

State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

State News
 Maiden, May 30.—Leonard Parker, 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Parker, was found dead near his home here this morning.
 Police said he apparently was electrocuted when a radio aerial wire he was connecting contacted a live wire.

Monroe, May 30.—A near riot was avoided here last night when some 75 enrollees of the Local Negro CCC camp marched through town, breaking automobile glasses, throwing rocks, turning over garbage cans, and generally instilling terror thru certain parts of town.

The trouble is said to have started when one of the enrollees claimed to have been "rocked" in North Monroe. He returned to the camp, gathered up a bunch of other negroes and set out to "paint the town red." They left the camp, located in the southern part of Monroe, marched down the street forcing cars to stop, breaking car windows with rocks, kicking over cans and cursing all and sundry.

Durham, May 30.—Eighteen year old Mildred Crank of Elizabeth City stepped into a deep water hole while wading in the Eno River near here yesterday and was drowned. Younger companions tried unsuccessfully to pull her to safety.

Raleigh, May 30.—Official North Carolina will move to the World's Fair grounds in New York on June 19, determined to make a splash loud enough to be heard by even the most blasé Yankee or foot-sore visitor.

It will be North Carolina Day at the Flushing Flats exposition, so Gov. Clyde R. Hoey, his staff, his Council of State and his aides will lead a delegation of Tar Heels expected to number at least 5,000.

Poppy Sales A Success

The Poppy Sale, which is sponsored annually by the American Legion Auxiliary, was held last Saturday with Mrs. Paul Mauney as chairman and was a distinct success. Nearly 700 poppies were sold and neat sum realized, the money to be used in the Auxiliary Rehabilitation program.

Girls winning prizes for selling poppies were Alice Betty Mauney, Potty Patrick, Frances Crouse, Helen Ramsey, Vera Sargeant, Dorothy Harmon and Sue Ruddock.

Merchants and firms contributing \$1.00 and joining the 100 percent group were: Phenix Mill Store, Crawford's Grocery Store, Kings Mountain Furniture Co., Elmer Lumber Co., Philter Hardware, Bridges and Hamrick, Mauney Mill, W. A. Ware Roller Mill, Baker's Grocery Store, Sunrise Ice Cream, Dr. L. P. Baker, D. F. Hord Furniture Co., Folk Department Store and Keeler's Department Store.

As a part of the Memorial Day Program, the auxiliary placed a wreath of poppies and an official bronze marker on the grave of Mrs. E. F. Ormand, beloved past president of the local auxiliary.

National News
 Chatham, Va., May 30.—Sheriff Archer Overbey said Sam Swanson, Pittsylvania county negro charged with slaying Constable William N. Coward, 40, near Calanda yesterday, was captured at daylight today at his father's.

Officers said the negro was persuaded to surrender by his father, Walter Swanson, after he had sought refuge at his parents' home during the night.

Washington, May 29.—Anticipating a favorable reaction, the House Ways and Means Committee sought the views of business groups today on Secretary Morgenthau's suggestions for corporate tax revision.

A tax expert of the American Bar Association and a representative of the National Foreign Trade Council were invited to be the witnesses.

Tampa, Iowa, May 30.—Five little children victims of a fire which destroyed their home Saturday night, will be buried here in simple ceremony tomorrow.

State Fire Marshal John Strohm returned to Des Moines after searching the ruins of the Tom Price home here, but did not disclose whether he had found the cause of the tragic blaze.

Chicago, May 30.—Harvesting of the half billion dollar United States wheat crop of 1939 is under way in Southern sections of the belt.

Threshing of the first golden grain of the season already is proceeding in early fields of Texas and Oklahoma where railroads have directed their annual early summer concentration of cars to haul wheat to market.

Washington, May 30.—High army officials are preparing the most intensive recruiting campaign since the World War, with a goal of nearly 115,000 recruits or reenlistments in the next thirteen months.

The drive is designed to meet replacement and expansion needs of the air corps and other branches of the service.

Eighteen huge recruiting stations on wheels, new slogans, posters and motion pictures will be used.

Auxiliary Birthday PROGRAM

The annual Auxiliary Birthday program of the Presbyterian Church will be given Wednesday, June 7, at 8:00 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall. The special Foreign Mission Offering taken at this time will be used in establishing the Edmonston-Fearing Memorial Fund for Girls' Homes in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

The urgent need of the people of "the Dark Continent" was vividly presented by Dr. Sturud, medical missionary to Africa, in his recent address to the Kings Mountain Presbyterian.

