leading part. And he had on the same striped shirt (or one just like it) that he was wearing when I saw him in Kings Mountain at Hayne's home. I was telling Hayne about the shirt, and Hayne said, "Poor old Sidney, he must not have but one shirt." Sidney has a part in the picture "Old Chicago" which is playing at the Dixie today and tomorrow.

Pretty Sigh: The plates of country ham at the Men's Club supper at Bethany.

Street Scene: Bankers Gilbert Hord and B. S. Neill, Jr., on their way from the Post Office to the bank loaded down with sacks of money.

The ROUND-UP

By "George"

Whoopee....! Back to school! The rolls are in an up-road as the teachers try, unsuccessfully, to keep order. But it's impossible. The guys' heads are so glad to be back that they want to sing. But what about Monday? By then we'll be settled down to the old grind.... and even on moon will be lonely. No more looking till midnight.... too much to do to be done.

And while we're on the moon subject, remember that it's not moonlight that's under the marquee at the picture show. And so 'tis said, they do right well!

To Ladd: Betty Lee says she wishes you'd hurry and get sixteen so's.

Taxes—The Public's Biggest Bill

By RAYMOND PITCAIRN

Although the next session of Congress is still months in the future, certain Senators and Representatives are already discussing methods of collecting a larger federal income.

Opinions differ as to how the money shall be raised. Some members foresee heavier direct tax burdens laid on the shoulders of a larger number of citizens. Others look to greater yields, at current rates—dependent, of course, on hoped-for improvement in business conditions.

A few propose meeting the problem by curtailing government extravagance. The American public would undoubtedly favor the plans of the last group. That is because the people realize from experience that all taxes, whether federal, state or local, ultimately come out of their earnings and savings; ultimately raise their living costs; ultimately shrink the value of their wages and the contents of their family market baskets.

They realize, too, that under these circumstances, heavy taxes constitute the biggest bill which the people, as a whole, are called upon to pay.

Many significant issues will confront the American people at the polling places this year. But of these none is more important to mere workers and earners than that now being raised by members of Congress themselves—the problem of heavy taxes and their effect on the family pocket-book, on recovery and on re-employment.

And no candidate, regardless of party, could run on a platform more significant than one which promised curtailment of waste of public funds supplied by the people through the sacrifices that heavy taxes entail.

For the people, as well as the candidates, know that high taxes and high cost of living are inseparable twins. And they want both held down to reasonable proportions.

you wouldn't need a chauffeur.... And Pat is so'orry sorry that she wasn't home when 'Bobo' came by the other night....!

Jones Fortune told us Saturday that he didn't have to sing that song any more.... We didn't understand till we saw Hazel up the street Sunday night.... naturally, Jones was with her....!

AT LONG LAST: 9 little goldfinch whispered in our ear that Margaret is very much "that way" about a certain young man who lives down below her on the same street.... And we thought that ended "way back when Margaret was a sophomore".... "There's only one song for each harp," say the Chinese; and we won't argue with Asia....!

Boy'obcy, if the Chinese are right (and we say they are), hasn't put out a load of discords....!

We sincerely hope that all the guys'n'gals who are leaving for school had a good time Tuesday night.... And we're pretty sure that James Ratterre did....!

ATTEND W. M. U.

Mrs. D. F. Hord, Mrs. Jern Head and Miss Margaret Kendrick represented the Missionary Society of the First Baptist church at the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Kings Mountain Association held at Pleasant Grove Baptist church last week. Approximately four hundred registered.

Mrs. Hord gave the response to the address of welcome.

The meeting will be held next year at Elizabeth church.



Released thru United Artists

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE Pepe le Moko, famed jewel thief as debonair as he is clever, has eluded the police of all Europe and is hiding in the city of Algiers. In the Casbah, this and mysterious activities of the town, he is safe from the efforts of the Algiers police to arrest him, for the Casbah is an international haunt of dangerous criminals and refugees, and even the police find it easier to enter than to leave. Finally, Police Commissioner Janvier of Paris arrives to direct the hunt for Pepe le Moko, and breaks into the Casbah with a squad of picked men. They are tipped off by Regis, a stool pigeon in Pepe's gang, that Pepe is in the shop of Grandpere, Casbah fence for stolen jewels.

Chapter Two

Pepe's meditations on the singular beauty of Grandpere's pearls were interrupted by the breathless arrival of Ines, Pepe's sweetheart. A native Algerian girl, dark-eyed, husky of voice, with a passionate



Gaby watched his face fascinatedly.

intensity of movements that belied the stilted immobility of her expression, she rushed to Pepe, seizing him by the lapels of his coat. "Pepe! The police — on the roof! Quick, they're coming — Regis warned me!"

Pepe smiled the gay, boyish smile that had had much to do with making him the idol of the Casbah dwellers, and with graceful fingers brushed back the hair that had fallen over Ines' eyes in her hasty flight.

