

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

National News

Spartanburg, S. C., Mar. 7.—A woman, as yet not positively identified was found shot to death in a parked car on the airport road here this morning and Marvin Linder, prisoner was found in a nearby field critically wounded.

Newark, N. J., Mar. 7.—Branded peaches will never be shadowed by State alcoholic beverage control agents, Commissioner D. Frederick Burnett ruled today, unless they contain one half of 1 per cent alcohol fit for beverage use.

Rome, Mar. 7.—The authoritative Fascist editor Virginia Gayda called on France today to turn over to Nationalist Generalissimo Francisco Franco "without delay" the Spanish Republican fleet which has sought refuge in Spanish ports.

Toledo, Ore., Mar. 7.—Eleanor Johns, 10, played hooky to rummage through a dump heap. She found an old canvas belt containing 26 \$20 gold pieces. Authorities, unable to find the owner, banked the money for her.

Washington, Mar. 7.—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau advised Congress today that "lasting recovery" was the most important thing before the country. Considering the world situation, he said, it was so important that it transcended party political considerations.

Salt Lake City, Mar. 7.—A firing squad will be assembled here next month to execute 54 year old George Hayes, who expected to be hanged for murder but chose to be shot. Utah is the only State in which a condemned man may make such a choice.

Cleveland, Mar. 7.—An unusual squeak in his automobile sent John T. Weidman to a mechanic. The latter solved the problem in a jiffy, removing eight baby rats from a nest among the sparkplugs.

Toronto, Mar. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne have been invited to bring their quintuplet, daughters to Toronto to be presented to King George and Queen Elizabeth May 22.

Morris, Ill., Mar. 7.—Ervin Hood, 36 year old farmer, was under death sentence today for slaying his closest friend.

The principal figure in a bizarre rural tragedy and its strange court room sequel, Wood was condemned yesterday to die in the electric chair April 14.

Lebanon, Mo., Mar. 7.—Thieves who stole fourteen hens from Hike Kelsey left a note tied around the neck of a big red rooster: "Thanks for the chickens. Will be back after the rooster tomorrow night."

Mahony City, Pa., Mar. 7.—A 32 year old mother quoted by State Police as saying she smothered her 3 year old son because he "cried" too much, was held on a murder charge today in Pennsylvania's second baby slaying case in a week.

State News

Raleigh, Mar. 7.—Charles G. Powell, chairman, reported today that the unemployment compensation commission disbursed \$9,214,088.86 in benefits to unemployed persons during the fourteen months ending Feb. 28, with the fund having a balance of \$11,999,177.04 March 1.

Raleigh, Mar. 7.—Representatives of the fishing, lumber and telephone industries added their opposition to pending wage and hour legislation today at hearings by the Joint Legislative Committee on Labor.

Captain John Nelson, State Commercial Fisheries Commissioner, and men having fish and fertilizer business contended a minimum wage of 25 cents and hour and a maximum work week of 48 or fewer hours would "absolutely paralyze" the fishing industry.

Raleigh, Mar. 7.—Fed by recent rains, Eastern North Carolina rivers continued to rise today inundating thousands of acres of lowlands.

The Neuse River was more than seven feet out of its banks at Goldsboro. The Tar River was three feet and half above flood stage at Greenville. The Roanoke was a foot out of its banks at Weldon.

Damage during the flood has been confined mostly to the washing out of secondary highways and tobacco seedling beds.

Raleigh, Mar. 7.—The States is feeling the effects of the nation's speeded up defense program.

Vance Baise, chief highway engineer, said a draftsman had quit to take a job in an airplane factory. Demand for draftsmen and engineers in PWA and various Federal agencies, Baise added, is making it hard to get good men.

Durham, Mar. 7.—Dan Disich, guard on the University of North Carolina football team, was in a Durham hospital today, suffering from a dislocated vertebrae suffered in an automobile accident Saturday.

The car in which Disich and Steve Maronic, tackle, were riding collided with another automobile. Maronic was only slightly hurt and was dismissed from the hospital after first aid treatment.

Concord, Mar. 7.—A "stork" shower for an expectant father!