A playlet, "From Strength to Strength" will be presented with the following in the cast: Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs. W. B. Thompson, Mrs. Barbara Summitt.

The entire church membership is cordially invited to attend and remain for the brief social hour immediately following the program.

Katherine O'Farrell Named Beauty Queen

Katherine O'Farrell, attractive daughter of Captain and Mrs. O. C. O'Farrell, was selected beauty queen of Mecklenburg Independence Day

contest, recently by the North Carolina Democratic Club. It is a distinct honor for both Miss O'Farrell and Kings Mountain to be crowned queen with 100 "lovely ladies" in the competition.

The column, "Watching Washington," by Robert Erwin, which appears each week in The State, had the following to say about Miss O'Farrell's achievement:

"Miss Katherine O'Farrell, pretty young brunette from Kings Mountain, was crowned beauty queen at the Democratic Club Ball. Her selection followed the grand march of 100 counties, led by President and Mrs. Young M. Smith. Each county in the State had a girl sponsor, the county name inscribed on a ribbon she wore.

Some congressional districts failed to have a young lady present from each of their counties, so, for the evening, Miss O'Farrell, who is from Cleveland County, played the part of Miss Warren County over in Judge Kerr's District. This, however, didn't lessen the pride of Tom Garland, Major Bulwinkle's lieutenant, in the victory of the young lady from the Bulwinkle ballwick.

Capitol Hill and the Federal Departments were very well represented, including secretaries from virtually every congressional office. Senator Bob Reynolds was represented by son, Bob, Jr., now an attorney in the department of justice. Incidentally, young Bob looks a lot like his father and shows many of the mannerisms of his crusading parent."

Local Man Bar President

J. Roan Davis, prominent Kings Mountain attorney, was last Friday night elected president of the Cleveland County Bar Association at a barbecue and business meeting held at the Cleveland Springs Country Club. He succeeds O. M. Mull of Shelby, president for the past year.

Other officers named by the association are: John P. Mull, vice-president; L. T. Hamrick, secretary; and Ralph Gardner, treasurer.

Members of the bar decided to have at least three meetings per year, to be at the call of the president. There were 25 lawyers present.

Mr. Davis was a former law partner of Ex-Governor Gardner, and is town attorney for Kings Mountain. He is teacher of the Men's Bible Class of Central Methodist church.

Attorney Davis is a graduate of Trinity College, now Duke University.

Local Man On State B. & L. League Program

A. H. Patterson, Secretary of the Home Building and Loan Association, will serve on the Promotion Committee for the 36th Annual Convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, to be held at Wrightsville Beach, June 27-29.

A very practical program of addresses and discussions will be given including forums on Appraisals, Wednesday, June 29th, and Construction Loans, June 29th. Among the new features of this Convention are the special celebration for those who have been directors or officers of building and loan associations for 25 years or more; and an Advertising and Business Development Contest. The latter will be in the main one dealing with newspaper advertising because this is the principal form of advertising used by building and loan associations of the State.

Music Recital

Miss Virginia Parsons will present her pupils in a recital on Thursday evening, June 1, at 8:15 o'clock in the Central school auditorium.

Those taking part are Peggy Baker, Helen Fay Cash, Sybil Davis, Aida Jean Davis, Betty Knox Davis, Jeanne Griffin, Betty Hord, Dorothy Hoke, Mary Beth Hord, Mary Helen Hord, Betty Howard, Selma Lall, Alice Betty Mauney, Milos Mauney, Ernest Mauney, Nell Mauney, Janette Mabry, Rachel McClain, Betty Patrick, Maude Plonk, Clara Plonk, Mary Julia Pollock, Doris Phifer, B. S. Peeler, Jr., Beulah Rhea, Melva Settlemire, Helen Tidwell, Avis Male Warlick, Margaret Williams, B. T. Wright, Louise Wright, Carolyn Hord Hargis.

Usher: Sara Herndon. The public is cordially invited.

Kings Mountain Band To Play For President Roosevelt

Largest Class In School History Graduates

Fraternity Meet At Lake

The Alpha Zeta, Alumni Fraternity (Beta Chapter of Gamma Beta Chi of Lenoir-Rhyne college, National Social Fraternity, with headquarters in Baltimore, Md., held its annual Juried Reunion at the cabin of its Treasurer, Billy Mauney, on Lake Fontana.