"Suppose the police should see you like that?" he teased. "What would they think of you?" Half amused, half frightened, she begged him to get out of the place while there was yet time. Grandpere had already begun methodically packing his jewels, and as the axes of the police began crashing down the heavy door, Pepe's bodyguards shoved a heavy chest away from the wall, revealing a small opening into the adjoining house. Silently, they filed through the aperture, and the bodyguards pulled the chest back into place from the other side.

Meanwhile, in a nearby street, a party of sightseeing tourists — two young girls and their dull-looking, middle-aged escorts — found themselves caught in the midst of the rushing, shouting and gun-popping police. Gaby, the more striking of the two girls, was lost into an archway, separated from her companions. A pair of hands seized her by the elbows and propelled her, firmly but not too roughly, inside the native house.

LET'S LOOK BACK

From The Kings Mountain Herald

NINETEEN YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 4, 1919

Prof. and Mrs. J. T. Allen moved to town last week preparatory to opening school September 15. Mrs. H. Frank Ware of Spartanburg returned home after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beatty Barber.

Mrs. J. P. Long, Miss Pearl Long and Miss Iva Lineberger spent part of last week in Atlanta.

TROOP-FIVE NEWS

Troop Five held its meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock. The program was as follows.

Oening: Scout oath. The winners were: Knot-tying, Fred More, Bedford Ramsey and your old scribe, Charles Gantt. We also had water boiling. Your scribe and Vernon Tompson would have won had it not been for

"hunters stew" supper Saturday. The public is invited. Tickets are on sale by all Troop 5 Scouts. Scribe, Charles Gantt. Scoutmaster, Jack Hullender.

During the past 10 years, North Carolina has developed from an insignificant lespedeza state to a present acreage of probably over 800,000 acres and millions of pounds of seed produced, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



The Most Popular Guy on the Block. His Father Owns the Shop

OPEN FORUM

An open forum for our readers, but no letter can be published if it exceeds 500 words. No anonymous communications will be accepted. The name of the writer will not be published however, if the author so requests.

EDITOR OF HERALD:

Continued discussion about town a regards to a Municipal or Emergency Airport for Kings Mountain brings forth a few thoughts from this writer in that the idea has all the earmarks of a step forward in the work and interest being shown for the advancement of the best Town in the State.

First of all, noting the sentiments of Editor Lynch in his belief that local W. P. A. personnel be interested here at home, practically nothing but labor would figure in this work. As for the purchasing cost, a very small sum, seemingly, would take care of enough land for this field.

Due to an ever-increasing interest in transporting mail by air, no doubt a very near future, a pick-up program will be set up with Charlotte on the receiving end for this section. Why not have Kings Mountain, so conveniently located directly on the air route, as Cleveland County's concentration point?

With work rapidly progressing on the Kings Mountain National Park, in a short while we hope to see it listed as one of the South's best known points of interest, thereby making it a mecca honey-mooning couples and tourists at large. It is generally understood that a

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about fifteen local men, being aeronautically inclined, are confronted with the problem of a suitable training field where an instructor is engaged. Under present conditions, they find it necessary to go to Charlotte, greatly adding to the cost.

Last, but not least, what an asset such a field would be to our town in commercial and business channels. Present day business firms are capably taking to aircraft in expediting business deals in short order, why make it necessary for a prospective buyer traveling by plane, lose time in having to travel by bus or train from Charlotte to Kings Mountain. Yours truly, Air-minded Citizen.

IMPROVED OUTLETS

Improved market outlets for American apples and pears are expected in Europe during the coming marketing season, according to reports of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The North Carolina Confederate Soldiers' Home in Raleigh was closed in July, 1938, following placement of its one remaining inmate in a private home.

Now My Dear DON'T LET THAT HEADACHE SLOW YOU DOWN STOP IT WITH Alka-Seltzer Does Headache "slow you down?" You are a rare exception if it does not. One or two tablets of ALKA-SELTZER in a glass of water makes a pleasant alkalinizing solution that usually brings relief in just a few minutes. ALKA-SELTZER is also recommended for Gas on Stomach, "Morning After", Acid Indigestion, Colds, and Muscular Pains. You will like the tangy flavor and the results when you take Alka-Seltzer. Alka-Seltzer, when dissolved in water, contains an analgesic, (Sodium Acetyl-Salicylate). In addition, the alkalinizing agents in Alka-Seltzer help to relieve those everyday disorders associated with hyperacidity. Small package 30c Large package 60c Alka-Seltzer

THEIR VALUABLES WERE IN A BUREAU DRAWER If fire strikes your home, will you look for your valuables among the ashes, or simply unlock the door of a safe deposit box? The answer is up to you. It takes but a few minutes' time, and a few cents a week, to rent a safe deposit box and end this menace of fire. FIRST NATIONAL BANK Kings Mountain, N. C. Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.