C. J. Reece gave a party recently in Concord in honor of L. A. Thornburg who is expecting the stork to visit his home ere long. Refreshments were served and then the men present gave a variety of gifts suitable to the occasion to the prospective father. About twenty guests were present.

Sanford, Mar. 7.—Captain F. J. Caffery of Hampton Bay, Long Island N. Y., and Jefferson Lybrandt of Columbia, S. C., received injuries Sunday afternoon when the automobile in which they were riding overturned after striking a tree when they endeavored to avoid hitting pedestrians on the highway.

Local Men Attend Scout Board Meet

(By Aubrey Mauney) The Piedmont Council Boy Scout Executive Board held their first meeting of 1939 in Shelby at Hotel Charles Tuesday evening and was attended by the following men: B. S. Neill, Ladd Hamrick, W. K. Mauney, Aubrey Mauney; B. N. Barnes and D. M. Bridges.

Reports were heard from each of the eleven counties making up the council. Financial campaigns are underway throughout the area to go over the top in raising the council budget of \$15,000. The drive is to be made in Shelby on the 14th and in Kings Mountain on the 15th.

The report of Cleveland County was made by letter from the new county chairman, Senator Ralph Gardner. Mr. Gardner could not be present on account of duties in Raleigh. The report was read by Robert C. Hines of Shelby, County Scout Commissioner.

The interest which the new Cleveland County Chairman is taking in the organization is very gratifying and indicates that the program is to be pushed with real enthusiasm.

The council adopted a number of recommendations. An active commissioner service was recommended as a means of keeping up interest and activities in each troop. A complete check up and report plan on lapsed troops was adopted. The restriction on the wearing of the Scout uniforms by colored Scouts until reaching the First Class Rank was removed.

Program Chairman B. N. Barnes announced that a Scouter Convention would be held at Lenoir-Rhyne College on the afternoon and evening of March 30th. All Scout leaders of the area were urged to attend.

W. K. Mauney made the report on Membership and urged the visitation of troops by the men to prevent lapsed organizations.

B. S. Neill was named on Executive Board member from Kings Mountain and Aubrey Mauney was renominated as chairman of Scouting in the Lutheran Churches of the Piedmont Council.

League Play-Off To Be In Kings Mountain

The Gaston County League play-off games will be played here next Saturday night, March 11. There is a four-way tie between Kings Mountain, Groves, C. D. A., and Ranlo. The teams agreed to play the tournament here. The first games start at 7:30 o'clock with Groves playing Ranlo and the second game between Kings Mountain and C. D. A. at 8:30 in the High School Gymnasium.

This is to decide the winner of the last half in the league and those attending are assured of seeing some of the best basketball in North Carolina.

Reading And Declamation Winners Are Named

Winners of the annual Fulton Reading and Hord Declamation contests have been announced as Miss Evelyn Goforth saying "The Minute" and D. F. Hord, Jr., declaiming "The Greatest Game in The World."

The final contest was held last week at the high school building. Other speakers and their subjects: readings, Miss Jacqueline Rawles, "The Highwayman"; Miss Carolyn Campbell, "The Witches Sabbath." Declamation, Ladd Hamrick, Jr., "Believe It Or Not"; Jones Fortune, "Are These Our Children?"; The Glee Club under the direction of Miss Virginia Parsons sang "The Rosary."

Three P. T. A. Groups To Meet Jointly

The Parent Teacher Associations of the three Kings Mountain schools will meet jointly next Tuesday evening in the Central School Auditorium, at 7:30. Mrs. W. P. Dorsey of Ruth, N. C., District Chairman will deliver an address on the P. T. A. word in general. Mrs. Paul Mauney, President of the Central School P. T. A. asks that the fathers as well as the mothers attend this meeting.

Men's Club Meets This Evening

The Men's Club will meet this evening in the Women's Club Building at 8:30. A short business session will precede the program. All members are asked to be present.

Steel To Spend Heavily For 1939 Outlay Total

(New York, Mar. 7.—(IPS).—Approximately \$126,000,000 will be spent by steel companies during 1939 for new construction and equipment according to reports of the industry here.