The Fraternity Brothers began to gather about 5:30 Tuesday afternoon and by eight o'clock all expected members had arrived. The business meeting was called at 8:05 P. M. by the President, D. R. Mauney, Jr., of Cherryville.

All officers of the Fraternity were re-elected for their second term which were as follows:

D. R. Mauney, Jr., of Cherryville, President; Julian "Mike" Whiteaker of Hickory, Vice-President; Harry Vanden Linden of Hickory, Secretary; W. K. Mauney, Jr., of Kings Mountain, Treasurer.

The Fraternity spent the night and enjoyed breakfast and a swim Wednesday morning leaving for their homes around noon.

Members present were: D. R. Mauney, Jr., Cherryville; Harry Vanden Linden, "Mike" Whiteaker, Charles Morrison, Frank Vanden Linden, all of Hickory; Fred Kirkpatrick Murphy, N. C.; Woodward Hunt; Lumberton; Gibbs C. Gibbs, Statesville; Dan Lockman, Lincolnton; John K. Shull, Shelby; Jacob Cooper, and Billy Mauney of Kings Mountain.

Peeler Thanks For Aid After Fire

W. O. Peeler, whose home and furniture was destroyed by fire recently wishes to express his sincere thanks to all those who have helped him replenish his belongings. There is always some good in everything bad, and it took the Peeler fire for him to find out there were so many kindhearted and generous people near Kings Mountain. The Peeler lost everything but now thanks to friendly friends and neighbors they are keeping house again, and Mr. Peeler is very grateful for the aid he has received.

MRS. GRIFFIN TO SPEAK FROM GASTONIA STATION

Mrs. E. W. Griffin, State President of the Safety Division of the Woman's Club will deliver an address from radio station WGNC, Gastonia, Friday at 12:15. Mrs. Griffin has been very active since her appointment in behalf of safety in North Carolina in both the home and on the highways. Kings Mountain citizens are invited to listen in on Mrs. Griffin's broadcast tomorrow.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

I SUPPOSE everybody knows that, as a larist thrower go, I'm a pretty good one. So I must have hung about a cow ranch at some time or other. And that reminds me of a story of an old Irishman that ran a cow ranch in Montana.



He used to sell a good bit of milk to a dairy in a nearby city, and there came a time when the manager of the dairy complained to him about the quality of the milk. It seems it was awfully weak. Well, the old Tad had an alibi.

"You see," he says, "Cows don't get enough grass feed this time of year and their cows are just as sorry as I am. I often see 'em crying, regular crying, real tears flowing down their faces, as they feel as how their milk don't do 'em credit, and they are ashamed."

The dairy manager replied, "Well, that's alright, but I don't mind them crying about it, but don't let them hold their heads over the milk buckets, when they cry."

Diplomas were presented to 64 graduates in the largest class ever to graduate from the Kings Mountain High School in the final exercises held Tuesday evening. The class last year graduated 48, and since 1935 when there were 31 graduates, the graduation class has more than doubled.

The graduation exercises Tuesday night brought to a close the three night schedule of the commencement program, and ended another successful school year.

Sunday night, the commencement sermon was preached by Dr. Walton H. Greever, eminent Lutheran Churchman, and Monday night, grammar school graduation exercises took place. The graduation address by Dr. K. J. Foreman of Davidson College, Tuesday night was both inspiring and interesting.

The coveted Plonk Scholarship medal given to pupil of high school making highest academic record was awarded Billy Throneburg, 9th grade pupil.

Other medals and honors were: Western North Carolina Conference Reading Medal — Mary Evelyn Goforth.

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Fulton Reading Medal — Mary Evelyn Goforth.

Hord Declamation Medal — D. F. Hord, Jr.

D. A. R. History Medal — Carolyn Prince.

Activities — Jones Fortune.

Art — Eugene Goforth.

Boys' Athletics — Paul Neisler, Jr.

Girls' Athletics — Wanda Maloney.

Dramatics — Mary Helen Hambricht.

Journalism — Carolyn Prince.

Band — Jones Fortune.

Piano — Rachel McClain.

Debaters — Mildred Williams, Howard Whittington, Clara Plonk, Martha McClain.

American Youth Forum Contest: Essay—Mary Julia Pollock; Art — Howard Edens.