The industry's proposed expenditures for new equipment this year raise the total spent or to be spent for such purposes since 1934 to nearly one billion dollars. The amount budgeted for 1939 is less than was spent in any of the preceding four years, and represents a decline of about 25 per cent from 1938, when \$165,000,000 was budgeted.

In addition to the expansion programs covered in their estimates for 1939, however, a number of companies indicated that certain additional projects now under consideration might be started in 1939 if the business outlook improves sufficiently.

U. S. Confusion Sought By Trade War Enemies

Newark, N. J., Mar. 7.—(IPS).—America's enemies in Europe are seeking to profit by sowing division and confusion among the people of the United States, Mark M. Jones, Consulting Economist at President of the Akron Belling Co., Akron, Ohio, said recently in a speech here.

"It is financially and competitively advantageous to the countries of Europe," Mr. Jones said, "to keep the people of the United States divided and confused. So long as they can do this successfully, they can feel certain that the United States will not outstrip them competitively in the world's markets and will not move too far ahead of them, while they are squabbling among themselves."

Kings Mountain Band Wins Again

Paul Neisler, Jr., To Represent County At World's Fair

Paul Neisler, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neisler of Kings Mountain and Miss Eleanor Hoey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoey of Shelby, have been selected by the County Commissioners to represent Cleveland County June 19th at the New York World's Fair. This date has been set aside as North Carolina Day at the big fair.

Two representatives of each county in North Carolina have been invited to take part in this celebration.

W. D. Weaver Suffers Broken Leg

The many friends of Mr. W. D. Weaver, well known local contractor will be sorry to learn that he suffered a broken leg Monday afternoon while moving the Little Goforth home on the corner of Railroad Avenue and East Gold Street. Mr. Weaver fell when the porch, on which he was working, collapsed. The leg was broken near knee. Mr. Weaver is resting well. It was learned.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS THE Worst Joke I heard today was told to me by an English actor. It is a little illustration of...



English tact. A lady was engaging a new Butler, and she impressed on each applicant the importance of tact. "The great question is, have you tact? It needs great tact to handle my house. We have all kinds of guests."

"Lady, I am noted for my tact," replied the applicant. "Well, will you give me any illustration of some of your tact?" "Well, Madam, in my last place I was among various duties supposed to clean the nickerware on the bathroom faucets. One day on entering a bathroom, there, right before my very eyes, was a lady standing just ready to enter the tub. What did I do, Ma'am? I just said, 'I beg your pardon, Sir, and withdrew.'"

Council Appoints Election Officials

Womanless Beauty Contest

On Friday night, March 10, there will be a Womanless Beauty Contest held in the Kings Mountain High School auditorium. It will no doubt be your greatest laugh of the season when you see the male contestants trip gracefully across the stage, clad in the garbs of their wives and sweethearts. Just imagine dignified schoolmasters, beardless youth, fat men and slim ones parading across the floor, being judged for their individuality and natural beauty. When this night of nights comes, the father who is seeking an evening's entertainment will be seen leaving his home at a rather early hour in order that he may secure good seats for his entire family and be ready to enter the performance which begins at 8:00 o'clock. The admission is 10 and 25c. Tickets may be secured from members of Home Room 11-B.

Besides the comical beauties entertaining you, "The Four Stooges," Smart, Little, Moffett, Hendricks, will sing for you and there are rumors that there will be some harmonica playing. Another special feature is the McClain, Blackwell, Hord, Leford quartet. And last but not least, the Athletic Ballet will present a few of their most graceful and most difficult numbers.

This program is being sponsored by Mrs. Wei's homeroom for the purpose of raising money to pay for the shrubbery that this group bought and had planted around the gymnasium. We urge the public to attend, for we feel sure that you will enjoy enough laughs to take the place of your quarters and dimes.

The Town Council in their regular monthly meeting held Monday night appointed officials for the coming election, to comply with the new system of voting as prescribed in the new law dividing the Town into five wards.

E. L. Campbell was re-appointed as Tax Lister for the Town. Mr. Campbell had already been named as the tax lister for the County.

Officials named and other matters relating to the new set-up adopted by the Council follows:

The voting place for Wards Nos. 1 and 2, shall be in the City Hall; for Ward No. 2, in the Phoenix Mill Store; for Ward No. 4, in the Kings Mountain Mfg. Co. Store; and for Ward No. 5 in the Cleveland Motor Co.

The Board ordered that a new registration be held in each Ward and that the registration books be permitted to vote in the coming elections, the registration books for the new registration shall be open at the voting places on Saturday, April 1, and for three successive Saturdays, closing on Saturday, April 22.

The Board appointed as registrar for Ward No. 1, D. H. Houser, and judges, W. A. Ridenhour and Ed Patterson; for Ward No. 2, Registrar, S. A. Cruise, Judges, L. Arnold Klier and T. N. Harmon; for Ward No. 3, registrar, Boyd Putnam, Judges, D. C. Poyser and Haskel Wilson; for Ward No. 4, registrar W. F. England judges, Ross Roberts and W. K. White; for Ward No. 5, registrar, Fred Ratterre, judges, I. B. Goforth and George Mauney.

The polls will be open from seven A. M. until six P. M. on Tuesday, May 2, for the election of one Commissioner in each of the five wards and for one trustee in each ward for the Kings Mountain Graded School Districts. The trustee for Ward No. 1 shall be elected for a period of two years; the trustee for Ward No. 2, four years; the trustee for Ward No. 3, four years; the trustee for Ward No. 4, six years; and the trustee for Ward No. 5 six years. That part of the territory of the Kings Mountain Graded School District outside of the corporate limits and on the East side of the Southern Railway shall vote in Ward No. 3 and that part of the territory in the Kings Mountain Graded School District and outside of the corporate limits on the West side of the Southern Railway in Ward No. 4.

Any person desiring to run as Town Commissioner or School Trustee shall at least five days before the election file his announcement in writing with the City Clerk.

PLAYS TO BE PRESENTED AT BETH-WARE

Two plays, a three act comedy, "Grammer Gurton's Needle, and" With the Help of Pierrette," a one act fantasy will be presented at Beth Ware High school on two nights, the 10 and 11th of March at 7:45, by the Dramatic Club. The admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

WORK BEGUN ON RESIDENCE

Work has begun on a new six-room residence for Mrs. Bessie Gantt on the corner lot of the former Charles Falls property on Gaston street. Mr. Clyde Bennett is the contractor in charge of the building. Mrs. Wm. Owen bought Mrs. Gantt's property in East Kings Mountain.

Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

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

Passages from the book of Genesis in the Old Testament may have a 1939 counterpart in Washington. The Biblical story concerns an "ever normal granary" system put into operation by Joseph to feed Pharaoh's people during seven years of drought. The modern version is basically the same but administration economists, unobtrusively, have "improved" and expanded the idea. Joseph, so the story goes, dreamed of seven fat cows and seven lean cows. In the dream, the lean cows ate the fat cows. To Joseph this foretold seven years of plenty followed by seven years of drought. Accordingly, he stored grain surpluses during the seven bumper crop years and thus had food for the people in Egypt in the seven lean years. (Cont'd on Editorial page)

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB. Some Lessons in Letter Writing. By IRVIN S. COBB. THACKERAY had the faculty for saying a great deal in a few words. Under certain circumstances he also could draw a tremendous reserve force of tact. Once upon a time a young and ambitious person who was the son of one of Thackeray's dear friends, wrote a book, or what he fondly thought might make a book. He asked the author of "Vanity Fair" to pass on its merits. Thackeray took the great mass of closely written sheets. Next day he returned it to the author with this note: "My dear young friend: I have read your manuscript and I wish to tell you, that, differently arranged, the same words which you used here, have before now constituted literature." "I can think of at least two American writers who, under somewhat similar conditions, likewise had recourse to diplomacy in softening the blow for well-meaning amateurs. Ambrose Bierce was asked by a young Californian to pass judgment upon the latter's first published work. After reading it, Bierce summed up his review in the following lines: "The main criticism which I would offer is that the covers of this volume are entirely too far apart." And there is the historic instance of the distinguished dramatist and producer who received a script from a man who thought he could write for the stage. With this conclusion the professional playwright found himself unable to agree. In returning the offering he accompanied it with a letter as follows: "My dear Sir: I have read your play. "Oo, zay deaz Sir!" (American News Features, Inc.)