Graduates receiving diplomas were Edward Hal Allen, Robert Fulton Altran, Charles Blackstone Campbell Jr., Coley Campbell, Robert Cecil Crook, James G. Darracott, Jr., Andy Burgan Falls, Jr., Daniel Miller Finger, Jones Robert Fortune, Eugene Marvin Goforth, Thomas Wilson Harper, John Robert Kezslah, O. C. Klier, Jr., Guary Clemonsee McDaniel, Paul Mauney Neisler, Jr., James Calvin Nickels, Halbert B. Olive.

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WASHINGTON Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

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

Washington, so the tourists say, is never remembered for its restaurants. In fact, the lack of good eating establishments in the Capital City is the subject of much "boofing" by most Washingtonians.

Nevertheless, the natives are eating their breakfasts with more than usual vigor these days and the argument now is not over the quality of the restaurant, but over the quality of the beef.

Cause of it all is an argument between the President, the Navy Department and Congress over the relative merits of American grown beef steaks, and the beef shipped in from the Argentine.

The President contends in an official statement that Argentine beef is cheaper and better. So strong does the Chief Executive feel about the superiority of foreign beefsteaks (Cont'd on Editorial page)

The honor of honors has been extended to and accepted by the Kings Mountain School Band, to play for the President of the United States. Supt. B. N. Barnes in a long distance phone call yesterday from C. W. Walker of Asheville, member of the program committee for the opening of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, was extended the invitation for the Kings Mountain Band to be the only official band from North Carolina on the program. Only two bands have been invited, one from North Carolina and one from Tennessee. President Roosevelt will be the speaker for the opening of the parkway, and the Kings Mountain Band will play following his address. The band invited to represent Tennessee is the Knoxville Band, which will play just before the President's address.

The tentative date set for the celebration is June 16th, and thousands are expected to be present for the opening of the park that attracted more visitors last year than any park in America. The celebration took place at New Found Gap, which is on the N. C. Tenn. line, and is about the center of the park. It is approximately 160 miles from Kings Mountain to New Found Gap and the band members will be able to make the trip and return in one day.

The whole program will be broadcast over the entire United States and the Kings Mountain musicians will be heard in all parts of America. Mr. Walker emphasized to Supt. Barnes that the Kings Mountain band will represent North Carolina and will be the only band from the State to take part on the program.

It has always been considered a great honor to perform before the crown heads of Europe, but to play for the elected head of a great Republic — The President of the United States of America, is an honor that just can't be excelled, and Director Paul Hendricks is to be congratulated upon the success of the band to the extent that it merits the invitation to play on the same program with the highest official of America.

Annual Convention Of Synod

The one hundred and thirty fifth annual convention of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod opened in Cherryville, N. C., Wednesday Morning, May 31st, with the President, Dr. J. L. Morgan, preaching the sermon. Wednesday Evening Dr. W. H. Greever the United Lutheran Church representative spoke. Tonight five young men will be ordained to the Gospel Ministry. One of these young men is Mr. J. W. Cobb, son of the Pastor of the Lutheran Church where Synod is meeting.

Pastor L. Boyd Hamm, Mr. F. R. Summers, lay-representative of the local congregation, are attending. Mr. W. A. Ridenhour, alternate lay-representative, will also attend.

DR. GREEVER AT LOCAL LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY

The Reverend Walton H. Greever, D. D., of New York City, Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, will preach at the Lutheran Church here Sunday Morning at 11:00. A cordial invitation is extended to visitors to hear Dr. Greever, who is one of the outstanding leaders in the Lutheran Church.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

An Unsettling Grief

By IRVIN S. COBB

IF YOU are a Gentile you may lay this story on the Jewish race. If you are Jewish you may, with equal right, say the principal character in it was a temperamental Christian. In the version I heard the



here of the tale was of the Jewish race and answered to the name of Louis.

Louis lost, by a sudden illness, his wife. The funeral was to take place before sundown of the day following the death. On the morning of this day a cousin of the deceased, arriving home after a journey, learned of the loss. At once he hurried to the house of mourning to comfort the bereaved husband.

He entered by the crumpled front door. There was no one at the front of the house. The sympathetic relative passed on through the dining-room was empty; the parlor likewise. But in the kitchen the caller found the head of the house. The appearance of the newcomer was in the nature of an interruption and a surprise as well. For, at this moment, the widower was engaged in hugging the hired girl.

"Louis!" exclaimed the shocked interloper. "For you I am ashamed. Here your poor wife, my cousin, she sits buried yet and already you are acting like this?"

"Go away, that's what I want," cried the widower wildly, "how do I know what I am doing in my grief?"